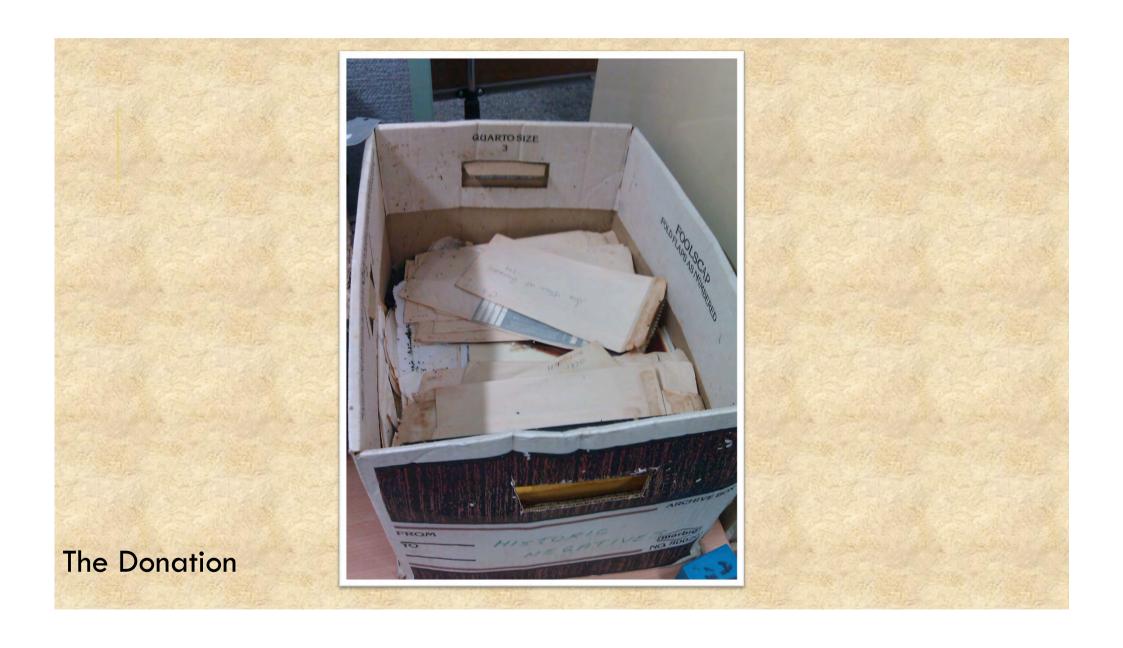


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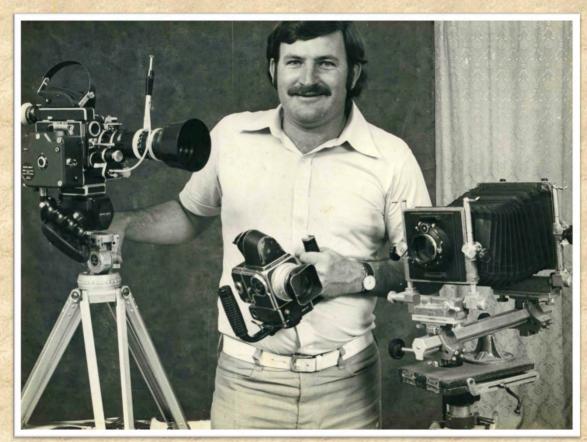


