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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Street Stall

We certainly had a very successful Street Stall with a lot of good helpers. Seven members' cars loaded up on Thursday afternoon to transport the myriad items to Stall No. 2 in William Street Plaza early on Friday. Ingrid has supplied the following message:

*My sincere thanks to all and everyone for donations and the great help to create the **2012 Street Stall** - particularly Elaine, Darryl, David, Tricia, Edith, Shirley, Bob, Jenny, Jim, Margaret, Margarita, Patricia and Beverley.
Again, thank you all Ingrid Rode.*

And a big Thank you to you Ingrid! You worked so hard and supplied the impetus and motivation to get things moving early. We're really delighted to report that our Takings were \$1500!

Rotary Club Raffle

BWHS are participating in this big Raffle again this year and quite a few tickets have been sold from the Museum and the Street Stall.

Prizes are great –

1st prize is an Open Order for \$3 000 from Flight Centre, Bateau Bay

2nd prize - B & B for 2 at Key West Resort, Magenta Shores

3rd prize - 2 days for 2 people at Allamanda Retreat, The Entrance

4th prize - a small appliance

– tickets are \$2 each – 25 in a book and still available for sale at the Museum. We are able to keep the money we raise so it's a good fund-raiser for us. Raffle will be drawn on February 2nd, 2013.

New Members

Jo Watkins

Evelyn Synnott

Marianne Lindstrom

Marilyn Smith

Kathleen Hopson

Geoff Smith

A very big Welcome to these new members. We do hope you enjoy volunteering with BWHS, Henry Kendall Cottage. Margaret Pearce will be adding some of our new members to the Roster soon to initially work with experienced Duty Members.

Housekeeping

An urgent repair was carried out successfully to the leaking broken tap in the grounds.

Repairs to the cement path to the Ladies' Toilet have been carried out successfully.

RAHS Conference

Edith, Margareta and Shirley attended this Conference on Saturday, October 20th at St George Rowers' Club, Wolli Creek, and found it interesting and entertaining. The Conference featured the presentation of Heritage Grants by the Hon. Robyn Parker, Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

The Theme of the Conference was "**Saturated with Filth and Corruption**" – a rather intriguing title! To explain it a little I quote from the Keynote Address "This address will explore Sydney's proud history of foreshore conservation, public access to the beach and the establishment of national parks against the backdrop of filthy and sometimes corrupt intrusions into the landscape, from gas plants and power stations to the Kurnell Desal plant."

The **Welcome and Keynote Address** was by Dr Susan McClean and Michael West. Speakers during the day included Dr Ann-Maree Whitaker, Peter Spearritt, Brian Madden, Angela Phippen, and Leonie Knapman.

The morning topics covered were -

- ***The Future of History, Cleaning up in Sydney : Cooks River Valley – a history saturated with filth? :***
- ***Sources for Researching Noxious Industries : The Story of Cement at Berrima and the History it has yielded: Rural Works: a case study in researching local history.***

After a tasty lunch the Afternoon Topics included -

- ***Resources of the Mitchell Library: for local stories and national narratives***
- ***Using Local History in the Fight to save Natural and Cultural Heritage.*** There was an interesting development here. I recognized a row of stone cottages in an old photograph the speaker displayed and established that they were in Highcliffe Street, at Undercliffe. One of the houses had been the first married home of my mother and father in 1921/1922!

I've since purchased a booklet about these old stone cottages from the Wolli Creek Preservation Society and it's very interesting reading. (...Shirley, Ed).

RAHS Conference (cont'd)

Another Afternoon Topic was

- ***Tempe House and the fate of Sydney's Historic Houses in the Context of Development Pressures.*** This was followed by a guided tour of 1836 *Tempe House and St. Magdalene's chapel.*

The Conference Program, with more details of these interesting presentations, and other bits and pieces, are on display in our front office if members would like to peruse them.

Museum Duty

Would Duty Members check with Margaret Pearce to confirm when they are on duty. Upcoming tours are published in the Newsletter but this is issued 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!

Coach Bookings

There have been quite a few coaches coming in with some very nice people who have enjoyed their visit.

Bookings for November and December SO FAR are :

<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>ATTENDING</i>
2 Nov.	Fri.	2.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
7 Nov.	Wed.	11.30	Chesalon	20 visitors
13 Nov.	Tue.	3.30	Treetops Resort	37 visitors
19 Nov.	Mon.	9.15	Rhapsody of the Sea	tba
23 Nov.	Fri.	10.15	Celebrity Millennium	tba
8 Dec.	Sat.	9.15	Rhapsody of the Sea	tba
23 Dec.	Sun.	10.00	Treetops Resort	30 visitors
29 Dec.	Sat.	2.45	Radiance of the Sea	tba

Bookings have started to come in strongly for 2013 with Visits booked already for February, March, April and May.

COMING EVENTS

Gosford Bush Poets are holding a **BYO Picnic Day** in our Grounds on **Sunday, November 18th, from 12.00.** Everyone welcome – this should be a fun day, just to listen, or present some bush poetry yourself.

Guest Speakers

Our Guest Speaker for the **Spring Gathering on November 20th** is Historian Andrew Tink, who will be speaking on Lord Sydney (after whom Sydney is named).

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

Birthdays/Christmas Function, Monday, December 10th, in our Grounds.

We were very happy with the caterers we had last year so have booked them again this year. Menu below. Entertainment is by David Crawford's 'Good Old Daze Dance Band'. It all sounds great so put it in your Diary straight away! Contact Margaret to book.

MENU

COST \$30 per head

Entree	Seafood Mornay Prawn Cocktail	
Main Meal	Hot Meal Roast Beef Vegetable Bake	Cold Meal Leg Ham Chat Potatoes with Sour Cream
Salads	Cole Slaw Seafood Salad Chili Noodles	Egg Salad Greek Salad Garden Salad (Lettuce / Tomato /Beetroot / Corn)
	Fresh Seasonal Fruit	
Sweets	Hot Sticky Date Pudding, Caramel Sauce & I/Cream Strawberry Cheesecake Pavlova & Fruit Salad & Cream	
Tea	Coffee	Cakes - Slices - Birthday Cake

Program 2013

Work has started already by our Committee on our proposed Program for 2013. It's in the embryonic stage at present with decisions still to be made and further information to be given on some items but we'll keep you informed.

January	15	<u>Summer Gathering</u>
February		Outing – probably Grossman House, Maitland
March	19	AGM – Guest Speaker
April		Heritage Week – Topic to be announced
May	21	<u>Autumn Gathering</u>
May		Working Bee – Storeroom 2 & 3, Workroom
June		Outing
July	16	<u>Winter Gathering</u> – Soup and Rolls
August		Outing
September		History Week – Topic to be announced
October		Outing
October		Street Stall
November		Spring Clean
November 19		<u>Spring Gathering</u>
December		Birthday/Christmas Party

I will be away a bit during November and my time will be limited in compiling our Newsletter ... So, contributions for our December Cooranbean Courier would be very welcome.

Thanks Shirley, Ed.

CORRECTIONS

The caption under the wedding photograph on p3 of our October C/Courier should have read "The Wedding Attire of Jean Kirkness & Bennett Hunt-Sharman" ...(Ed)

My apologies to Beryl Beauchamp for spelling her name incorrectly in our October C/Courier ... (Ed.)

NOVEMBER

By Henry Kendall

Undated

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*Now beats the first warm pulse of Summer – now
There shines great glory on the mountain's brow.
The face of heaven in the western sky –
When falls the sun, is filled with Deity!
And while the first light floods the lake and lea,
The morning a marvel of the sea;
The strong leaves sing; and in the deep green zones
Of rock-bound glens the streams have many tones.
And where the evening-coloured waters pass
Now glides November down fair falls of grass.
She is the wonder with the golden wings
Who lays one hand in Summer's – one in Spring's,
About her hair a sunset radiance glows;
Her mouth is sister of the dewy rose;
And all the beauty of the pure blue skies
Has lent its lustre to her soft bright eyes.*



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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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