



THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

September-December 2024

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DIARY DATES

All of November – Pioneer

Cottage Vintage Gown Display

Mon-Sat 11.00am – 3.00pm

Nov 9 – BWMCA Hall Centenary
celebration

Nov 30 – Lions' Christmas Fair

Dec 6 Christmas Soiree at Pioneer
Cottage 5.00-7.00pm

Notes from the President

Thank you to our members for making our AGM in September a success. We took the opportunity to thank Lorraine Buhk for her service on the Management Committee, after her decision not to nominate for the new term. I thank the other six members who were elected, along with myself, for volunteering to serve on the Management Committee for another year. Our Committee and membership will have much to do as we move into the next phase of our development, as we strive to preserve the history of Buderim and make the museum available in a new revitalised form to visitors or engage with our research staff on requests for information about pioneering families, buildings and land use within the local area.

We extend our thanks to the Sunshine Coast Council for approving our application for the Community Partnership Grant for the next three years, with CPI increases added to cover increases in costs. This vital grant supports the operation of the museum, covering costs such as rent, insurances and electricity. Thank you in particular to Margaret Welshe and Ruth Ormerod for your work in making this funding application a success.

I would also like to acknowledge Elspeth McEachem, Senior Cultural Heritage officer with the Sunshine Coast Council, who finished up in her role at the end of October. Elspeth has done a wonderful job working with us to run the museum and preserve our collection and she will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her new career directions.

Our five year lease with the BWMCA, covering both Pioneer Cottage and Sybil Vise House, has been signed and I thank the BWMCA for the professional manner in which it handled the lease renewal.

Lorraine and members of the garden group have been busy attending to the gardens. The dry spell in September presented lots of challenges but the team's efforts have been rewarded, with the gardens looking at their best.

Alan Butcher has done an excellent job installing a new wash basin and rails for use by disabled guests and visitors in our external washroom. Thank you also to Trevor Bayliss & Wolfgang Muschalla for undertaking the regular health and safety audit of our facilities in September.

Conservation work by qualified conservator Tessa Blair on Mr Fred Mead's painting of Pioneer Cottage has been completed, thanks to the Sunshine Coast Council for providing funding under its Major Grants program. The painting is significant because it shows the cottage as Mr Mead remembered it from a visit in 1910, with the external kitchen also shown. The conservation work has ensured this important artwork will continue

to be displayed in Pioneer Cottage, for the enjoyment of visitors. This work would not have been possible without the Sunshine Coast Council's funding support.

It was wonderful to receive the news that our application to the National Library of Australia for a Community Heritage Grant was successful. We expected there would be a lot of competition from around the country for this funding, so we are honoured to be selected. The funding of \$16,330 will primarily be used to engage Objects Conservator Melanie Fihelly to work with us on developing a priority list of objects in the BHS collection requiring conservation. Melanie will also be providing training and mentoring in conservation techniques for existing and any new volunteers with an interest in helping us with the ongoing care of our Collection.

I am also delighted to report that the Sunshine Coast Council has approved our application for funding of \$3,954 to implement Project 1 of the new interpretation plan for the museum. This will enable us to introduce new interpretation material throughout the museum, reflecting the themes developed in the interpretation plan with the guidance of Josh Tarrant from the Queensland Museum. Our working group will convene shortly to sort out the practicalities of implementation.

We participated in the Sunshine Coast Open House program in October, with 32 visitors attending on the day to find out about the architectural significance of the house as a heritage-listed building.

We were also thrilled to host 180 Year 2 students from Buderim Mountain State School in October. It is always fascinating to see the reactions of children to the display in the Museum, especially their interest in the technology that was available before modern conveniences!

Over the weekend of 8 - 9 November 2024, the BWMCA will be hosting events to celebrate the opening of Buderim's second School of Arts. BHS has organised a display of historic photographs in the War Memorial Hall foyer on Saturday 9 November, with some fascinating short stories about how the hall has been used over the years. We would love to see members on the 9th to come along, see the display and participate in the BWMCA's celebrations.

Welcome to our new members Brandan Hopp and Mihial Psarev. Mihial heard our ad for volunteers on the radio and introduced himself on the day of the Sunshine Coast Open House.

Finally, I thank everyone for their contributions in 2024 and I wish you and your families a happy holiday season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after our Christmas shutdown, for what promises to be an exciting new year ahead.

