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# Newsletter



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# President's Patter

Hello everyone

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. As you will be aware we are still unable to open but keep in touch because we are hoping that it will be soon. We all look forward to seeing you for a visit to the Museum.

I would like to pass on the condolences of the Museum to the Boundy family and the Laver family with the passing of Col Boundy and Margaret Laver.

Congratulation to Warren, Tom, Neil and Pam, Peter and Carol who were nominated to join our committee and all accepted.

Thanks to Neil, Pam, Peter and Carol for the work that they have done in the camera room dusting and rearranging the display. Still more changes to come.

Thank you to all our volunteers for the work that has been undertaken while we have been in lockdown.

*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 top \$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 [ismills2@bigpond.com](mailto:ismills2@bigpond.com) and I will add you to the email list to receive the newsletter. Many thanks.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to the current restrictions regarding COVID-19 the Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum has made the decision to close in the best interests of our volunteers and the general public. We will remain closed until further notice. Thank you for your support and understanding during these trying times.**

As you will be aware, we are still closed. Hopefully we will be able to re-open in the not too distant future.

In the meantime, we have been keeping busy with working bees at the Museum.

A picture paints a thousand words. Thanks to Peter and Carol, Neil and Pam our camera room has had a make-over.



Thanks to Peter Jones for the photos in this section.



We have also had the pest people in to deal with some termites that have found some of our buildings quite tasty.

Ongoing repairs at the Museum continued during lockdown. A broken window in Okey House needed repairing.





A new fence has been put around Okey House. Gardens and lawns maintained thanks to all involved.

Our next big project is to have Okey House painted.

There has been a lot of dusting and cleaning taking place throughout the Museum.

At our last meeting six volunteers were nominated to join our committee. They are Pam and Neil, Peter and Carol, Warren and Tom. All accepted.

We are still unsure when we will be open again but hopefully it will be sooner than later. Keep an eye out on our noticeboard on Mudgeeraba Road and our Facebook page when this will happen.

Due to the current restrictions that are in place we will be unable to take group bookings until at least next year. If you have a question regarding this, please contact our secretary Anne on 0407 694 653. Ongoing repairs at the Museum continued during lockdown. Here we are fixing a broken window in Okey House.

## **NUMINBAH VALLEY From our Correspondent**

*NUMINBAH VALLEY (1951, January 3). South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 19. Retrieved June 15, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article22563198>*

A pleasantly cool Christmas was experienced here in the Valley this year and with swimming and riding most of the young people from the Guest Houses were suitable entertained. A dance was held for the School of Arts, to help pay off the electricity costs incurred with the installation of the electric light in the Hall, which is such a boon to all, after years of kerosene lighting. The younger set of Numinbah worked hard towards this project and the district is grateful for the improvement. The evening was spent with dancing. A "Bobs" tournament held was won by Mrs Williams (nee Margaret Gillespie) and the competitive dance was won by Mr and Mrs Fred Bochow.

Our cream carrier experienced some inconvenience when his steering gear locked, and the truck left the road. Fortunately, a tree nearby a deep gully saved the truck from turning over into the gully.

Mrs Gould of the Pacific Hotel, Southport visited the Valley this week as the guest of Mr and Mrs Gordon of Lismore.

The many showers falling prior to Christmas Day have kept the river flowing freely and the waterfall at Natural Bridge has been well supplied with water so that the many tourists passing through en-route to the bridge and Murwillumbah have had a fine resort to visit.

Flying foxes are here in thousands this year and many of the young men have been having some fun trying to shoot them as they fly over the houses.

Mrs Race has her mother visiting her from Newcastle, and her son Stan has set off for Melbourne by car for his holidays of three weeks. Esther Race goes early in the New Year to the Seventh Day Adventists Sanitarium to study.