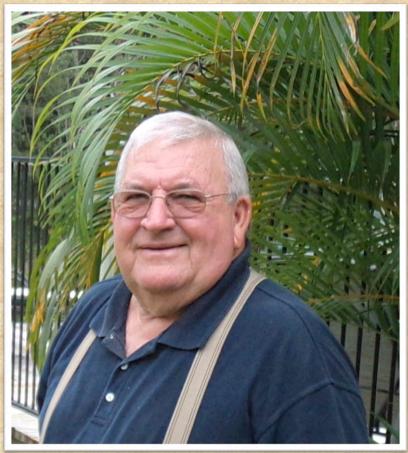
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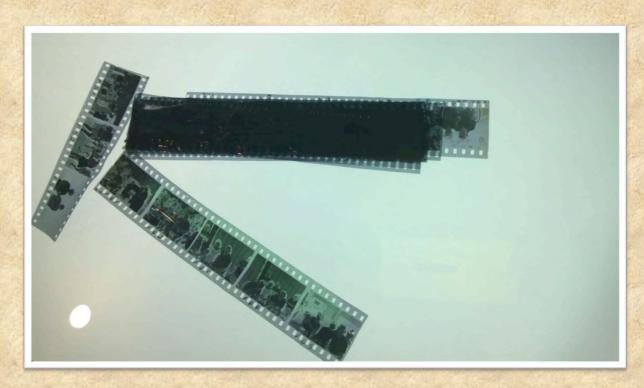
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Josh Tarrant and Lydia Egunnike, Queensland Museum, Museum Development Officers visit







Training Workshop,
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Hard at work

