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President's Patter

Hello everyone

Welcome to 2024. Well didn't the New Year start off with a bang. We fared quite well at the museum, although very wet underfoot.

We had a very busy year last year. A lot of variety, school visits, movie making, group visits and morning tea.

We braved it and held our Australia Day celebrations with the help of the Albert Battery to assist in the Flag Raising, with the Hinterland Community Band as well as support from the Spinners and Weavers on Okey House verandah and the Antique Auto Club with the beautiful shiny cars.

Thanks to Glenn Tozer for assisting and Ros Bates MLA for joining us. Thank you both very much for your continued support.

Once again thanks must go to our wonderful volunteers who are responsible for the running of the museum. Great job everyone, well done. It is looking like it will be another busy year with schools and community groups already making bookings.

Once again we would like to welcome new volunteers to our museum. We need your help. There is a lot to do particularly with school groups. Our few would like to share the workload with some more people. If you could give us a few hours of your time it would be most appreciated. It is a very rewarding and nice place to be.

We thank all our friends for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

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

Some photos from our Australia Day flag raising. Thanks to Pam, Glenn, Ros & Sue for these photos.







**Gold Coast
Spinners
and
Weavers**



Above: Janice (President), Karen, Ruth, Carol.

Below: John, a wood turner who made his wheel and learnt to spin. He inspired his wife to learn as well.



OBITUARY. Mrs M.L. Mills

OBITUARY. (1932, September 23). South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 6. Retrieved February 3, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article133659447>

After an illness extending practically throughout the winter, Mrs Minnie Laurenia Mills, relict of the late Mr George Mills, passed peacefully away in hospital in Brisbane early yesterday morning, aged 77 years. Mrs Mills, who enjoyed the esteem and respect of the whole of the residents of the South Coast was one of the pioneers of the district, having resided here for the past 52 years.

Born at Cardiff, Wales, in 1855, she came out to Australia in the 'Great Queenslander' in 1875, and on July 15, 1876 she married Mr George Edward Mills, at Pimpama. In 1881 they removed to Gilston where Mr Mills purchased a property of 100 acres and later they embarked on arrowroot growing, being the pioneers of the arrowroot industry in Queensland. Commencing the manufacture of arrowroot in 1886 they continued until 1907 when they changed over to dairying. The property is still being carried on by members of the family. Her husband passed away in February 1924, in his 83rd year.

Mrs Mills is survived by three sons, Messrs Q.E. Mills (Tugun), C.W. Mills (Advancetown) and Thomas Mills (Southport) to whom deep sympathy is extended.

Mrs Mills was a prominent member of the Methodist Church and did much towards its advancement in the district. There was a very representative gathering of mourners at the special service conducted by Rev. E.G. Hall at the Southport Methodist Church this afternoon and the many floral tokens placed on the coffin evidenced the high esteem and respect in which the deceased lady and her family is held. The funeral moved from the Church to the Nerang cemetery after the service.

GILSTON – Mock wedding

GILSTON (1947, June 25). South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 19. Retrieved February 4, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article188793487>

Saturday night last a large number of people from Beechmont, Canungra, Coomera, Nerang, Southport, Surfers Paradise, Burleigh, Currumbin and other districts gathered in the Gilston Hall for the anniversary dance and to witness the mock wedding of Miss Emmalina Winbdbag of Booka Booka and Mr Jacob Bullybeef of Hillengone. The ceremony was performed by His Lordship Bishop Lettucepray. The groom (being in a state of collapse) was supported by his brother 'Dave' as best man and Mr Joe Hardcourt as

groomsman. The bride dressed in white calico with (curtain) net veil and carrying a bouquet of cauliflower was given away (gladly) by her father Mr 'Orace Windbag (carrying a shotgun).

The bridesmaids were Miss Angelina Sweetmack and Miss Christina Wirewhiskers (dressed differently) carried bouquets of galvanised burr and wild oats.

Miss Pansy Popcorn, a cousin oof the bride attended as flower girl and carried a basket of scotch thistles and 'stinking roger'.

There was consternation when the ring could not at first be found and then when it clattered on the floor the bride fainted and had to be hoisted upright again. When the Bishop pronounced them hitched in enforced slavery a scramble to kiss the bride ensued during which his Lordship received a resounding kiss from the groomsman.

