

Newsletter



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Or by appointment.

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President's Patter

Hello everyone

What a busy time we have had in May. Schools are visiting again as well as respite care, and local clubs. June is looking like it will be just as busy. It is nice to see the look of amazement on the children's faces when they discover what life was like for their grandparents. The older visitors reminisce about the 'good old days' and 'I had one of those'. Thanks to everyone for their support to our little museum which is proving to be a big hit with everyone. Thanks to our volunteers for the great effort everyone is putting in keeping the place up to scratch.

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.**

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

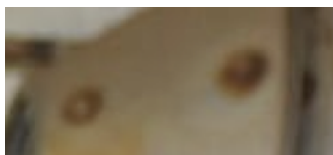
Lloyd and Warren working on a small-scale slab hut to be placed in our gardens.



Anne, Carol & Peter visited the students in Grade 1 at Worongary State School.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS AND WHERE YOU WOULD FIND IT IN THE MUSEUM?



Answer next newsletter.

Garden next to entry, cleaned of weeds; new plants and some old rusty wheels added for effect.



Our volunteers are always busy restoring some of our old farming equipment



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUTTING ON GLOVES

Do not put them on in a hurry

Turn the wrist well back before inserting the hand, then gently work the fingers on and afterwards the thumb also.

Never force the fingers into place by pressing between them with the fingers of the other hand.

Never try to wear a glove which is too small for you.

Carefully follow these instructions and your gloves will seldom split.

LATEST MUSEUM ACQUISITION

The Museum was fortunate to receive a WW1 Sappers Trench saw, made circa 1917.

This evil looking piece is used for cutting down trees and making props for the sides of dugouts etc. It is like a bicycle chain with teeth than can be rolled up and stored in a leather pouch that has loops so it can be worn on a belt.

Each end of the flexible blade is fitted with a steel ring through which two wood handles are attached allowing easy use by two men at the same time. When rolled up the saw is about 5 – 6 inches across.

Our acquisition came in a leather case with loops on the back and included 2 wooden handles, file, and a teeth spacer. It will be on display at the Museum in due course.



The loops on the back of the leather pouch are also stamped, although very hard to read. We believe it says that this was originally issued in WW1 and later reissued during WW2.



MUDGEERABA'S RIFLE RANGE – OFFICIALLY OPENED SATURDAY.

South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), 22 June, p. 23. , viewed 14 Apr 2021, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article188065948>

Situated on Tallai the property of the Rudd family and about one mile in off the Mudgeeraba road is located the Mudgeeraba Rifle Range which was officially passed and declared open last Saturday by Mr G Weedman (Supervisor of Rifle Clubs) in the presence of a representative attendance of local and district residents including members of Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Ormeau-Pimpama, Numinbah, Coolangatta and Southport Rifle Clubs.

The Logan and Albert District Rifle Clubs Union was represented by the president (Mr E D Andrews) and the hon. secretary (Mr J M Smith), Cr E J Gaven, Chairman of the Albert Shire and Mrs Gaven were also present. The visitors were welcomed by Cr S H Bigg and Mrs Bigg, also by Captain C Smith of the Mudgeeraba Club.

The Supervisor of Rifle Clubs (Mr G Weedman) was in attendance. After an inspection of the range, he passed it as in accord with the regulations and later officially opened it.

The range site was selected in 1946 and approved by the Departmental officers. When the club was first mooted the late Mr W G Rudd informed the members that they could locate the range on his Tallai property. Mrs Rudd subsequently confirmed the offer which gesture was greatly appreciated as it had been found very difficult to obtain a suitable area. The site chosen was heavily timbered and the work of clearing the range and constructing the mounds was well carried out by voluntary labour. In this connection particular mention must be made of the work done by Messrs E W Rosin and O Abraham who rendered yeoman service. The club members and a number of residents assisted in clearing the range. It was estimated that the work done would have easily cost £200. The club, so Mr Weedman stated, will receive a grant of £75 towards the cost of the range. The ranges at present are 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards but there is ample room to extend the length to 800 yards when necessary. A shelter shed has been provided with table accommodation for luncheon on shooting days.

The club has an effective membership of about 35 with Mr C Smith as captain, Mr E Abraham, deputy captain and E Rosin hon. secretary – treasurer.

