



Australia Day Honours

Deirdre Hargreaves is the proud recipient of an Order of Australia (OAM) announced in the Australia Day honours list. As well as a member of the Redland Museum Management Committee, Deirdre recently organised the installation of our lovely new gardens. She is also a volunteer with other community groups in the Redland community. Well done Deirdre!



Australia Day Plays



Excited audience members arrived at the museum in anticipation of our annual Australia Day plays, presented by local theatre group 'Mates Theatre Genesis' and ably hosted by the Redland Museum.

This year's format saw the main meal served under the stars prior to the play. This new meal arrangement, along with the air conditioned events room was very well received. Jan Banks once again sourced a variety of beautiful raffle prizes. Along with compliments about the dinner and, of course, the museum, patrons raved about the show, aptly named 'Australia Day'. Just how many audience members knew the second verse to our National Anthem??



Once again the 'museum machine' was in full throttle! Congratulations to the many hidden faces of our volunteers as their behind the scenes efforts ensured another successful series of shows.

What's On

March

4th Exhibition opening Jan Acton

7th General meeting

12th Rockabilly Revival

16th Management meeting

21st Harmony Day

April

4th General Meeting

13th Management Meeting

14th Good Friday

Gift shop News

Museum memorabilia including stubby holders, calico bags, notebooks and pens.

Handmade glass pendants

Knitted toys

Embrace Organic Tea

Books! Books! Books!

President's Notes

After two years in the making, we now have an updated Constitution. Well, nearly. Members voted at the February general meeting to pass the "Amended Edition 2017". We have sent it to the Office of Fair Trading for approval and registration. It will take effect from the date of this registration. Thank you to members who participated in the extensive consultation process.

Congratulations to Deirdre Hargreaves who recently received an OAM (Order of Australia Medal) for her community work.

The Australia Day play/dinner and the recent Valentine's Day high tea were fabulous occasions. High praise was given by our guests. Thank you to everyone involved in making these events so successful.

Welcome to our new members and Tara Young, our new Events Coordinator. As always, a huge thank you must go to our many volunteers who keep the museum running.

Sylvia



Happy 100th Birthday - Norm Austin

On the 21st January this year Norm celebrated his 100th birthday at Regis Aged in Sandgate, having relocated from the Redlands in March 2011.



Norm Austin was one of the co-founders of the Redland Museum, working in conjunction with the late Norm Dean. Norm served as Vice President from 1971 to 1999.

Gordon Davidson and Sandra Davis, both of whom worked with Norm over

the years, celebrated the birthday with Norm and presented him with a large birthday card signed by nineteen volunteers. Norm showed an impressive recall of past events connected to the

museum, in particular the construction of the first extensions, on which he worked. Norm's sense of humour also remains alive and well!

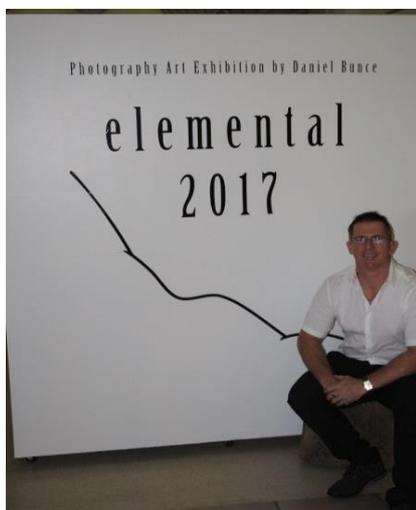
To find out more about Norm's amazing life and contribution to the museum and the Redland community, have a look at the comprehensive history which is on display in the museum.

Sandra Davis



Exhibitions

'elemental 2017' by Daniel Bunce



At the museum's first exhibition of 2017, guests were treated to a fascinating and emotive exhibition. Daniel Bunce has created very special artworks and photographic pieces designed to invite observers to be swept away with their thoughts and feelings. Daniel says that the concepts he worked on were nature based and inspired from ancient art and caves of



stone, combined with the human form. Special guests included Councillors Tracey Huges and Paul Bishop. Cr Bishop opened the exhibition and described Dan as passionate and enthusiastic with a special talent for photographic ingenuity. Daniel is a good friend to the museum and has contributed his technical skills to several past exhibitions including 'Redlanders Mementos from the Front', 'Wings over Redlands' and Violet Leona Kyling.



Vibrancy and Delicacy - Jan Acton

Saturday 4th March 4pm

The Redland Museum's next exhibition is a collection of vibrant Australian parrots among our native flora together with delicate watercolours of wildflowers painted around Wallaby Creek at Mt Cotton.

Jan's book 'Wildflowers of Wallaby Creek' will also be launched.

Please RSVP at admin@redlandmuseum.org.au or book online



Travels in Japan - Trevor Tindall



Seasoned explorer Trevor Tindall guided more than fifty members and guests through a delightful and informative journey of Japan. He relayed many amusing experiences from a naked encounter with the colourfully tattooed Japanese mafia (Yakuza) to the frequently elusive Mount Fuji.

Personal stories and lucky encounters brought Japan to life. We visualised an amusing story of bowing etiquette and how the correct acceptance of another person's business card established a type of pecking order. Other cultural descriptions included the history of the Sento, the Japanese public bath house and the more modern intricacies of operating a flush toilet. The Shinkansen or Bullet Train and various festivals including Cherry Blossom festival are essential Japanese experiences. There is also an expectation of participation when attending Karaoke bar, even if the St George Football Club theme song ('Saints go Marching') is the only available English track.

Trevor also gave great tips on transportation, accommodation expectations and the menu delights of open air restaurants suspended over natural waterways.

Trevor has a selection of books on Japan and Thailand available for purchase at the museum shop. More information can be found on his website www.trevortindall.com



The Redland Museum Social History Group volunteers are assembling a special display in the Events Room for Harmony Day.

Jan Banks and her textiles team will be showcasing a variety of beautiful quilts as well as a selection of dolls, in hand made international costumes. These special exhibits and their stories, contribute to our understanding of the diversity of cultures in the Redlands area.



Historically, women of the Redlands have been a driving force behind our cultural heritage. Ellie Durbidge, who sadly passed away in 2016, was an advocate for the preservation of Stradbroke Island's historical, natural and Indigenous cultural assets. The Pacific Islanders certainly had a voice in Redland's history, highlights of which will be seen in excerpts from 'Pacific Tides' exhibition, which forms part of the Harmony Day display. A range of books and resources from our own library will also be on display, and will complement the static display of Redland's history in the Rotary Wing.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

More than fifty guests were treated to a delightful morning tea at the museum for a special Valentine's Day. After exploring the museum, guests were greeted by beautifully decorated tables in the events room which was complemented by a special display of vintage Valentine's Day cards and trinkets. Guests were entertained by a wonderful nostalgic presentation full of history and memories with a Valentine's Day theme, including wedding photographs of lovebirds Ross and Kathy Bower and Judith and Trevor Potter.



Exquisite food prepared by our volunteers, included sweet treats, homemade scones as well as the obligatory cucumber sandwiches. The atmosphere was relaxed and cheerful as guests and volunteers were treated to an amazing rendition of love songs played beautifully by accomplished pianist Karen Henderson from Binary Music in Cleveland. Guests' voices also resonated through the room as Shirley celebrated her 80th Birthday. It was certainly a wonderful way to spend Valentine's Day.



Gift Shop News

Check out the exciting new items available for sale at the Museum shop.





Photo Gallery