

Newsletter



Opening hours: Every Sunday 10am – 2pm
Or by appointment.

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President's Patter

Hello everyone

It looks like things are starting to get back to normal. I hope you all had a good Easter and no one has been affected by the recent rains and Covid outbreaks. Visits from schools and respite centres are starting to happen again, only to be cancelled at the last minute because of the recent heavy rain. The museum will be closed to the public on April 25, Anzac Day.

Joan

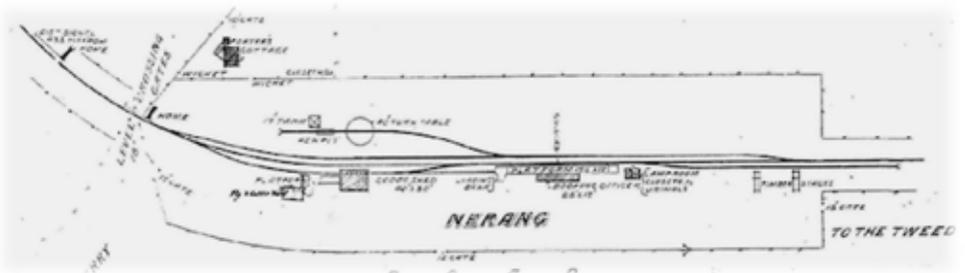
We are on Facebook and Instagram -
GC Hinterland Heritage Museum - please like us
and spread the word.

Due to the rising cost of postage = it has now gone up to \$1.10 - we would like to be able to email the newsletter to as many of our friends as possible. I know there are some of you who do not have email etc and that is fine. You will still get your newsletter as per usual. **If you receive our newsletter through the post but have an email address could you please send an email to info.gchmuseum@gmail.com and I will add you to the email list to receive the newsletter. Many thanks.**

Happenings around the Museum



The front of the Nerang Railway Station has had a make-over with the machinery relocated around the grounds of the museum.



1889 working diagram of Nerang Railway Station.



Peter came to check our native beehive.



Tom and Brian working on the double furrow plough.





Future projects – (above) restore this horse drawn sickle bar mower and (below) get the Ferguson tractor running



The recent rains at the Museum. Unfortunately, we had to close for the day to keep our visitors safe. Thanks to Pam & Neil for the photos.



Obituary Henry Carlton, B.A.

1917 'PERSONAL.', *The Brisbane Courier* (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), 28 February, p. 11. , viewed 10 Mar 2021, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article20154864>

Mr Henry Carlton, B.A., one of the oldest residents of Nerang, passed away on February 9, after a short illness, at his residence, Umpinido, Nerang. The late Mr Carlton (who last year changed his family name on account of the annoyance and inconvenience it had cause his children since the beginning of the war) was an Englishman, the eldest son of the late Rev. Henry Schneider M.A., Church of England rector of Carlton Scroop, Lincolnshire, England and was born in March 1843. He was educated at Magdalene College School and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he distinguished himself as a scholar and athlete, taking his degree and being a member of the winning crew in the Oxford versus Cambridge boat race in 1865. After leaving the university, Mr Carlton, being fired with stories of the wonderful doings in Australia, came to Queensland in the Young Australia in 1866, and settled with an old college friend at Birribi, Nerang. He was one of the pioneers of the sugar industry in the district and became an expert sugar boiler. About 1876 he became a surveyor and followed this profession to the time of his death. Deceased was one of the oldest justices of the peace in Queensland, having been sworn in in the early seventies. He was for many years president of the Southern Queensland and Border Agricultural Society and the Nerang School of Arts. He took a keen interest in the flora and entomology of the district and went on expeditions with the late Rev. B Schortechini, the late colonial botanist and Mr Henry Tryon. He was a member of the Surveyors' Institute and of the Royal Society since its inception. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family comprising one son (who left for the Front a few days before his father's death) and four daughters



Coolangatta is named after the schooner Coolangatta which wrecked between Kirra Beach and Bilinga Beach in 1846 during a storm. Government surveyor *Henry Schneider* named the area Coolangatta in 1883 while surveying the region.

<https://www.brownsigns.net.au/beach/coolangatta-beach/>



This plaque is located Broadwater parkland, Gold Coast Highway, Southport

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/landscape/settlement/display/96045-q150-gps-mark->

Q150 (1859 – 2009) GPS Mark

Celebrating 150 years of surveying and providing a spatial future in Queensland.

Oxford scholar *Henry Schneider* arrived in Queensland in 1866 'fired with stories of the wonderful doings in Australia'. He became a surveyor in about 1876 and was one of the many surveyors who opened up the Gold Coast Region. In 1883, he undertook the first survey of this part of Broadwater Park. He was a magistrate for the Colony, a member of the Royal Society, and an early member of the Queensland Institute of Surveyors, forerunner to today's Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute.

