



# IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## NEWSLETTER MAY 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

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

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*Golden Jubilee planning meeting*

Saturday 14 May, 1:30-4:00 pm:  
*Model T Ford Owners Rally visit*

Sunday 22 May:  
*Advanced Digital Photography  
workshop by Richard McLaren*

Thursday 26 May, 10:30 am:  
*Councillor Kerry Silver visit*

Friday 27 May, 6:00 pm:  
*Fun-raising Gathering at Cooneana*

Sunday 7 August:  
*Ipswich Heritage Day*

Saturday 8 October:  
*Ipswich Historical Society Golden  
Jubilee*

See inside for further information  
about these events

### APRIL - 'WHEW!'

April was an extremely busy month for the active members of our society. Apart from the events held at Cooneana on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, we 'personned' displays at the Central Church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary fete on 23<sup>rd</sup> and the United Welsh Church fete on 30<sup>th</sup>. Not forgetting that Cooneana was still open for visitors on both these days. The Bethany Lutheran Primary School students who visited on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> were intrigued by much of what they saw!

More members are needed on site during open hours as our visitor numbers grow. There are informative descriptions of many exhibits and listening to the positive comments of visitors is a great reward for your time.

### WORK ON SITE FORGING AHEAD

Earthworks to accommodate the new display areas next to the two sheds are nearing completion. As terracing has been required, we now have some terrific rock retaining walls that add to the visual appeal of the site. The unsightly fencing next to the carport has been removed and this too makes such a difference. If you haven't visited for a while, do make time to come along soon.

### BRIGHTON HOUSE

The Spinners and Weavers have been busy cleaning the inside walls of Brighton House which is to become their permanent home. Space in the front rooms of the building will be utilised for displays including items from the Society's wider collection.

### BUNDAMBA NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The Executive held an initial meeting with the management committee of the Bundamba Naval Association to discuss arrangements for their use of the Briggs Road house and interaction with the Society. Items for consideration by the Association were to be discussed with their membership.

### MAY IS SHAPING UP AS ANOTHER BUSY MONTH

We have a Model T Ford Owners' Rally visiting on **Saturday 14 May** after normal hours. There will be 15 to 20 Model T vehicles and up to 40 people for a tour of the museum, afternoon tea and a short meeting. If you can assist with food preparation or hosting from about 1.30 pm to 4 pm on that day, please let Sandi know in person or on 0411 271 522.

**Sunday 22 May** is the date for Richard McLaren's workshop on Advanced Digital Photography. Richard presented the basics last year and this year offers an advanced workshop in response to requests. The workshop will involve practical photography around the site and tips on how to create more professional images. The workshop will run from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon.

On **Thursday 26th May** we welcome our new Division 3 Councillor, Kerry Silver, for morning tea and a familiarisation visit.

**Friday 27th May** at 6.00 pm we will be holding a Fun-raising Gathering at Cooneana. This promises to be an excellent evening with entertainment by soloists from the Ipswich Musical Theatre Company, songs to sing along to and a light supper. A bar will be available and first drinks will be free with your \$15.00 entry. Bring along as many folk as you can.

**Tuesday 31st May** will see our executive hosting the Mayor of Ipswich, Paul Pisasale, and all other Councillors who are available to attend. It is essential that Councillors understand the work that we are doing to make Cooneana Heritage Centre a museum for the people of Ipswich and a tourist attraction for the city. Without the support of Council we will struggle to achieve our aims.

## FUTURE PLANS

On **Sunday 7th August**, together with Swiched on, Lost Ipswich and Picture Ipswich, we will be inviting people to Cooneana to enjoy and perhaps in the future contribute to the collections of historical artefacts and photographs. Photographers will be invited to take shots of Cooneana Heritage Centre. We will have a sausage sizzle to help raise funds for all the work that is being done on the site. The day will be advertised as "Ipswich Heritage Day".

As a separate exercise, we have a photographer taking photos that will form a photographic history of changes to the site over time. We mustn't forget that history is being made every day!

Golden Jubilee planning is progressing. We have booked three half-hour shows by a magician, music by the Amberley Brass Band and the Huntsmen, together with comedy and music by "Outtawak" to round out the evening. Local schools have been invited to book some of their performing arts students for a spot on the program.

Stallholders are being booked and displays with a historical theme will be set up. Just Rock will bring some veteran cars and demonstrate their rock-n-roll moves, and the Moreton District Scouts will provide activities for the children and young people. Food and drinks will be available throughout the day. Much more is being planned for this special anniversary of the Ipswich Historical Society on 8 October and we hope to attract many visitors.