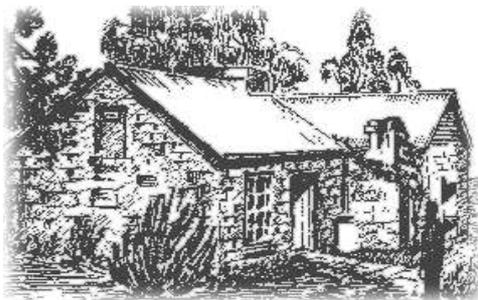


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***Brisbane Waters Historical Society Inc. would  
like to wish all our Members, their Families and  
Friends a Happy and Healthy 2013***

### ***What's in this Newsletter?***

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## **AROUND THE GROUNDS**

### ***Birthday/Christmas Function***

This was a great function and despite the rain the 70 or so guests present all seemed to enjoy it. The rain meant that the event was held on our veranda and in the museum. This worked out well with guests mingling on the veranda, in the museum and the cottage and it was quite a sociable occasion. We had the same caterers as last year and the food was delicious again. Music was provided by David Crawford's 'Good Old Daze Dance Band' – a very bright Group.

Big thanks again go to many wonderful members such as Edith Campbell, Margaret and Ron Pearce, & Bev Blockey, for the financial side of things, Brian James, Tricia & Neville Scott, John O'Hare, Frank Courts for their hard work in the organization and setting up, Ingrid Rode, for her table settings, decorations and 'little touches', Elaine Fry for her marvellous punch and cake, Jay for his computer work, and also the many other members for performing the numerous tasks involved – you all did a tremendous job! It was very pleasing to see the contribution from the Job Centre people too; they worked really well again this year.

We hope to see you all again at our Functions throughout this coming year and also at our 2013 Christmas Function next December.

### ***KPCT Christmas Function***

Bob and I attended the Christmas Function of Koolewong, Point Clare and Tascott at which I had the pleasure of speaking about Peter Fagan. This was very well received and many nice comments and discussion resulted. Quite a few people indicated that they previously did not know a great deal about Peter Fagan so my talk filled in a few gaps.

### ***Guest Speaker***

Guest Speaker for the ***Summer Gathering on Tuesday, January 15***, is Author Lois Sabine, who is the editor of Dr. William Bell's *The Settlers' Guide or Modern Domestic Medicine and Surgery, 1849*. It is a fascinating publication consisting of a previously unpublished manuscript coupled with the editor's background information to the work. This book received a Highly Commended award at the 2010 Australian Society of Archivists Mander Jones Award.

## **Program 2013**

Our proposed **Program for 2013**. We'll keep you informed of on-going developments.

January	15	<u>Summer Gathering</u> – Guest Speaker – Lois Sabine
February		Outing – Grossman House, Maitland
March	17	Kariong Community Fun Festival
March	19	AGM – Guest Speaker
April		Heritage Week – ‘Community Milestones’
May	21	<u>Autumn Gathering</u>
May		Working Bee – Storeroom 2 & 3, Workroom
June		Outing (destination and date tba)
July	16	<u>Winter Gathering</u> – Soup and Rolls
August		Outing (destination and date tba)
September		History Week – Topic to be announced
October		Outing (Destination & data tba)
October		Street Stall
November		Spring Clean
November	19	<u>Spring Gathering</u>
December		Birthday/Christmas Party

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## **Coach Bookings**

Bookings for February 2013 SO FAR are :

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>ATTENDING</b>
Feb. 11	Mon.	2.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Feb. 16	Sat.	10.15	Radiance of the Sea	tba
Feb. 19	Tues.	9.15	Rhapsody of the Sea	tba
Feb. 28	Thur.	11.00	West Gosford Probus	35 visitors (own BBQ)

Booking have also started to come in for March, April and May.

## ***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, and Coach Tour Bookings can still come in or be altered after that date.**

**Please make sure that, if you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty, you contact Margaret to advise of this. It only takes a phone call!**

***Annual Subscription Fees*** are now due. They are \$15.00 for singles, \$25.00 for couples with partner living at the same address, and \$7.50 for children. Enclosed with this newsletter issue is a Subscription Form. If you have already paid your subscription please ignore this form.

Our ***Annual General Meeting*** is on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1.00, with election of officers for the next year. Nomination Forms will be included with the February Newsletter. Please remember that Members have to be financial if they wish to nominate for or accept a position on the Committee, as well as having voting privileges. No more Newsletters will be sent to unfinancial members after the April issue.

## ***Rotary Club Raffle***

Tickets are still available at the museum for \$2.00 each – 25 in a book. We are able to keep the money we raise so it's a good fundraiser for us. The Raffle will drawn on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Bev ***Blockey*** is looking after it all so please bring any tickets, ticket stubs and money along to our ***Summer Gathering on January 15<sup>th</sup>*** to give to Bev. They have to be checked off and delivered to Rotary. ***The absolute deadline is January 25<sup>th</sup> but before that please!***

## ***Pavlova – One of our delights at Christmas!***

Pavlova is a meringue-based [dessert](#) named after the Russian [ballet](#) dancer [Anna Pavlova](#). The dessert is believed to have been created in honour of the dancer either during or after one of her tours to [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#) in the 1920s. The nationality of its creator has been a source of argument between the two nations for many years, but formal research indicates New Zealand as the source. It's a delicious dessert whoever created it!

