

# Buderim - Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc

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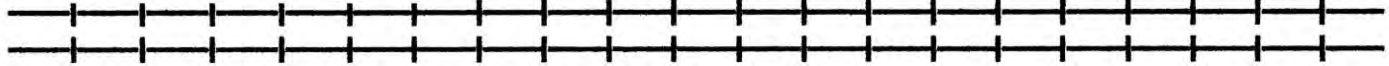
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Welcome to our latest newsletter. Included are a few items of interest to bring you up to date with our group's activities.

**AGM Meeting Notice.** The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Vise Cottage meeting room at the rear of the Pioneer Cottage, 5 Ballinger Crescent, Buderim. We appeal to all current and prospective members to attend and enjoy some pizza and a glass of wine.

**Membership.** You will remember that a new category of Life Membership was included on previous membership renewal forms. Thank you to those of you who have taken up this offer.

**If you are a Life Member, you can ignore the membership renewal form included in this newsletter.**

Also, could everyone please encourage any of your friends who are interested in Buderim's tramway heritage & history to join us and become members. The more members we have, the better we can achieve our goals.

**'Full Steam Ahead' – Unveiling of the Krauss Building Design to the community.** On June 7 the "Full Steam Ahead" night to launch the plans for the housing of the Krauss locomotive went very well. Around 200 people attended and were treated to a great night, with plenty to eat & drink as well as some very appropriate entertainment by Bev Gourlay, Aart Schouten and Christina Hanley. Peter Curtis from Sienna College spoke about their students' appreciation of the heritage value of the walking track and their enthusiasm for the Krauss restoration project. Damian Collins from Buderim Design Studio showed those present the latest design for the building. The building has glass on all four sides, with large sliding glass doors that will open when interested groups visit the site. The doors will be closed at all other times. We thank Channel 7 TV, the Buderim Chronicle and the Local Community Times for the publicity they gave us for the occasion.

Now the hard part begins as the estimated cost of the building is \$300,000 to \$350,000. We are hopeful of raising about \$200,000 of this from grants from the various tiers of government, leaving over \$100,000 to be raised from local supporters, both individual, and business. We are very grateful to Cr Christian Dickson, who kicked off the fundraising at the launch, by announcing a \$10,000 donation.

**Loco Display Site Central Buderim.** Council is finalising the plans for the relocation. We expect that final approval will be given by the end of 2013.

**The Botanical Program.** A small group of volunteers meet occasionally to keep the entrance to the track looking neat & tidy. This is one area of our activities where we need more helpers. Please

think about volunteering. Contact one of the committee whose contact details are in the header if you can help.

**The Telco Road Heritage Tramway Walking Track.** The walking track continues to attract a good number of users and the maintenance volunteers are working hard to keep it clear for users. It is pleasing to see that council maintenance workers have recently put a narrow run of asphalt along the eroded road verge leading to the car park. The tall grass has been cut on the Telco Rd car park opposite the track entrance. We intend approaching SCRC to get a clear determination of the land use status of the area beside Mons/Telco Rds. Currently this is used as an un-surfaced car parking area, but some preparation of the surface is needed to make it suitable for parking use for walkers/visitors in all weather conditions. An associated need for BPHTI is to have the exact boundary between this 'parking' area and the house block of No 1 Telco Rd clearly indicated on a map, or on site, by SCRC. This would allow the realisation of BPHTI's developing plans to indicate the historic Telco Station site and to provide access for walkers past it to the embankment approach to the former 'White Bridge'.

**Grant applications.** We are awaiting the Council's final approval for the building plans before we start applying for funding.

**Siena Primary School Track Visit** A wonderful morning was had by all concerned when we hosted the children, teachers & parents from Grade 2 at Siena Primary School on the 8th of August. This was the second year that this visit has taken place. The visit helps the school implement the local history strand of their curriculum. The children were very well behaved and showed great interest in the history of the tramway. They were full of interesting questions that showed they had been well prepared for the walk by their teachers. All in all, it was a very successful day and one we hope to repeat, not only with Siena school but with other local schools.

**Web Site.** We continue to develop our website with the help of the staff at Red Lid Publishing.

The web address is <http://www.buderim.qld.au/tram>

Why not try it out for us. Any comments or suggestions on possible improvements gratefully received. Contact either Helene Cronin or Bruce Horton with your suggestions. Note our new email address. We can be contacted on: *tram@buderim.qld.au*

**Mons Station site.** The archaeological excavation ('dig') at the old Mons Station site on the Telco Rd tramway walking track was carried out on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The 'finds' discovered during the excavation covered a range of small objects including the top part of a coloured glass bottle, and many other small pieces of glass. Numerous small pieces of an interesting flat-section rock were found, but are not yet definitely identified. (Some passers-by thought the pieces resembled broken tile, about 5mm thick, with light/white surfaces and dark internal material). Evidence of fire, perhaps from bush-fires, was found at the intersection of the lower soil strata and the topmost leaf mould/soil layer. Our thanks to Neil McGarvie for the organization and to Gary and Dorothy Flanigan for their invaluable advice.

Further details of the dig can be found on our website.

**New Facebook Page.** With the invaluable help of Maddie Fraser, we have set up a Facebook page for the tramway. Check it out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BPHTI?ref=hl>

And if possible, **register a Like** for the site as this helps us get more publicity.

**Australian Rail Trails Website.** We are represented on the Rail Trail website. Check out the site at:

<http://www.railtrails.org.au/trail-descriptions/queensland/south-east-queensland?view=trail&id=228>

**Future Meeting Dates.** You are invited to attend these general meetings and contribute your ideas. Normally meetings are held at 5 pm in the Vise Cottage meeting room at the rear of the Pioneer Cottage, 5 Ballinger Crescent, Buderim. Future dates are as follows

Friday September 13 at 5.30 pm - **Annual General Meeting**

Friday October 18 at 5.00 pm

Friday November 15 at 5.00 pm

**Membership Renewal.** We would appreciate your continued support for next year. Membership renewals can be made at the AGM. However, if you are unable to attend, we have included a membership renewal form for you to complete. We would also appreciate any extra amount you could give us as a donation to help us cover the many incidental costs associated with running the group. Please post your completed form to the Membership Secretary at PO Box 144 Buderim QLD 4556.

Finally, the committee thanks you all for your continued support. Please give serious thought to joining our committee.

**DON'T FORGET.**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA & A GLASS OF WINE AT  
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD AT VISE COTTAGE  
AT THE REAR OF THE PIONEER COTTAGE,  
5 BALLINGER CRESCENT, BUDERIM  
AT 5.30 PM ON FRIDAY 13 th SEPTEMBER, 2013**

**AND ALSO**

**NON LIFE MEMBERS, PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Below are some photos taken at the "Full Steam Ahead" Night at the Buderim Community Hall



Singers Bev Gourlay & Aart Schouten accompanied by Christina Hanley



President Helene Cronin addressing the guests



President Helene with Cr Christian Dickson



Tramway stalwarts Neil McGarvie & Noel Williams