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Recent Events

Following are overviews of some of the Museum's special events and activities conducted in recent times. These are intended to not only attract and engage with more visitors but also to fully utilise its heritage collections for educational and reminiscence purposes. Often such occasions also generate new interest, heritage information and contributions to the Museum's collections.

So register for news of forthcoming events, come along and bring your friends and family. You're never too old or too young to enjoy a trip down memory lane.



RETRO ROCKS at the **NAMBOUR** **MUSEUM**

*Come and see this
special display
highlighting the retro
era 50s, 60s and 70s*

Entry prices:
Gents - \$5.00
Dames - \$5.00
Ankle Biter - \$1.00



*Special display
opening...*

Saturday 31
August, 2019

10am to 4pm

Nambour Museum
18 Mitchell Street



The Trumpet Calls - WW1 Tribute - March to April 2018 <> Wednesday to Saturday 1pm to 4pm

Commemorating 100 years since her uncle and local lad Private Robert Roberts was killed in France, Daphne Heaton has produced this special display which features an amazing collection of photographs, memorabilia and history. Many local families witnessed their boys and young men responding to the call of the trumpet and requests to assist overseas. Come along and take a ride with the Roberts family all those years ago.

“The Trumpet Calls - WW1 Tribute” provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on life at home before and during the war years and to also admire the amazing endeavours within the community to support the war effort. The display provides the personal touch and complements the Museum’s extensive military collection covering all major conflicts with a focus on the involvement of local people.



Daphne Heaton holding the plaque issued to Private Roberts' family following his death in 1918. The personalised plaque, often referred to as the "Dead Man's Penny", was issued to next-of-kin of all service personnel who were killed as a result of the war.

HANDS ON: A worker puts Nambour's town clock back on public display yesterday after a 30-year timeout.
PHOTO: PATRICK WOODS

CLOCK TICKS TO NAMBOUR REVIVAL TIME



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ABOUT TIME: Ross Coombe, Peter Chatwynd and Clive Plater manoeuvre Nambour's former town clock into place yesterday. PHOTO: PATRICK WOODS

Clock ticks over after 30-year absence

THE main method Clive Plater used to tell the time when he was a child in Nambour has been restored after lying dormant for 30 years.

"If you were a kid in my day you didn't get a watch until you got to high school," Mr Plater said.

So the electric clock that

adorned the Marriachy Shire Town Hall on Currie St from 1963 until it was demolished in the late 1990s was his best option.

He also used to be guided by the sugar mill whistle, which blew at midday and for shift start times.

But that only ran five months of the year when

cane crushing was in season.

The old clock was hoisted onto a new tower at Nambour and District Historical Museum's Bury Street entrance yesterday morning ahead of being switched on at 2pm.

Mr Plater, who is the museum's president, said

the Brisbane-made Synchronome clock had been at the museum for quite a few years until a member decided to look into getting it going.

His efforts succeeded. "We've had it running for a couple of months," Mr Plater, 64, said.

"It looks great out there

today."

Or Greg Rogerson said the clock was a memento of a time when Nambour was "the centre of the universe".

He said the town's status as the North Coast's central hub had passed but its residents were striving to make it thrive.

Wednesday, 1st November, 2017

'Operation Bulimba' memorabilia finds new home

FRIDAY, 1st September, 2017, marked the 75th Anniversary of a most significant military operation in the lives of many local families. The 2/15th Infantry Battalion of the Second AIF comprised many Queensland members as it was raised at Brisbane's Redbank Army Camp in 1940.

In early July 1942, the Second World War in North Africa had become critical for the British Eighth Army when Axis forces reached El Alamein in Egypt. On 1 September, the 2/15th Battalion participated in the 9th Division's diversionary attack south of Tel-el-Eisa, codenamed 'Operation Bulimba', which was also intended to test tactics and strategies for the major Battle of El Alamein which loomed in the weeks and months ahead.