Mrs Nicholas Holden has had almost as busy a Christmas as the Guest Houses, for her three nieces have come home to 'Auntie' for holidays also Mabel and Theo Freeman with Diane, and Mrs Williams and Arnold with son John and it has been a very happy home. Meg Gillespie who is home for her final holiday before she starts in on her new job as Kindergarten Mistress at Coolangatta looks well and fit to take over her responsibilities in the New Year. Mrs Dowrie and Sandy of Brisbane were also visitors there. Erik Johnston came by motorcycle from Sydney for two weeks stay at Chigigum.

## **NUMINBAH VALLEY**

*NUMINBAH VALLEY* (1940, February 23). *South Coast Bulletin* (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 13. Retrieved June 15, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article188876436>

The Upper Nerang Post Office has now become the Numinbah Valley Post Office, the old aboriginal name of Numinbah being returned to the district.

CREAM SUPPLIES – Last month proved a very good one to the farmers for cream supplies, some of the dairies making a record for some years.

There is plenty of grass in the district, but the disease of ergot is found plentifully on the long paspalum.

## **NUMINBAH VALLEY**

*NUMINBAH VALLEY* (1951, August 29). *South Coast Bulletin* (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 19. Retrieved June 15, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225637070>

The Advancetown Exchange is not closed as previously stated owing to a wrong interpretation being put upon information received.

Owing to the president's removal to hospital, the last CWA meeting was postponed, but members will be glad to hear that Mrs George Hinde who has worked so faithfully for so long with CWA concerns is now recovering. The cake raffle will be drawn at the dance at Gilston at the end of the month.

Some of the farmers of the district have had bother with bushfires this week. After the heavy frosts the grass in the paddocks being so dry affords every chance of fires getting out of hand which happened on two occasions. Stirrup pumps, and a flame thrower were called into use to extinguish a fire which threatened to become dangerous to buildings in Yaun's dairy. A flying spark from Bradford's paddock lit up a fire in the school yard, four neighbouring farmers came to the rescue and fought the flames whilst the children helped with the carrying of water. Last Saturday for the first time a party of young people belonging to the Youth for Christ Movement came across by truck from Murwillumbah to hold a meeting at the Numinbah School of Arts. Miss Flavel gave an interesting address to the children which she illustrated with flannel drawings on a board and judging by the animated faces of the little ones it was well worthwhile. These worthy people intend doing a monthly trip to the Valley.

Margaret Lentz deserves a special cheerio call this week for she attained full marks at her last theory exam, 100 per cent. Whilst sister Amuy did almost as well with 98. Congratulations to you both.

Mrs Neal of Southport has been the guest of Mrs Schluter for a few days rest.

Miss Gorst of Kangaroo Point is spending a couple of weeks at Chigigum.

The shoot this week held last Sunday was won by Frank Baker, with a 96 off the rifle, said this was a good shoot too for the wind was so bad that most of the scores were lower than usual.

## **NERANG DIVISIONAL BOARD**

*Nerang Divisional Board. (1889, July 20). Southern Queensland Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1888 - 1891), p. 2. Retrieved June 18, 2020, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article226678258>*

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Saturday last. There were present – Messrs. W Stephens (chairman), R Hope, T Gaven, I Andrews, F Fowler, H Smith, Nelson Reid and F Largessner.

An apology was read from the clerk (Mr Browne), stating his inability to attend and that Mr D Freeman would act in his place.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The outward correspondence was read and adopted, and the inward was about to be read when Mr Hope asked the chairman when did he send the letters which were ordered by the Board at the last meeting to be sent to the Ministers in reference to the alteration of boundaries and approaches to the bridge.

The chairman said he told the clerk to send the letters to him, as he wished to see them before they went to the Ministers that they were in accordance with the wishes of the Board. As long as he was chairman, he would inspect the clerk's work and see that he carried out the wishes of the Board.

Mr Hope: Did the Board instruct you to inspect them? If you can instruct the clerk to do whatever you please and override the wishes of the majority of the Board, there is no use having any other members on it.

Mr Largessner: The chairman has a perfect right to inspect any letters sent by the Board.

The chairman (to Mr Hope): if you are dissatisfied with my conduct, why don't you move a vote of censure. I am willing to make room for someone else.

