



The Batemans Bay Museum



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By Crikey – What a Smashing End to 2018!

**FROM CULTURE TO CAPITAL WORKS OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO
ACHIEVE THESE RESULTS FOR LOCAL HERITAGE AND OUR COMMUNITY**

***Thanks to our year long fundraising, a generous donation of \$2,000 from The Bay Push, and the major award of a NSW Community Partnership Grant of \$15,081, we can now construct an all weather access path to outdoor exhibits, and improved ramp access direct to our front door.** Our sincere appreciation for the community support this inclusion project received.

***Thanks to a Museums & Galleries Building Improvement grant of \$3,700** we say goodbye to chilly feet and eerie neck drafts as we welcome a builder to insulate the roof and floor of our main buildings. Hurrah!

***Thanks to the Regional Arts Country Arts Support Programme, via SEAR,** we have been granted \$2,048 to undertake a 2019 community history project partnering with members of the Greek society in Batemans Bay.

None of this would have been thought possible, without the practical generosity and personal commitment shown by our team of Museum volunteers. We value every hour you have given us, every idea, every opportunity thought through, and run with. **You are all stars.**

And no better time to acknowledge the professional support of those with whom we engage. ESC's caring Heritage and Tourism teams, the wonderful staff at Museums and Galleries Volunteer Sector, our inspiring Museum Advisor, heritage and business consultants, Bunnings community engagement program, and not least, members of the many other cultural groups across our Shire with whom we work.

2019 PLANS

- *Securing your legacy via new infrastructure and collection concepts;
- *Seeking opportunities to diversify through development in the CBD;
- *Growing our online presence to engage a wider public.





LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS STOCKING SHOPPING
VISIT OUR WORLD FAMOUS BOOK EMPORIUM
OPEN 10AM-2PM FRI DEC 21ST/SAT 22ND/SUN 23RD

MUSEUM HOLIDAYS

We close with a Member invitation 'Pool Party' at 12.30pm on Thur Dec 20th and re-open Tue, Jan 8th 2019. Phone and emails will be monitored.



A VERY BUSY LAST QUARTER 2018 – VOLUNTEER WITH US IN 2019! WE NEED YOU.

Our **Annual Family Fun Day** Offered dog-training, ukuleles, spinning, steam engines, Sailability, plants & pottery and a mighty response from marine rescue, fire brigade, and animal welfare services. Our warm thanks to Members and volunteers from a wide range of community-based groups for again generously supporting us once again. We entertained more than 200 people of all ages, who explored the diverse interests of (mainly) volunteers, whose passionate commitment enriches our lives.

We also participated in the **Lions' Carnivale** at Corrigans Beach.

OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM catered for schools and combined pensioner coach trips from out of town.

WE BADE FAREWELL to two travelling exhibitions: *Convict Bonnets* from First Fleet Southern Highlands, and the National Maritime's *Shackleton: Escape from Antarctica*.

WE WELCOMED a heritage radio collection exhibit, and contemporary fibre & textile display, both continuing into January 2019.

MUSEUM ADVISOR Lynn Collins, swept out some cobwebs and has set us on a course of reviewing aspects of our acquisition and collection management. For example, our long-standing 'domestic room' is being transformed to explore period 'after hours' lifestyles with lots of colour and movement, audio-visual and 'try this on' interactive displays. Exciting stuff. LIKE TO HELP DESIGN?

OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM, which regularly includes Debra, Linda, Nerida, Fran, Ray and Joan, under the leadership of Chris Ruzsala, proved exceptional this year. **Not including entry donations, during November we raised in excess of \$1968.00**, with pre-Christmas activities still to come.

MARKETING EXPANDED to include 'on board' coach talks which are proving popular. LIKE TO TALK?

OUR BUILDING & MAINTENANCE TEAM of Bob, Bill, Brian, under Les's direction, excelled themselves with conservation, exhibition design, and machinery restoration. You name it and they can design, build, paint, weld, plane, and nail it every time. NO-ONE COULD ASK FOR A BETTER CREW. WANT TO JOIN THEM?

OUR GROUNDS TEAM of Peter and Graham kept us green, trim and tidy. Housekeeper Gail kindly does the same inside every Thursday. HAPPY TO HELP KEEP THINGS LOOKING NICE?

OUR CEMETERIES GROUP is led by Ray – people are dying to get into this one (ahem).

THE OFFICE AND ADMIN TEAM comprising Sandra, Lesley, Jude, Zoe, Judy and John, Joan and Fran, Michelle and Glyn, keep us Open, up to date and up to a high standard. LIKE TO ORGANISE?

OFFERING SPECIALIST SKILLS are Ted (photography), Chris B (family history), Dianne (Publications) and Julia (Grants). DO ANY OF THESE ALSO INTEREST YOU, TOO?

AND FINALLY, OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM, led by Ewan, Chris and Myf – the buck stops here.



WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY – SEE YOU 2019.

Myf Thompson