

Newsletter



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

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President's Patter

Hello everyone

Boy! Have we had a busy couple of months. October was fully booked with school visits, Gold Coast Open House, Senior's Day, Community group visits. November was full of school visits as well. Christmas is upon us once again. The Museum will be closed on 24th December and 31st December. We re-open on 7th January. Hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2024. Stay safe everyone.

Joan

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

What's been happening at the Museum

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR OPENING

Our last day open for 2023 will be Sunday 17th December 2023.

The museum will be closed on Sunday 24th December 2023 and Sunday 31st December 2023.

Re-open Sunday 7th January 2024.

NEW DISPLAY

Come and see our Wedding Dress display in our costume room at the back of Okey House, over 9 dresses and photos on display. Plus one in Franklin House by our wedding table display.





Sunday 17th September we had a visit from the XR club of Queensland, the members enjoyed our morning tea and a look around our museum and said they will be back next year



Thursday 19th October was Senior's Day at the museum. We had a record number of visitors who enjoyed Devonshire tea and touring the museum.





Visit by Mudgeeraba State School Past Students

Sunday 5th November we had the annual visit of a Mudgeeraba State School past students for morning tea and a look around the museum.



Our Christmas table display in Franklin House.

NERANG CREEK (From a Correspondent)

NERANG CREEK. (1872, November 16). *The Brisbane Courier* (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), p. 5. Retrieved October 10, 2023, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article1301461>

This is a very flourishing district, although it attracts but little notice. However, "still waters run deep" If there be a place south of the Brisbane fitted for cultivating sugr-cane, it is this. I send you a sample of sugar made from eleven months old Bourbon cane, by Messrs. Schneider and Philpott, at Birribi, which I think you will pronounce excellent. Their mill is a horsepower, and the whole plant was erected, under the superintendence of Mr. Muir, at a tenth part of the cost of some of the large steam mills. It most clearly solves the problem which has been so much discussed, whether sugar can be made to pay with rough machinery and at a distance from the coast. It is proved that any man with good land and a small outlay can (if he has brains and industry) make an excellent return in a twelve month, and make good sugar. There has been an almost total immunity from destructive frost on the river and the plants and ratoons are looking as the planters wish them to look.

Rumor has it that the long locked-up land at Boobigan and Karara [sic] is to be opened out and offered for sale in small selections. If so, there will indeed be some agricultural progress.

FARMERS' SERIOUS LOSS.

Through eating clover and young Noogoora burr, Mr. C. C. Weedon, of "Birribi," Nerang, lost eight head of valuable Jersey cows last week, the loss being estimated at about £30. The animals were part of a herd of about 80, but none of the others was affected. One died on the Wednesday afternoon and seven the following day. All appeared to be in intense pain before expiring. Examinations of the bodies of the dead beasts were made by Mr T. E. Tuck, the district stock inspector, and Mr. J. Washington Irving, veterinary surgeon of Brisbane, when it was found that the deaths were due to the clover and burr.

FARMERS' SERIOUS LOSS. (1932, October 7). *South Coast Bulletin* (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 9. Retrieved October 10, 2023, from

NERANG (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Country News. (1889, October 26). Logan Witness (Beenleigh, Qld. : 1878 - 1893), p. 2. Retrieved October 10, 2023, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article163893367>

Since my last very little has occurred to disturb the monotony of these dull times, with the exception of the ploughing match which took place at Boobigan, on the 27th September, and proved fairly a success. A ball took place in the evening in the Board's Hall, where about sixty couple enjoyed themselves immensely. The settling took place at the Commercial hotel, W. Stephens in the chair. The room was literally crowded with the tillers of the soil, and the merits of ploughs and ploughmen were freely discussed until midnight. A vote of thanks terminated the day's proceedings.

Our annual race meeting seems to have totally collapsed this year. None of our sportsmen even moved in the matter; but there is still sufficient time to arrange a meeting for New Year's Day, which date in my humble opinion should never have been altered; and if our sportsmen moved in the matter I believe they would find sufficient support to arrange a decent programme for the above date.

I learn that the Birribi Saw Mill is likely to cease work at the end of this month. It is, however, sincerely hoped that the rumour is groundless, as this mill employs from 15 to 20 hands all the year round. We trust that before this month is concluded Philpott Bros. will find sufficient inducement to continue their industry profitably.

