



THE PIONEER

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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK

Saturday 20 November

2:00pm at Vise House

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 27 November at

War Memorial Hall

CHRISTMAS SOIREE

Friday 3 December at

Pioneer Cottage, 5pm to 7pm

HISTORY TALK

The next History Talk will be on **20 November** at Vise House at 2:00 pm. On that date we will again be favoured with a talk by **Neil McGarvie OAM**. His topic will be:

'Memories of work with Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, 1977-1991'. Come along and hear another one of Neil's very interesting talks and stay for afternoon tea afterwards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*I wish to welcome the Management Committee to this our first meeting since the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 11 September. I thank all those who were able to attend the meeting and I apologise for not being in attendance and I thank David for chairing the meeting. When you have a partner to consider sometimes their wishes need to take priority over ours. I thank the committee for returning to their positions and I look forward to once again be working with you in the coming year ahead. **I would also like to welcome Ken O'Flaherty to the committee.** Ken brings with him a wealth of skills and knowledge which all goes well for the committee and our organisation.*

School Visit

I am pleased to be able to inform the meeting of our successful school visit by the Year 2 classes from Sunshine Beach S.S. The children were amply supported by classroom teachers and accompanying parent helpers. The excursion took place over three very full days commencing at 9:30am and running through until 1:00pm.

I thank the guides who volunteered their services each of the days and those guides who worked multiple days.

The school coordinator, Elizabeth Longhurst, was very positive about the booking process, the way in which the cottage met curriculum needs, and the way in which the guides interacted with the students. Elizabeth said the students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and would love to do it again. They really enjoyed seeing things from the past that they hadn't seen before. A great day that was enjoyed by all.

History Talks

Bev has successfully organized our History Talk for October which has turned out to be a triple header with the first being on 2nd October where Neil McGarvie

OAM will talk on "Memories of work in remote Aboriginal communities 1964-1975." The second of Neil's talks will be given on 20th November titled "Memories of work with Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, 1977-1991". I thank Bev for organising these talks and a big thanks to Neil for making himself available for these talks.

WHS Audit for September

I thank Ruth and Jenny C for conducting our September Workplace Health and Safety audit for September. Ruth indicated the following:

1. Western gate latch is sticking and needs attention.

2. The screen door on Vise House needs repairing or replacing.
3. Batteries in the air-conditioning handset need replacing.

Parking and Road Congestion

I have written to the Executive Officer at the Sunshine Coast Council and to Cr Ted Hungerford regarding the disappearance of parking spaces in Pioneer Cres and also the congestion created by recent work vehicles blocking the entire roadway.

I said that I hoped that my request can reinvigorate some discussion on this very complex situation. We, as a committee, can see that this great heritage building, that we promote and care very much for, will simply become land locked with visitors unable to view its many treasures and connections to the past settlers of the area. This 1882 building deserves better, and we are hoping that some constructive conversation restores this centre piece of Buderim history to its former glory so that it can become available to visitors of the local area and beyond.

We await patiently to hear from the council or, at the very least, from our Councilor Ted Hungerford.

I am pleased to report that Jacinta Cox from Ted Hungerford's office emailed today saying that my requests have been forwarded to the Council's Parking and Transport Team and an officer will be in contact with me in due course.

New Member of BHS

It was great to see that Ross Eason has applied for membership to BHS which is an outstanding win for us all and I thank David for offering to nominate him. Ross' photographic skill and knowledge will certainly aid us as an organisation. His previous brilliant work with the restoration of images/photographs is a great measure of what can be done with the contents of our enormous photographic collection. I am sure that all and sundry in our organisation will look forward to Ross' contribution.

Gardens and Lawn areas

The wonderful gardens that surround the cottage continue to be a source highly positive comments and this is much to the partnership that has been created by Lois and Lorraine. Doug's efforts to totally resurface the lawn area with turf has come up a treat and was certainly put to good use by Sunshine Beach S.S. students who used the area for outside games while awaiting to take their turn in the cottage. Doug's efforts to keep the timed sprinklers alive has worked to a point but eventually a replacement was needed.

SFG Plans for remainder of the Year

The Social Fund-Raising Group met under Ruth's leadership on the 9th September. The group set the plans for the remainder of 2021. The group meticulously planned the following events to round out the year:

1. Setup and Catering for AGM on Saturday 11th September
2. Roster for SC Open House Sat/Sun 23/24 October 10am-3pm:
3. Christmas raffle:
4. Christmas Fair Saturday 27th November:
5. Soiree Friday 3rd December:

I thank this group for the effort they put into planning these sought-after calendar events.

September /month of Madness

We are currently involved with Heritage Department's Museum Mystery Madness. The promotion involves visiting either Pioneer Cottage, Landsborough Museum or Nambour Museum and completing a quiz regarding the site visited. The competition will run from the 1st September until the 3rd October. A winner from the museums will receive \$100 gift voucher.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize: This year it's a basket of gardening tools and other garden necessities, plus two bottles of wine.

2nd Prize: A bottle of whiskey.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is back – Saturday, **27 November** at the War Memorial Hall
8:00am – 3:00pm.

We will be having our usual stall with a range of BHS publications, Prue's preserves, second hand books and raffle tickets. There is also a 'Guess the mystery object'.

CHRISTMAS SOIREE

Also back this year is our Christmas Soiree, Friday **3 December** at Pioneer Cottage
5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Come along and join us in our annual event, all welcome.
The Garden Raffle will be draw during the evening.

PHOTO RESTORATION PROJECT

Ross Eason is in the final stages of producing a book on Buderim. His research for the book has included examination of images in the BHS collection, other public sources of Buderim photos and some in private collections. A bi product of his research has been the Photo Restoration Project, where he was assisted by BHS volunteers in reviewing and classifying all of the images in the BHS collection. The photograph here is a recent indoor shot of Pioneer Cottage, which will join other current images of Buderim landmarks. (See below)



Merry Christmas to all from Buderim Historical Society

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