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CFHRG Newsletter

August edition 2023:

Welcome to the last month of **WINTER**. Our members who attend the Club Rooms on a regular basis can attest to how cold they have been some days. However, all the **chatter** and a **hot brew** soon changes that. We currently have around 14 members who attend the Club on a regular basis across the 3 days we are open. We have also had a couple of member of the Public drop in during July to get some help/guidance with their Family Research.

June/July has been a very busy time for several of our club members as we prepared for the **Village Heritage Day** held on Saturday 22nd July. **Sue** and **Helen** have invested many hours looking for information, photos, trolling through BDM records and Trove gathering what they could about as many Families as they could find as part of the **Founding Families Project**. They then printed and bound this information and Sue created large scale posters that were attached to blackboard style boards (supplied by the Village) which were scattered throughout the Village on the day as a way of enticing people to come visit the Club rooms to find out more. Due to the large number of these posters needed to be displayed they had to be attached to the boards on Friday and then covered with plastic to protect them from moisture overnight.

Sue, Jane and Helen working on covering the finished boards with plastic painters drop sheets. The boards were heavy and needed to be moved several times through the process. The area under the roof was cleaned and our tables and chairs were taken from the shed and needed cleaning.



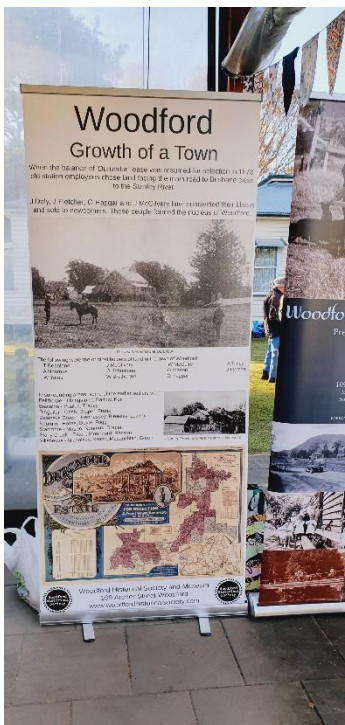
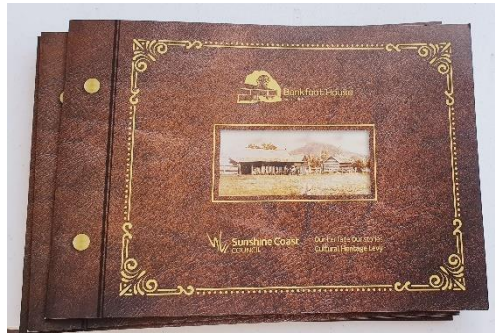
Binders containing Family Information

Carrie and Bev

Selling Books, Drinks, Raffle



As part of this day we invited several Clubs and Groups to join us and help to promote this Region. We hosted, Woodford Historical Society, History Redcliffe, Sunshine Coast Regional Council featuring BANKFOOT HOUSE, Karen Wallwork Beachmere Author, Peachester History Committee. Set up started at 6am then a quick break for morning tea and a hot cuppa before the Venue opened to the public at 9am. We had a steady flow of people visit throughout the early part of the day. Some related to families that we featured and some who now live in the area and just wanted a little information about the Region. One couple were attracted because they live on Ulhmann Coast Road and had wondered about the name.



Emma from Sunshine Coast Council gave our Club a copy of the History of Bankfoot House

Karen Wallwork presented our Club with a copy of her books.

THANK-YOU to both for these books

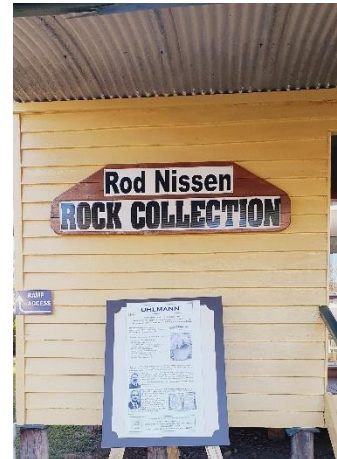
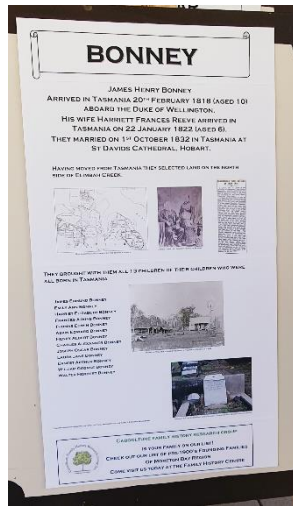


CABOOLTURE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP

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Some of our boards and the Grand Parade from Heritage Day



A big thank-you to the members who assisted on Heritage Day without your help the day would not have happened.