However, the Battalion met unexpected heavy resistance after penetrating a German minefield. Amidst heavy hand-to-hand fighting and the failure of the promised British tanks to turn up in support, the 2/15th Battalion sustained 183 casualties which equated to about one half of its fighting strength in three hours. Fatalities equated to approximately one third of the Battalion's total wartime losses.

The 2/15th Battalion Remembrance Club which was based in Brisbane provided members and guests with an opportunity to socialise, reflect and participate in the annual Anzac Day March. With



Famous artistic impression of the battle scene faced by members of the 2/15th Battalion during Operation Bulimba on 1st September 1942.



Another tribute to those who suffered

the passing of members, the Remembrance Club has recently folded and the Nambour Museum has been honoured with the donation of historic memorabilia from the group to add to its already impressive military display.

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of 'Operation Bulimba' the Nambour



Representatives of 2/15th Battalion Remembrance Club, Mrs Kathleen Lyall (Widow of Percy Lyall OAM) and Gordon Wallace (former President) together with Nambour Museum President Clive Plater at the opening of the Museum's expanded military displays.

Museum invited Mr Gordon Wallace, former President of the 2/15th Battalion Remembrance Club, to officially open the recently completed 2/15th Battalion section of the Museum's

military display. The collections, displays and family histories can be viewed during the Museum's normal opening hours of 1pm to 4pm, Wednesday to Saturday, at 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour.

JOIN IN NAMBOUR'S DISCOVERY WEEKEND

When > Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May from 9am to 3pm daily

Where > Nambour Museum, 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour

BUSINESSES OF YESTERYEAR



" WHERE'S WHALLEY? "

He may have gotten his knickers in a twist but we do know . . .

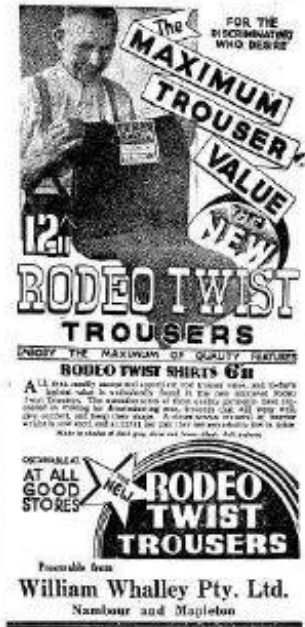
William Whalley and many others like him established fine businesses in town over the past 100 plus years

"Come along for the ride"



Need a nice cuppa at Collins Café, then hop on your Bosker from Kents and head down to Currie Street

Check out Bayards, Lowes, Whalleys, Chadwicks, Penneys and the many other iconic local shops and businesses while you're there



All the talk in recent times has been about the future of Nambour and its business heart following the closure of the Moreton Sugar Mill in 2003. Over the decades, the shopping precinct has continually evolved. Discovery Weekend provides an ideal opportunity for local residents and visitors to revisit the past and reflect on what was and what might be.

CELEBRATE NAMBOUR'S UNIQUE HERITAGE

Featuring

SPECIAL DISPLAYS AND SLIDE SHOWS

- Highlighting businesses and industries once synonymous with Nambour •
- Take a closer look at the families behind the business names •
- See reminders of old and once indispensable technologies •
- Learn about the significance of downtown street names •

♥ Plus the usual blockbuster displays and exhibits ranging in size from pins to locomotives ♥



Let's explore

What little treasure will you discover?

NAMBOUR & DISTRICT HISTORIAL MUSEUM
18 Mitchell Street, Nambour

Admission : Adults \$4 and School Children \$1

Bring your family and friends for a memorable journey down town

Nambour Museum hosts "Businesses of Yesteryear" display



Do you recognise this iconic Currie Street business or the staff in waiting?

THE Sunshine Coast's Discovery Weekend in May provides a wonderful opportunity for residents and visitors to reflect on the past and the progress achieved over the years.