Mr Hope: No! I will not do that. I leave it to the good sense of the Board.

The correspondence was then read and dealt with.

A letter was received from Mr G Warples re closure of road; also from Mr W Lord stating that he had transferred his selection to his son.

From Miss Ross, in reference to the lease of the Board hall, asking the Board to lower the terms proposed. After some discussion the Board decided not to lower the terms.

From the Burrum Divisional Board in reference to the insecure tenure under which local authorities hold reserves and stating that a conference would be held in Brisbane on August 24<sup>th</sup> to consider the subject and asking the Board to send delegates. The clerk was instructed to reply that the Board would be represented.

From August Abraham, re the road from Mudgeraba to Gilston. The matter was left in the hands of the members for No. 1 Subdivision, with power to act.

A circular was received from the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, urging the claims of forest conservancy, and requesting co-operation in getting the Government to protect the timbers of the colony. It was decided to support the proposal.

From the Gogango Divisional Board, requesting co-operation to secure the continuance of the endowment of 2 to 1, which would otherwise terminate at the



end of the year. The clerk was instructed to write for a draft copy of the petition, and that the Board would co-operate.

From the Minister for Railways, requesting an undertaking from the Board to maintain the approaches to the bridge when handed over.

A letter was received from Mr S Joseph asking the Board to receive a deputation in reference to the alteration of boundaries.

Mr Largessner moved that the deputation be received, which was seconded by Mr Nelson Reid.

An amendment was moved by Mr Hope, and seconded by Mr Gaven – That the deputation be not received that day.

On a show of hands being taken the motion was carried and the chairman called upon the deputation to state their views.

Mr C H Philpott said he wished to say a few words on the subject of the alteration of the boundaries. A very important motion had been passed at the last meeting of the Board altering the boundaries so as the expense of keeping the approaches to the bridge in repair would fall on No 1 Subdivision. He thought before such an important step should be taken the ratepayers should be consulted. There was no doubt that the majority of the ratepayers in the subdivision were strongly against the action their representatives on the Board had taken and petition signed by no less than 154 bona-fide ratepayers had been sent to the Minister against the proposed alterations. A indignation meeting had also been held at Upper Nerang, at which there were sixty or seventy ratepayers present. He did not see why the expense of keeping the bridge in repair should be thrown on to No 1 Subdivision and did not know whether they would be capable of keeping it in repair. The matter was now almost thrashed out, but he thought these points were worthy of consideration.

Mr S Joseph said he would not say much, but if he gave utterance to all he would like to say, he would keep them there for a couple of hours. The members of Nos. 2 and 3 Subdivisions had no doubt relieved the ratepayers they represented of great expense in voting for the alteration of boundaries, but he thought they ought to have had some consideration for the ratepayers of No 1 and they could rest assured that they would await their opportunity to retaliate. The members of No 1 were acting altogether against the wishes of a majority of rate payers. If the Government did not give a high-level bridge, the ratepayers would take none at all. He thought if representations were made to the property authority, sufficient money could be obtained to repair the old bridge.

Mr H Schneider also spoke. He said he had objected to a low-level bridge all through, as a high level was so much superior. No engineer could think of putting a bridge at Ferry Street. The agitation in favour of the bridge being built there was carried on by persons who would benefit by it. As far as centrality of position was concerned there was not much in it. In the present bridge, all the residents get a priority of position, and as an old resident, he supported the old residents of the town. The late Mr Miles promised, as he could not bring the railway into the township, to put in somewhere near the bridge.

The chairman moved – That the resolution passed at the last meeting altering the boundaries of the subdivision re rescinded. He thought it very unfair to saddle No 1 subdivision with the approaches to the bridge. He had seen Mr Thyune on the matter, who said the whole Board would be held responsible, and laughed at the idea of altering the boundaries. There was no need to go more fully into the subject, as no doubt every member had made up his mind how to vote.

Mr Hope: The motion is illegal. Look at the bylaws.

The chairman: An Act of Parliament overrides the bylaws. Those bylaws have since been amended. I have given the proper notice, and the motion is perfectly legal.