We raised \$222.50 on the day. The raffles on the day, one year free membership Won by Renee a member and the painting donated by David Bennion won by a very excited Leon who came back to the Village to collect his prize.

The **FOUNDING FAMILIES PROJECT** is an ongoing Project and we will continue to collate information about these families and the impact that they had on the formation of our town and region. If anyone has any information/photos that they are willing to share please get in touch.

We are now asking our members if anyone is willing to assist with this project. Helen is happy to do spreadsheets but, she need the research on these families to be undertaken by our members. This will involve searching eg: records, BDM, Trove, in an effort to get as much info about their lives and families as possible. If you would like to help but are unsure of what to do please get intouch and we will give you some guidelines.

Moving forward with this project it is our plan to feature a couple of Families in each edition of our Newsletter. Our first 2 are **Richard (DICK) BAKER** 'Beachmere' and the **John BELL Jr** land owner of 'Bellmere' from 1867.

BAKER

RICHARD (DICK) BAKER

RICHARD BAKER WAS BORN IN HOARSTONE HOUSE, BEWDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND IN 1865 TO WILLIAM AND MARY BAKER.



ACCORDING TO ASSISTED IMMIGRATION 1848-1912 INFORMATION, BAKER AND HIS BROTHER DEPARTED ENGLAND FOR AUSTRALIA ON THE 'DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM' AND DISEMBARKED IN COOKTOWN, QUEENSLAND IN JANUARY 1884. HIS BROTHER, GEORGE, DIED 2 MONTHS LATER OF TYPHOID FEVER.

A BUTCHER BY TRADE, DICK MADE HIS WAY SOUTH, WORKING IN BRISBANE BEFORE MOVING TO THE PINE RIVERS - CABOOLTURE AREA.

IN 1899, DICK OBTAINED A SLAUGHTERING LICENSE AND ESTABLISHED A BUTCHERY BUSINESS IN CABOOLTURE.

HE MARRIED MARY JOSEPHINE McDERMOTT AND TOGETHER THEY HAD 8 CHILDREN:

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| WILLIAM HENRY BAKER | ELSIE MABEL BAKER | STANLEY EDWARD BAKER |
| RICHARD BAKER (JR) | IVY MAUD BAKER | JOHN DAVID BAKER |
| ARTHUR CLEMENT BAKER | GEORGE VINCENT BAKER | |

DICK WENT ON TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS BUSINESSES IN CABOOLTURE, MORAYFIELD, AND BEACHMERE.



IN 1906 BAKER USED THOS. O'CONNOR, SURVEYORS, TO SUBDIVIDE A SECTION OF 152 ACRES OF BEACHFRONT LAND INTO RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, WHICH SOLD OVER A TWENTY-YEAR PERIOD. THIS SUBDIVISION WAS TO FORM THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BEACHMERE. SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN BEACHMERE FAMILIES ARE LISTED ON HIS CERTIFICATE OF TITLE. MANY BLOCKS BOUGHT BY WOMEN.



REFERENCE: 'BEACHMERE REVISITED' PAGE 214 BY M. WALLINGRA - 1988 - 211

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BELL

JOHN BELL JR (AGED 20 YEARS) DEPARTED
LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND
WITH HIS MOTHER JANE (AGED 63) AND SISTER, SUSAN FRANCES (FANNY) AGED 23
ON 22ND MARCH 1863 ABOARD THE
"S.S. CAIRNGORM" BOUND FOR AUSTRALIA.



JOHN BELL WAS KNOWN TO BE AN AMBITIOUS YOUNG MAN. HIS SELECTIONS COMMENCED IN 1865 WITH THE ORIGINAL PORTIONS 52 AND 53 WHICH WAS PRESUMABLY THE ALLOCATION WITH HIS SISTER FANNY'S LAND ORDER ENTITLEMENTS.

