

Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society

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Dear Members,

The General Meeting was held at Pullen Place on 21 February. New members Trevor and Diane Gillham, Annie Jamieson and Ian Rowland attended, plus the Committee (Margaret Walker, Ted Jones and David Paxton) and Superintendent John Hopgood (Chairman of Queensland Police Legacy, who owns Pullen Place).

John explained plans to develop the site for legatee families. Cottages will be built, the Hall will be restumped and developed as a cafeteria, and the connection between the cottage and the hall will be removed. The shed will be developed for recreation and a swimming pool built. Work should begin shortly. John took us on a tour of the buildings. It is good of Police Legacy to give us access to the buildings. As a token of thanks, the Society presented Police Legacy with a selection of books.

A bingo night at the Hall has been suggested. Anyone like to organise same/similar? Please get in touch.

For your information, here is a list of Members. In respect of family members, only two names are listed, for convenience:

Life Members Carolyn and Lindsay Brammer Delphine and Thomas Marsh Denise Foley Burns Lorraine and Robyn Dixon Margaret Walker Merle Beckett Ted Jones Yvonne and Des Peters Financial members 2003/4 Rosemary Opala Stephen de Weger Norman and Maureen Birbeck Mark Richards Annette Storey Joy Fritz Denise Preston Jan Romeo Barbara and Jeff Larsen Ivan and Anne Holm Martin Screen David and Ellen Paxton Joe Begley family	Honorary Members Bern Cuthbertson John Pearn Financial members 2004/5 Ian Rowland Trevor and Diane Gillham Bobbe and Ray Stephens Annie Jamieson Maurine and Bill Bradby Fred and Connie Toomer Gary and Maxine Morganson Viv and Denise Wright Peter and Jan Buechse Stan and Julie Harris Elaine Fraser
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On 5 April, A/President and Secretary met with the Mayor Don Seccombe and Cr Peter Dowling and discussed options for a cultural heritage facility. They agreed to visit the Island in the near future with an architect/engineer to look at options to service the general community.

The Society stall at the Easter Markets was successful. Special thanks are due to Denise Preston and Annie Jamieson for helping the Committee to run the stall. We cleared about \$110 from \$16.60 donations for the dinghy (see below) and the sale of

books, after remittance to the authors. *Chronicles of Coochiemudlo* is out of print and it is desirable that they be updated and reprinted. The most cost effective way to do this may be to publish excerpts as a series, or to obtain a grant (\$14,000 would be needed) for a full reprint. Professor John Pearn, the copyright holder, has been asked to comment.

Training Ship *Norfolk* (of the Royal Australian Navy) has handed over its 75+ year old clinker rowing dinghy to the Island community. The dinghy is now (courtesy of Rob Virtue) under cover at the Sailing School. A boat wright has estimated cost of renovation at \$2,800 not including voluntary labour. Lt Commander Tony Russell of the TS *Norfolk* has requested that the Society take formal ownership of the dinghy. The Society has applied for a Community Development Grant from Redland Shire Council. The dinghy will be available for Flinders Day celebrations, other community purposes, and will be on public display when not in use. Anyone wishing to donate time or money towards its restoration, please let us know. We shall have to think of a name for it too – any ideas?

Energex has given permission for the spring cart to be put on display within their depot perimeter. However we have first to consult with the Cobb and Co Museum.

The Coochie Art Group has kindly donated \$300 to the Society. We are considering using some of these funds to “package” artefacts for presentation to other groups on the Island.

Many thanks to Keith Slack for copies of the 1885 map of the Island, to Lenore Smith for copies of the Alfred Grant advertisement of the Golden Sands estate (1962), to someone who dropped off the gravestone for “Tabby” who died in 1962 and to Camrin Reeve who donated a craft loom hand built on the Island in 1945. Anyone who knows how to assemble this, please get in touch. Joy Fritz has taken on the rather large task of updating the display material. Julie Howe has donated some decades-old fishing magazines and nautical bric-a-brac.

The Society will have a stall at the Annual Fair to be held by the Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies at Mt Gravatt on 30 May. If you would like to be involved, please let us know. It should be a fun day, with some 55 stalls being manned.

Barbara Larsen is writing Ted Jones’ oral history. On behalf of the Society she attended a one day workshop held by the Oral History Association in Bulimba on 17 April.

Fund raising organisers wanted! A progressive dinner has been mooted.

Margaret Walker
Acting President