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STREET STALL - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Display – “Picture This”

The new display has been erected! It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun and we feel it has been worthwhile. The display commemorates the 30th anniversary of the building of our Museum and includes many photographs during the various stages of its erection. Many of our long-time members probably recall this historic occasion and will find our photographs fascinating.

Our special Open Day on Tuesday, September 10, was very successful and the presentation by our Guest Speaker, entertainer Donnie Sutherland, was very interesting and enjoyable.

The interview by our Curator, Kreenah Yelds, with Fred Koch was enlightening, humorous, and everyone really enjoyed it. It was accompanied by a fascinating Power-Point display of photographs taken during the Museum's erection. Elaine Fry also greatly entertained us with anecdotes and memories of this momentous occasion.

Our Showcase contains masses of items from the 1980s such as clothing and artifacts, in fact quite a variety of items. Display screens illustrate many of the historic events that occurred 30 years ago and also focus on three major events - the building of our Museum, Australia winning the America's Cup and the Saving of the Franklin/Gordon Rivers. These make interesting reading and there are some great photos.

A nice Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by our visitors and we even scored some new members.

A Big Thank You to Members who assisted in preparing for and on this special occasion.

If you weren't able to make it to our special Opening Day, or have been unable to visit the Museum, we're sure you'll find the whole display fascinating, so pay us a visit.

Heritage Grant

We have applied for a Grant to cover necessary painting in the Cottage. Advice as to whether our application has been successful probably won't be received until December but we'll keep you informed.

Rotary Raffle

Glad to report that it's on again this year. Please contact Bev Blockey if you would like to purchase or sell tickets. We did well with this Raffle last year and would like to do even better this year.

Recipe Book

Family, unusual or just plain 'yummy' sounding Recipes are being received for our proposed ***Recipe Book*** but Bev Blockey would like some more. See what you can do! They will make a delightful little book of recipes which can be a fund raiser for our Society.

Bev would really like to know who contributed the recipe with the lovely calligraphy writing. Could they let her know as she would love them to do some – just a little bit – in the recipe book when it is published.

Also, we will be needing someone with an 'artistic flair' to illustrate the book. How about it!

PROGRAM 2013 – Please check Newsletter for Updates!

October Thur 10 Street Stall – William Street Plaza

“ ***Thur 24 Outing – Cockatoo Island, Sydney***
(Note: Could be a bit of walking but there are seats and Coffee Shops! – See p4

November Sat 9 9.30 - Working Bee – Spring Cleaning

ALL HANDS WANTED PLEASE!

“ ***Tue 19 1.00 Spring Gathering***

December Tue 10 12.00 Christmas/Birthday Party

Cockatoo Island

Don't forget that our Outing to Cockatoo Island is on Thursday, October 24th.

Recently added to the World Heritage list, Cockatoo Island is Sydney's largest island, only accessible by ferry from Circular Quay. This is a very historic site and we're sure you will find it all extremely interesting.

We will be travelling by train and there is a fast one from Gosford at 7.27, arriving at Central at 8.48, then a train to Circular Quay, and a short walk to ferry wharf to catch ferry at 9.52 to C.I. island. *(Note: could be a bit of walking but there are seats and Coffee Shops on C.!!)* There is an Information booth at the C.I. ferry wharf and an Audio tour can be hired if desired.

On Cockatoo Island you will find unique remnants of the island's history include solitary prison cells, hand carved silos, a guardhouse and convict workshops.

The island was also an industrial school, a reformatory and operated as a convict penal establishment between 1839 and 1869.

Cockatoo Island was also the site of one of Australia's biggest shipyards, operating between 1857 and 1991. The first of its two dry docks was built by convicts.

Cockatoo Island contains the nation's most extensive and varied record of shipbuilding and has the potential to enhance our understanding of maritime and heavy industrial processes in Australia from the mid-19th century.

Ref: Wikipedia: the free encyclopedia : Aust. Govt, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust



Group Bookings

Group Bookings so far for October and November. As you can see, Group Bookings have picked up now that the warmer weather has arrived.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
Oct. 1	Tue.	8.30	Alley Coaches	30 seniors
" 9	Wed.	1.30	Treetops	45 seniors
" 14	Mon.	10.15	Royal Caribbean Cruises	TBA
" 14	Mon.	11.00	Baulkham Hills H&S Club	21 visitors
" 21	Mon.	10.00	St John Fisher Cath.P/S	59 stds+T'rs
" 22	Tues.	10.00	Erina Probus	20 visitors
" 28	Mon.	12.30	Terranova Tours	40 seniors
" 30	Wed.	2.30	Margaret Connell Group, Wodonga	30 visitors
Nov. 5	Tue.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
" 12	Tue.	6.30	Broken Bay Scouts	BBQ & Talk 20 Cub Scouts + 4
" 20	Wed.	10.15	Royal Caribbean Cruises	TBA
" 27	Wed.	TBA	" " "	TBA

Museum Duty

Would Duty Members please confirm with Margaret Pearce, our Duty Roster Officer, when they are on duty. Upcoming Tours are published in the Newsletter but this is issued monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Group Bookings can still come in or be altered after that date. A list of Bookings is in our Staffroom and is progressively updated.