An early hold up to the ceremony occurred when it was discovered the groom had made a bolt to catch the local train but the bride's family caught him and brought him back hence Mr Windbag's shotgun at the ceremony.

The wedding presents included a pick and shovel for the groom and a baby's bath for the bride. The contestants then took part in the bridal waltz. From beginning to end it was a hilarious turnout and had to be seen to be fully appreciated as did the spectators.

Those taking part were Mr E. Powell (Bishop Lettucepray), Mr Darcy Hinde (the bride), Mrs Jim Lamb (Jacob Bullybeef), N. McKinnon (Dave Bullybeef), E. Stephens (Joe Hardcorn), Chas Hinde (Mr Dan Bullybeef), O. Stenson (Mrs Bulybeef), J. Milton (Mr Orace Windbag), W. Hill (Mrs Windbag), P. Hinde (Christina Wirewhiskers), Jim Zimmerman (Pansy Popcorn), E. Mills (bellringer and present bearer), W. Curnow (announcer).

Page's orchestra supplied their usual excellent music for the dance and Mr W. Hinder carried out the duties of MC.

The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Mr E. Mills and Miss Rene Kenneduy and in another event the anniversary cake made by Mrs Curnow and decorated by Mr G. Panitz was collected by Mr Jim Zimmerman. The euchre prizes were won by Mrs Jones and Mr W Funnell.

Both financially and socially the function was a huge success and the chairman of the Hall Committee (Mr W. Curnow) in addressing the gathering stated that it gave the retiring committee every satisfaction in winding up its term of office with such a night. He thanked all who had contributed towards the success of the evening which should nett well over £20.

From the *Book of Household Management* by Mrs Isabell Beeton, 1893, p.p. 857, 1237, 1241, 1511, 1565, 1566

1822. MONDAY'S PUDDING

Ingredients – The remains of cold plum pudding, brandy, custard made with 4 eggs to every pint of milk.

Mode – Cut the remains of good cold plum pudding into finger pieces, soak then in a little brandy and lay them cross-barred in a mould until full. Make a custard with the above proportion of milk and eggs, flavouring it with nutmeg or lemon rind; fill up the mould with it; tie it down with a cloth and boil or steam it for an hour. Serve with a little of the custard poured over, to which has been added a tablespoonful of brandy.

Time – 1 hour. Average Cost, exclusive of the pudding, 6d. Sufficient for 5 or 6 persons. Seasonable at any time.

2788. CALF'S FOOT BLANCMANGE

Ingredients – 1 calf's foot, 1 quart of milk, 1 egg, sugar, nutmeg and lemon or seasoning to taste.

Mode – Get the calf's foot that has been already cooked, such as is sold by the tripe-dressers, and put it on the fire with milk enough to cover it, a strip of lemon-peel, a piece of nutmeg and sugar to taste. Let it cook very slowly for 3 or 4 hours and then strain it. While still hot stir in the yolk of an egg and set it in small moulds. This blancmange can be made savoury by using a little salt, peppercorns, parsley, nutmeg or cloves, onion and celery instead of sugar. The lemon-peel may be added in any case. The egg may be omitted if it is not liked, a little cream might also be added. It is directed that small moulds shall be used. For an invalid, it is better to set just as much as is wanted for one meal rather than to cut a piece out of a large quantity.

2798. Iceland Moss

Mode – Wash the moss very thoroughly. Put it in cold water and let it nearly boil. Throw this first water away, as it will be bitter. Then put the moss on again with water, allowing 1 oz. of moss to a pint and a half of water. Boil it for 15 or 20 minutes and strain it while hot. It should be sweetened and flavoured with lemon or spice. Milk can be used instead of water. It is a slightly bitter drink or if a sufficient quantity of the moss is used it cools into a jelly.

3355. TO CLEAN PATENT LEATHER BOOTS.

Patent leather boots require to be wiped with a wet sponge and afterwards with a soft dry cloth, and occasionally with a soft cloth and sweet oil, blacking and polishing the edge of the soles in the usual way, but so as

not to cover the patent polish with blacking. A little milk may also be used with very good effect for patent leather boots.