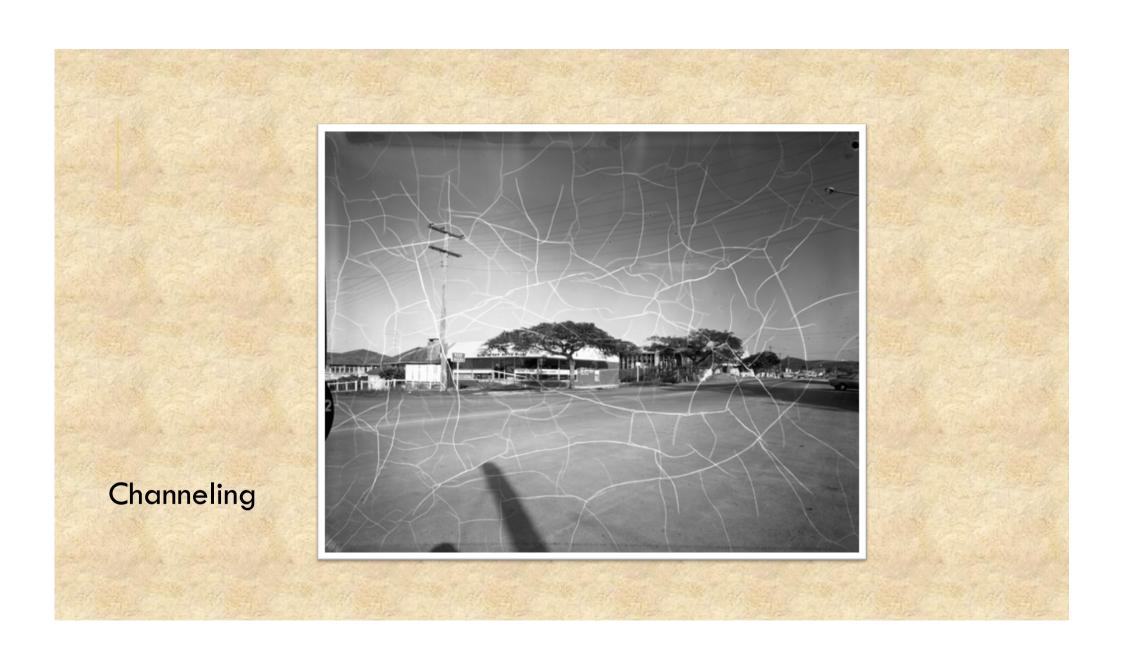








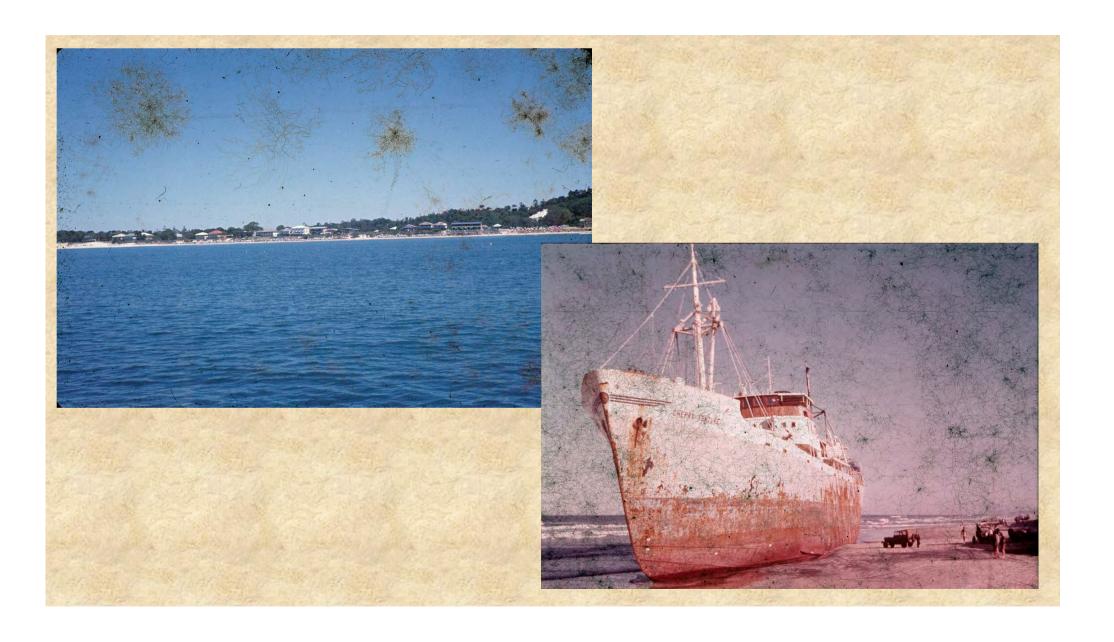




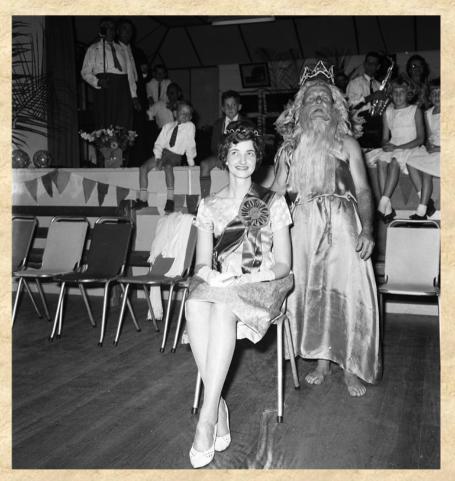
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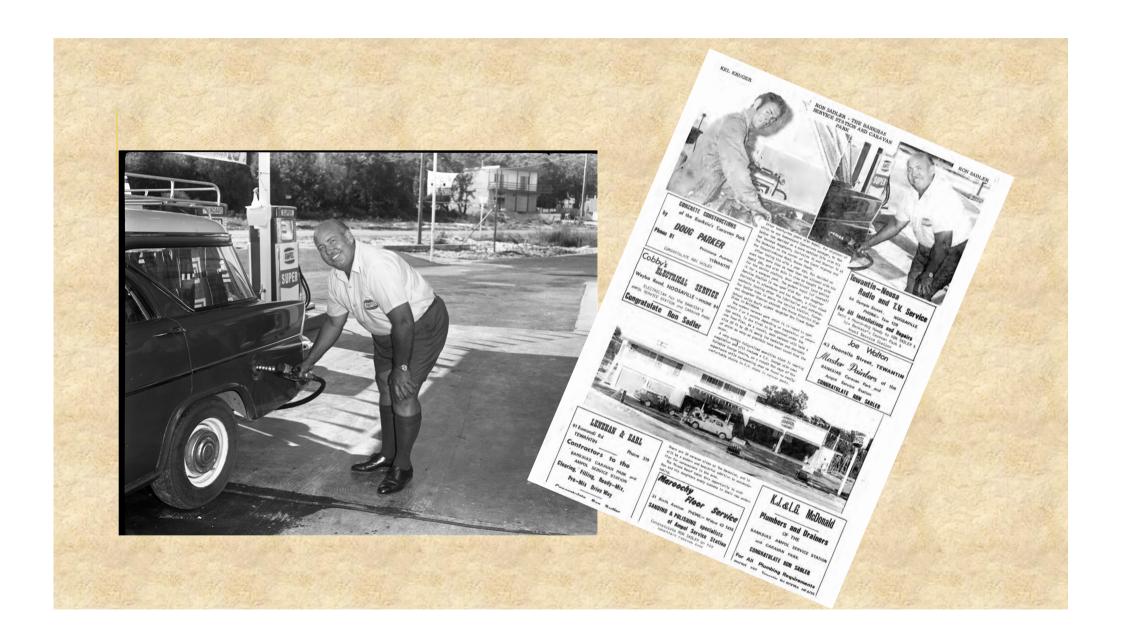


