Please make sure that if you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty you contact Margaret (or Bob or Shirley Rider if Margaret is unavailable) to advise of this. It only takes a phone call! If a Duty Member just doesn't arrive it means having to try to contact that member and/or then having to organize another member to fill in.

Roster

If you wish to go on the Roster please let Margaret know. If you haven't done it before, don't be concerned! ... you would be with experienced members who would "show you the ropes". It's quite interesting and a nice little social occasion. Welcome and Thanks to those New Members who are willing to go on the Roster.

Snippets

Working Bee – November 9th – from 9.30 (whatever time you can manage!)

Amongst the many tasks we would like to carry out are

- Cleaning windows in Cottage
- Washing Curtains
- Cleaning Kitchen and Slab Shed and general cleaning in Cottage and Museum

Cleaning area around back fence, weeding.

There is a lot to do and we realise that not everyone can do every job. Just choose what you feel you are capable of doing.

We need all the help we can get!

Galston Garden Club will be holding its Open Gardens Weekend on Friday, October 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th, 2013.

Mangrove Mountain & District Country Fair will be on Saturday, October 19th, 10.00 to 4.00. BWHS will be having a table of artifacts and brochures.

Family History Fair. We will be having a Display Table **at the Family Fair on Saturday, November 2.**

Welcome New Members

A big welcome to New Members – Margaret Crawford, Beverley Lane, and Danny Benwell. All have received a copy of **The Fagans, the Cottage, and Kendall.** Do hope you enjoy being a volunteer with Henry Kendall Cottage.

Newsletter

Our Davidson Plum ‘custodian’, Frank Courts, had been concerned that we weren’t getting many plums and that the flowers were not being pollinated by native bees. So he has organized with Mr Keith Paull to loan us his hive of native bees (they don’t sting) to put in the slab shed for a few weeks to help pollinate the tree while it is flowering.

Any contributions to our Newsletter will be gratefully received! Send them by email, “snail mail”, or leave them at the Museum for me by the end of the month, for publication in the next issue.

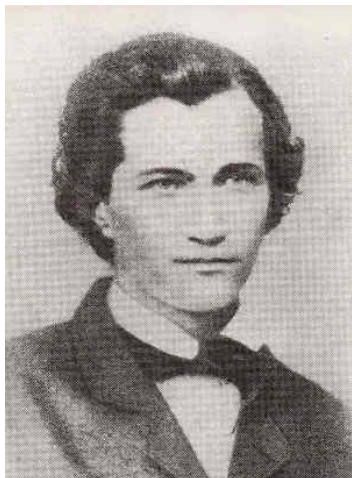
.....Thanks, Shirley - (Ed)

Short Scripts

Available in our Front Office are some suggested 'Short Scripts' to help Members describe our Cottage and Museum and their connection with Henry Kendall. Members have each received a copy of "The Fagans, the Cottage, and Kendall" and I'm sure this has been very interesting and useful to them. However, none of us can remember too many facts and figures so hopefully you will find these Short Scripts of assistance when you give little talks or when guiding visitors around the complex. It's not necessary to follow them 'word for word' but they can be referred to when necessary. This way you will be accurate and helpful in what you say. Any suggestions or assistance required please see Shirley.

Quartoseptcentenary. Don't let the name frighten you! It just means that in 2014 we will be celebrating the **175th Birthday of Henry Kendall AND 175 years since the erection by Peter Fagan of our much-loved stone cottage, now known as Henry Kendall Cottage. So a double celebration!**

We have received a Grant from Gosford City Council to help us put on a great celebration of these events in April 2014, during Heritage Week. So from now on we will be planning this event and looking for suggestions to help the Sub-Committee working on this. You will be hearing and reading lots more about this significant event in the coming months.



Henry as a young man



The Cottage looks a little different now!

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COACH/ GROUP VISITS are always welcome, any time day or night, out of hours BY APPOINTMENT, Phone (02) 4325 2270

The Society's Meetings are held in the Henry Kendall Cottage and Museum Complex, West Gosford. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!**

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