HE CONTINUED WITH HIS LAND SELECTIONS AND SELECTED PORTION 54 ON 3RD MAY 1869. THE AREA OF 54 WAS 54 ACRES AND WAS DESCRIBED AS 24 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, WITH THE BALANCE OF 30 ACRES BEING CLASSIFIED AS FIRST-CLASS PASTORAL LAND.



JOHN BELL HOMESTEAD - BELLMERE - 1867

THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR PORTION 54 WAS 8 POUNDS 5 SHILLING AND WAS PAID IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1869	1 POUND 7 SHILLINGS
1870	1 POUND 7 SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE
1871	1 POUND 13 SHILLINGS
1872	1 POUND THIRTEEN SHILLINGS
1873	1 POUND SIXTEENS SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE

JOHN BELL HAD ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL AT "BELLMERE" BUT IT WAS NOT TO LAST INTO LATE LIFE. AN ACCIDENT ON 10TH NOVEMBER 1903 TOOK HIS LIFE AT 61 YEARS OF AGE. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED IN "PIONEER DAYS" BY THE CABOOLTURE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN 1974.

JOHN BELL - CABOOLTURE PIONEER
The photograph of the original Bell homestead at Bellmere, with groups of sheep grazing along the pine fence, appears genuine but was probably in a rare. A related cutting from an old newspaper, written in 1870, is also in the collection, and appears to be the original photograph of the homestead. It is presumed that the group which was last seen in the homestead was the group which was last seen in the homestead. The photograph of the homestead is a rare and valuable record of the early days of settlement in the district. It is a record of the early days of settlement in the district. It is a record of the early days of settlement in the district.

AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, JOHN BELL OWNED A TOTAL OF 442 ACRES OF LAND. AS A COMPARISON OF VALUES, PORTION 54 SELECTED IN 1869 AT THE COST OF 8 POUNDS FIVE SHILLINGS WAS VALUED IN HIS ESTATE AT 81 POUNDS. THE FOLLOWING LIVESTOCK VALUES APPEARED IN THE ESTATE VALUATION.

- 5 HORSES VALUED AT 4 POUNDS EA
- 70 CATTLE VALUED AT 2 POUNDS 10 SHILLINGS EA
- 16 PIGS VALUED AT 15 SHILLINGS EA
- POULTRY VALUED AT 3 POUNDS



THE HEADSTONE AT THE CABOOLTURE CEMETERY, PINE ST, CABOOLTURE, QLS, AUSTRALIA

INFORMATION USED COMPILED FROM PAMELA BELL EATON

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Presidents Report

Hello Members

Heritage Day 2023

I just wanted to say that since I became President, the Committee and I have been extremely busy preparing for the 'Heritage Day' at the Village. As we were given the opportunity to be a major part of the Historical Content for the day, it has highlighted the fact that the information that we hold within our Library and the knowledge base of our members both past and present, is of enormous importance not only to us but to the Village.

We have been able to provide family details for approx. 30 of our 'Founding Families' list which grows steadily by the day. Many of these families will be linked together by marriage over a number of generations and this truly demonstrates how our small settlement of Caboolture and surrounding districts became a thriving community so quickly. There are many of our 'Founding Families' who settled and had between 10 and 16 children who in turn had similar numbers of children. These spread far and wide and became important members of the community in both Caboolture and in the entire Moreton Bay Regions which until the individual shires were founded was from Point Danger to Noosa and west to the Great Dividing Range. We will be continuing with 'Founding Families' as a long-term project for our group and will hold an information session on how we are finding and handling the information and what we intend to do with it as we move forward. I would encourage all members to take an interest in this project and see if there is anything that you may be able to do to assist in the project.

The 'Heritage Day' has been successful from the Village's perspective and will go on again next year. This will give us a full year to prepare more information and develop other ideas to help us engage with our community and expound the benefits of our organisation.

I would like to say a huge 'thank-you' to Helen Eaton for her incredible effort in helping collate data for 'Heritage Day' and to Alison Algate for her amazing help in preparing everything for the day. A big 'thank-you' for all the members who came to help and support our efforts on the day and I thank-you very much. We are a small group but with luck and some more promotion, hopefully our numbers will grow. Well done everyone.

August is History Month

We are going to participate in the Moreton Bay Regional Council History 360 and will open our Rooms on the same day that they are holding their 'Unlocking The Queensland Prisons Museum' event in the Village which is on Saturday 2nd September. We will open from 9am till 2pm as this event has 2 sessions.

