



# IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016



### COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE Opening Times

Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays:  
10:00 am-2:00 pm

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21 April, 9:00 am:  
*Tea and Textiles*

Sunday 24 April, 10:30 am:  
*'A Fireside Talk on Antiques' by  
Heather Mildwaters*

Thursday 28 April 9:30 am:  
*Bethany Lutheran School visit*

Saturday 7 May, 9:00 am:  
*Members meeting*

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*Golden Jubilee planning meeting*

Sunday 22 May, 10:30 am:  
*'Advanced Digital Photography' by  
Richard McLaren*

Friday 27 May, 6:00 pm:  
*Wine and Cheese evening*

See inside for further information  
about these events

### MEMBERS MEETINGS

It's great to report that attendance at our members' meetings continues to grow. There were twenty-five of us at the April meeting! Coming to the monthly meeting is the best way to find out what your Society is doing and how you can contribute.

### SUNDAY EXPERIENCES

JACK WEBER'S PRESENTATION ON QUEENSLAND AND IPSWICH STEAM RAILWAYS ON SUNDAY 13 March was a tremendous success. Lots of people attended and all enjoyed the morning. It was suggested that Jack be asked to repeat his presentation next year. We have to let him recover before we ask!

The next in our series of Sunday presentations will be Heather Mildwaters' Fireside talk on antiques on Sunday 24 April from 10:30am. Heather is a director of Ipswich Antiques Centre and is very knowledgeable about where items were made, by which company/artist and, most importantly, when they were made. Do you have an old heirloom or ornament that you would like more information on? Bring it along to Cooneana on 24th April. We only ask for a gold coin donation from participants.

### IPSWICH FESTIVAL EVENTS

David Horrigan's Bricks that helped build Ipswich forum was held on Sunday 17 April as one of our contributions to the Ipswich Festival. Again this forum was very well attended. David shared his research and his collection of bricks, and participants contributed additional information about bricks and brick making. If you haven't seen the permanent brick display at Cooneana yet, it is highly recommended. More work will be undertaken on the display with signage and information to be added.

On Thursday 21 April our Spinners and Weavers will host Tea and Textiles from 9am to 1pm. If you, or any of your friends are interested in learning about textiles in a friendly environment with a cuppa and cake included, do come along to Cooneana on Thursday morning. Cost \$5.00.

Thanks go to all our members who have worked so hard to put together such interesting activities that are attracting more and more visitors to the Centre.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our two newest members, Christine and Trudy. We look forward to you becoming active and enthusiastic members and friends.

### NEW BUILDINGS

The Executive, after due consideration, has offered the Briggs Road house to the Bundamba Naval Association. They are very pleased and are making plans to set it up to meet their needs. Meetings are continuing to work out leasing arrangements and how they will interact with the Historical Society.

Brighton House will provide dedicated rooms for our Spinners and Weavers and house some displays. The allocation of space and how it is to be utilised is under discussion. The Society will be applying for grants and donations to cover the costs of building stairs and ramps, connecting power, water and the security system to the buildings. There will be other forms of fundraising required, so please dig deep if you are offered raffle tickets or the chance to attend an event.

### EXTERNAL DISPLAY AREAS

The excavations for the new lean-to display areas are almost completed. Rock retaining walls are started and looking fantastic. Architectural plans are awaiting council approval then the concrete slabs can be laid and building work can begin.

## SIGNAGE

On your next visit to Cooneana you will notice several new signs have been placed at the entrance and on some of the buildings. We thank our sign writer, Andrew, for his work on these great signs that help visitors find their way around the site.

## FIRE AND EVACUATION DRILL

On Thursday 14 April we held a fire and evacuation drill with the support of Senior Fire Officer Brad. Brad demonstrated the use of a fire blanket and discussed how we should approach dealing with fires. Some old fire extinguishers were available for those in attendance to practice using on a small fire. Brad gave us an acronym: PASS – Pull pin, Aim, Squeeze trigger once to test, Sweep low. The Executive are working on updating our signage, processes and policies for emergencies.



## SCHOOL VISIT

Our next school visit will be Bethany Lutheran School on Thursday 28 April. Volunteers to interact with the students at each of the ten stations will be needed on that day from 9:30am to about 12 noon.