# Nambour and District Historical Museum Newsletter for July, August, September

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the past few weeks have been the busiest I can remember at the museum. The Valdora was moved to beside Bli Bli at the Bury Street entrance. The shelter that was over Bli Bli when it was on Coles land was dismantled and re-erected over Valdora and Bli Bli in one day. The new side fence has been erected and the new signs that were purchased with the RSL grant have been attached to the fence. Additional concrete has been poured in the loco workshop with a new safety fence beside Sandy. Some last minute measurements in preparation for the arrival of Petrie meant some adjustments to sign. After the display of Petrie by the tram group from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> through to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> on the grass adjacent to Moreton House, Petrie was moved to the museum in an operation involving a 130 ton crane and starting at 5am Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>. To the relief of all involved everything went without a hitch and Petrie fitted snugly into the workshop beside the Shay. Petrie is a council asset and will stay at the museum until such time as it is needed on the tramline. A special thanks to all our members for the increased commitment in getting the museum looking good for the increased exposure we are getting now that Coles has opened.



# 2013-2014 AGM

There is no excuse for people to say they didn't know Nambour had a museum, re-elected president Clive Plater said at the AGM, referring to the museum's exposure since the Coles supermarket has been opened. Executive is president Clive Plater, vice-president Fay Thorogood secretary Barbara Want, treasurer John Freiberg and patron is Peter Wellington, a great supporter of the museum.

### **FAREWELL TO FRIENDS**

We pay respects to the following members who have died since the previous newsletter: George Flick; Hazel Crees and Ailsa Reimer. They will be sadly missed and condolences were passed on their families.

#### **Korean War Armistice**

(Pictured) Coolum High School student Rebecca Elsley, Korean War veteran Harry Simpson and Burnside High School student Jack Shaw at the Remembrance Service on 28 July. Museum president Clive Plater said cadets from AAFC 207 Squadron Nambour, plus Burnside and Coolum State High students took part in the service along with members of the Nambour RSL sub-branch and the RAAFA Nambour.



### **SENIORS WEEK**

Vintage lamps took pride of place at the Nambour



Museum during Seniors Week from 17 August. Other unusual and fascinating lighting items also of interest to those who visited the museum included road work lamps, lanterns and lamps made out of re-cycled items. Volunteer Dennis Sempf and other volunteers spent many hours cleaning and arranging the lamps. Denis is one of the museum's valued volunteers. He said since he retired he had time to spare to help out at the museum whenever he can.

# Operation Bulimba painting

A painting with special significance for the Nambour Museum, depicting Operation Bulimba fought in 1942, was presented to its president Clive Plater recently.\_ Mr Plater said at the 2/15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Remembrance Club's annual reunion lunch, Operation Bulimba veteran and the club's president, Mr Gordon Wallace, presented the painting to

the Nambour Museum. The painting depicts Corporal H F McLachlan of the 2/15<sup>th</sup> Battalion winning the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) in Operation Bulimba which took place on 1 September, 1942, near Tel el Eisa, Egypt. "The Nambour Museum is a 'good home' for the battalion's memorabilia," Mr Wallace said.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Annual memberships are due. Thanks to those who have paid, and also to those yet to pay. Receipts can be collected from the museum.



<u>Upcoming events:</u> 30th November is the **10**<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Moreton Mill closure, 10am-3pm. Please distribute attached flyer to friends and please support us on that day. **Phone Fay Thorogood, 5441 1831, if you know of any schools or groups that would like to visit the museum. Newsletter news to Jeanette Morrison, publicity officer 54764105 jeanette.morrison@bigpond.com.**