We are also looking for ideas to help promote our group 'History Month'. The MBRC are more than happy for us to participate further during this week-long event. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on what we could do.

Patron

We have approached Councillor Mark Booth to be our Patron for our Group. He is a very keen family historian himself and a member of a 'Founding Family'. I am meeting with him this week to try and persuade him to take on the role and help us promote our group within the Caboolture Region. We will also be looking for some assistance in applying for several types of funding and are hoping that he may be able to put us in touch with someone who can help us in this area.

Well, I think that is all for now. I do hope that you enjoy this Month's Newsletter.

Sue.



Screenshot from
Facebook

Great for anyone
who wants to
order certificates

AUGUST is FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Perhaps members could drop into the Club and update us on their research.

Have you made any exciting discoveries?

Solved any mysteries?

Found a missing relative via DNA?

Shot a Family Story full of Holes?

We would love to hear from you.



A quick reminder as I am currently working on putting together an edition of Hindsight for the Spring – September, If any members have a particular item, story or article that they would like to put forward for the Edition could they either email it to the Club or drop in to the Club rooms and pass it on.



FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE \$2 per ticket

FIRST PRIZE \$50.

SECOND PRIZE \$25.

To all our members and their families we wish the following



A couple of reasons to celebrate with **CAKE**, 2 of our members with a Birthday on the same day, *Jane and Jacki*, and on Saturday *Janet* and her wonderful family chose to all meet up for a picnic lunch in front of the Club House during the Heritage Day Celebrations. *Janet* also popped in to the Club on Monday and Wednesday and yes there was **CAKE** to share with fellow members.

One of our feature boards on Heritage Day was Morayfield State School and we were given this flyer. The Headmaster of this school from 1916-1931 Daniel John Collins was the Grandfather of our member Beryl Collins late husband.

Morayfield State School was designed by Richard George Suter and built by Robert Monteith who won the tender. For £265 the Teaching Building and the Head Teacher's residence were constructed. Opened 4th August in 1873 as Caboolture National School. By December of that year 34 children were on the School Roll.

Info from Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia.

The need for a school was first addressed by William Geddes Snr and constructed on land donated by Capt Claudius Buchanan Whish.

Information obtained for The Geddes Mystery by Brian Jones.

MORAYFIELD STATE SCHOOL
150TH ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2023

STARTING AT 09:00AM **EVENT COMMENCES** Join us for a wonderful morning of celebration.

STARTING AT 09:30AM **SCHOOL TOURS** Commencing at 9:30am and running again at 10:30am, 11:30am and 12:30pm.

STARTING AT 10:00AM **OPENING CEREMONY** Welcome to Country, unveiling of 150th mural, cake cutting, official speeches.

STARTING AT 11:00AM **ROLL CALL** Past staff and students roll call through the decades for photos and connection.

STARTING AT 12:15PM **TIME CAPSULE COLLATION** Items added to our time capsule to be opened in 2048.

STARTING AT 12:45PM **CLOSING** Thank you and good afternoon.

Cash and EFTPOS available on the day

*Memorabilia for sale - pins \$10 *History on display

*Buy a commemorative paver \$30

*Devonshire Tea *School Tours *Coffee Van

*Burgers BBQ *Plant stall *Photo Booth

For more information please contact MSS P&C Association by emailing 150years@morayfieldss.eq.edu.au

We have given the Village and Saskia some feedback about the Heritage Day, both positive and negative. For an inaugural event it was very well put together and Saskia is already working towards a bigger and better event in July next year.



Sprung catching a little nap late on Friday Afternoon while waiting for a late arrival. This Lady has pushed herself to the limit to ensure that everything was perfect for Heritage Day.

No we did not wake her but the Train racing in the background did.

Saskia and her team deserve a big thank-you for their efforts



As we farewell the last month of Winter with warmer day ahead except for those dreaded Ekka Westerly's we can also reflect on the fact that 6 months of 2023 has slipped/slid/skidded/raced by.

As of today 31st July there are 147 days till Christmas, and if we are lucky 1 month till the shops start putting out the Christmas cards and baubles for us to buy, they seem to be doing this earlier and earlier every year.

To each and every one, members and their families and loved ones a safe, happy and healthy August.