



## IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015



### COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE

#### Opening Times

Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:

10:00 am-2:00 pm

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20 September:

*Introduction to Digital Photography  
hosted by Richard McLaren*

Saturday 3 October:

*AGM and members' meeting*

Sunday 4 October:

*Camp oven cooking hosted by Allan  
and Dorothy Walsh*

Saturday 17 October:

*Opening of 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*

See inside for further information  
about these events

#### GET WELL SOON

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our Vice President David Donald who has been in hospital recently. You have been missed, David.

#### COONEANA HOMESTEAD RESTORATION

The restoration of Cooneana homestead is progressing. Allan Walsh has cleaned and oiled the floor in Room 1 and the fireplace is now ready for hearth bricks and chimney repairs. The front entrance floor has been oiled and the posts and stairs on the verandah painted. Quotes are on the way for the work on the roof.

#### COONEANA HERITAGE CENTRE UPKEEP

Maintenance at the Centre will now be a little easier with the purchase of new tools made possible by a donation from Mayor Paul Pisasale. More bodies are always required to assist with maintenance so if you can spare an hour or two on a weekend Brad would be very pleased to have your help.

#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The document outlining the ten-year plan is 95% complete. This provides short descriptions of the 44 items in the plan. Next the items will be prioritised and detailed planning undertaken for each.

#### MINERS GROUP

Col Webb, Keith Chicken, Eric Jones, Ray Powell, Lance Waldon, Allan Berlin and Joe Llewellyn are flying to Rockhampton on Friday 18th September, courtesy of the CFMEU, to attend memorial services in Mt. Morgan and Moura for coal miners killed in disasters throughout more than 100 years. Special mention will be made of the Mt Mulligan disaster in which 75 men died in 1921 and several disasters at Moura mines in the last century. All the arrangements for this trip have been made by the CFMEU Rockhampton branch, with our retired miners' travel and accommodation all funded by the union.

The Ipswich-Rosewood Miners Memorial in Limestone Park will be opened on Saturday 17 October. The memorial commemorates the miners who were killed while working in the Ipswich Rosewood mining region. The names of these men and boys appear on a 20 metre bronze wall. Relatives of those who were killed are invited to attend the opening. All their names are available from the memorial website: [www.coalminersmemorial.com.au](http://www.coalminersmemorial.com.au).

#### DISTANT LINES EXHIBITION

A group of members went to the State Library on 26 August to see the Distant Lines exhibition. The material on display is emotive and conjures up the spirit of our soldiers and nurses overseas and their families at home during WW1. It was a great day and anyone who can get there before the exhibition closes mid-November should see it.

#### DIGITAL TOURS

Olivia McMahan and Terry Smith attended an information session on creating digital tours for visitors. Terry reported that the system would be well worth considering as we would be able to record information to create a self-guided tour that people could access via an app on their phones. Terry will now work on a project and pilot proposal.

#### FELTING WORKSHOP

The basic felting workshop held on Sunday 6 September attracted the interest of quite a few visitors as Dorothy led us through the process of creating a felt work of art. Many thanks to Dorothy for her expert tuition.

## SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS

The next Sunday workshop will be *An Introduction to Digital Photography* by Richard McLaren. It will be held on 20 September starting at 10:30am. Bring your own camera and your questions for answers and tips on creating great photos. Richard asks attendees to donate a gold coin towards the restoration of Cooneana Homestead.

On Sunday 4 October Dorothy and Allan Walsh will demonstrate camp oven cooking with participants helping to prepare a traditional Sunday lunch. For \$15.00 you will eat a hot meal with main, dessert and damper on the side, under the fig tree outside Cooneana Homestead, enjoying the view to the distant hills. Dress up and experience how early settlers fed their families. Start at 10am and eat by 12:30 to 1pm. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

On Sunday 18 October our resident writer Pamela Lamb will conduct a workshop entitled *Self-Publishing: Getting started on your project*. Pamela has published 18 books under the imprint of her publishing business Agneau Press. In this workshop Pamela will demonstrate that it can be easy and affordable to publish your own book. She will guide you through the process of making decisions regarding format, cover design, pricing and choosing a printer. You will leave the workshop with the tools you need to move your project forward from manuscript to published book.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 3 October. 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 adult financial 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.

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Questions or comments? Email us at [ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:ipswichhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or come along to our members' meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, following the Annual General Meeting.