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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Bunnings SausageSizzle

A fine cool day brought lots of people to Bunnings and we were able to sell all our sausages by around 3.pm We made a profit of \$1018.00 which was a really wonderful result. Thanks so much to David Benwell and Kate Rowland for organizing the whole day so well. Thanks also to their helpers – Jim and Jenny O'Harae, Margaret Pearce, Bev Blockey, Norman Allen and Trish Scott for all their work. It was a very successful day.

August Outing - Roses to Go

On Friday August 16, we are planning to visit Roses to Go which is a hydroponic Rose Farm in Warnervale. As well as learning about the Roses and how they are grow hydroponically, the family has a really interesting story of how they came to leave their farm in Africa and come to Australia. It will be interesting to learn about and support one of our local industries.

As it is so close, we thought we could 'car pool' leaving the Cottage at 9am, We will be having Morning Tea at the Farm and the cost of the Tour and Morning Tea is \$15. Following our visit, we will go to "Warnies" near Warnervale station for lunch and we thought it might be easiest there to each pay for our own lunch.

We need to get numbers to the Farm a week before we go so could you please let Margaret Pearce know if you are able to come. (4384 3271)

Street Stall

Our Street Stall will be held on Thursday, October 10. Please start bringing in items now. Following the Working Bee the Bench in Storeroom 2 is clear and waiting for your donations. Tricia, Margaret and Bev will inspect and price the articles for sale. You can leave them in Storeroom 2 or at the front Office with a Duty Member and they will find their way to Storeroom 2.

New Members

We have 3 new members this month. A very warm welcome to Vivienne Harris, Craig Sadler and Gary Sanders. We are very happy to have you as members of Brisbane Water Historical Society.

Trip to Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm

We had a great trip to Parramatta on Friday. Hope you enjoy this report by Kreenah Yelds.

Friday last was a real treat – we set off early on a misty morning with our cheerful Coach Captain Phillip of Coastal Liner Coaches and defrosted overlooking spectacular Cumberland Forest at West Pennant Hills with a hot cuppa and a biccie in hand.

Next, we found ourselves at Parramatta Park strolling around the scenic gardens of Old Government House, considered a property of national and international significance as an archaeological resource and a demonstration of how the British Empire expanded and Australian society has evolved since 1788.

Standing within 260 acres of Parramatta Park, Old Government House is Australia's oldest public building. In 1799, the central block of the house was built by Governor John Hunter, however, the current appearance is mainly due to Governor Macquarie and his wife. It is an example of a direct translation of English building forms to Australia, containing the only example of eighteenth century English joinery in Australia at such a high standard. Shells from Aboriginal middens in the area were used to produce lime for mortar used in construction. We were given a wonderful tour of the historic property and came away with a sense of intrigue as to how those people survived and thrived all those years ago.

Next, lunch at nearby Rosehill Bowling Club was a real treat and a chance to toast our bubbly fellow member Tricia Scott on her birthday.

The sun wasn't too far off, and the rain held out just in time for us to duck inside the beautiful entrance-way of Elizabeth Farm, Australia's oldest surviving homestead. Built in 1793 for John Macarthur, known as the father of the wool industry, and his wife Elizabeth, tales of migration and new starts, passion and anguish, early colonial political skullduggery and the genesis of Australia's wool trade are cemented into the walls.

The guides at Elizabeth Farm also gave an excellent tour of the property and beautiful surrounding gardens. Different to Old Government House in that we were encouraged to sit or touch the furnishings and exhibits. Perfect for any age group - and a fascinating distraction from the enormous amount that we were lucky enough to see (and eat!) that day.

Celebrations

Next year Henry Kendall Cottage will have been built for 175 years and it is also the 175th Anniversary of the birth of Henry Kendall after whom the Cottage is named. This is known as a Quartoseptcentennial!! This seems like a reason to celebrate and we are planning an open day on the 5th of April next year. We would like to make this a really great event and so we are grateful to Gosford Council who have given us a Grant to help with the expenses for the day which will mean our celebrations will be bigger and brighter!

It will be a lot of work over the next few months and we will need lots of help but it should be a wonderful occasion. Put it in your diary now so you don't miss out.

Photos at the Cottage

A few weeks ago, our Local Member, Chris Holstein and Heritage Minister Robyn Parker, came to the Cottage with some people from the National Parks and Wildlife to take photos to promote a new Tourism App that NPWS has developed about the Convict Trail. National Parks and Wildlife had brought a couple of actors dressed up as convicts hoping to take photos with the cottage as the background to give the feel of the time when the Convict Trail was built. Unfortunately the weather was terrible and they had to be satisfied with photos inside the Cottage

However, if you have an iphone or ipad you might be interested in downloading the app. It is designed to take in the car with you as you drive the Great North Road. There are markers along the road and for each one the app has pictures and commentary to tell you all about the history of the areas you pass. If you are interested, go to the National Parks and Wildlife Website and click on What's On, then click on North Coast Events. Could be an interesting afternoon drive.