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It's Flashback Friday time. The year is 1969, the place Tewantin. We think this is a great shot, but unfortunately, we know very little about it. Perhaps someone knows the name of the people or event? The image is from the Griffiths Collection, part of Picture Noosa from Noosa Library Service. http://bit.ly/1RljSuA@



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AUSTRALIA'S FIRST "PROFESSIONAL" SURF CONTEST Words by Ion Lording

Further developments on the two Ted Spencer and Phyllis O'Donnell photos we an in the last issue (Vol. 19#1) thanks to on in the lost issue (Vol. 1991) howks to we keen eye of the Heritoge Ubborion ot exposed the Heritoge Ubborion ot exposed the critical and recognised the stos as part of their omazing Griffith ection and filled in the gops by way one photes and original newsport your photes and original newsport stages from this event, which humed out Australia's first "professions" surfing st, the 1969 Noose Neods Open. Short version of the story behind otos begon when a someone found lobs full of old negatives and prints power in on office of fourtain Noosa

and had the foresight to hand them over to the library. Jone was amazed to find over 5,400 frames inside covering all types of local events in and around Noosa. The box was emitting a strong vinegar smell indicating time was taking its tall on the

negatives.

An incredible 18 month-long effort by Jane and her team of selfless volunteers saw them saving many of the images by way of assessing, restoring, scanning, digitising and indexing those still

salvageable.

All of these photos were shot by local Bill
Griffith, who, along with his wife Sue ran
Griffith Studios. They also launched and ran the Noosa News (now owned by Rupert and Jerry). It's such a shame that another six or so boxes, all containing thousands of penetiums, were lost when Bill and Sue sold

their business and the boxes went with the sale. What a time capsule that would have been of Noosa in the late '60s and







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It may have been Australia's first professional surf competition, but the surf over at Sunshine was decidedly ordinary.



The trophy table, shame there's no photos of the chooks. A couple of coravens though and an upturned tinnie. Hasting Screet then was another planet.



The presso and the party though, were something else.



Butch Cooney getting his trophy from the cosually attired manager of Tewantin's Royal Mail Hatel.

Anyway, back to the competition. In the Sun Herald dated September 21 1969, an article by Midget Forrelly tells how Ted fought it out in a close final against David Treloar. Peter Drouyn finished third and then expressed his displeasure by giving away his traphy, jumping in his car and driving off. Simply, he cracked it big time, spot the dummy and left, with possible thoughts going through his head of a different judging system and contest format. In onother twist according to Midget, the prize money was never honoured due to "lack of entry numbers".

Also, from the Noosa News in September 1969, "The value of the prizes and trophies totals a hitherto unheard of \$ 1000. Included are five surfboards (\$500), 21 trophies and cups, Levi gear, dinners, and chooks." Yes,

that read "dinners, and chooks"! The presentation was held in the park apposite the new Noosa Post Office, and the trophies were presented by Rick Bennet, Peter Troy and Garth Modill. A special trophy for the highest score went to one B.

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Cooney.
In his new book A Cup Of Tea With Gad,
Phil Jarratt writus, "The 1969 Noosa Open,
token out by Sydney superstor Ted Spencer,
featured most of Australia's leading surfers. By 1970 the surf contest had become secondary to the party at Tewantin's Royal Mail Hotel, that year featuring surf psychedelic band Tamam Shud and the event fizzled out in a pall of thick blue

marijuana smoke." Now that too would make for some interesting photos.



Phyllis with her trophy and new Joe Larkin. How





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