

## President's Report July 2022

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### **NEWSLETTER:**

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### **DIARY DATES**

**AGM** – 10 September 2:00pm

### **MUSEUM MYSTERY**

### **MADNESS**

Month of September

### **HISTORY TALK**

Saturday 1 October 2022

2:00pm – Vise House

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday 22 October 10am – 3pm

It is with regret that I inform the committee of Ken O'Flaherty's resignation from our BHS Management Committee. At the time of Ken's resignation, he was feeling unwell and had been bed ridden for four days. Without elaborating, Ken also said that there were some long-term medical issues that needed to be worked through. I thanked Ken for his contribution, in particular his draught Marketing Plan for our organisation.

July has certainly been a month of departures of key personnel and thanks to the SFG group for organising a morning tea to say farewell



to **our long-term Curator, Jess Harris**. She is a very quiet and humble person who is held in high regard by those people who have worked with her over the years. Jess manages the objects in our collection as if they were own. Her planned conservation and preservation skills have ensured the long life that our collection deserves. Jess has passed on skills and knowledge to those who have worked with her over the years. Jess has been a true custodian taking a very professional approach to ensure the long-term care of our collection most of

which has a home in Pioneer Cottage. Jess has made the decision to move to Sydney where she will be able to enlist the support of her children in providing care for Stan. There will be a large void to contend with, when Jess finally leaves us in the first week of September. We wish Jess and Stan well with their move to Sydney and think how lucky their family will be to have them in close proximity. Jess was presented with a memento, the purchase of which was approved at our last meeting. Thanks to Jenny Christensen for arranging the purchase of the very well received gift which was presented to Jess.

I thank the sub-committee who have been investigating the future possible use of Vise House with the permanent departure of the Buderim Foundation. The compilation of the report was written by Ruth and

investigations began in March 2022. The committee identified the constraints and opportunities applying to Pioneer Cottage and Vise House, with these findings then being discussed with our landlord, the BWMCA. Buderim Foundation moved from Vise House to their new office at The Old Post Office (OPO). This provided an opportunity to meet with the BWMCA to discuss future use of Vise House and to inform them of our recommendation to use the office for BHS administration purposes, which would then make the current administration office available for the sole use by volunteers for curatorial activities, data entry and research. At this meeting, Steve Budden (Vice-President, BWMCA) outlined future structural plans he had for Vise House to improve storage and provide more space in the Meeting Room. This included building a temperature-controlled storage shed on the eastern end of the building, having a deck with sliding doors on the front of the building, extending the meeting room into the garage (currently Storeroom 2) and refurbishing the kitchen. These are only preliminary plans at this time. To date, the Foundation office has been vacated, and a grant has been submitted to the Buderim Foundation to enable purchase of computer and printer/scanner for the research office. I thank Ruth and Marg for their work in this area and I welcome Ruth's presentation at today's meeting.

The roof replacement project continues to move forward with Jessica Stroja, at Redleaf Environment, requesting further information about the status of Buderim Historical Society and its various exemptions. This is all taking time but let's hope the result will be positive for us.

The cottage visitors are returning, perhaps not as fast as we would like them, but adult day trippers from out of the area are growing in number. Sunshine Beach School visited the cottage on 20 July with 55 pupils and were due to return the next day with another 50. The cyclonic rainfall saw the postponement of Thursday's visit. The revisit will take place on 3 August. I wish to thank the volunteers who assisted with the visit for without your efforts this type of visit would not be possible. Another group that is visiting the cottage are people with disabilities under the guidance of their carers. The cottage certainly provides a charm to all visitors who make an effort to visit us.

I wish to extend my thanks to Bev for organizing our History Talk for July. Unfortunately, due to illness, I was unable to attend the talk but thanks to the recorded DVD compiled by Steve Ormerod I was able to catch up on the missed presentation. Simon Whittle's presentation was titled, *My Fortunate Life*. Simon shared with the audience many of the intimate aspects of his life. The early years of his life were filled with the proud feeling he had for his mother and father who starting living in a rental property and then moving to a cottage that his father built in Horseshoe Bend. Simon took advantage of the sporting opportunities offered by the schools he attended. Cricket, tennis and golf were the love of his life. Simon did not enjoy the challenges of secondary school in Brisbane and was very happy to return home to the coast where he would take up work in the family newspaper. He continued his sporting endeavours and, in fact, it was at a cricket match in Landsborough where he met the love of his life, Sandy. Simon always displayed great community commitment to the Buderim area. Simon came across as a humble man who enjoys life and all that it has to offer. If you were unable to attend Simon's presentation, may I suggest that you borrow Steve's recording of the presentation.

We are currently putting together an application for a grant to help defray the costs of preserving our donated water colour painting, 17<sup>th</sup> century chair and our water damaged chifffonier from the dining room at Pioneer Cottage. We currently hold quotes to carry out the work needed, so as soon as we can secure some funding the work will be carried out under the watchful eye of Jess and Gail.

The extreme blustery and wet conditions around the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> saw us put a temporary closure on the opening of the cottage. This decision was made in consultation with two other committee members, Ruth and Doug. Keeping our volunteer guides safe is of paramount importance to our organisation and, as a result, the cottage was closed temporarily.

