



IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE

Opening Times

Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

2nd and 4th Sundays:

10:00 am-2:00 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17 March:

Probus Club visit.

Saturday 3 April - 9:00 am:

Members meeting.

Tuesday 12 April:

Kangaroo Buslines group visit.

Sunday 17 April:

David Horrigan hosts a forum to gather stories about brickmakers and 'Bricks that helped build Ipswich.' Gold coin donation.

Thursday 21 April:

Spinners and Weavers 'Tea and Textiles.' \$5.00 per person.

Sunday 24 April:

Heather Mildwaters 'Information on your antiques.' Gold coin donation.

See inside for further information about these events

MEMBERS MEETINGS

It is fantastic to see so many members attending the monthly members meetings. There were 23 members present at the March meeting with apologies from another eight. A special visitor, Councillor Victor Attwood, also attended with the news that Council was providing funding to complete the renovation of Cooneana homestead and gardens.

NEW BUILDINGS

The first house sourced and delivered through Ipswich City Council is in place and the second will have been delivered at the time of writing.

NEW DISPLAY AREAS

The earth has been moving at Cooneana! Foundations have been dug for the new display areas to be constructed beside the sheds. There are also trenches leading around the site for various services to be upgraded. Many thanks to Jack, Brad and the digger drivers for all their hard work, which is not over yet – the concrete is to be poured for the displays and the trenches filled once cables are laid. Look out for working bee dates – everyone's help will be needed to restore the grounds as well as the houses.

RAIL CAMP WAGON

The container has been relocated from the back of the site to a spot near Jim Donald House. The rail camp wagon will be placed where the container was as this will provide easier access for the restoration work. Jack circulated a paper detailing more of the history of the 1886 rail wagon at the meeting.



Inside the camp wagon

ACCESSIONING ROOM RELOCATION

Linda, Jocelyn and Helen are relocating the accessioning room from the tiny room next to the shop to the kitchen of Jim Donald House. This will allow them more room to sort and catalogue donated items. A large donation of research material collected by a postmaster at Bundamba post office is the latest challenge for this team.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Plans for our 50th birthday celebration are developing well. There will be lots to interest and entertain visitors.

SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

The display at Redbank Plains library, together with the felt making workshop Dorothy provided for library clients, was a great success. Our busy ladies will provide morning tea and an introduction to textiles at a special event for the Ipswich Festival on 21 April from 9am to 2pm at Cooneana. Cost is \$5.00 and everyone is welcome. The annual Spinners and Weavers camp has been booked at Maroon Dam for 20 to 22 May this year.



NEW DISPLAYS

Judi is gathering items for the ANZAC display. If you have anything that you could lend for this important display, please bring it along. We are also looking for a display case for our historic bottle collection. A tall case with glass front, sides and shelves would be ideal. If you have something that may be suitable that you no longer need, phone 0411 271 522 or send an email to ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com and we will arrange to take a look and, if suitable, transport it.

FIFTY YEARS OF THE SOCIETY

Don't forget that Margaret, Ken and Lyn are compiling information and reflections from members of long-standing for a book to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Ipswich Historical Society. If you have any tales of the Society in years gone by to contribute we would love to hear from you.

SUNDAY EXPERIENCES

This month sees the start of our Sunday presentations for 2016 with Jack Weber's informative talk about the history of steam rail in the state and Ipswich. No charge is made for these sessions unless materials need to be purchased, just a gold coin donation from attendees is requested. Do come along to those you are interested in and support our members and guests as they provide these experiences.

ANTIQUES DISCUSSION

Don't forget that Heather Mildwaters of Ipswich Antiques Centre will be returning for another of her popular discussions about your antiques on Sunday 24 April. Heather asks that photos of your items are sent in advance as she needs some time to research their provenance. Send photos to ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com and they will be passed on to Heather.

Photos should be as clear as possible and should also include any maker's markings to assist with identification of the item. If you don't have access to a computer, you are still welcome to bring your items along on the day.

Questions or comments? Email us at ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or come along to our members' meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 2 April**, followed by morning tea.