

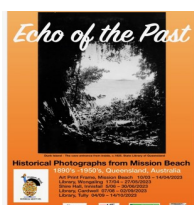
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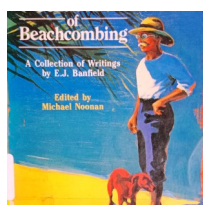
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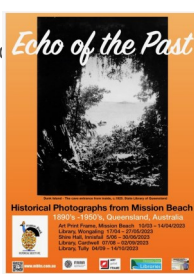


You're invited:
MBHS Special Meeting



Wellness Weekend

Opening of Echo of the Past Photographic Exhibition



The Mission Beach Historical Society inaugural exhibition 'Echo the Past – Historical photographs from Mission Beach, 1890s – 1950s' opened on 10/03/2023 at the Art, Print, Frame Gallery, Mission Beach. Over 100 enthusiastic and interested people gathered to celebrate the event.

The exhibition was opened by Shane Knuth, MP, and some VIPs joined the event: Ken Campbell, grandson of Superintendent Kenny from the Hull River Aboriginal Settlement; Doug and Mavis Bunting, descendant of the Cutten and Alexander families; various Djiru people; Laurie Lourigan, former owner of the Alomo petrol station and builder of the Big Cassowary and Katrina Beattie, Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal grant program manager.



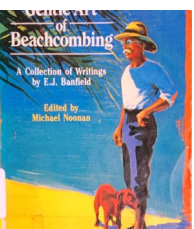
The exhibition will be touring: this year to: Mission Beach Library, Innisfail Shire Hall, Cardwell library, and Tully library. Next year it can be seen in the Cairns Museum.

Generous Donation from LiveLife Pharmacy, Mission Beach



MBHS would like to thank **Jamie and Amanda Dalton, LiveLife Pharmacy**, for their very kind donation, which will make a positive impact in the local community. Their generous contribution will allow MBHS to purchase some much needed IT equipment.

You're invited: 100th Anniversary of Edmund Banfield's death



On June 2, 1923, E.J. Banfield passed away on his beloved island – Dunk Island. He became ill towards the end of May and died early June 1923 of peritonitis. To commemorate his passing, MBHS will host a morning tea: **10:30am, Thursday, June 1**, the C4 Theatre, 55 Porters Promenade, Mission Beach. A special display and slide show will be presented.

Members and visitors welcome.

MB Wellness Weekend 28/29/30 April, 2023



The first 2023 Mission Beach Wellness Trail Weekend took place on April 28 – 30. The aim was to showcase Mission Beach as a natural wellness destination, bringing a trail of activities to help locals and visitors feel good.

MBHS was one of the many participants and presented a display at the C4 Theatre, Porter Promenade. The event was well attended and interested visitors enjoyed the stories, photos, various memorabilia and the slide show from the 'Echo of the Past' exhibition created by Meryl Harding.

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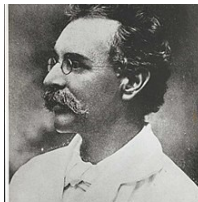
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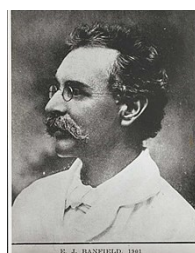
Every three months the historical societies of Innisfail, El Arish, Mission Beach, and Cardwell meet up to exchange ideas, let each other know what projects they are working on, network, and socialize. The meeting was held on the 22/03/2023, in El Arish, hosted by Marie Carman and was well attended with representatives from all but one societies. The informative networking event took place at the Diggers Museum, followed by lunch at The Pocket.

Leonard Andy Presentation: Djiru cultural objects



Leonard gave MBHS a talk at the April meeting, where he shared some Djiru cultural knowledge, using examples taken from the Djiru installation at the *Echo of the Past Exhibition*. He provided community members with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the local Djiru history through his knowledge, questions and answers, touching and feeling the objects, and demonstrations of how they were used. It was very well received and participants acknowledged how much they had learned.

Banfield Parade, Wongaling Beach



Edmund Banfield, also known as Ted, 1852-1923. In 1882 he became the sub-editor of the Townsville Daily Bulletin for 15 years. He married Bertha and they lived on Dunk Island from 1897. Although remote they were not reclusive and entertained many guests. He became a naturalist and an observer of natural life, and an activist. He was also a prolific writer - including the well known *Confessions of a Beachcomber*. The Banfields are among Mission Beach's most notable early settlers and were close to the Cutten family and many of the early settlers.

About Us—Mission Beach Historical Society Inc

The **Mission Beach Historical Society Inc** is a friendly group of amateur historians. We are putting together stories of our local people, industries and events. We also collect photographs, family histories and newspaper articles.

Interested? Like to volunteer some time? Become a member?

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Today's events are tomorrow's history