

Nambour and District Historical Museum Newsletter for January, February, March 2014

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With all the excitement [and stress] of the Mill Day along with all our redevelopment connected with the Coles opening behind us, I am looking forward to a less demanding year. We are back at work on the Shay. We are in the last year of our funding so I am hopeful of having it finished by November for a possible open day then. We are also trying a month of extra opening hours of 1pm to 4pm Wednesday to Saturday to see if it is worthwhile now that we have more public exposure. Thanks to all those members who are finding the extra time to run this trial. Cheers Clive

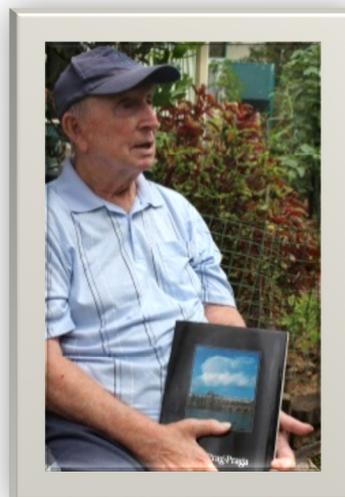
COLLECTOMANIA IN BRISBANE

The current Queensland Museum's Collectomania display in Brisbane features objects owned by Nambour and district hoarders. About 1.2 million people are expected to view these beloved items. In a special section dedicated to the Sunshine Plantation's Big Pineapple, items came from the collections of former long-time employees Dot Fruscalzo and Patricia Sanda. Dot and Patricia joined with museum member Noelene Hughes, and Kerry Brown, author of *Our Sweetest Icon: Sunshine Plantation's Big Pineapple 1971-2011*, at the official close of the display. The Nambour Museum also shared items from its collection of Big Pineapple memorabilia.



JOURNEYS. QUEENSLAND HERITAGE MONTH

Many stories of the diverse and very challenging personal journeys will make up the Journeys' display that is the special feature at the Nambour Museum's Open Day on 12 April, to coincide with Queensland Heritage Month. The display will feature for the month of April. The museum



houses memorabilia featuring the many remarkable efforts of some of the district's pioneers and elder citizens, some who are still alive, who settled the area, many travelling thousands of miles from across the world and these stories are for all to read. One includes the journey of Jim Benescovsky who was born in Czechoslovakia. The open day is from 10am-4pm, admission \$4, refreshments are available throughout the day. Bring and buy stall and raffle. It will also be an opportunity to look at the many displays at the museum including many new ones, and the locos, including the cosmetically being restored Shay.

HOW TO DO ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

A series of four workshops by Jan Partridge 0438 701 581, on how to do oral history will be conducted from Monday 3 February, 9–1am at Buderim for U3A members. Later in the year these will be repeated for Genealogy Sunshine Coast and open to all comers.

Jan will be interviewing a member of Genealogy Sunshine Coast, on Saturday, 8 February, 11am-noon at Petrie Park Road, Nambour, following the general meeting. This will be done in front of attendees to allow people to see how it is done (good and the bad).

RAFFLE RESULTS DRAWN ON GOVERNOR'S VISIT

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ABC.NET.AU/OPEN

A story and photo of a special object, an old billy cart exhibited in the museum, has been recorded on the ABC Open website. Have a look for yourselves.

<https://open.abc.net.au/projects/object-stories-29ff4ez/contributions/an-old-billy-cart-98bi5it>

NEW OPENING HOURS

The museum is now open from Wednesday to Saturday from 1–4pm which means more volunteers are needed to assist in whatever ways they can.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST HERITAGE WEEKEND

Genealogy Sunshine Coast is holding a heritage weekend on 8/9 March from 9am-3pm at the Genealogy Resource Centre, Petrie park Road, Nambour at the end of the car park opposite the swimming pool. All welcome. Heritage displays will be part of the weekend, including one from Nambour Museum, and there will be people who can help with genealogy questions. 07 5441 4266 or genealogysc@gmail.com.

GROUP BOOKINGS

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

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