Comings and Goings

Margareta and Tracey are now back from holidays. Apparently they both had a great time. Shirley Rider is away visiting her daughter Nicole and her family in Canada. Kathleen Ness and Marianne Lindstrom are off overseas later in the year. It certainly has been a busy year for holidays.

Bob Rider has not been well. After a week in hospital he is now recuperating at home with his sons keeping an eye on things while Shirley is away. Best wishes Bob. Hope you're soon feeling much better.

Roster

Thanks to the people who recently offered to go on the Roster for Cottage Duty. Margaret will be in touch with you.

As you can see from the Comings and Goings, we often need extra people to replace those who are away or sick. I you are happy to do an occasional extra day or if you aren't able to commit to a regular day but could do an occasional one in an emergency, could you ring Margaret and let her know.

Group Bookings

Group Bookings so far for July to September.

DATE	E DA	Y TIN	ME PLACE	ATTENDING
July	2	Tues 9.45	Eloura Waters Ret Vil	18 Sen
July	18	Thurs11.00	Richmond RSL	15-20 Sen
Aug	7	Wed 10.00	Saratoga Probus	20-25 Sen
Aug	19	Mon 10.45	Chesalon Frenchs Forest	15 Sen
Sept	30	Mon 12.30	Terranova	40 Visitors

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. If you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty, please make sure you contact Margaret (or Edith if Margaret is unavailable) so we can organize a replacement.

Recipe Book

Recipes are starting to come in. Please send some of yours. When we have days to 'bring a plate' there are some great cakes and nibblies that turn up. How about sharing these recipes with us!!

One of our members has also sent in some cooking tips. This is a great idea.

If you have any good cooking or household tips we'd love to have them as well as the recipes. Also any ideas you have seen in other recipe books, Just put them in the box in the front office or Ring Bev (4369 0069) or Margareta (4332 5408)

July Meeting

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 16th at 1.00pm. Don't have lunch before you come as we will be beginning our Winter meeting with Soup and Rolls at 1pm. There will still be coffee and a few nibblies after the meeting for those who are able to stay and chat for a while.

Our advertised speaker for this month had to cancel but Margaret, at short notice, has found Jane Ison from the Newcastle Family History Society. Jane is very interested in Newcastle in the early years of the 1800's. Apparently at that time the streets of Newcastle were not a good place to be. Jane is going to tell us about this and about the Industrial School for Girls which was established in Newcastle at that time.

November Meeting

If you were looking forward to hearing Ed Tonks talking about the Flying Boat Base on Lake Macquarie at our next meeting then you can still do so as he will be speaking at our final meeting for year on November 19

PROGRAM 2013 - Please watch the Newsletter for updates NB Spring Working Bee changed to November 9

<u>July</u> <u>August</u>	Tue 16 1.00 Fri 16 9.00	Winter Gathering – Soup and Rolls - Guest Speaker – Jane Ison – Topic - Industrial School for Girls Newcastle – early 1800's Outing – Roses to Go at Warnervale Lunch at 'Warnies' Travel by Car Pool
September	7-15 Sat to Sun	History Week - Theme - 'Picture This' - Use of Photographs & Pictures in recording History
	Tues 10 10.30	- 2.30 History Week Open Day
<u>October</u>	Thur 24	Outing - Cockatoo Island, Sydney
	Thur 10	Street Stall - William Street Plaza
November	Sat 9, 9.30	Working Bee - Spring Cleaning
	Tues 19, 1.00	Spring Gathering
		Guest Speaker – Ed Tonks – Subject – Flying
		Boat Base, Rathmines, Lake Macquarie
<u>December</u>	_Tues10, 12.00	Christmas/Birthday Party

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Join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of our Historical Museum and other major events of 1983.

'Picture This' runs from 7 to 15 September
Our exhibition will continue until December
visit us on OPEN DAY Tuesday 10 September
Coffee/tea provided - Bring-A-Plate - Guest Speaker

With the History Council NSW, History Week 2013, 'PICTURE THIS', we present a photographic display of land-mark events of 1983.

Henry Kendall Cottage & Historical Museum

25 Henry Kendall St West Gosford open Wed, Sat, Sun 10am to 3pm

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Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc. owns and maintains Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum at 25-27 Henry Kendall Street, West Gosford, which is open for inspection every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

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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