

Nambour & District Historical Museum Newsletter for January, February, March 2016

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well things are already beginning to happen at the museum this year with the new air-con unit for the office area being installed on Friday 22nd January thanks to a Sunshine Coast Council Minor Grant. This has allowed us to remove the two old window mounted units that were impacting on space on the new deck. The erection of the roof over the new deck will commence on the 27th January, almost all the funds for the roof came from the 2/15th Battalion Remembrance Club. An 'official opening' of the deck is being planned for early April; date to be decided shortly. The main project for the men this year is the cleaning, rust repairs and undercoating of the loco 'Bli-Bli'. A Happy New Year to members and supporters.

DATES TO REMEMBER in 2016

Sunday 20 March 2016: Heritage Discovery Showcase at the Eumundi School of Arts. This will be a market day style event to bring together all the organisations in the Sunshine Coast Heritage Network with the aim of promoting the Heritage Discovery Weekend. Nambour Museum volunteers will be contributing to this event.

Saturday 30 April & Sunday 1 May – Open Days of all organisations in the Sunshine Coast Heritage Network. Nambour Museum will open Saturday from 10am – 3pm with the theme "Discover Nambour: its past and its present" – usual stall , raffle, entry – adults \$4, students \$1 , refreshments, donations to stall and morning tea welcomed. Main day is Saturday and museum will open again on Sunday as part of the SC Heritage weekend.

EMBROIDERY

Two special embroidery pieces, donated by Betty Woodall, a former Domestic Science teacher at NSHS are now on display at the museum. The works were created by Katie (nee Chaille) Shearer, Betty's grandmother, when Katie was a pupil at Ipswich Girls Grammar School in the 1880s. The pieces were restored and framed



with a Sunshine Coast Council grant. The Shearers have heritage links with Nambour. Katie's husband James was the first driver of a Shay geared locomotive, named Dulong. Son Albert was chief sugar chemist at the sugar mill. James and Shearer Streets are named after the family. *Visitors Opal, Finn and Joe Adkins viewed the embroideries.*

DUNETHIN ROCK PHOTO



When volunteer Peter Chetwynd looked at the late 1800's photo of Dunethin Rock at the museum, and thought "I wonder what it looks like now?", he did something about it. Armed with his camera, photo copy of the old photo, tripod and great technical skills, he planted himself on the rock at what he considered the exact spot the old photo was taken, and began to create his photographic update. The

amazing result now hangs below the original and his question has been answered. The prominent features are the same, Mt Coolum, Maroochy River, but much has changed.

FLAG FROM SPACE

Another recent acquisition for the museum is a much travelled flag, the travel in fact being in outer space. Former Maroochy Shire chairman Don Culley, of the Sister Cities Association, informed the museum of the flag's existence and realised it would be at home in the museum. It returned to Earth on the Space Shuttle "Discovery", November, 1998. Maroochy Shire Cities Community Association and Tetebayashi International Association appear on the flag. It is autographed by the astronauts.



Phone Fay Thorogood, 5441 1831, if you know of any schools or groups that would like to visit the museum.

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