Buderim Foundation Grant 2024

BHS was fortunate to receive a grant in September which has allowed us to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use in a medical emergency. This device has been installed in a prominent position in Vise House and is designed to be operated with self-explanatory voice guidance. Our volunteers have viewed a video on its operation and will receive instruction for CPR/A from The Buderim Ambulance personnel in the new year.

Kevin Briggs, President, Buderim Historical Society proudly displaying the grant from the Buderim Foundation.



Museum Mystery Madness Month

For the past few years, we have held Museum Mystery Madness Month at the Cottage in September in conjunction with Sunshine Coast Heritage. The competition asks participants to find certain objects in the museum, then answer some quiz questions.

This year we had a noticeable increase in both visitations during September and an increased participation in the competition.

One of our participants, Joe Rode, won a \$50 voucher from the Sunshine Coast Heritage. Buderim Historical Society awarded its own prize of a \$25 book voucher to Luca Carpenter. Congratulations to the lucky winners.



Sunshine Coast Museum and Heritage Achievement Award 2024



The annual Sunshine Coast Council Heritage volunteer awards were announced at a visit to Kenilworth Museum in September. Individual winners were our own Janet Baker and Lenore Meldrum from Kenilworth Museum.

Here is an excerpt from Kevin Briggs' nomination:

'In 2023, the work undertaken by Janet with the photographic collection was recognised when she was formally appointed to the role of Photographic Collection Curator. In undertaking her volunteer contribution to BHS, she has demonstrated expertise in project management, compiling documents such as written reports and presentations, including *Guidelines for the Preservation and Management of the BHS Photographic Collection*. Her support and commitment to BHS management, support for our volunteers, and the assistance given to community organisations by providing high quality photographic resources and historical information for celebratory programs is exemplary.'

Janet was overseas with her husband Geoff when the award was announced. We were very pleased to accept it on her behalf!

Congratulations Janet on receiving the Sunshine Coast Museum and Heritage Achievement Award 2024

In the Garden

Our beautiful gardenias are flowering and providing a welcoming fragrance on the front path for visitors. With the Summer months approaching, our gardeners would love some additional help from members who enjoy spending time in the garden weeding, pruning or watering. If you would like to assist, please give Lorraine a call on 5444 1955/ 0417 743 992 or email lbuhk@bigpond.net.au to set up a time to meet.



Centenary Celebrations for Buderim's Second School of Arts

BHS members have been working with the BWMCA for the upcoming centenary celebrations to mark the opening of the second School of Arts in 1924. The BWMCA has arranged a program of events on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November. The War Memorial Hall will be open to the public on Saturday 9th, and, as mentioned previously, BHS will contribute to a display of historic photographs in the Hall foyer. We have also been invited to promote the BHS with a stall in the hall foyer. All the details of the celebrations are available on the BWMCA's Facebook page and on their website.

Pioneer Cottage Vintage Gown Display

During the month of November, to coincide with the Hall centenary celebrations, you will be treated to a wonderful exhibition of the evening gowns and accessories in our collection. These have been donated since the opening of the museum in 1966, with some items dating back to the late 1800s. Due to the priority to preserve them, these are not regularly on display. Curators Gail MacDonald and Jenny Christensen have presented them beautifully. Our thanks to Kay and Kim from Friends Boutique who provided valuable assistance with procuring mannequins for the display.

Lions' Christmas Fair

BHS will be participating again this year in the Lions' Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday 30 November at the BWMCA Hall.

We will hold our usual Christmas Raffle and would welcome contributions from members to include in our big basket of Christmas goodies, the sort of Christmas treats you would enjoy if you won! If you would like to donate, you can leave your contribution of non-perishable items or Christmas cheer at Pioneer Cottage during our open hours of 11.00am – 3.00pm Monday to Saturday until Wednesday 27 November 2024.

Donations of baked goods and preserves would also be appreciated. Please contact Ruth (0412 554 262) if you can assist.

Christmas Soiree for Members

We look forward to seeing all our members at the annual Christmas Soiree at Pioneer Cottage on Friday 6 December from 5 – 7pm. There is much to celebrate for all the hard work by members during the year. Christmas raffle tickets have been sent out to members and raffle tickets will also be available for sale at the Buderim Lions' annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 30 November at the War Memorial Hall, from 8am to 2pm and at the Cottage until the raffle is drawn!

Come along and meet and mix with the members and volunteers dedicated to keeping our doors open.

Please bring a small plate of goodies to share.

Drinks are provided.

RSVP by Friday 22 November 2024 to Lorraine:

lbuhk@bigpond.net.au / 5444 1955 / 0417 743 992



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS