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Bankfoot House, 1998 Old Gympie Road Glass House Mountains

### *President's Message*

A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has existed between the Friends of Bankfoot House Inc. and the Council since February 2008, and this MOU was subsequently reviewed in December 2009. A new MOU, signed in September 2011, will now run for three years and confirms the ongoing commitment and collaboration between the two parties.

Pre-arranged guided tours of Bankfoot House and our Bankfoot 'Roadshows' have continued to be popular. Visitors from Glasshouse Country View Club, Maranatha Aged Care Kallangur, and Ipswich Probus Club toured the house during August, and 'Roadshow' presentations were delivered to the Glasshouse Mountains Advancement Network, Palmwoods Garden Village, and the Nambour Family History Society. These activities fit well with our objective of promoting the site as a heritage property and encouraging its use as an educational and cultural community asset.

Our 'Wine & Cheese at Sundown' charity event on the verandah during August proved a popular social function and raised \$550 for the Queensland Cancer Council. It was the first time we had attended the house after dark and the art display on the verandah by local artists added another feature to the night's entertainment.



We were pleased once again to have a visit from Jim and Di Fraser in conjunction with their annual trip from Whitby in New Zealand to the Brisbane RNA Show. Jim is a great-grandson of William & Mary Grigor and grandson of John & Janet Fraser (nee Grigor).

Finally, we received a visit from Steve Ralph (Australian Teamster's Hall of Fame) proudly showing off his new son, Derek James, born 7 September 2011. Congratulations to Steve ('I don't do nappies') & Rhonda.

*Ron Gillinder*

### *Community Partnership Funding Grant*

The Friends have received official notification that the application to Council for funding under this grant program has been approved. A condition of the grant was that the Friends have an Australian Business Number (ABN). We applied (reluctantly) for an ABN and one has been issued. The purpose of the grant was to provide funds for the Friends to buy housekeeping supplies, garden consumables, preservation materials etc.

(Confucius said – 'The people may be made to follow a course of action, but they may not be made to understand it' 550-478 BC)

## *Capital Works for Bankfoot Site*

A Project Manager, Adrian Just, BSc Hon, BArch Hon AIA (Archicology Architects), has been selected by Council to manage the Stage 1 development of the Bankfoot House property.

An initial meeting was held at Bankfoot House on 17 August 2011 to better acquaint Adrian with the heritage property but we are awaiting further progress reports and a firm works plan.

## *Open Day 2012*



Provided the Bankfoot site is not a construction zone in May next year, it is proposed to hold an **Open Day on Sunday 27 May**. The day will have special historical significance as it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the epic cycle ride of the Clark sisters from Brisbane and their climb of Tibrogargan and Coonowrin. Recreational cycle clubs will be invited to visit Bankfoot on the day and we hope to have a display of vintage bicycles.

**Anyone with an old bicycle in their back shed and who would like to put it on display on the day – please contact Ron or a member of the Committee.**

## *Did you know?*

On 18th October 1979, Jack & Mary FERRIS were made Life Members of the Shire of Landsborough Historical Society in recognition of their stalwart dedication to the Society and its Museum. The Certificate of Life Membership proudly hangs on the wall in Bankfoot House.

## *Membership Fees*

A reminder that membership fees are due. Our new financial year commenced on 1 April 2011. Membership remains at \$5 per year and arrangements for payment can be made by contacting one of the Committee members below.

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**Ron with Council Officers after MOU signing**