

Mareeba Heritage Centre Inc.

Newsletter

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Message from the Chair
- 2015 AGM Date:
24 September 2015 at 5.30pm
- Date Claimer:
Saturday, 10 October 2015
MHC 20th Anniversary
celebrations
- Jamieson House
- 117 MHC members in 2014/15
- Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW)



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members,

Last year the Committee planned that a new building, a duplicate of the existing building, be built on the vacant land on the southern end of our property near the fire station.

A program was put in place to raise money for this building and plans drawn up to duplicate the existing one. On trying to raise the finance for this project it was realised that because of the economic climate, the cost being close to \$500,000, it became an impossibility to raise this type of finance. So when a historic old Queenslander building built c.1905 was offered at no cost by Ron Blundell and Noel Morris, the Committee decided that this was a better option and would serve the same purposes needed for extra space.

The contract has been signed with a transport company. When delivered on site the verandahs will be replaced and all renovations completed. It is anticipated that this will cost below 50% of what the new building would have cost.

Arrangements are being made to have the Queenslander building transported to MHC site. This should happen late in June after the old verandahs of the Queenslander have been removed and the main building delivered on site, on new stumps.

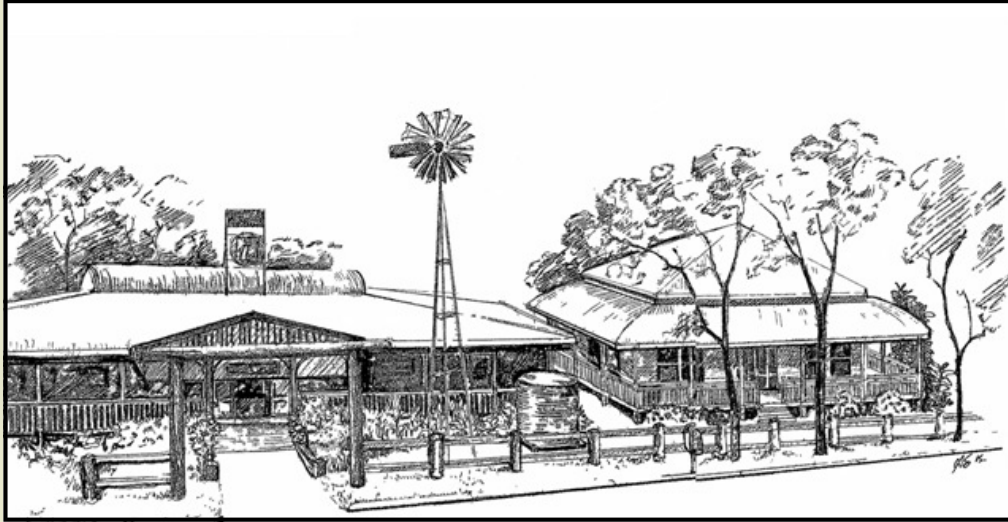
The community of Mareeba has shown that they are behind us and there is lots of enthusiasm for this project and I thank the community for their support to date. More fundraising will continue in the street, incorporating 4AM, around the time of the actual move of the building.

My thanks goes to the staff of Mareeba Heritage Museum & Visitor Information Centre and also my sincere thanks to our wonderful, giving VOLUNTEERS.

Evan McGrath O.A.M.
Chairman

MUSEUM NEWS

Jamieson House *Artists impression*—Queenslander to be relocated to Heritage Centre



Jamieson house was built by Walter Jamieson c.1905. He was Scottish born and came to Australia in the early 1880's. He first worked in the timber industry in the Daintree. He was also connected with timber getting in the Cloesy River area and he had owned a block of land on Keeble and Strattman Street corner in 1893.

About this time, Walter sailed to New Zealand where he married Annie Bartholomew. Walter was 42 and Annie was 36 year of age. They never had any children. Annie was also a Scott and came to Australia in 1866 when she was six years old. The family lived in Maryborough for some twenty years before moving to New Zealand where she married Walter and they returned to Australia.

Arriving in Mareeba, Walter was employed as Manager of Chillagoe & Co. Sawmill on the north western side of the Peeble Street rail crossing. In 1905, Walter built his Granite Creek Sawmill and also their home across the road on the corner.

