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DIARY DATES

History Talk – 13 May 2023

Vise House, 2:00pm.

School visit – 26, 27 April,

Buddina State School

History Talk

Saturday, 13 May 2023 - Vise House 2:00 pm

‘My Family and Their Educational Links With Buderim’



Robyn Powell was born Robyn Cunning. Her father was Robert (Bob) Cunning from Tanawha and Robyn is a fourth generation of the Tanawha Cuning family. Robyn attended Buderim Mountain State School and Maroochydore High School. After gaining university qualifications, she taught at several schools throughout Queensland ending up as a

Deputy Principal. She now spends her time researching her family heritage.

Come along for an enjoyable afternoon – bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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President’s Report February 2023

I welcome all committee members to this our second meeting for 2023 and I thank our volunteer members who have continued to strive and keep Pioneer Cottage open to the visiting public by maintaining the cottage, gardens and our historic collection.

I wish to thank Ruth, Lorraine, Bev and Doug for setting up and providing Devonshire Tea for group of 29 visitors from Halcyon ‘B’ Buderim. This activity was the first such morning tea since pre-Covid days. The visit by the group certainly gave the cottage great exposure and hopefully this will generate greater numbers of visitors to the cottage and may even provide us with some new possible members and volunteers to Buderim Historical Society. Thanks to all our volunteers who assisted with the planning and the group visit. Correspondence from Ruth indicates another group from the Buderim View Club have made a booking for 19 April.

I wish to bring to the attention of the committee that we have had to limit our opening days due to the medical emergencies being suffered by two of our trusted guides. I wish our two guides (Jenny & Jenny) a quick recovery. As a result of the current situation and wishing to eliminate “burnout” of our other guides it

has been necessary to cease Monday opening to the public in the short term. This is not a decision that was taken lightly but for the welfare and wellbeing of our volunteers it has been a necessary move.

Our organizing data base, known as eHive, that is used for the organization of our historical collection has had its subscription renewed. The system is being used by the Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Department and other small museums across Australia and New Zealand. eHive is a web-based collection and cataloguing system used by museums worldwide which allows museums and collectors to catalogue objects, store images, manage acquisition information (donors/sellers) and publish our collection online for the wider community. BHS has been using eHive as our central data storage system since 2018 and our membership was done at the suggestion of our former President David Wood and our Curator Jess Harris. The cost of our renewal subscription was \$3935.55 which is primarily paid for as part of our community grant from the Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Department.

Under the direction of our Assistant Curator photographs, Janet Baker, and BHS member, Ross Eason, we are currently undertaking the process of digitizing our entire photographic collection of BHS. When completed an accessible collection of historic prints will be made available to researchers and the wider community. The new collection will somewhat be reduced in number as many of our photographs have duplicates of varying quality. At no stage are copies of images currently being held being eliminated or removed from our collection. At the end of the project it is hoped that a readily accessible series of photographs will be able to be used by the Buderim community and historical researchers. We thank Ross and Janet for undertaking the great labour of love that will be involved in establishing this collection.

A social gathering has been organized by the SFG on 10 March so that our hardworking volunteers have an opportunity to meet over a refreshment. The purpose of the social gathering is to give volunteers an opportunity to meet and share their life experiences with one another. It is a social gathering where individuals will bring their own liquid refreshments and a plate of shared food for attendees. We look forward to sharing this event with our volunteers.



Anne and Kevin Briggs
Doug Benckendorff



Wolfgang and Diane Muschalla
Ruth and Steve Ormerod

Ruth and I attended a professional development seminar run by the Sunshine Coast Cultural Heritage Department which was designed to assist museums and historical groups with the writing of grant applications. The workshop provided us with a collection of ideas regarding the categories of loans, who can apply, projects eligible for funding and assessment criteria used to decide the choosing of successful applicants. We were grateful for the opportunity to attend this event and, at the same time, network with Heritage Staff who ultimately decide on the funding opportunities for all applicants who seek funding for their projects. I certainly felt our attendance was well worth the effort and I thank Ruth's willingness to attend such an event and we look forward to putting together our next search for the funding of projects.

Bev has been very busy sorting out the necessary paperwork for the calling of a Special General Meeting so that the constitution can be amended to meet the changes required by the ACNC (Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission) so that we can maintain our DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status so that

potential donors, who require it, qualify for tax deductibility. Unfortunately, this process is not something that is being undertaken just by BHS, moreover, numerous other not-for-profit organizations are going through the same process. Bev has asked me to start the search for someone within our ranks to replace her in the roles of secretary and newsletter editor. I thank Bev for her loyal and unwavering service over the last 13 years and I am hoping that someone will relish the opportunity to take over these roles. If you can assist in this area, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. Bev is willing to help with the transition for the person/s coming into the role/s. Bev has indicated that she would like to continue to find speakers for the History Talks.

I thank Lorraine for the work that her team has been doing with the defining of the garden edging and the pruning of the shrubs. I would also like to thank Alan for making his “Ute” available for the removal the cuttings and taking them to the green waste area at the Buderim tip. It is my understanding that the garden group had discussed the need to reign in the significant growth of the shrubs on the northern side of Pioneer Cottage. I understand that unfortunately the shrubs will not flower the way they did last season, however, it was felt by the gardening group that perhaps even though the pruning was not being done at an ideal time the “person power” and the transport was available to carry out the needed work. I thank all our volunteer gardeners who put in a tremendous number of hours caring for our gardens. I also thank Doug for the effort that he has put in obtaining the quote for a new watering system for the gardens. I know that Lorraine is grateful for any assistance members can offer our gardeners in the care of our cottage gardens.

I am pleased to be able to report that the restoration work on the painting by Neville Cayley senior has been completed by Art Nuvo. The hanging position of the painting was decided by our former curator Jess Harris. Jess had the water colour earmarked for either the dining room or the parlour. The funds for this work will be coming from the donations received in 2022 as discussed at a previous meeting.

I will hopefully be flying out of Australia on 4 September and as such I would appreciate the opportunity to have our AGM on 2 September 2023. I am aware that this is a slight change from the meeting date of the previous AGM held on 10 September 2022. I have brought this possible change to the meeting so that everyone’s wishes can be met and that the date can be figured into their busy schedules. - Kevin Briggs.

EASTER FAIR

Once again BHS participated in the 2023 Easter Fair – very successful event raising money and advertising Pioneer Cottage to visitors to the Fair. Thanks to Ruth and Lorraine for their efforts with the display.



Lorraine all set up for the 2023 Easter Fair



President Kevin Briggs picking the raffle winner



Ruth with raffle winner - Sandi Owen from Sippy Downs

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (Referred to in the President's Report)

A Special General Meeting was held on 15 April 2023 to approve the necessary changes to the Constitution in line with the requirements of ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission) so that Buderim Historical Society Inc can reapply for registration with ACNC. **Changes approved.**

