

# THE PIONEER

**BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.**

January February March 2022

## President's Report January 2022

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### **NEWSLETTER:**

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### **DIARY DATES**

### **HISTORY TALK**

**scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> March**

The talk may be postponed depending on the Covid situation.



May I take this opportunity to wish all members of BHS a happy and safe year in 2022. At this point in time 2022 looks as though it is going to be as challenging as our previous two years.

### **Temporary closure of Pioneer Cottage due to Omicron**

It had become necessary that we closed our doors to visitors from, 8 January until the 1 February.

Warnings from the Public Health Authority about minimizing community movement and concerns from some guides about the rapid spread of "Omicron" in the community left us with little choice other than to close the cottage to the visiting public. This was not a decision that was taken lightly, however, we must also remember that many of our guides are in that at risk age group and others have compromised health issues and as such, in consultation with our WHSO, we decided on the closure. I trust that you all understand the situation with which we are confronted and support this no stone unturned approach.

### **Christmas Soiree**

On a lighter note I wish to thank Lorraine, Ruth and other SFG members for organising the Christmas Soiree and the annual raffle. A great number of members attended the Soiree, and this is no easy feat with the clashes of Christmas activities that occur over this busy festive period. The weather was ever so kind to us which allowed the evening to proceed. The evening provided members with an excellent opportunity to converse with other members of our group over a glass of refreshing wine.



The shared savouries worked well once again and the evening concluded with the drawing of the raffle;

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – A basket of *Many Things Gardening* and wine – Tim McNamara

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize bottle of Scotch – Col Buchanan

No it's not Santa – it's Steve the Soiree barman

The evening was an excellent way to thank the members of BHS for all that they do in keeping our organization running and it gave people an opportunity to mix socially. Well done everyone involved in the evening.

### **New display in Pioneer Cottage**

Lorraine's outstanding new display in the cabinet on the back veranda makes great connections with non-electronic tools used by builders in the days of early housing construction, one or two of which have been retooled to suit a job as required. As well as the tools the display case also offers for viewing clothing worn by males in the earlier years, remember the grey flannel work shirt? The ever popular braces; vests for the gents of the day and a smart waistcoat with W.W. Burnett white handkerchief for afternoon tea with the ladies. Look for other interesting items donated over the years. Gold Tie Pin worn by W.W. Burnett; brass opera glasses; special small container for men's collar studs; green celluloid container for the stiff collars; fashionable pocket watches and even a Briar pipe.



It is an excellent display and will certainly be enjoyed by future visitors to the cottage. This will be a wonderful celebration of Lorraine's work.

### **David Wood's resignation**

It is with regret I report to the membership of BHS that David Wood has resigned from BHS which has created a number of positions which are currently in need of volunteers to help steer us forward. As you are all aware David was a most dynamic member who left no stone unturned when it came to fulfilling his many and varied roles. In his role David was a key figure in his position of curator, author of grant applications, Facebook and Website administrator and "Jack of all trades" when it came to minor repairs at Pioneer Cottage. David's outstanding skills and his genuine nature will be sorely missed. I wish David well in his retirement from BHS and I thank him for his assistance in helping us in the transition to "life without David". I ask our members that if you feel you may be able to assist our committee with any of the roles carried out by David then please come forward as your assistance will be greatly appreciated in helping support our organization.



### **Farewell to Lois – our garden lady**



Lois unfortunately had a fall while working on our grounds attending our much-loved gardens and as a result has called time on her work in the gardens. Lois was instrumental in helping produce one of the most outstanding features of Pioneer Cottage. Her partnership with Lorraine in establishing and growing our gardens has created not only beautiful gardens but also a beautiful friendship.

Laurel on left and Lois on right



Lois also developed a pictorial presentation of the plants that she and Lorraine have used in our garden beds. The photographic booklet provides the uninitiated with a means of helping identify plants for visitors to the cottage. Lois' skill as a botanist and an outstanding gardener will be missed by one and all. Lorraine is seeking assistance by any of our volunteers or members that can afford time to help with the upkeep of these magnificent treasures.

### **Resignation of Simon the mower-man**

As we had no December meeting, I would also like to acknowledge the resignation of Simon Brennan who was responsible of the mowing of the lawns at the cottage and Vise House. Simon, tendered his resignation on the week prior to Christmas. He had worked for BHS for quite some time being appointed by Prue Cawley. I thank Simon for his endeavours with the lush lawns that add quite a compliment to our well renowned gardens. I have wished Simon well with his future work.

Kevin Briggs  
President

### ***Christmas Soiree***







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