Annie's niece, Muriel Haybittle, lived with the Jamiesons from childhood and married Dundee Bostock in 1913. Bostock, at the time, managed the Sawmill on behalf of Wood & Wood, who had leased it from Jamieson. Dundee and Muriel Bostock had four children of their own, as well as four children from Dundee's first marriage.

1915 Walter Jamieson junior arrived from Scotland. He is the son of Walter's twin brother Alexander. Later that year, Walter senior died of a heart condition. Dundee and Walter junior were made trustees of the estate. The Bostock family had been living with Annie for some time possibly since Walter's death.

In 1921 Bostock had an accident at the sawmill which led to him losing his hand. 1924 Bostock died of toxemia. William Smallwood took over as Manager of the mill. 1935 Annie Jamieson passed away in Jamieson House, after a long illness. She had been a resident of Mareeba for thirty-five years. Her obituary states:

"She was of a quiet and unassuming nature and her genial manner made her a host of friends"

Jamieson's sawmill continued until 1938 which is the last time it is mentioned in the Almanacs. At some stage the Bostock used their home as a boarding house. It is believed that the next owner was Kevin Kelly who was well known to Mareeba people as the butcher who had his shop near where Cleall's Butcher shop is now situated.

We believe that Grantly Chaplain was the next owner. From Grantly Chaplain the house passes onto the Hyde family c.1945 who lived there for over forty years. The Hyde family trust has recently sold Jamieson House to Ron Blundell and Noel Morris who have very generously donated the house to Mareeba Heritage Centre Inc.

Windmill on the Move

Monday 20 April 2015

Mareeba Heritage Centre's windmill and tank were moved on Monday 20th April to its new site on the front lawn of the Heritage Museum.

The windmill is being moved to make way for a 110 year old house, 'Jamieson House', soon to be transported from corner of Keeble and Strattman Streets to the Heritage Museum site.

Dale Peebles of Mareeba Crane Hire donated two of his cranes, his time and that of his employees to help with the moving of the windmill.

It is not the first time Mareeba Crane Hire have been generous to the Museum. In 2012 they kindly donated their time and equipment to move a curing barn onto the Museum's site for the tobacco display.

TERM P/L also donated the time of their employee, Peter Crimmins, who also assisted in the windmill's relocation.



Mareeba Heritage Museum &
Visitor Information Centre
20th Anniversary Celebrations
On
Saturday, 10th October, 2015
10am—3pm
Bring your family—keep this date free
Lots of prizes to be won!



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS



Mareeba Heritage Centre volunteers were treated to lunch at the Centre on Thursday, 14 May 2015, to celebrate National Volunteers Week 11—17 May 2015.

Mayor Tom Gilmore gave out fifteen 5- year service badges, nine 10-year service badges, three 15-year service badges and one 20-year service badge. Mary Thompson is the longest serving volunteer with 20 years service given to the Mareeba Heritage Centre.

After lunch the volunteers boarded a bus driven by Joe Paronella (grandson of Jose Paronella who built the castle at Paronella Park). The volunteers were taken on a famil at Mamu Tropical Skywalk on the Palmerston Highway and at Paronella Park in Mena Creek. On the bus journey there, Joe gave a great account of his family's endeavours at Paronella Park. Mark and Judy Evans who are now the owners of the two attractions also treated the Mareeba Heritage Centre volunteers to a meal and drinks at their Mena Creek Hotel.

The figures for June 2015 have not as yet been finalised but it is estimated that 37,500 visitors will have come through our doors in the 2014/2015 year. This is about 2,000 less than last year. However, the RV travellers have increased by 3.6% as compared to last years figures.

Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW)

Tourism and Events Queensland works in partnership with the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW), which is Australia's primary resource for tourism businesses to get their information online. It is a centralised national database that feeds information on your tourism business into a network of up to 60 websites. The expanding network of distributors includes websites of : Tourism Events Queensland, Tourism Australia; About Australia; inclusion in 'This is Queensland' app; and Qld regional tourism organisations websites.

For further information see:

<http://teq.queensland.com/Industry-Resources/Marketing/ATDW>