



North Stradbroke Island MUSEUM on Minjerribah



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Returning Jandai Place Names over Country

In 2016, the NSIMM Committee determined that explicit action was needed to better present and represent the First Peoples (Quandamooka), colonial and shared histories of the island on the walls of the Museum. The Committee decided to create an entrance statement to inform visitors that the Museum is on the land and country of the Quandamooka people.

Subsequently, the NSIMM has produced a map of the Jandai / English place names of Minjerribah/North Stradbroke Island, with an accompanying list of sources. This was made possible by a bequest from Aunty Joyce Shinn in memory of her sister Aunty Colleen Costello.

The map is another step to relieve, respect and acknowledge the original language of this land. 2019 is the UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages. There will be many programs and initiatives around the state to promote and highlight Indigenous languages. The Museum has started the process of developing a timeline from the First People's history through to the present.



Above: The map with Jandai language names for Island locations. You can download a copy of the map from the Museum website for free, or purchase an A3 copy for \$4 from the Museum shop.

A list of the sources the Museum used, as well as alternative sources and spellings, can be found on the Museum website at <http://www.stradbroke-museum.com.au/map>

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Annual General Meeting

**Saturday
September 15,
at 10am**

**Everyone
welcome for
morning tea**

The Museum acknowledges the Quandamooka people as the owners and custodians of the lands and waters on which the Museum operates. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Growing Up Together in the 1950s

The Museum recently hosted a morning tea for people who grew up in Dunwich in the 1950's.

The reunion was sparked by a visit from Ken Howlett, who lived in Dunwich as a child. Ken had visited the Island earlier in the year, and donated some fantastic photos to the Museum, which were scanned and shared with the local community.

The Museum created a slideshow of these photos and some others from the time, which were shown on the big



Back Row: Gary Wilson. Middle row: Gwen Graham, Marie Cole, Evelyn Parkin, Lenore Davidson, Rene Cleary, Jany's Walker, Susan Bradbury, Helen Hoy, Patsy Miethke, Bunny Dickson. Seated: Margaret Kucirek, Robyn Bradbury and Ken Howlett.

Photo courtesy Charmaine Abberdan.

screen in the gallery during the morning tea, stimulating a lot of memories and conversation. Another morning tea will be held later this year.

Museum Staff Speaking Out

In October 2018, Elisabeth Gondwe is presenting a paper at the Queensland Small Museums Conference in Roma, about the processes and challenges of making the map indicating the dual naming of Island locations.

And in November, Lisa Jackson has been invited to participate in the Brisbane History Group seminar on *The Peace*, which will be about the years after WW1. Lisa will be talking about her research into the returned servicemen in the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum.

Please contact the Museum if you are interested in obtaining a copy of either of these papers (or attending the events!)

HONOURING UNCLE BOB ANDERSON



Uncle Bob Anderson (third from right) with some of his family and close friends at the Redland City Council morning tea.

The Museum was recently invited to be present at a special morning tea hosted by Redland City Council, to honour Uncle Bob Anderson, and acknowledge the role he has played in the developing the relationship between the Council and the Quandamooka people.

The morning tea coincided with Uncle Bob's 89th birthday, so there was lots of cake, and a few stories shared about Uncle Bob's life.

The Council has produced a commemorative poster honouring Uncle Bob's local contribution. Copies are available at the Museum.

Friends of the Museum

Become a Friend of the North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah.

Donate \$500 or more, and receive life membership, invitations to all Museum events and functions, and acknowledgement in the Museum.

All donations to the Museum are TAX DEDUCTIBLE

You could also consider a bequest to the NSIHM. Please contact the Museum for any information.



Snappy New Collection Items



This old rat trap (pictured left, with a clothes peg for scale) was recently donated to the Museum. Mark Kennedy found the trap "out the back of Dunwich", and thinks it dates to the 1880s. Please get in touch if you know anything else about it.

We have also had some lovely albums of family photos scanned into the collection. Merinda Robbins brought some photos of her family and friends building their home

in Point Lookout and fishing (see right). Sue Bradbury donated more photos of her early life in Dunwich (see left). And Jill Fisher donated her father's collection of old editions of *The Islander* magazine, and a lovely bound copy of the Point Lookout Headland Master Plan Report from 2001.

If you have photos or documents in your family you would like added to the Museum collection, remember that you can always keep the originals. We simply borrow your collection, scan it to archival standard, and return it safely to you.



Ramping Up Grants....

The Redland Foundation has recently granted the Museum \$5,000 towards the installation of a new front entrance ramp.

The entrance to the Museum requires upgrading to improve its safety. The new entrance will install a wheelchair friendly ramp and better pedestrian access.

The plans have Council approval, and additional funds are being sought to do the work as soon as possible.

The Redland Foundation allocated the funding through the Jeffrey and Geraldine Underhill Grants Program, and the Museum is very grateful for their support..



Follow the Fire Trail

The Museum's contribution to the 2018 Quandamooka Festival is a Fire Trail. As you walk around the Museum, there are 24 *jalu* (fire) symbols to discover. There are objects, photographs or stories, all highlighting a different use of fire, from warmth, ceremony, communication, land management and household life.

The Trail will be on display for another few weeks.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Museum AGM on Saturday September 15, at 10am.

The meeting will include a report from Museum staffer Lisa Jackson, who has just completed a year as a State Library of Qld QANZAC100 Fellow, researching the WW1 returned soldiers who spent time in the Dunwich Benevolent Institution as inebriates. There will also be a performance from the fabulous *Straddie Island Singers*, and a morning tea.

Nomination forms for all positions are available from the Museum. See you there!

Tending to Big Tom's Tools

Museum volunteer Mick Bright has done extensive work on a tool collection donated to the Museum in 2016.

Cornelius Thomas "Big Tom" DeHayr was the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum's carpenter in the 1930's and 40's. His daughter donated his tool box and a significant collection of carpentry tools Tom used in his work at the Asylum and on the Cleveland jetty.



Mick has catalogued, described, and researched each tool, and kindly donated

storage boxes. He has also ingeniously designed and engineered a bespoke camera stand for photographing collection items.

Mick worked with and guided Brisbane State High School Year 11 work experience student Leon Nette to assist with the project.

Thank you Leon and Mick!

Straddie Family Fun Day



Redland City Council is again holding a Family Fun Day at the Museum this September School Holidays.

This year, there will be a morning of magic and science, where Glen Rhodes will perform his "Science Magic Show". Children will see and learn how to do some awesome and totally mystifying magic tricks, stunts and illusions. There will also be storytelling, craft and technology activities.

All children aged 0 - 8 years, and their older siblings are welcome. No bookings required.

Friday, 28 September 2018
10am – 12pm

VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM!

Volunteering at the Museum is a great way to meet new people, share your skills or learn new ones, and find out a whole lot of interesting stuff about the history and people of North Stradbroke Island.

We have roles for front of house staff, tour guides, researchers, cataloguers, gardeners, jam makers, dusters etc etc.

Being a Museum volunteer doesn't tie you down to a regular commitment. You don't have to dedicate any particular amount of time, and we will provide training for your area of interest. We try to match you with a task you will find fun and interesting. For more information, call Lisa or Elisabeth at the Museum on 3409 9699, or drop us an email. We'd love to see you.



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