



IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



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

Sunday 28 May, 10:00 am:
Antique Dolls presented by Marion Halls

Saturday 3 June, 9:00 am
Members meeting

Sunday 25 June, 10:30 am:
Everyone has a story - stories on early timber cutters and their Irish families presented by Kevin O'Hearn

See inside for further information about these events

BUSY TIMES AT COONEANA

The year is rushing by far too quickly. As a bonus the weather is cooler at last and the grounds at Cooneana are looking magnificent, thanks to recent rain and the efforts of our community workers. As well as the events listed down the side of the newsletter we are hosting several groups during the month. The popular Heritage Bus Tours will recommence on Sunday 14 May. Some of you may have noticed the old buses parked on site. Don't forget our soiree on Friday 26 May. The theme is World War Two and we would love everyone to dress up for the event. The Ipswich Musical Theatre Company will return to Cooneana to perform songs from their hit show 'Songs that Won the War.' Anyone who remembers their performance from last year will know we are in for a great show. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this year and they won't freeze to death!

Best wishes,
Pamela Lamb

SUNDAY PRESENTATION

Last month the President of the Ipswich Genealogical Society Irma Deas gave a presentation entitled 'Another way of looking at genealogy.' In her talk Irma gave us some good advice about how we can preserve our own heritage for future generations. She suggested way to make our precious possessions more meaningful to our children and grandchildren when we pass them on. What is the significance of that piece of silver or that glassware that has sat in your cabinet all their lives? Why did you keep it and why are you handing it to them? It's advice worth thinking about in today's throwaway society.



Irma Deas speaking at our recent Sunday Presentation

QUEENSLAND METAL ARTISANS COLLECTIVE

Welcome to the Queensland Metal Artisans Collective who have recently made their home at Cooneana Heritage Centre. According to their Facebook page, the purpose of this group is to provide support and encouragement to all members and the general public seeking to improve their skills in all aspects of metal artisanship (including blacksmithing, sculpting, metal spinning, knife and sword making, engraving, leathermaking, wood carving, enamelling, and other complementary crafts). They are a enthusiastic group of people. and are very appreciative of the facilities available to them at Cooneana.

BLACKSMITHING CLASSES JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2017

Hello everyone, just looking ahead a few months to new dates for some beginner classes. I will give them out now so you can plan ahead and I will let you know when the dates are up on the web page so you can book your spot or spots from there. I am still working through a waiting list that doesn't seem to get any shorter. Remember you must do the two beginner classes before you can do any of the advanced ones.

22 July	ABC of Tong Making
5 August	Fire Tools
19 August	ABC of Tong Making
26 August	Fire Tools
9 September	ABC of Tong Making

It's my pleasure to invite you to my Blacksmith shop and experience this wonderful trade/craft.

For further information, contact me on 31433175.

Regards,
Martin Geddes



SPINNERS & WEAVERS

The Spinners & Weavers will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary with an Open Day on **Saturday 15 July**. Among the highlights of the day will be a shearer who will demonstrate his craft. Spinners will attempt to spin the wool as it comes off the sheep. Last time this was attempted, the shearer won hands down. It should be interesting to watch!



HERITAGE DAY

After the great success of our Heritage Day last year, we are forging ahead with plans for this year's event. It will be held on **Sunday 13 August** so mark your diaries now.



We are hoping to have in attendance the Military Jeep Club, the RAAF Amberley Museum, the Australian Light Horse Association and many more. Watch out for further details!

IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

Soiree
THE HOME FRONT

WW2 ERA 1939 - 1945

Take the opportunity to wear fashions of 1939 - 1945 or your family's war medals.

GATES OPEN 6.00 pm
FRIDAY 26th MAY 2017
COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE
1041 REDBANK PLAINS ROAD
NEW CHUM QLD

Listen to original radio broadcasts from the era.

View images and artefacts from our collections.

Entertainment by Ipswich Musical Theatre Company performing songs from their hit show "Songs That Won The War"

\$15
INCLUDES SUPPER

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

A collage of historical photographs and documents, including a man in a suit, a woman in a dress, and various military-related images.

Questions or comments? Email us at ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or come along to our members' meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 6 May**, followed by morning tea.

FROM OUR COLLECTION

Each month I will shine the spotlight on an item in our collection. My intention is to give you an insight into the lives of the people to whom these old things belonged. I hope you will find the articles interesting and I encourage you to come into the museum and see each month's object on display. If you have anything to add to the stories presented here, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Last month Ipswich City Council donated two photographs of Bertie Piper to the Ipswich Historical Society. I had never heard of him so I decided to find out who he was.

Bertie (his full name was Terence Hildebert) Piper was the second son of Stella and Samuel Piper. He was born in 1891, the year after the Pipers' first son had died aged four. As can be imagined, Bertie was a very precious child to his parents.



Bertie Piper

Image courtesy of Picture Ipswich

However, the Pipers suffered a second tragedy when Bertie died aged 12 in 1904. He was buried at the Ipswich Cemetery along with his brother.

Bertie's father Samuel Piper was a long-standing employee of Cribb & Foote. Beginning as a lad, he worked his way up to manager of the boot department, a position he held for 10 years. The owners and staff of Cribb & Foote raised money to build a memorial to Bertie. The memorial included a broken column, which signifies a life cut short, and a life-sized statue of Bertie himself.



In January 1905 Samuel and Sarah placed a tribute to their son in the Queensland Times.

IN MEMORIAM.

PIPER.—In sacred and loving memory
of our worthy son, Terence Hildebert (Bertie),
aged 12 years and three weeks,
who passed beyond, January 10th, 1904.

Waiting.

In spirit I visit the grave once more,
And more than complete is my joy,
For clasped, in my arms to my heart once so sore,
Is the form of my beautiful boy.

Bertie was not allowed to rest in peace. In 2001 vandals pushed Bertie's statue from its plinth and broke it into several pieces. In late 2009 Ipswich City Council together with Jack Sim, who conducts ghost tours within the cemetery, had Bertie's statue restored. The new statue was unveiled in May 2010 during Queensland National Trust Heritage Week.

REFERENCES

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- *Ipswich City Council Library*
- *Picture Ipswich*
- *Queensland Times*
- *Jack Sim Ghost Tours*