## **Eclipse**

Bob and I and family members recently visited Palm Cove at Cairns for the Total Eclipse of the Sun on November 14. We stayed in a really lovely apartment, almost on the beach.

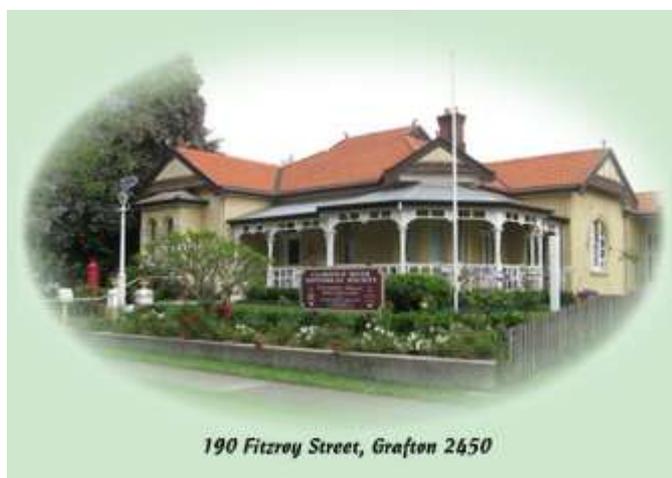
A few clouds were in front of the sun at sunrise but magically these lifted with about 10 minutes to go. So we had a wonderful view of the Eclipse. What a sight! Neither of us had seen a total eclipse before and almost certainly won't see another. There's a total eclipse in Sydney in 2028 but I would say that our chances of seeing that are exceedingly slim!

We also went by Skyway to Kuranda, returning by train, – a great trip, and we also did a little bit of touring to Port Douglas and around Cairns. Weather was just perfect.

## **Grafton**

I also managed a trip by train to Grafton with other members of Gosford Blue Water Probus Club, including BWHS members, Joy and Barry Holmes. The country was lush and green, weather perfect, and we did some great touring around. I hadn't been in northern New South Wales for quite some time so really enjoyed it.

We visited 3 museums – a small interesting maritime one at Yamba, Russell Crowe's fascinating museum at Nana Glen, and the Clarence River Historical Society's lovely "Schaeffer House Museum" in Grafton. This is a beautifully restored and furnished old house, built in 1900 by Mr. F. W. C. Schaeffer, the son of a pioneer German family, who became Grafton's first architect in 1909. Schaeffer House displays beautiful china, glassware and furniture, and is also a Family History Museum. Don't miss it if you visit the Grafton area. (See *brochure in the rack at the front of our museum*)



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(... Shirley, Ed.)

## Brisbane Water

*There has been some discussion recently as to why our water way is called **Brisbane Water**. Well, here is some information that may explain it. As you will see it is a very historic area and has borne the name '**Brisbane Water**' for nearly 200 years! The following information has been extracted from the Article by Gosford City Council's Local Studies Librarian, Geoff Potter, on GCC's website.*



**Sir Thomas MacDougall Brisbane, Governor of NSW 1821-1825, Brisbane Water was named after him.**

## The first inhabitants of Brisbane Water

Before the coming of the Europeans, Brisbane Water was the home of the coastal Guringai (Ku-ring-gai) people. The 'country' occupied by the Guringai extended from the northern side of Sydney Harbour, then along the coast to the lower reaches of Lake Macquarie.

The Guringai lived upon the natural resources of the area, collecting shellfish and fish, and occasionally catching possums, birds, reptiles and other small animals. Vegetable foods from fern roots and wild figs were used. Hunting implements included single-tipped spears, and multi-pronged fish spears tipped with fish teeth or fish bones. Spear throwers, boomerangs, clubs, stone hatchets and net bags also were found.

## Exploration of Brisbane Water

In early March 1788, Governor Arthur Phillip led a small party of officers and marines on an exploratory voyage along the coast to the north of Sydney Harbour. Only five weeks after the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove, it became clear that good farming land must be found if the settlement was to survive.

During the eight day voyage, Phillip and his party made a brief exploration of both sides of Broken Bay. This included a tributary initially known as the 'north-west arm'. Later this area was to be called the 'north-east arm', and eventually '**Brisbane Water**'. On the first voyage, Phillip had found little of immediate use to the Sydney Cove settlement.

## 1823: European settlement begins

**Brisbane Water** was named after Sir Thomas MacDougall Brisbane, Governor of N.S.W. between 1821 and 1825. The naming of **Brisbane Water** was contemporary with, but not necessarily connected to, the arrival of James Webb, the district's first white settler at The Rip (near today's Booker Bay) in 1823.

James Webb had arrived as a free man on the convict transport Scarborough in 1790, a soldier in the New South Wales Corps. He served until 1794. After his discharge, Webb was granted land in the district of Mulgrave Place on the Hawkesbury River.

In October 1823, Webb received permission to temporarily occupy 300 acres on the eastern side of the north-east (formerly the north-west) arm of Broken Bay, for the purposes of a cattle run. Late in 1824, Governor Sir Thomas Brisbane received a request for a grant of land in the same area.

Webb's request was granted, and in September 1824 he received 100 acres on the western side of The Rip. This area was named 'Mullbong Farm'.

James Webb died at **Brisbane Water** in June 1848. His age was given at the time as 90 years, but this is uncertain.

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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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