

Ipswich Historical Society July 2016 Newsletter

Explanation

Pamela Lamb, who puts the newsletter into the format you are used to, has been helping out her son's family while he has been hospitalised. The software she uses for the newsletter has been at her home in Bellbird Park and Pam has been in Wynnum, so you are receiving the newsletter as a Word document this month.

Exciting news!

Hutchinson Builders will soon begin work on the display lean-tos around the two sheds. They have agreed to do all the necessary work at no cost to the Society. Our thanks go to Andrew Brady who organised the design and planning of the construction and who arranged with Hutchinson for their donations of materials, labour and site supervision. We hope to see work start in the next fortnight.

Rock wall gardens

The space between the two terraced rock walls around Shed 2 are to have topsoil spread and will be planted with low-growing shrubs to form a garden. We will be asking for volunteers to help with the planting once the loam is spread.

Karana Downs Garden Club visit

We opened on Tuesday 12 July for a visit by forty-one members of the Karana Downs Garden Club. They were hosted by fourteen of our volunteers – three from the Historic Motorcycle Club. Everyone had a great time and thanked us for providing people to tell them about the exhibits they were looking at and to answer their questions. Many indicated they would come again with their partners. Our volunteers can be proud of the way they made the visitors welcome.

New members

This month we welcomed five new members – Pam Macqueen, Aaron Ellington, Ellen Lyne, Nicole Norris and Juergen Georgius. If they have any questions, please give them some assistance when you are here.

Membership renewals

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their membership renewal and also to those who gave a donation as well. Your prompt payments are very much appreciated.

Miners

The Ipswich and Rosewood Miners Memorial Trust are looking at tenders for the next stage in the development of the memorial – the columns. A ceremony will be held at the memorial at twilight on 4 December to dedicate the columns. This day is St Barbara's Day - the patron saint of miners.

50 Years of Ipswich Historical Society

Your Society was founded in 1966 and celebrates its Golden Jubilee on 8 October 2016. Several members have been working hard to research the people who have made the Society what it is today. The information gathered will be published as a book and sold at the Golden Jubilee.

Visitors Information Centre visit

We received a visit from volunteers who work at the Ipswich Visitors Information Centre on Thursday 21 July. They enjoyed a short visit and again we were able to engage them through the efforts of our volunteers. They are in a position to talk to visitors to Ipswich and recommend they visit Cooneana Heritage Centre.

The Bottle Alley project

Julie Maddocks, who found an old bottle and started the project to paint a mural of old bottles and businesses in a public space – Bottle Alley – gave an interesting talk about the project at Cooneana on Sunday 24 July. If you haven't seen the mural it is located next to the newsagent in the Ipswich mall and runs through to Ellenborough Street. More than 135 people worked on the mural which is the largest public artwork that Julie has so far been engaged on. .

Ipswich Heritage Day

On Sunday 7 August we will be opening Cooneana Heritage Centre for Ipswich Heritage Day. Mayor Paul Pisasale will open the day at 12 noon and visitors will be able to look around, take photos, and talk to representatives from Picture Ipswich, the Genealogical Society, Lost Ipswich, Switched On, Rosewood Scrub Historical Society, the Ipswich Hospital Museum and, of course, ourselves. Visitors are invited to bring along old photos or items handed down through the family that are a puzzle, and talk about them with Ken Sbeghen, Sally Hetherington or any of the representatives of the associations.

This will be a fundraiser and will support the recognition of the Heritage Centre in the Ipswich community. Entry will be \$2.00. A "pig in a blanket" will be available for \$2.00 and water and various soft drinks will be on sale. We will need volunteers to show people around and answer questions. It should be a good day - bring your friends!

Dates for your diary

Saturday 6 August – Members meeting 9am

Sunday 7 August – Ipswich Heritage Day 10am – 2pm

Saturday 3 September – Members meeting 9am

Saturday 8 October – Golden Jubilee celebration 10am to 8pm

Saturday 15 October – Annual General Meeting 9am followed by Members meeting