OFFICIAL OPENING

Shortly after midday Cr S H Bigg officially welcomed Mr Weedman and the visitors and expressed on behalf of the Rifle Club, their thanks to Mr Weedman for the assistance he had given them in connection with the range. He was pleased to see the newly elected of the Albert Shire and MRs Gaven with them. This was Cr Gaven's first official function since his election to the Albert Shire in which was incorporated the old Nerang Shire of which Cr Gaven had been chairman. He also extended a welcome to Mr E D Andrews, president of the Logan and Albert District Rifle Clubs Union and the hon secretary Mr J M Smith. The late Mr W G Rudd had told the Mudgeeraba Rifle Club, at its initial meeting

that they could have a range site on Tallai and Mrs Rudd had carried out that promise. The club acknowledged its indebtedness to Mrs Rudd and family for the very fine gesture. An apology for Mr W Rudd had been recorded expressing regret at his inability to attend the official opening and wishing the Rifle Club every success.

Cr Gaven responding to the welcome given the visitors said that Mudgeeraba was noted for its interest in all classes of sport and while some of the residents had been rifle club members elsewhere, they had not had a local range on which to shoot. This had now been remedied and he wished the Mudgeeraba Club every success and complimented them on their enterprise and industry in establishing the range by voluntary labour which demonstrated the true club spirit. Members of the Rifle Club were performing a national duty and during world war 1 proved themselves to be the first line of defence. Rifle shooting is a clean healthy sport, and a man must be physically fit to be a good rifle shot and gain honours at the competitions. The Albert Shire, of which Cr Bigg was their local representative, he assured them would do all within the ambit of their power to assist the club. Concluding he promised he would give a trophy for competition, the club to allocate it but suggested it be given to a competition to encourage young shots. Mr Weedman, prior to firing the first shot over the range said that the site had been approved in Nov. 1946 and the range he was to open would undoubtedly be an asset to the Commonwealth. His department had asked the Commonwealth Government to put into operation all the ranges that had been closed down during the war and it was pleasing to record that nearly all were now in action. Mudgeeraba Rifle Club's range had been allotted No. 1 priority in his records and having ascertained that all the specifications and requirements of the range had been carried out, a reimbursement grant of £75 would be available forthwith to the club. A first-class job had been made of the range and those responsible were to be complimented on their voluntary work. Since the termination of the war rifle club membership had increased in Queensland from 5000 to 9000 members. He had laid down a policy that all applications for new barrels and other equipment would be attended to in turn according to the date of their application. This ensured country clubs of the same treatment as the Metropolitan clubs. He had only a small staff but there should not be more than a month's delay in the fulfilment of orders. Concluding he extended on behalf of the Commonwealth congratulations to the club which formed part, to his mind, of the only stable system of defence.

Mr E D Andrews president of the L & A DRU said he had been associated with rifle shooting since 1904 when he joined the Southport Club. In 1908 he joined up with Tallebudgera Club. Conditions today were much better and in this connection all the rifle clubs owed much to the energetic Supervisor of the Rifle Clubs, Mr Weedman; without his help many of the clubs would not be in the position they are today. The district rifle clubs owed a good deal to the press of which Ald. Woodroffe is a representative of the SC Bulletin; he had materially assisted the Union and the District by giving publicity to their activities and his efforts were

appreciated. He urged members to bear in mind the annual shoot of the Union and hoped there would be a bigger response by way of entries to last year. Ald. Woodroffe (SC Bulletin) also responded. He complimented the Mudgeeraba Club on their splendid effort in establishing the range by voluntary labour and urged the young members of the club to maintain their interest in rifle shooting emphasising what had been said about the rifle club men forming the country's first line of defence. He mentioned that a move was afoot in the South Coast to establish a unit of the Citizens Defence Force. It was infinitely better he said to have a voluntary enlistment than conscription. Any of the young men desirous of linking up in the Citizens Forces could obtain all information from Messrs R H Shepherd or W C Rootes, Southport. Concluding Ald. Woodroffe wished the club every success and promised a trophy for competition, the committee to allocate same as they desire.

Mr Weedman then took up his position at 500 yards and fired the first official shot over the range. The marker signalled a bull which result was warmly applauded. A second shot recorded similar success.

OFFICAL LUNCHEON

The ladies under the supervision of Misses Alice and Lucy Priddy and Mrs F Sands had set out an appetising luncheon in the shelter shed to which full justice was done after which a short toast list was gone through.

After the loyal toast had been honoured Cr Bigg gave the toast of the Mudgeeraba Rifle Club and complimented the officers and members on attaining their long looked for rifle range. He felt sure that there would be good shooting over the new range in the construction of which the club had put in a great amount of work.

