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Newsletter

Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum Inc.

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Dedication and official opening 9 October 2004

President's Patter

Hello everyone

The second half of the year is upon us and much is happening around the museum.

In August was out AGM. Joining us was Ros Bates MP, Councillor Glenn Tozer, Jane Austen and Christine Amiet from City of Gold Coast Community Heritage. We thank them all for their continued support

We are honoured that the President, Secretary and Treasurer have been re-elected for another year. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve for the year ahead.

Also, congratulations to Ian Dalton and Jan Lewis for becoming new committee members.

The next few months involve more school visits, Heritage Week, cleaning and with new items donated, re-doing and adding to our displays will keep us busy.

Ground wise a big clean up to an area in preparation for a proposed machinery shed next year. We have had two film crews shooting scenes for short films using the grounds and some buildings.

On Saturday 12th September there were over 50 family and friends gathered to unveil the plaque on Joan's memorial rose garden. It was unveiled by Jack, the Rudd and Duncan families. This was followed by Devonshire tea.

So plenty happening!

Until next time

Thank you all.

Neil

Museum Happenings

Unveiling of the rose garden in memory of Joan Rudd (Duncan), founding member, past president, and patron of the Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum. [thanks to Peter Jones and Cr. Glenn Tozer for the photos]






MIPRO






This rose garden is dedicated to
the memory of
Joan Cecilia Rudd
(nee Duncan)
08/03/1944 - 13/09/2025
Foundation member,
past President
and Patron of the
Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum
A descendant of pioneering families
from the Hinterland
Unveiled by
the Duncan and Rudd families

Filming scenes for a new movie about dreaming





Another movie filmed at the Museum is called ‘The Glasshouse’








PACKING SHED

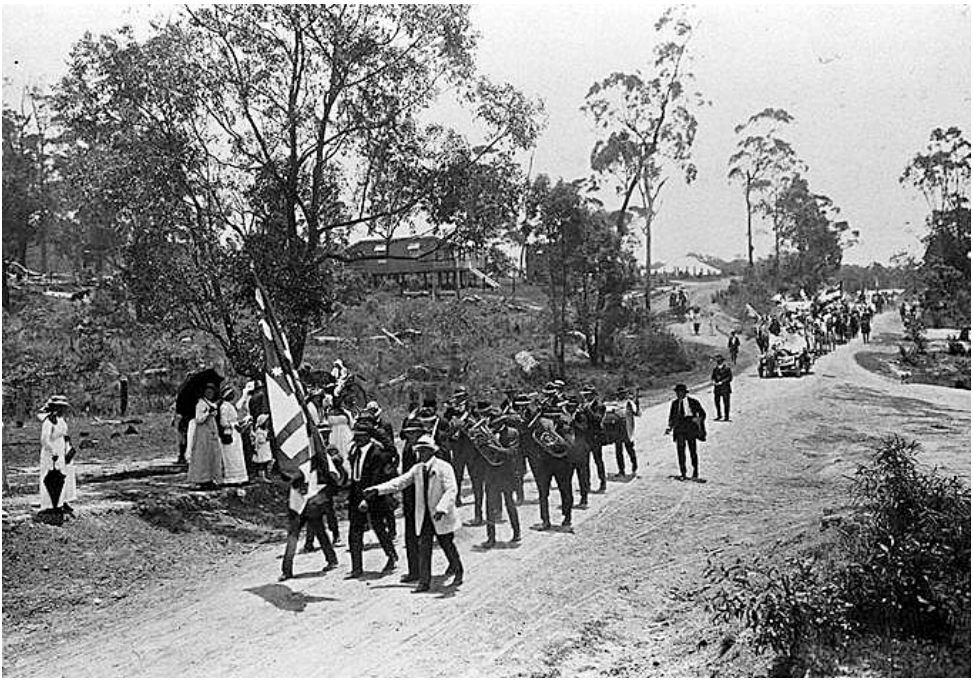
U3A walking group were given a tour through the Museum by President Neil.





Remembrance Day

On 11th November 1918 the Great War – as it was then known – ended at 11am. Over the next couple of months, the surviving sons of Mudgeeraba families returned to their families. In 1919 to raise funds for the rehabilitation of returned servicemen, the people of Mudgeeraba held a Peace Day celebration. The local butcher, Ben Franklin, led the march followed by the returned servicemen, dressed in uniform and looking very gallant with their plumed hats. The march started at the railway station and ended under the shed of a large fig tree on the site known today as Firth Park. The residents dressed in fancy dress which represented the nations of the allied forces – including Uncle Sam and Britannia. The day continued with a number of entertainments. Nearly 60,000 Australians died in action from wounds or as prisoners of war. Every so often a local resident would point to a portrait of a fresh-faced young man wearing the distinctive plumed hat. They would say, that was my eldest brother, we lost him in the war.'



Peace Day procession through Mudgeeraba led by Ben Franklin, in the white coat. The white roof in the background is the Exchange Hotel. [Image courtesy of City of Gold Coast Local Studies collection.

Management Committee 2025

Joan Rudd [Patron], Neil Sands [President], Anne Panitz [Secretary]. Sue Mills [Treasurer, Registrar, Newsletter] Jack Rudd, Brian Cox, Lenore Crouch, Pam Sands, Peter Jones, Carol Jones, Warren Davis, Tom Cowper, Lloyd Mills, Odette Dalton, Ian Dalton, Jan Lewis.

Meetings held 3rd Sunday of the month.

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 including an application form may be obtained from the secretary.

Diary Dates – subject to change without notice

OCTOBER 2026

4 – Museum open 10am-2pm
8 – Surfers Paradise SS
9 – Surfers Paradise SS
11 – Museum open 10am-2pm
13 – Emmanuel College
14 – William Duncan SS
15– Emmanuel College
16 – St Augustine's
18 – Museum open 10am-2pm
18 – Museum meeting 2pm
19 – Star of the Sea
20 – A B Paterson
22 – A B Paterson
25 – 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.