



THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

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DIARY DATES

8 – 17 March 2024

Interpretation planning sessions

Saturday 30 March 2024

Buderim Easter Fair

Friday 12 April 2024

BCC Drinkies 5-6.30pm

Saturday 20 April – 27 April 2024

ANZAC Static display



VALE! Ellen de Chastel

It was with much sadness that the death of Ellen De Chastel was brought to our attention. Our thoughts and sympathy go to Norm and family. Ellen was a great friend and supporter of Buderim Historical Society.

She became a life member in 2007 and in 2016 she wrote a play to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Sybil Vise's gift of Pioneer Cottage to the Buderim community.

Ellen was a keen conservationist and her annual donation to the BHS enabled valuable restoration work to be carried out on items within the Historical Society's collection.

She also undertook a research project on the history of the churches in Buderim and gave a history talk presentation on her research, which was recorded by BHS for posterity.

Ellen also wrote a delightful poem 'Ghosts', reprinted on page 4. It was originally published in the Special Edition of The Pioneer Newsletter, for Buderim's Celebration of 150 years of settlement in 2012.

Buderim Easter Fair

Come and visit our stall at the Easter Fair On Saturday 30 March 2024 from 8am – 2pm. We will be selling Easter goodies, BHS publications and second-hand novels to raise funds to conserve and restore items in our collection. A basket of Easter treats will be raffled as well. Please contact Ruth (0412 554 262) if you would like to contribute to the raffle or baked goods for the stall.

Notes from the President

The care of Pioneer Cottage has been high on the agenda over the past month. Under the Conservation Management Plan approved in 2019, the BWMCA and BHS are required to undertake regular maintenance inspections. I have recently completed an inspection, accompanied by Steve Budden, the new Facilities Officer with the BWMCA, who has a wealth of experience in the building and manufacturing field.

The roofing on Pioneer Cottage continues to be the most important issue for us all, with the intense rainfall that we have been having. We have a "newish" leak in the back bedroom and silicone has been used as a temporary measure. The long-term prognosis is still that the roof will need replacing. We will be endeavouring to get a quote for the roof replacement, thanks to efforts of Steve Budden. As soon as we have a price, we can look to sources of funding, including the State Government's Community Sustainability Action Grants which closes on 25 March, a funding option identified by James Abernethy from the Sunshine Coast Council's Heritage Department.

Steve Budden has also organised kitchen repairs in Vise House kitchen after the leak in the electric urn that is mounted on the wall. It is possible that he may be able to repair the urn so that it can be put back into use. Ruth and I attended a Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Department, Tourism Strategy (2024-2029) Workshop. The strategy will help by improving visitor numbers to the region. Planning is also occurring for tourism associated with the 2032 Olympic Games. A great “bring away” idea was that each of the historic sites on the Sunshine Coast should be registering themselves with the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse in Canberra. Another strategy to come out of the meeting was that we should take advantage of frequently networking with like-minded organisations, like the Nambour Museum. Attendance at these Council workshops always gives us snippets of information available for grant applications and the like.

The attendees at the last SMG meeting provided some all-inspiring ideas for the next window display that we have at the Old Post Office. We are timetabled in for a window space on the week of the 8-15 March. I am sure that the working party will come up with a collection of items that will do BHS proud. Thanks to all the volunteers who have put their hands up to aid this important task in an area that gets a great number of passersby.

Our curatorial staff have been very busy caring and accounting for the objects in our collection. Ross Eason has been continuing with the digitising process of the remaining photographs in our collection. We have formalised a copyright agreement between Ross and Buderim Historical Society which ensures that the rights of BHS and Ross Eason have been given consideration through what is called a “Creative Commons Licence”. This will enable BHS to give the public access to Ross’ digital copies of the photographs.

Gail and Jenny have been busily auditing the boxes holding collection items in our store. Each item is thoroughly scrutinised, cleaned, and stored safely. The contents of the boxes are being recorded on our e-Hive database, so items can be found easily and used when needed. I thank all our curators for the professional way they work when caring and maintaining the items in our collection.

Welcome to our new members Valerie Moore and Annette Black – we hope you quickly get to know our members and enjoy finding ways to use your talents in the BHS’s activities.

Garden News

BHS has received the grant funding from Sunshine Coast Council to purchase and install a replacement garden shed and mulcher, to help with maintenance of the Pioneer Cottage and Vise House gardens.

With Doug on sick leave, Alan Butcher took the lead in constructing the replacement garden shed, assisted by Wolfgang Muschalla. Once completed, Lyn and Lorraine’s gardening group will be all looking forward to the day when the gardening implements are back in one place. Thanks to all the members who have had tools in their car boot or at home in the corner of the garages.

