

THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

August - September 2025

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DIARY DATES

BHS Volunteers drinks Friday 8

August 5 – 6.30pm

(BYO and bring a plate to share)

BHS Volunteers Health and

Safety Update Thursday 21

August 9.30 – 10.30 am (with morning tea)

AGM Saturday 13 September

2.00pm at Sybil Vise House

Notes from the President

I thank our curators and other members for the support that they offered Buderim Mountain State School in their preparations for the school's 150th anniversary celebrations which were held on Saturday, 21st June. The community presence of BHS at such an important community event is to be commended. Unfortunately, the weather did not do its part on the day, which limited the public access to many of the stalls. Well done everyone and thanks to the volunteers that "kept the home fires burning" back at Pioneer Cottage on the day.

I congratulate Lyn Nichols on her successful grant application to the Maroochydore RSL Services Club. The grant will help to prepare our gardens and surrounds for the annual Open House and Buderim Garden Festival Open Gardens in October. The funds will be put to good use with some funds being made available for the purchase of items to assist our curatorial staff with preservation and care of items in our collection. Many thanks to the generosity of the Maroochydore RSL Services Club.

I would also like to thank Lorraine for her efforts in arranging for a \$500 donation from the Friends of Lions Mooloolaba for the purchase of conservation material to preserve our collection.

The gardens are currently being planted out by Lorraine, Lyn and their team in preparation for the upcoming Buderim Garden Festival Open Gardens. The team has been scouring the land for stocks of plants to ensure that our gardens look their best. I thank Alan for organising the turfing of the former flower bed on the southern side of Vise House.

I had the pleasure of working with Ruth and Tessa recently when we had a group from the Buderim View Club visit Pioneer Cottage for one of those famous Devonshire Teas. Some of the group that were present had worked as guides at the cottage in the past and they commented that each time that they come back to the cottage they learn something new about the cottage or the history of Buderim, which says something about the great work that our researchers and volunteers are doing. Thanks to Steve for the setting up of the tables and chairs and the dismantling at the end.

The first phase of our new Interpretation Plan for Pioneer Cottage is nearing completion, utilising cultural heritage funding from the Sunshine Coast Council. Art Nuvo has supplied the newly framed photographs, title deed and auction documents relating to Pioneer Cottage, for display in the hallway. The text of the new interpretation material has been finalised, and graphic design work is under way, prior to printing.

Professional conservator Melanie Fihelly has continued to deliver workshops related to the conservation and care of our collection, thanks to the National Library of Australia's community cultural heritage grant. Melanie has helped our curators form a priority list for historically significant items in our collection requiring professional conservation treatment. I thank Janet for leading this project which has certainly lifted the skills of our volunteers in the care and conservation of our museum collection, so much has been achieved in such a short space of time.

I thank Ruth for compiling the end of financial year statistics which we submit to the Sunshine Coast Council as a condition of our operating grant. Ruth reported that our volunteers contributed over 6,000 hours in 2024/25. The number of visitors to Pioneer Cottage over the financial year was 1,418. Ruth has also compiled the Progress Report on the BHS Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2024-2025. The AOP is a practical working document that guides our operations and enables us to align what we do with our Strategic Plan. These documents are ever so important when applying for grants, as they clearly set out what we are trying to achieve in maintaining this vibrant organisation.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on 13 September!

"Bounce" Exhibition at Landsborough Museum

Tessa, Janet and Geoff attended the official launch of the "Bounce!" exhibition at Landsborough Museum on Friday 6 June. Claudia Little, the curator of the display, took the opportunity to give us a tour to explain how she organised the display of the items in the exhibition. The objects on loan from the BHS Collection (Tennis Dress, George Eggmolesse portrait, Len Sorensen cricket bat) were prominent in the exhibition and well displayed. The dress in particular stood out as one of the best items on display – below is a photo of Claudia with the dress.



Claudia in front of the tennis dress on display

The Council also launched a "Bounce!" video produced by Chris Peckham, featuring Kevin explaining the context for the 1904 tennis match between Buderim and Nambour. The video is an excellent addition to local history resources, having been thoroughly researched and telling a number of fascinating local stories. The video is available for viewing through the Council's cultural heritage website.

National Library of Australia Community Heritage Grant

Our monthly sessions with conservator Melanie Fihelly have continued, with Melanie demonstrating preventative preservation of specific items and advising on historically significant items which require professional conservation.