Five of our members have signalled their intention to attend a Department of Heritage in-service on 2 August. This Sector Development Workshop will be looking at ways to maximise our collection and our outreach. I thank our members who will be attending the workshop.

Kevin Briggs

## History Talk

1 October - Vise House 2:00 pm

### New Photos of Old Buderim

**Geoff and Janet Baker** joined the Buderim Historical Society after retiring to Buderim in 2020. They have gone through the Society's collection of over 2000 photographs to identify the most significant historical images and then find either the original or the best copy in the collection. In 2021 the Society received a Council grant to restore and reproduce high quality copies of 25 of these images.



Many of the best images in the collection (and also the Sunshine Coast Council's digital collection) have been used extensively in publications on the history of Buderim and the Sunshine Coast. In the course of mapping the overlap between these two local collections and the State Library of Queensland's collection, they have come across a number of digitised and non-digitised photographs of Buderim at the State Library that are not in the two local collections and that have not previously been published.

Geoff's presentation will introduce us to a selection of these images and what they tell about Buderim's past.

### VALE – MOSS

(Ruth Ormerod)

We say 'farewell' to one of our much-loved door guides. Mostyn Tremaine, Moss to family and friends, died in June, 2022. Moss grew up and lived in South Australia. He first holidayed to the Sunshine Coast in early 1970 and subsequently purchased land on Buderim. He retired to Buderim with his wife Elaine in 1985. He loved learning about the history of Buderim and had long conversations with local identities such as Frank Wise and Frank Fielding who gave him first-hand accounts of their memories of early Buderim. His wealth of knowledge about the history of Buderim, the result of reading the literature available at the Cottage, was passed on to visitors. One of our visitors made a written comment 'Moss...was full of enthusiasm and interested in making sure everyone had an opportunity to learn, reflect, be amazed...' Moss just loved welcoming visitors to Pioneer Cottage. Thanks Moss.



### VALE – SHIRLEY LYNETTE RICHARDSON (nee FOOTE)

(Margaret Marshall, daughter)

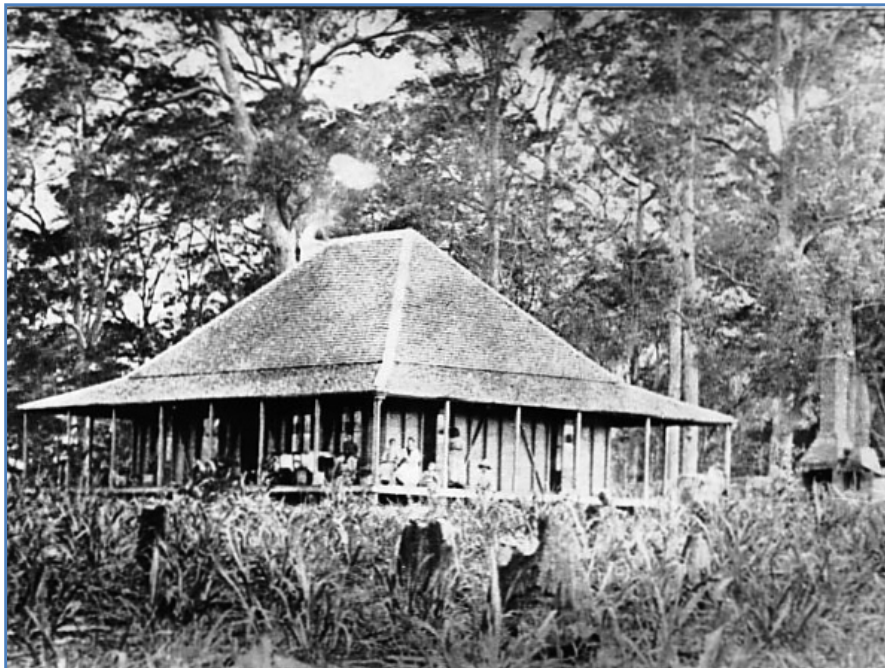
She was known to us all as Lyn, passed away on 26 June at the age of 99 years and six months. Lyn was born in Ipswich, Queensland and a descendant of both the Burnett and Foote families. She attended Buderim State School and Nambour Rural School. Though she lived her early married life in Brisbane, her deep family roots brought her home to Buderim to continue her historical past. Like her parents, who were staunch community supporters, she continued with her church, Pioneer Cottage, Garden Club, Heritage Tram, Foote Sanctuary and The War Memorial Centre, etc. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.



**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 10 September at 2:00pm**  
**Please come along and show your support and there's a  
good afternoon tea after the meeting.**

**MUSEUM MYSTERY MADNESS – SEPTEMBER  
PIONEER COTTAGE**

This is organised by Sunshine Coast Council Cultural Heritage Services. The aim is to increase community awareness of museums on the Sunshine Coast and to promote them as active, fun and interesting places to visit – especially in the September school holidays. Come along, bring the children or grandchildren. There's a Q&A quiz about the cottage and prizes to be won.



**Pioneer Cottage 1880s. Note the brick oven at the rear.**