The gardeners report that at present everything is just continual weeding and growth control, with the constant rain, which although great, is time and work for all.

Interpretation Plan for Pioneer Cottage

Kevin recently wrote to members about BHS having been selected by the Sunshine Coast Council to develop an Interpretation Plan for Pioneer Cottage, under the guidance of a Museum Development Officer from the Queensland Museum.

Sunshine Coast Council contributes some funding to BHS to operate the museum, in addition to any funds accessed through their other funding programs.

The interpretation planning being undertaken will help to guide our funding applications over the next few years, both to Council and other bodies. This planning concerns the displays in Pioneer Cottage, including the Slab Hut. Pioneer Cottage, as a listed building on the Queensland Heritage Register, has a separate plan for its ongoing conservation.

As requested by Council, a small working group has been formed and will continue to meet with the Museum Development Officer and a Council representative until the end of June.

At this point in the project, the Management Committee is seeking the views of BHS members. An invitation has been sent out to attend one of three sessions being offered in March. These sessions will be led by members of the small group and feedback will inform the ongoing planning.

The sessions will all be the same and will last for approximately one hour. They will include a short presentation to generate discussion and gather ideas about the best way forward.

The sessions will be held in **Vise House, Pioneer Crescent, Buderim** at the following dates and times:

Friday 8 March at 5.00pm
Monday 11 March at 10.00am
Sunday 17 March at 2.00pm

In addition to these sessions, regular updates will continue to be provided through the Newsletter and members will be consulted again before the interpretation plan is finalised. We look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions.

ANZAC Commemorations at Pioneer Cottage



The Social Marketing Group is organising special commemorations at Pioneer Cottage to mark ANZAC Day this year, including displaying items from the collection and decorating the cottage. Anzac biscuits and hand-made poppies will also be available for sale. Poppies are being kindly donated by ladies from ‘Greenwood Stitches’, Greenwood Lifestyle Village, Forest Glen. These will form part of the display.

The display will be in place from 20 – 27 April. Pioneer Cottage will be open from 11am -3pm Monday to Friday and 1:00 - 4:00 pm on ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April 2024. More details will be available in the next few weeks.

Mother’s Day Fundraising Raffle

A Mother’s Day raffle will be held to raise funds to maintain Pioneer Cottage and Vise House gardens. We have some lovely prizes, so we would urge you to take a ticket and perhaps encourage some of your friends to buy one.

1st Prize: A beautiful floral painting by Robyn Stynes (will be on display in the Parlour)

2nd Prize: Whisky decanter, tumblers and a bottle of Glenlivet Whisky

3rd Prize: Montana’s \$50 Breakfast voucher

Tickets are for sale at **\$2 each** or **3 for \$5 (6 for \$10)**. Tickets will be mailed out to members and will also be on sale at Pioneer Cottage from 2 April 2024.

The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 10 May** in time for Mother’s Day.

GHOSTS by Ellen de Chastel

There are ghosts on Buderim Mountain
I've seen them floating by
Just a flicker and a flutter
From the corner of my eye.

John Burneff haunts The Cottage -
I've seen him in the hall.
I've seen him on the verandah
Then he just melts into the wall.
While standing in their garden
On a warm and sunlit day
I've heard the sound of ghostly laughter
Of Burnett children as they play.

I've seen the ghostlike farmer
Wielding his trusty hoe,
Working amongst the houses
Where the ginger used to grow.
And there are barefoot Buderim school boys
Trudging the dusty Mountain track
Teasing screeching, screaming school girls,
Putting spiders down their back.

While walking at times down Mill Street
Dreaming quietly as I go
I hear sounds of distant crushing
Of the cane the farmers grow.
And I still hear the little loco
Puffing, panting up the hill
There is a piercing shrill whistle
Then ghostly silence...all is still.

Some evenings just at sunset
I think of days gone by
Then a didgeridoo starts playing,
Sad notes float up to the sky.
Yes, there are ghosts on Buderim Mountain
They remind us of the past
So watch for shifting shadows
And our history is sure to last.



[Click here](#) to hear this poem

From The Past - The Day it Rained Prawns in Buderim!

From the *Warwick Examiner and Times* on Wednesday 13 October 1909, the following:

Mr Joseph Foote (late of Ipswich, but now residing at Mons Mari, Buderim, North Coast) writes as follows to the "Queensland Times": The enclosed tiny shrimps were picked up by myself and little girls about three miles from the sea. We discovered them as we were going to the church, situated about a mile and a half from my place. The shrimps were in hundreds on the road, and I should say were to be found for nearly half-a-mile along the thoroughfare. We had a very strong wind here on the preceding day, and at night a light shower, so it is evident that the shrimps were drawn up into the clouds and deposited by them where we discovered them.

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