Nambour Museum's contribution to the special event focuses on the town's unique business heritage and

is aptly named Businesses of Yesteryear.

Business names may have varied from town to town throughout the area but the way businesses operated was quite similar. Do you remember the personal service received and the products you purchased when you shopped downtown? Do you recall

enquiring about an item at the counter and the attendant bringing it over for you to inspect and try on before buying?

In Nambour, some of the larger iconic business names which come to the fore include Bayards, Whalleys, Lowes, Chadwicks and Penneys. At stores like



The famous Bayards Store, located at the time at the corner of Currie and Howard Streets.

Bayards, your money was whisked away to the accounts office upstairs or out the back for processing, a far cry from the technologies of today.

The Nambour Museum holds a treasure trove of memories pertaining to shopping locally which will be revealed during its special Discovery Weekend on Saturday 6th and Sunday

7th May, between 9am and 3pm daily. Admission is \$4 for Adults and \$1 for School Children.

Special displays and slideshows will highlight businesses and industries once synonymous with Nambour, take a closer look at the families behind the business names and marvel

at reminders of old and once indispensable technologies.

The usual blockbuster displays and exhibits ranging in size from pins to locomotives will also be accessible during your visit.

What little treasure will you discover during your visit to the Nambour Museum located at 18 Mitchell Street?

Museum rocks with the Swinging '60s

By Graham Morton

The Nambour Museum is set to reshape community thinking about museums when it presents its Swinging Sixties Open Day on Saturday 17th September.

The walls will be reverberating with sixties music as the museum provides the appropriate atmosphere for a trip down memory lane.

The 1960s was a decade of real change in the way we live. Lifestyles, technology, motor vehicles, education and entertainment all featured but none more so than music.

The Open Day provides an opportunity for people of all ages to step back in time and appreciate why the Swinging Sixties was such a cherished period.

A fabulous selection of Australia's No.1 music video clips from the 1960s will play continuously while visitors browse the many displays of photographs, news, clothing, household appliances, cars and much, much more from that era.

How did we all survive before the arrival of television? What a difference to the social scene and kitchen duties followed the tidal wave of Bessmer and Tupperware parties!

On the roads, Nambour's GMH dealership Williams



A promotional poster announcing the Swinging Sixties event at Nambour Museum.

Motor Company launched the new EJ Holden in 1962 with an elaborate presentation which was said to have rivalled any metropolitan dealership.

A huge crowd filled the large Civic Hall and enjoyed a variety show which included the local Marching Girls and District Band.

A community song number "Roll Out the Holden" was conducted to the tune of "Roll Out the Barrel" before the marching girls and a fanfare of trumpets heralded the arrival of the new cars.

Nambour also welcomed its first traffic lights around this time.

Bands like the Nambour



Bands like The Mercy Beats will be fondly remembered as Nambour Museum presents its Swinging Sixties Open Day on September 17.

and Maroochy District Band were in great demand during the 1960s with regular competitions, performances for special events and street parades. Nambour's amazing Marching Girls were based in

Petrie Park, nice and handy for the Anzac Day, Sugar Festival and a host of other street processions. Amateur theatre also enjoyed a roller coaster ride during this period with the Nambour Amateur Theatrical

Society, fondly remembered as NATS, finally acquiring their own little theatre in Blackall Terrace in 1963.

The Swinging Sixties will be remembered by local folk in Nambour for all of these reasons and more. Musical entertainment was a key ingredient in bonding the busy sugar community and commercial centre together.

called the Mercy Beats.

Its music proved popular with gigs at various events, community concerts and local radio station 4NA.

Nambour Museum's Swinging Sixties Open Day will be held on Saturday 17th September only at 18 Mitchell Street, Nambour from 10am to 3pm. Admission is \$4 adults, \$1 children with morning / afternoon tea available.

Why not enjoy this great nostalgic journey before capping the day off at the monthly Tramfest party in nearby Howard Street. Enquiries telephone 5441 2083.