



Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society Inc.

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June Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends,

So much has changed since the March Newsletter. Covid-19 descended on the world and Australia. We on Coochie learned to go out only when necessary, to understand social distancing, and to change a whole range of other activities to suit the new health regulations to combat the virus. The Redland City Council requested day-trippers to carefully consider their decision to visit Coochie with patchy success. Our clubs and associations went into time-out; the beach became out of bounds; working parents had to school their children at home; shopping became a problem for many and most of us experienced some personal regrets at not being able to see loved ones, go to a wedding or attend a funeral. We were well served by Curlew Café and Oasis on Coochiemudlo with takeaway meals and the provision of groceries to purchase. Now as the regulations are beginning to change, I hope you feel confident in emerging from the lock down and on a lighter note I am sure you are very capable of measuring 1.5 metres from others.

Keith Stebbins has resigned as Vice President and member of the Management Committee of the Heritage Society. Keith plans to continue his contribution to the Society with the many projects he has in mind. We thank Keith for his hard work and achievements for the Society over the years including representing the Society's interest to the Redland City Council, networking with the organisations on Coochie as well as the many practical and time consuming jobs such as seeing the banners through to fruition.

What's been happening

1. **Open Morning at History Room**

In early March we were able to hold an Open Morning when Denise Foley, a founding member of the Society talked about how property development has evolved over the decades including the impact of when electricity came to Coochiemudlo Island.

2. **Gift of Paintings**

We mentioned in the March newsletter the paintings of local artists held by June Outteridge donated by her daughter, Lynne Musgrove, and grandson, Bruce. They have been hung in the room adjacent to the library and we thank Keith Stebbins, Bruce Sowter, Chris Leonard, and Jackson Rima for a very professional job overseen by Trudy as shown in Keith's photo where Bruce is putting the final touches.



3. **Emails to members**

We hope you were able to become more familiar with the Heritage Society's website from the emails Christine Leonard sent to you as we tried to stay in touch.

4. **Communications**

It is difficult to find words to express the work that Christine has put into the development of the Society's website. She says that she started with little knowledge

5. of how to carry out the task, yet we now have a wonderful place where we find local Heritage Society's news and much to interest us about Coochie and its past.

<https://www.coochiemudloheritage.org.au/>.

We are pleased to report that Peter Wear has agreed to continue the development of the website and other digital communication activities.

What's on soon

The lock down has prevented us to continue the activities that were scheduled in the last Newsletter. We missed the opportunity to celebrate our 20th Birthday but you will be pleased to know that we will celebrate our 21st birthday next year. The important Emerald Fringe Workshop will also take place next year. We still hope to be able to have the boat trip from Coochiemudlo focussed on Quandamooka history and Moreton Bay but perhaps not this year. We will keep you informed of these activities as the year progresses.

1. **Saturday, June 27 and Tuesday June 30**

Open Mornings Community Hall 10:00am – Noon

There will be an opportunity to view the paintings donated by June's family and look at the banners Keith Stebbins has been instrumental in creating on such topics as WW11 Landing Craft training on Coochiemudlo, 'Our Emerald Fringe' and Heritage Walking Map, the Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society activities, Coochiemudlo's development timeline, early settlers, flora, sea creatures, birds and mangrove forest.

Along with the paintings and banners you could check out the marmalade cutter, donated by Michael and Barbara Gregory, the glass given to Denise Foley when the water was turned on for Coochie from North Stradbroke Island and the old tools recently donated by Stan and Julie Harris. Social distancing regulations will apply.

2. **Sunday, July 19**

Flinders' Day Landing Re-enactment Norfolk Beach from about 11.15

The Flinders' Day landing re-enactment will go ahead on Flinders' Beach with appropriate social distancing regulations. People may wish to gather from about 11.15 am to witness a low-key re-enactment that will focus on the landing and sextant reading which will be done at 11:52 precisely when the sun is at its zenith. This annual event is held with respect to indigenous culture and history.

- 3 **Sunday, September 13**

The Heritage Society 20th AGM Community Hall 10:00 – 11:30

We have planned the meeting to begin at 10:00 and serve a light morning tea afterwards so we can comply with any social distancing rules in place.

As per the constitution all positions will be declared vacant so please give some thought to joining the committee. For more information do call me on 3820 8410 or Christine on 0422 002 667.

Help needed

If any members would like to interview or write a short story about a long time Island resident or a memorable incident or event please let the secretary, Christine, know. Timing is flexible.

If you would like to assist in any of our activities, you will be most welcomed.

Jan MacIntyre,
President