



Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society Inc.

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December 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear members and friends,

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and the very best for 2019. The following is an update of the Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society recent activities:

1. **Care for Country 18/19th Aug:**— Another entertaining and informative weekend was spent at 'Mudlo' courtesy of Carolyn Brammer where the Quandamooka displayed many crafts and entertained the visitors.
2. **New Barge ramp opened 24th Aug:**— Denise Foley saw her dreams realised once more when the new ramp was opened. Denise had stood for a councillor's position to have a new ramp built many years ago, so she was delighted to be invited to open the latest barge ramp supported by Mayor Karen Williams and Deputy Mayor Lance Hewlett.



The Quandamooka dancers.



Denise Foley opening the new barge ramp

3. **Aerial view of Coochiemudlo 29th Aug:**— The History section of the Redlands Library asked if the Heritage Society would like a large aerial photo of Coochiemudlo to display in the Community Hall. We are submitting a RCC grant to have coreflute backing for the photo.
4. **ANZAC Sign 14th Sep:**— The information sign for the Doug and Mary Morton ANZAC Park was prepared and mounted in the park with the assistance of Christopher Leonard.



Christine Leonard with the aerial photo of Coochiemudlo at the Redlands Library



The ANZAC sign

5. **Fauna Heritage walk 29th Sep:-** David Paxton and Chris Walker led a group of interested islanders and visitors around the island bird watching and learning about the island's history.
6. **Delivery of new display cabinets for the History Room 5th Oct:-** The Brisbane Museum advertised the free supply of their old display cabinets to interested community groups, and on applying we collected two cabinets thanks to Chris Leonard and Bruce Sowter who collected the cabinets and set them up in the History Room.



David Paxton and Chris Walker leading the Island walk



Chris reversing onto the barge with the two new display cases in the back of his ute.

7. **Display of the new cabinets for the History Room 6th Oct:-** Bruce Sowter is preparing a display on Matthew Flinders in one cabinet and on Coochiemudlo Island Early settlers in the second cabinet.
8. **The Heritage Society Annual General Meeting 21st Oct:-** The new committee was appointed and special thanks was given to David Paxton who is having a well deserved rest from the committee, but who will be assisting the committee as required. Graeme Beedell gave a most informative talk on building his Shirely St home from containers after the AGM.



Chris Leonard and Bruce Sowter setting up the new display cases in the History Room.



Committee members and friends farewelling David Paxton at the AGM

9. **Australia Day Banner 9th Nov:-** David Paxton, Bruce Sowter and Keith Stebbins prepared a draft Australia Day banner that was endorsed by the committee to be used for the next year's Australia Day. It was prepared on-line by Officeworks.
10. **Armistice Day 11th Nov:-** There was a good turnout for the 100th memorial of the end of World War 1 at the new ANZAC 'Place of Reflection' on Main Beach.



*Bruce Sowter with the new
Australia Day Banner.*



The Armistice Day service.

- 11. Heritage Society website:-** The Society website is up and running and can be viewed on <https://www.coochiemudloheritage.org.au/>. Please have a look through it. The photo gallery is building and other documents are also being added in the digital collection. If you have interesting photos or stories of Coochiemudlo please contact the committee so we can include them for everyone to enjoy.

Members and volunteers to assist in any of our 2019 activities are welcomed with open arms.

Keith Stebbins, President