RAILWAY RESORTS – TALLEBUDGERA

1910 'RAILWAY RESORTS.', *The Queenslander* (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866 - 1939), 17 December, p. 29. , viewed 12 Mar 2021, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article22288345>

Tallebudgera is a quiet, restful little township, a mile or two from the South Coast line, its railway station being known as Booningba, or more commonly in the district, the Oyster Beds. Tallebudgera is older than the railway, and that is its misfortune, for the engineers placed the track some distance away, and the tendency is for business people to make for the train, and so it is being passed by for Booningba. For the holiday seeker, that is an advantage; it provides a quiet calm, which is always acceptable to the business hustler and city dweller.

With the development of the dairying industry, the Tallebudgera district has come into its own. The creek flats grow splendid crops of maize and fodders; when the luxuriant scrub is cleared equally luxuriant *paspalum dilatatum* can be grown in its place, while the forest land carries good grass for dry stock. The rainfall is good, and permanent water is found in the creek, so that a milking herd and intelligently directed human energy are³ all the other essentials for prosperity.

There is also much hilly and some rugged country in the district where the sportsman may secure scrub turkey, pigeons and occasionally wallaby for his gun to talk to. Where the head of Tallebudgera creek cascades down the steep slopes of the Macpherson Range, also, queer freshwater crabs are to be found. It was here once, as the old residents will tell you, that the cedar getters made big cheques, and even now wandering through the bush one will occasionally come across a big cedar, felled and rotting. Why was it felled and left there? The unwritten law of the bush recognised by timber pirates and everybody connected with the industry was that whoever felled a tree was the owner. Men shouldered their axes and wandered through the scrub, felling and putting their brand on every cedar they came across and left the hauling of them to some future occasion. Possibly, they forgot the locale of a tree or two. Possibly they were attracted to some other district before they had completed their work on the Tallebudgera and were too eager to wait.

Anyhow, thousands of feet of rotting cedar logs are still in the scrub. Clearing is continuously going on, and each year finds more scrub burned, and more grass sown. Settlement is continuously extending, and the cream collector's loads are steadily increasing. This warm sheltered valley with its rich grasses and clear streams, will soon be filled with a prosperous dairying community.

If one goes down to the Oyster Beds, the succulent bivalve is to be collected, and the river mullet to be caught. The distance to the sea is short, and a pull down Tallebudgera Creek in a boat will pass over good fishing grounds near the mouth. The seaside resort of Tallebudgera and Booningba is Burleigh

Heads, whose bold basaltic bluff is continuously splashed with the spray of the wide Pacific. From the top of this headland splendid views may be obtained of the beach from Tweed Heads to Southport, and the big ships may be watched passing along the coast way. At Christmas and Easter time, when holiday makers are seeking pleasant camping nooks, many turn to Burleigh Heads. It is out of the track of the noisy holiday maker, and its grassy flats, convenient fishing, shooting, oyster getting, bathing and sightseeing all have their attractions. There is a good hard beach, both north and south, and that is the road many travellers take wither to Southport or Tweed Heads. The distance by rail from South Brisbane to Booningba is 61 miles, and the fares are: First return 14/6; second return 9/6; first excursion 10/10' second excursion 7/3.



*Booningba
Railway Station
and Oysterbed
Hotel, West
Burleigh.*



*Booningba
Station, West
Burleigh.*

*Images courtesy
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Studies
Collection.*

Management Committee 2021

Joan Rudd [President], Anne Panitz [Secretary]. Sue Mills [Treasurer, Registrar, Newsletter] Jack Rudd, Brian Cox, George O'Brien, Lenore Crouch, Mariette Buckingham, Neil Sands, Pam Sands, Peter Jones, Carol Jones, Warren Davis, Tom Cowper.

Meetings held 3rd Sunday of each month on site.

Our aim is to collect and preserve historical and heritage material illustrating the growth and development of the Hinterland Region of the Gold Coast from the original pioneering days until today. We plan to arrange and describe these materials and make them accessible to the general public on a regular basis as well as providing educational programs where possible to increase public awareness and appreciation of the Gold Coast Hinterland region's history and development. Members of the Management Committee have connections with pioneering families in the district.

"Friends of the Museum" is for anyone who shares our same interest in preserving the history of our region and is interested in assisting with the set-up and operation of the museum. Further details on the 'Friends' and application form may be obtained from the secretary.

Diary Dates - subject to change without notice

April 2021

- 4 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 11 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 18 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
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- 25 – Museum closed Anzac Day

May 2021

- 2 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 9 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 16 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 16 – Meeting 2pm
- 23 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 30 – Museum open 10am – 2pm

June 2021

- 6 – Museum open 10am-2pm

The Museum Committee would like to thank the Council of the City of Gold Coast for their continued support of the Museum through Whole of City Funding and rate reduction.