



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

1st and 3rd Sundays:

10:00 am-2:00 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 16 August:

Donations and Accessioning hosted by Ken Sbeghen

Saturday 22 August :

Launch of Bottle Alley public art

Wednesday 26 August:

Visit to Distant Lines exhibition at Queensland State Library

Sunday 30 August:

St Francis Xavier School fete

Saturday 5 September:

Members' meeting 9am

Sunday 6 September:

Basic felting demonstration hosted by Dorothy Walsh

Sunday 20 September:

Introduction to digital photography hosted by Richard McLaren

Saturday 3 October:

Annual General Meeting followed by Members' meeting

Saturday 17 October:

Opening of Ipswich Miners Memorial

See inside for further information

COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE – DESIRABLE RESIDENCE

Your Society has received requests for accommodation at Cooneana Heritage Centre from the Ipswich Genealogy Society and Goodna Services Club.

Our master plan will be adapted to enable us to offer a meeting room and storage facilities to the Genealogy Society. As we receive many requests for information about family histories, having the expertise of the genealogists on hand will be a fantastic benefit and will enable the centre to become a one-stop-shop for people researching their family tree.

Goodna Services Club wants to establish a base for local ex-servicemen; including the Naval Association. Ipswich City Council is keen to assist and intends to relocate some additional buildings to the Heritage Centre that will provide accommodation for these associate organisations. Watch this space!

COONEANA HOMESTEAD RESTORATION

Ken Sbeghen is currently researching and writing a comprehensive history of Cooneana Homestead to inform the conservation plan required by council. Oral histories of people who have lived in or visited the homestead will be used to elaborate on the documented history. One of our members, Melanie Rush, is an oral historian who has volunteered to help gather these stories. If you know anyone with a story to tell, please contact the Society.

RECREATING THE COONEANA GARDENS

Part of the conservation plan will include restoration of the homestead gardens. A member of the Spinners and Weavers group has volunteered to research and identify plants that would have been grown in the Cooneana homestead gardens in the 1800s. The Society will liaise with Ipswich City Council on designing the gardens, procuring plants and planting out. We would be happy to hear from anyone else who has a passion for garden restoration and would like to help with this project.

MINERS GROUP

A successful showing of the film "Blood on the Coal" was held on 17th July. The film was enjoyed by all in attendance as were the light refreshments provided by Marg Taylor and Judi Jackson.

Last Friday was the 43rd anniversary of the Box Flat disaster that shook Ipswich on 31 July 1972. A memorial service was conducted by Eric Jones. Several of our members were in attendance at the service.

In Limestone Park the memorial to miners who lost their lives in Ipswich mine disasters is progressing well. The opening of the new memorial is scheduled for Saturday 17 October at 2pm.

Members of the Lost Ipswich Facebook page are interested in the history of mining in Ipswich. We will be arranging a visit for them in the near future.

SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

During the last month, members of our Spinners and Weavers provided demonstrations of their skills at the Jumpers and Jazz festival in Warwick and at the 150 anniversary of rail in Queensland Steamfest in Grandchester.

The two looms used by our weavers have now been relocated into a room in Cooneana homestead.

HERITAGE BUS TOURS

The museum welcomed its first group of visitors from the Heritage Bus Tour on Sunday 2 August. The museum will be a regular stop for this tour on the first Sunday of each month.

VISIT TO DISTANT LINES

On Wednesday 26th August some of our members are travelling to the Distant Lines display at the State Library of Queensland. The exhibition commemorates the Queenslanders who served our country in the First World War.

From the home front to the war front, the display explores the unique Queensland experience of the war — before, during, and after. Distant Lines connects us with the intimate and untold stories of Queenslanders, 100 years on from the First World War. This exhibition is part of Q ANZAC 100: Memories for a New Generation, proudly supported by the Queensland Government.

Contact Marg Nicol if you would like to come along.

SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS

The first of our Sunday presentations, *Unearthing your treasures in Trove* was well received. If you were unable to attend and would like the presentation repeated, please let us know.

The next presentation, *Donations and Accessioning* will be hosted by Ken Sbeghen on Sunday 16 August. Ken will be discussing the procedures we have in place for accepting artefacts into the collection.

Those interested in learning a new textile technique are invited to a presentation on *Basic felting* on Sunday 6 September. Dorothy Walsh from the Ipswich Spinners and Weavers will demonstrate how to create felted materials for use in many crafts. Starting at 10:30am the presentation will take about 1½ hours. There is no cost to attend but if you wish to purchase a felting kit these will be available for \$10.00. Bookings for this presentation are essential. Please book by phone on 3389 3922 or email: sandij@optusnet.com.au by Thursday 3 September.

Introduction to digital photography by Richard McLaren will be offered on Sunday 20 September at 10:30am. Richard is an experienced photographer and presenter who offers us the opportunity to bring our cameras and learn about those functions we all forget to use. The presentation will last approximately 1½ hours. Attendees are requested to donate a gold coin to the Society.

INVITATIONS

St Francis Xavier School has invited us to have a stall at their fete on Sunday 30 August. The theme of the fete is *Journey through Time* and it runs from 10am to 2pm. We have also been invited to provide some resources to Redbank State School for their 150 year anniversary.

VISITOR NUMBERS

We have had more than 300 visitors so far this year. As the museum becomes better known and more visitors attend, we need more members to staff the museum from 12 noon to 2pm on opening days (Thursdays, Saturdays, 1st and 3rd Sundays). If you could be there on just one day each month, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Sandi Jones, on 3389 3922, email: sandij@optusnet.com.au or sign the rosters that are placed on the museum's notice boards.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting has been postponed to Saturday 3 October to enable all officers to attend. At this meeting reports for the year are presented, together with the audited accounts, the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are declared vacant and nominations called to fill the positions for the coming year. All financial members (apart from junior members) are entitled to vote and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the museum, beginning at 9am and will be followed by the members' meeting for October.

Questions or comments? Email us at ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or come along to our members' meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 5th September**, commencing at 9:00 am, followed by morning tea.