The session with conservator Melanie Fihelly on 5 June 2025 focused on a demonstration of techniques for inspection and cleaning of framed tapestry items and the cleaning and repair of a range of clothing items, including a lawn wedding dress decorated with lace. Below is a photo of Melanie assessing the condition of the dress.

It was thought this dress might have had local provenance, but the donation record is that the wedding dress was donated by Mrs Betty Goss (nee MacDermott), possibly around 1967, and that it had been worn by Betty's mother-in-law in 1912. The train was used to make a christening gown for Reginald.



Melanie examining the wedding dress

Using Trove and Qld births, deaths and marriages records, Geoff found that Betty was a Brisbane amateur actress and married Reginald William Graham Goss in 1939. Reginald was born in 1913 (hence the use of the train for a christening gown) and his parents were Reginald Goss Snr and Mary Ann Graham, who were married in Rockhampton in December 1911.

The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin of 28 December 1911 contained an article about the wedding, including a description of Mary Graham's dress:

“The bride wore a becoming gown of white Persian lawn over a muslin and lace slip, the Magyar blouse being made with fichu effect and trimmed with Irish crochet and French valenciennes lace. The customary wreath and veil completed the toilette.”

While this means the dress does not have any local significance, it is a good example of the period.

The latest session with Melanie on 3 July 2025 focused on conducting condition assessments and documenting preservation / restoration recommendations for a selected range of objects of very high historical significance. These included the tin products from the Merrybud factory, Simpson Coffee Tins, the machinery related to Buderim's coffee industry and the sugar pan in the garden.

The information from the session has been used to prepare two key outputs from the project:

1. A prioritised list of historically significant objects requiring professional conservation.
2. A document that captures the cleaning techniques and tools and any specific storage requirements for the different classes of materials in the Collection, e.g. Melanie has recommended the use of anti-tarnish bags/strips for silver and silver-plated items.

Your Stories are Buderim's History

In 2026, BHS will be celebrating 60 years of recording and preserving the area's history.

This BHS project is about encouraging people who grew up or spent time in Buderim (4556 postcode) in the second half of the 20th century to write down and share their memories of community changes, events and pastimes, for the historical record.

Contributing is easy. BHS has produced a prompt sheet to help people get started on capturing their memories. Click on this link [Do-you-remember](#) to access the sheet or download it from the BHS webpage direct.

We are also making a specific effort to add records, objects and other mementos from the post WW2 era to the BHS historical collection. If you have something you feel may be of interest, please contact us by email and we will give you a call.

Information on Mrs Marlene Moss nee MacPherson

An enquiry has been received from Victoria from Dylan O'Brien, who is researching his family history. He is seeking information on a member of his extended family, Mrs Marlene Moss nee MacPherson. He understands that she may have moved to Buderim in her retirement. If any members have come across Marlene in the community, please send us an email.

Museum Mystery Madness Month



September is Museum Mystery Madness Month at the Cottage once again. This competition is held in conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council Heritage, a great activity for the school holidays. There will be a quiz to find certain objects in the museum, then to answer some quiz questions. We hope to see many youngsters getting involved this year. A book voucher will be awarded to the lucky participant drawn from Pioneer Cottage entrants, with an opportunity for all entries to then be included in the SCC Heritage draw.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 13 September 2025 at 2:00 pm

At Sybil Vise House

Followed by afternoon tea

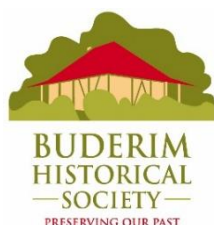
Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to receive the annual reports from the Management Committee and the audited financial statements and appoint the management committee and the auditor for the next year.

A copy of the Management Committee nomination form is attached.

Nominations are to be invited, to be submitted to the Secretary by Friday 29 August 2025.



Our hard-working gardeners, John and Lorraine at work using some of the equipment made possible by the Maroochy RSL grant.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE POSITION

I, (full name of proposer, printed),

being a member of The Buderim Historical Society Inc, hereby nominate:

.....
(full name of nominee)

to hold the position of

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from the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 13 September 2025.

Seconded by (full name of person
seconding the nomination) – also a member of the Buderim Historical Society Inc.

DATED: this.....day of.....2025

Signature of Proposer

Signature of Seconder

Accepted by the Nominee for the position indicated above.

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Signature of NomineeDate.....