



Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society Inc.

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April 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear members and friends,

The Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society continues to provide interesting and informative sessions on our island's history and heritage:

What's on:

1. Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Maps:

Date: 10 am Saturday 11th May

Presenters: Keith Slack and Rae Wear

Venue: History Room Community Hall.

Keith Slack and Rae Wear are giving a talk on the many different maps of Coochiemudlo Island and what we can learn from them.

2. Saturday 29th June 10 am – author of Bananas Bullfrogs and Boarding School

Date: 10 am Saturday 29th June

Presenter: Marie-Louise Potter

Venue: History Room Community Hall.

Marie-Louise will talk about her parents moving to Coochiemudlo in 1944 and growing up on Coochiemudlo island. Copies of her delightful book will be on sale and Marie-Louise will sign copies of her book after her talk.

3. Matthew Flinders Dinner

Date: 6 pm Saturday 13th July

Organised by: Coochiemudlo Heritage Society

Venue: Community Hall.

The Heritage Society will hold its annual Matthew Flinders' Landing Dinner in the Community Hall. Tickets at \$30 (same as last year) which covers a beautiful buffet meal and table wine will be available in the near future from Christine Leonard (M 0422002667), Denise Preston (M 0418155982) and Keith Stebbins (M 0417792831) and possibly other committee members. This is a very popular function and as numbers will be capped to 64 (8 tables of 8) you would be wise to arrange a table with friends and get your ticket orders in early so you don't miss out! The committee will also put a call out for assistance with food as in the past. This contribution makes it possible to keep the Society's activities to minimum costs whilst funding the necessary expenses that come up throughout the year.

4. **Matthew Flinders Day:**

Date: all day Sunday 21st July

DON'T MISS!! The highlights of this day are the re-enactment of Matthew Flinders landing on the 19th July 1799 at Norfolk Beach, a parade including floats that compete for the annual shield, the market, and various performing groups.

What's been on:

5. **Saturday 16th March 6.00 pm - Matthew Flinders birthday wine and cheese evening at the Community Hall.**

Peter Ludlow, a noted Moreton Bay historian, gave a presentation on the history of Peel Island that included information on Rosemary Opala, a noted resident of Coochiemudlo and former a nurse on Peel Island. Items of Rosemary's art are on display in the History room such as her art on the original Melaleuca Wetlands sign (part is illustrated on the left), as well as a painting, pottery and a needlework picture.



Peter Ludlow addressing members and friends on Peel Island's history.



Matthew Flinders' delicious 245th birthday cake kindly donated by Woolworths Victoria Point.



Peter Ludlow cutting the Matthew Flinders birthday cake



Denise Preston organised a sumptuous birthday feast. Bruce Sowter, Denise Preston, Christine Leonard & Herb Golightly ensured everyone had ample food and drinks.

6. Sunday 17th March Coochiemudlo Island BAY FM Main Beach 'Beach Party':

Bay FM transmitted from Coochiemudlo Island and Carolyn Brammer organised many activities for residents and children. The Heritage Society displayed books and the Heritage walking maps were very popular.



Josh Walker and Quandamooka performers at the Bay FM stall



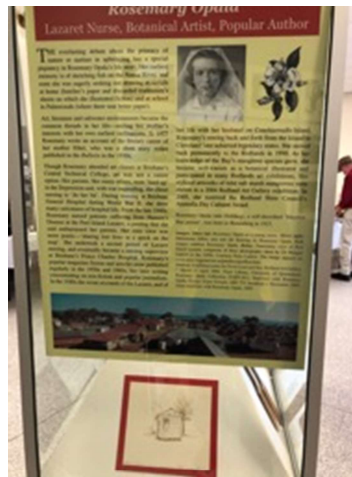
David Paxton at the Heritage stall during the Bay FM day

7. Sunday 24th March – Redlands Museum Heritage and Harmony Day:

David Paxton, Annette Drennan, Bruce Sowter and Keith Stebbins set up a Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society stand at the Redlands Museum in Cleveland.



The day's program



The Rosemary Opala stand



The Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society stall represented by David Paxton, Annette Drennan, Keith Stebbins and Bruce Sowter



There were many interesting stalls and entertaining performances.

8. 5th, 10th and 11th April – Cross Country Tours visit Coochie

David, Herb and Keith hosted three bus tours around the Island. After lunch the visitors visited the History Room where Christine showed tourists the items on display. The average size of the groups is about 16 visitors. Cross Country Tours have been visiting Coochie for several years and the Society has always acted as group host and guide around the Island. This activity earns a small income for the Society in that CC Tours are now paying \$5 per head funds which help the administration 'coffers'.

9. 13th April – Margrit and Dennis Lack's talk

Margrit and Dennis spoke of their time on Coochiemudlo over the past 23 years from their visit in 1996 through to today. Margrit spoke of the importance and personal enrichment in learning about the native plants and invasive weeds on the island and revealed that over time through her involvement with groups such as Bush Care she has arranged the planting of over 6,000 native plants on the island. Dennis spoke of his enjoyment in working on artistic projects such as the 'Our Vision for Coochiemudlo Island' poster project.



Dennis and Margrit giving their talk



Some of those who enjoyed Dennis and Margrit's talk



'Our Vision for Coochiemudlo Island' poster project displayed in the background.



Christine Leonard introduced Dennis and Margrit

Members and volunteers who are interested in assisting in any 2019 activities are welcomed with open arms. We will be planning some working bees to catalogue and scan documents in the Society's collection and so volunteers will be especially welcome. Don't forget to check out the Society's website on <https://www.coochiemudloheritage.org.au/>.

The Society also has books of local authors for sale. These are described on the website. Check it out and put an order in via the Society email below.

Membership forms are also available from Society Secretary, Christine Leonard via email: coochieheritagesociety@gmail.com

Keith Stebbins, President