

Southern Moreton Bay Islands Museum On Russell Island

In Association with Redland Museum Inc. at Cleveland

"Volunteers are precious"



December 2011 Newsletter



1. Our film "Tug of War" is undergoing the editing process after the event held on 16 October. A great effort by Macleay Island Lions Club and the community on Lamb together with other groups. The museum had 5 cameras working on the day, so there is much to edit. A wonderful example of different groups working together to achieve a fun outcome for the community. A further Mayor's small Grant was obtained to assist with film copy, marketing and distribution. Thanks to Redland City Council & community
2. Under the Russell Island Association [RIA] banner and in conjunction with the Russell Island Community Arts Group, we are looking to be involved with Redland City Council in a new Community Cultural Centre on a site in the High Street. This brings our respective display and exhibition centres close to access from the jetty and perhaps combined with a Visitor Information Centre. A 3D model was prepared by RIA members and is being presented to the community for feedback.

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3. We have assisted in securing a home for a 12' Thorpe training sailing dingy which RMI was letting go. The Tingira Boat Club on Macleay is now the proud owner.
4. Our parent body RMI have loaned us an enclosed model of the old MV Toondah. This was a fisheries inspection vessel from 1882-1899. The loan also includes a print copy of an oil painting from 1896, depicting the Toondah with Captain Fison interviewing fishermen on a sandbank near Amity Point.
5. We have obtained some old 8mm film footage from 1962 courtesy of Harold Waring of Victoria Point. His family owned the block of land on Macleay where the upper car park now is below the Blue Parrot. Harold built his house which was later moved by council and is now the Macleay Library and Heritage Room. There was some footage of the Dawn Mist, the first high school boat in Queensland which will feature in our upcoming short film "A Boat To Home".
6. Another display rack for booklets has been constructed by our own Bob The builder.
7. We have a molasses supply now for cleaning up those old rusty bits.
8. Our storage container is nearly on the move to Paul Jones block and in 2012 we will begin in earnest storing a lot of our collection to make way for new displays in the shed. Thanks to Stradbroke Ferries and P&M Motor Towing in Capalaba for their consideration on costs for the move.
9. The planned Xmas breakup of a boat trip did not eventuate owing to poor weather. We gathered at the beach pavilions at Karra though for a fine feast prepared by members.

***A very Happy Christmas and good health and well being in 2012
From our members below in the SMBJ***

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