3523. Baths and Bathing

The employment of baths goes back to the highest antiquity and was indulged in almost to excess by the Greeks and Romans. So important are baths in warm countries, that the Jewish and Oriental religions enjoin frequent ablutions as a necessary part of the ceremonials of their creeds, thus no doubt largely contributing to the health and well-being of their devout disciples.

3524. Warm Baths

For purposes of cleanliness, the baths par excellence are those of warm water, this term being applied to those in which water of a temperature from 70° to 80° is employed.

Liquids of this degree of heat usually give a sensation of warmth when placed in contact with the human skin and therefore avoid the disadvantages of the shock to our systems produced by a cold bath (that is below 60°) and the excessive stimulation resulting from a hot bath, i.e., one of 85° and upwards.

3527. Sea-bathing is one of the best means of strengthening the system, either to prevent the development of actual disease or to restore the original vigour to a constitution recovering with difficulty from the effects of some debilitating malady.

For the many delicate ladies and children who are not strong enough to endure the shock of cold sea-baths from the beach, bathing in warm salt water, taken comfortably at home is invaluable.

JOHN WILLIAM McLAREN

Gilston School Centenary 1881-1981, p. 24.

One of Gilston State School's most illustrious sons was John William McLaren who was born on December 24, 1887 and died on November 17 1921. A right-arm fast bowler, he was the first Queenslander to play test cricket for Australia. He played in the fifth test in Sydney during the 1911-12 series against England.

McLaren opened the bowling taking none for 47 from 16 overs and 1 for 23 from 8 overs, scoring 0 not out in each innings. He toured England for the triangular series in 1912 but appeared in no tests. Here are his career figures.

For Queensland 1906 -1915

Matches 18	Innings 35	N.O. 10	H.S. 43*	Runs 403
Average 16.12				
Overs 520.3	Maidens 72	Runs 1893	Wickets 65	Average 29.12

All First Class 1906 – 1915

Matches 34	Innings 590	N.O. 14	H.S. 43 N.D.	Runs 564
Average 12.53				
Overs -	Maidens -	Runs 2862	Wickets 107	Average 26.74

FUNERAL NOTICES.

McLAREN.—The Friends of Mrs. J. W. McLAREN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her deceased husband, John William McLaren, to leave his late residence, Bower street, off Gladstone road, Highgate Hill, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Toowong Cemetery.
JOHN HISLOP & SONS, Funeral Directors.

McLAREN.—The Friends of Mrs. A. CRAWFORD, Messrs. JOHN, ALEXANDER, and JAMES CRAWFORD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased son-in-law and brother-in-law, John William McLaren, to leave his late residence, Bower street, off Gladstone road, Highgate Hill, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock for the Toowong Cemetery.
JOHN HISLOP & SONS, Funeral Directors.

McLAREN.—QUEENSLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION.—Officers and members of the above Association are invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased member, Mr. JOHN WILLIAM McLaren, to leave his late residence, Bower street, off Gladstone road, Highgate Hill, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Toowong Cemetery.
By order.
GEO. W. WARD, Hon. Secretary.

McLAREN.—FORTITUDE VALLEY ELECTORATE CRICKET CLUB.—Officers and Members of the above Club are invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased member, Mr. JOHN WILLIAM McLaren, to leave his late residence, Bower street, off Gladstone road, Highgate Hill, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Toowong Cemetery.
By order.
FRANK POWER, Hon. secretary.

Family Notices (1921, November 17). The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld. : 1872 - 1947), p. 2 (SECOND EDITION). Retrieved February 15, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article176891418>

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

March 2024

- 3 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 10 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 14 – Mudgeeraba Special School
- 17 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 17 – Museum meeting
- 24 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 31 – MUSEUM CLOSED (EASTER)

April 2024

- 7 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 14 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 18 – Mudgeeraba Special School
- 21 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 28 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 30 Marymount school

May 2024

- 2 – Marymount school
- 5 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 7 – Marymount school
- 8 – Mudgeeraba Creek SS
- 9 – Mudgeeraba Creek SS
- 12 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 14 – Ashmore SS
- 16 – Ashmore SS
- 19 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 19 - Museum meeting
- 21 – Caningeraba SS
- 24 – Caningeraba SS
- 25 – Caningeraba SS
- 26 – 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.