Capt. C Smith responded and thanked all who had helped in carrying out the construction of the range and the ladies for their appreciated help. He also thanked Messrs. Gaven, Houghton, Lyndon and Woodroffe for donating trophies for competition to encourage the members. He again thanked Mr Weedman for what he had done also the Coolangatta Rifle Club for the gift of targets.

Mr Weedman and Mrs Nancy Yaun also added a few words to those of Capt. Smith. Mrs Yaun urged the young men of Mudgeeraba to join up and take advantage of the training and comradeship that would result.

Mr Weedman gave the toast of the Logan and Albert District Rifle Clubs Union and referred to the capable manner in which the Union had been carried on until its suspension due to the war and a couple of years ago when activities were resumed. He urged the members of the rifle clubs affiliated with the Union to throw their weight behind it and help to make the annual shoot the important event it should be and worthy of the district.

Mr E D Andrews, president of the Union, responding also emphasised the need for the full cooperation of the members of the several clubs by taking part in the annual shoot. He complimented the hon. secretary of the Union for the manner in which he had carried on the affairs of the Union and the annual shoot in particular.

Mr J M Smith also responded said that credit was due to his executive officers for the success achieved. Conditions were difficult and the expenses of the annual prize shoot were heavy. He hoped that the members would rally around and take part in the competitions. Last year there was a fair response and the shoot had been successful from a competitive point of view but not financially. Members could assist by providing more entries. A bugbear of rifle shooting was the expense of markers who under the regulations had to be paid 3/11½ per hour.

Reverting to the annual shoot he suggested to the members that they should follow the practice of some of the norther clubs by arranging for their holidays to coincide with the annual shoot. Perhaps they might not gain monetarily out of it but they would gain much from the good fellowship and comradeship and there was also a good kick to be obtained by high scoring. Concluding he assured the members that the Union would assist the clubs wherever possible.

The toast of the ladies was proposed by Mr F Trotter who said the ladies played a very prominent part in all branches of sport particularly in rifle shooting as on many occasions while their husbands were away rifle shooting, they had in many instances to do the milking. They also were very helpful in the social activities of the club and organisations of a district.

Mrs Nancy Yaun responded and said that while it was true what Mr Trotter said about the work being carried out by the women, they all appreciated the fact that their husbands or men folk were takin and interest in sport.

Cr. Gaven gave the toast of the visitors and again complimented the residents in the support given in the construction of the range.

Mr C Stewart (Ormeau-Pimpama Club) responded on behalf of the visitors who included club representatives Messrs S Adam (Nerang), F Trotter (Coolangatta), S Yaun (Numinbah Valley), W Dennis and W Smith (Southport).

The toast of the Press given by Mr W Dennis was responded to by Ald. N S Woodroffe, who assured the gathering that the S C Bulletin would as in the past do all it could to further the interests of the district clubs and organisations.

Referring to the activities of the Logan and Albert District Rifle Clubs Union he said that the foundations were solidly laid by the early committee of which the late Mr Eb. Stewart for many years was a very energetic secretary. When the Union went into recess due to the 1939/45 war there were no shoots and about 3 years ago Mr C Stewart of the Ormeau-Pimpama Club took up the reins and a very successful shoot was held. The next year Mr J M Smith took over and he also did an excellent job and to these two secretaries the L & A Union owed a great deal of thanks.

Before the function closed Mr Weedman impressed on all club secretaries to send in their necessary returns promptly. Failure to do so, he said, rendered the club liable to be disbanded.

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

June 2021

- 3 – Runaway Bay Seniors Bowls club
- 6 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 7 – Centaur Primary School 9.30am
- 8 – Centaur Primary School 9.30am
- 9 – Varsity Lakes Probus Club
- 13 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 15 – Marymount College
- 17 – Marymount College
- 20 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
- 20 – Museum meeting 2pm
- 23 – Anglicare 10.30am
- 24 – Anglicare 10.30am
- 27 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 28 – Anglicare 10.30am

July 2021

- 4 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 6 – Anglicare 10.30am
- 11 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 18 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 18 – Museum meeting 2pm
- 25 – Museum open 10am-2pm

August 2021

- 1 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 8 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 15 – Museum open 10am-2pm
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- 22 – Museum open 10am-2pm
- 29 – Museum open 10am-2pm

September 2021

- 7 – Emmanuel College
- 9 – Emmanuel College

October 2021

- 9 – Gold Coast Camera club

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.