C.H. Lambert, manager of the Bank of N.S. Wales, is about to leave us after being amongst us for about four years, and he has earned the good wishes of all whom he has come in contact with. It is also evident that he has won the esteem of his employers, as he has been promoted to a higher branch in NSW.

According to a resolution passed by the Board a deputation consisting of Messrs W. Stephens, E. Cooper, F. Stanford, F. Largessner and other influential gentlemen recently waited on the Minister for Railways re Nerang Bridge. Mr Plunkett went down in the same train, and he saw at a glance what the trouble was and that if he did not give them the slip, he would have to introduce them to the Minister. When he left the train at Stanley street Mr Joseph hailed him for the purpose, but he deluded him by saying that 'he would see him in a minute,' but he was not to be seen afterwards. Mr W. Stephens, however, introduced the deputation and he, being the Chairman of the Board clearly explained the absurdity of building such a bridge and that when built the board would not take it over. The Minister made short work of the deputation, replying somewhat to this effect; That the planting of about 2000 in Ferry-street was a political pledge and that the Government

intended to carry it out and perhaps by the time it was completed there would be a board elected which would take it over. The deputation then retired.

A great many electors and ratepayers would like to know, where, how, when, and by whom was this pledge made and to whom was it made. We remember a promise to a deputation to build in a central site, but that cannot be the pledge the Minister referred to, surely. We are led to believe that Mr Plunkett has made a little pledge (not to the electors) but to an elector for his influential support during last election. If this is the case Mr Plunkett is surely sincere to a constituent; and it would not be fair for a measly 70 p.c. of the Nerang ratepayers to stop a pledge being carried out. When legislators make a private pledge, their whole veracity is at stake, but publicly made, there are of very little consequence. Therefore, this Bridge must go on. What does Nelson or Plunkett care if the Board never takes it over; it is not a public affair – that is to say it is not for the purpose of benefitting the public generally. The pledge will be carried out to the satisfaction of the invidious recipient, and we will wait to see which board will be the next victim to this wonderful Government with so much head supported by the Albert.

Mr W. Stephens, chairman of the Nerang Divisional Board, seems to have taken an interest in this all-absorbing bridge question; perhaps it was his duty to do so in the interest of fair play. When he made the first move in the matter our local contemporary agreed that Mr Hope required a bridge adjacent to his heavenly estate and gave Mr Stephens to understand that he was a public man and that he should act neutral in this touching little episode.

Current News. (1896, February 22). The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866 - 1939), p. 379. Retrieved October 12, 2023, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article20445221>

The 'Logan and Albert Bulletin' of Saturday last reports the death of a resident of Nerang Creek – namely, Mr Edmund Harper. He arrived in Sydney as a boy of 8 years in 1835 and had resided in the colonies ever since. Some time ago he contributed a very interesting paper to the 'Queenslander', embodying his recollections of early days on the Tweed. At the time Harper arrived in Sydney, the principal school was kept by the Rev. Mr Cape, at the Church Hill, and to this school young Harper was sent. Amongst his schoolfellows were Sir G. Innes, Sir William Windeyer, the youngest Wentworth, and the late Sir James Martin. As Harper grew older he drifted to the Northern rivers of New South Wales and engaged in

the timber trade. Being a very expert sawyer and splitter, he made considerable sums of money. Some years ago, he dislocated his shoulder and became unfitted to follow his occupation as a sawyer and splitter and thereafter he kept a small receiving store on Nerang Creek. About last May a cancer developed on his tongue and rapidly ran its course causing his death on the 11th instant, after intense suffering.

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

See you in 2024



Management Committee 2023

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, Lloyd Mills, Beatrice Booth, Odette Dalton.

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

November 2023

- 1 – Tour group
- 2 – Tour group
- 5– Museum open 10am-2pm
- 5 – Mudgeeraba Old Boys
- 7– A B Paterson College
- 9 – A B Paterson College
- 12 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 15 – Coffs Harbour Bible Church School
- 19 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 19 – Museum meeting 2pm
- 26 Museum open 10am-2pm

December 2023

- 3 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 10 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 17 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 24 – Museum CLOSED
- 31 – Museum CLOSED

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.