The motion was seconded by Mr Largessner.

Mr Hope still maintained that the motion was illegal. In reference to the statements made by the members of the deputation that the majority of the ratepayers were against the alteration of the boundaries, he had a petition in his pocket, signed by 121 ratepayers, which proved otherwise. The petition he would lay on the table, so that any member could inspect it. The names on the petition against the bridge were got by unfair means and misrepresentations. The chairman was supposed to be a disinterested person, but last meeting after the business was over, he was busily employed sending telegrams everywhere, getting up indignation meetings, and goes with a private deputation to the Minister to try to thwart the wishes of the Board. The bridge was simply a gift from the Government, and the Minister has said if we do not accept this he would not repair the old bridge.

The chairman: He didn't mean it.

Mr Hope: Didn't the Minister tell you to take the bridge or nothing? If we throw away this chance the only alternative will be to put a special levy on the ratepayers to repair the old bridges. No doubt Mr Philpott and others had good reason to oppose the construction of the new bridge, as they have received some good cheques from the Board for timber used in repairing the old one, as the Board books would attest to. He was glad to see the Minister had stuck to his promise and now that he had gone so far were, they going to refuse the bridge? If the motion was carried, he still held it was illegal. Every name on the petition which he laid on the table were bona fide ratepayers in NO 1 Subdivision, and he challenged any member to disprove it.

Mr Largessner said all the names on the petition against the bridge were obtained in a straightforward manner. Sooner than be put off with a low-level bridge, the ratepayers were determined to have none at all.

Mr I Andrews thought the best way to settle the question would be to take a poll of the ratepayers of NO 1 subdivision as to whether they were in favour of the alteration of the boundaries.

The chairman said there was nothing in the Act showing how such a poll could be taken, and he would like to hear some suggestions from the members as to what should be put on the ballot papers.

Mr Hope suggested that the petitions be taken as a verdict of the ratepayers, while Messrs. Fowler and Reid supported Mr Andrew's proposal.

After a considerable amount of discussion, it was decided that a poll be taken by ballot on that day three weeks at the Board office, Nerang, the deciding questions to be whether the ratepayers would keep the approaches in repair and the alteration of the boundaries. It was also decided that ratepayers should have the number of votes they had on the books.

Mr Andrews moved that the chairman be appointed to conduct the poll. Seconded by Mr Reid.

Mr Hope moved as an amendment that the returning officer for the Albert electorate be appointed to conduct the poll. Seconded by Mr Fowler.

The amendment was put and lost, and the motion carried.

The chairman said that he would amend his motion to – That the motion passed last meeting be rescinded till a poll is taken. Seconded by Mr Largessner.

Mr Hope proposed that the matter stand as it is until a poll is taken. Seconded by Mr Gaven.

The motion was carried on a show of hands.

In reference to the letter from the Minister re approaches, the clerk was instructed to reply that a poll was being taken and could not give an answer at present.

Mr Smith presented a petition from ratepayers in No 2 subdivision in reference to opening and closing roads at Mudgeraba, which was left in the hands of the members for that subdivision to deal with.

The finance report, recommending the payment of accounts amounting in all to 167 5s was read by Mr Hope and adopted.

Mr Fowler moved that the Government be written to asking them to survey a portion of land for a road at Burleigh Heads. Seconded by Mr N Reid and carried.

A letter was received from Mr Bowden re fencing which was referred to the members for No 1 subdivision.

The following tenders were received for the work at Burleigh Heads: FOC Hall, 105 10s; S Ryder 145; W Saddler 150; J Ryan 115.

None of the tenders were accepted as they were considered too high.

The meeting then terminated.

## **Some more old sayings**

***Flat out like a lizard drinking*** - To be really busy. Alternative – All idioms related to being busy seem to involve animals. We can **say** “as busy as a beaver” or “as busy as a bee”. And if you're working very, very hard, you can **say** you're “sweating blood”.

## *Management Committee 2019*

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

*Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

**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.**