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President's Welcome

Hello Friends,

What a busy, very productive 6 months we have experienced. Everything from the Isolation Hospital being used as a movie set, to a new book being published about the history of Woodman Point. We have had an increase in the number of tours, our Cultural Grant application was successful for the Boonah Commemoration which will be held in December. Also, a very special wedding took place on the grounds of the Isolation Hospital.

Congratulations Per and Tiffany, we wish you every happiness.

Welcome to our newest member of Friends of Woodman Point, Jack Walsh.

*Kind regards,
Jenni Carder*

Spirit of Happiness

In March, "Friends" played host to the film crew of the "Spirit of Happiness". The Isolation Hospital was a hive of activity as several of the rooms were turned into movie sets. The Producer, Dannielle Risdon, has advised "Friends" that she will mention Friends of Woodman Point in the film's credits. They hope the film will premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in 2019.

Western Sentinel

Friends of Woodman Point was able to finance the printing of Ian Darroch's new book, *Western Sentinel* in June thanks to an anonymous donation from a member.

Ian has written a fabulous book about the Quarantine Station from its earliest days until its closure in 1979. Copies of Ian's book are available for \$20.00 plus postage, please contact us if you would like a copy.

Friends of Woodman Point will be holding an official book launch later this year.



Boonah Reprint

With the Boonah Commemoration in December, there has been a lot of interest in Ian's previous book, *The Boonah Tragedy*. At a committee meeting, it was agreed upon to reprint 100 copies of his book, which will be available at the Boonah Commemoration in December.

Ian has kindly offered to come along to sign copies for the public on the day. Thank you Ian.

Cultural Grant

"Friends" are delighted to announce that we have received a \$3500 Cultural Grant from City of Cockburn. On the 29th May, Ainslie Poore, our Project Officer and I, went along to the City of Cockburn Grant Presentation Event. The grant money will go towards covering some of our expenses to host the Boonah Commemoration Service.

Thank you to the City of Cockburn for their continued support of "Friends".

Well done Ainslie on a successful grant application.



Heritage Tours

Our Heritage Tours are continuing to be popular with tours already booked up to November.

We continue to receive wonderful feedback from people who have been on our tours.

In April, we held an open morning for individuals and couples who had requested a tour without being part of a large group. We plan to organise another open morning in September. Date will be announced on our Facebook page.

Boonah Planning Group

A big thank you to the members that are a part of the Boonah Planning Group. This group are busy trying to locate descendants and relatives of the soldiers and nurses from the Boonah and Wyreema.

After our "Can You Help" article in the West Australian, we have received contact from several descendants already who are thrilled to be invited to the commemoration.

E. V. Whyte

In June, I was delighted to meet Ian Whyte at the Isolation Hospital. Ian is the grandson of E. V Whyte, a soldier on the Boonah. Ian presented "Friends" with a copy of his grandfather's diary and the most extraordinary photographs that E.V had taken on the Boonah.

The diary and photographs will make an outstanding display at the Commemoration Service.



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The Isolation Hospital and its grounds took on a whole new look on Saturday 3 March 2018 when it became the venue for the engagement party of Tiffany Setter and Per Wilson. Tiffany and Per wanted a casual relaxed atmosphere for their celebration and the hospital with its sweeping lawns was their perfect venue. It was all the more special because of Per's family connection to the Quarantine Station. This was home to his grandmother Mollie and his great grandparents Roy and Pearl McIntosh who lived at the Station from 1939 until Roy's retirement as officer-in-charge of the Station in 1963.

On this beautiful balmy summer's evening, the grounds looked magnificent when more than 200 festoon lights strung around the southern lawns were switched on. Pallet furniture provided their 128 guests with seating, and the lawns became a dance floor until the early hours of the following morning.



Midway through the evening though came their big surprise - that this engagement party was about to morph into Per and Tiffany's wedding. It was an announcement that took their elated family and friends completely by surprise and there was much cheering and jubilation as they emerged from the Isolation Hospital, accompanied by their parents and bridal party, to be married on the hospital verandah by Fremantle celebrant, Ken Booth.



It was a pretty slick operation. Tiffany had given herself 30 minutes to transform into the most beautiful of brides, but most of their bridal party had just 15 minutes to change from party gear into the wedding attire that Tiffany had pre-arranged. They had not been privy to the secret and had found out about the big event only 20 minutes before the announcement was made to the guests.

Per and Tiffany would like to extend their sincere thanks to Friends of Woodman Point and to the management of Woodman Point Recreation Camp for allowing them to celebrate their marriage at such a perfect venue, and one that had so much significance to Per's family.