



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

Saturday 17 October,
*Dedication of Ipswich and
Rosewood Miners Memorial*

Sunday 18 October:
*Self Publishing - getting started
on your project hosted by Pamela
Lamb*

Friday 30 October:
*'Back to Cooneana' wine and
cheese night*

Sunday 1 November:
*A 'fireside talk' on antiques hosted
by Heather Mildwaters*

Saturday 7 November:
*Ipswich Historical Society members
meeting*

Saturday 7 November:
*Dedication of Pine Mountain
Historical Society's WW1 memorial*

See inside for further information

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Twenty-three members attended the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 3 October and voted in the Executive Committee for the next twelve months:

President: Hugh Taylor
Vice President: Marg Nicol
Treasurer: Lyn McCoombes
Secretary: Sandi Jones

Our patron, Beryl Johnston, was invited to continue in that role and accepted. David Donald was also invited to become a patron in recognition of his contributions and long association with the Society. David also accepted. See the minutes of the AGM for more detail of proceedings.

MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan for Cooneana Heritage Centre has been submitted to the executive committee for feedback. It will form the basis for the development application that must be put to Council. Once that is approved detailed planning for the 45 projects can commence. It is envisaged that grants will then be targeted and we will be able to start bringing the plans to fruition.

MINERS

The Ipswich and Rosewood Miners Memorial will be dedicated on 17 October at 2pm. The Ipswich Events committee organising the opening ceremony has received 327 acceptances, of which 213 are relatives of the miners whose names will be displayed on the memorial wall. The ceremony is open to everyone, so do go along to Limestone Park if you can. Parking will be available at the PCYC.

As many of the members who volunteer at the museum will be attending the ceremony, **Cooneana Heritage Centre will close at 12 noon on Saturday 17 October.**

SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

Some of our spinners have been recognised for their work in the last months:

Helen Newton was named Champion in the "Knots and all" in Fashion Arty, a Warwick Wearable Arts Award.

Narelle Robinson won Champion of Show at Ipswich and Rosewood with a piece of red work and came second at the Marburg show.

Mieke den Otter is exhibiting at Ipswich Art Gallery in the exhibition titled Local Now. She is one of only eight artists chosen. Her art work is a piece of printed and stitched eco dyed wool.

Congratulations to all three of you. Well done!

COONEANA GARDENS

Sue Rose has done some excellent research on the plants and gardens of homesteads in the nineteenth century. She sent a report on progress to the meeting and asked the executive committee to determine the space to be made available and the preferred layout for the gardens so that work can begin.

TRIP ADVISOR

A photographer from Trip Advisor will be coming to Cooneana on 10 October. As a member of the Ipswich Tourism Operators Network (ITON) we will have help to describe in 100 words what the Centre is about and we will be able to put our Centre onto Trip Advisor at a reduced cost.

'BACK TO COONEANA' WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

You are invited to come along to the next wine and cheese night at Cooneana on Friday 30 October. Entry is \$10 which includes a lucky door ticket. Gates open at 5:30pm for 6:00pm start.

ONLINE VISITOR GUIDE

Terry Smith and Olivia McMahon are starting to develop information for visitors that will eventually be accessible from the izi. travel app. This app can be downloaded from the istore or google app store and can be used to locate places of interest on smart phones and tablet computers as you travel around. Several museums and other attractions in Brisbane are already using the app.

SIGNAGE ON CUNNINGHAM HIGHWAY

We will be approaching the State Government to place brown tourist signs on both sides of the Cunningham Highway directing people to Cooneana Heritage Centre. Such signage should attract many more visitors as the highway is always busy. At present the only such sign is right outside the Centre on Redbank Plains Road.

SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS

There was much interest in Richard McLaren's *Introduction to Digital Photography* workshop on Sunday 20 September. Richard provided the 16 attendees with some great insights into making a photograph stand out from the crowd. Richard has also agreed to provide a more advanced workshop next year.

The *Settlers' Lunch* on 4 October was also well attended with over 30 of us enjoying the delicious camp oven cooking that Dorothy Walsh served up. Allan was her convict slave for the day and between them everyone was catered for on a beautiful day under the fig tree outside Cooneana Homestead. Here are some photos taken by Olivia McMahon on the day. They are also available on the Events page of our website: www.ipswichhistoricalsociety.com



Our next presentation is *Self-publishing – getting started on your project* by Pamela Lamb. Pamela is an author and publisher whose latest book *In the Shadow of Mt Flinders* many of you will have read. If you are writing and want to publish your work come along to get some tips on Sunday 18 October at 10:30am.

Sunday 1 November is the date for A *'fireside talk'* on *antiques* presented by Heather Mildwaters of Ipswich Antique Centre. Heather has photos of items members wish her to research and will discuss these and any small items brought along from 11am.

INVITATION

We have received an invitation from the Pine Mountain and Districts Historical Society for members to attend the dedication service of their WW1 Memorial at the Pine Mountain cricket pitch on Saturday 7 November at 11 am. Please RSVP Elaine Peet by email: elaine_peet@hotmail.com or phone: 5464 3827 by 1st November.

Questions or comments? Email us at ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or come along to our members' meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 7 November**, followed by morning tea.