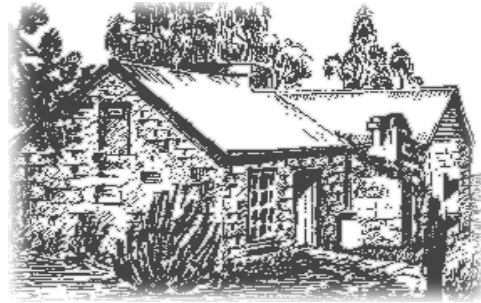


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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Sister Cities

On Tuesday, August 27th we were visited by some lovely people from Gosford's Sister Cities at Edogawa, Japan, and Nitra, Slovakia. They received a short talk and with their interpreters toured HK Cottage, the Museum and Grounds. Edith, Shirley, Trish and Bob were on duty and we each received a gift of a beautiful fan from the Mayor of Edogawa. It was a nice sunny day and we enjoyed a pleasant little tour with our visitors.

The Sister City Program commenced 25 years ago!

Display – “Picture This”

As this issue of **Cooranbean Courier** is being distributed our Railway Display is being pulled down. We feel a little sad as it has been a successful display and has received a lot of attention. However, a new display is being erected. Our new display is commemorating the **30th anniversary** of the building of our Museum.

I trust you have all read the yellow sign on our side verandah? This gives some interesting information about the Museum's construction.

Curator Kreenah Yelds has had a great interview with Life Member, Fred Koch, who was Building Supervisor when the Museum was being built and he has related some interesting stories. The exhibit includes many photographs of the various stages of the erection of the Museum. Many of our long-time members will probably recall this historic occasion and will find our photographs fascinating.

The display also contains some wonderful photographs and paraphernalia relating to notable events of 1983 and will also include some clothes from the period.

We're sure you'll find this display enjoyable and interesting so join us for this occasion.

Our special **Open Day** is on **Tuesday, September 10th, 11.00-2.00** and our **Guest Speaker will be TV and Radio personality ‘Donnie’ Sutherland, OAM.** (see p7). Make sure you keep this day free!

Group Bookings

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

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
Sept. 7	Sat.	10.30	7YO Birthday Party	20 children
" 13	Fri.	11.00	Richmond PRA – Rich.	10 visitors
" 18	Wed.	10.15	Hornsby Pensioners	25 seniors
" 20	Fri.	11.00	Richmond PRA – Pen.	10 visitors
" 27	Fri.	10.00	Watership Down Kids	15-20 kids
" 30	Mon.	12.30	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct. 1	Tues.	8.30	Alley Coaches	30 visitors
" 14	Mon.	10.15	Royal Caribbean Cruises	TBA
" 14	Mon.	11.00	Baulkham Hills H&S Club	21 visitors
" 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

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.

Street Stall

It's great to see the contributions to our Street Stall rolling in! Keep them coming – the more we have the more successful our Stall will be. Leave your donations in Storeroom 2 or in the Kitchen/Office with a Duty Member and they will find their way to S/Room 2. Thanks!

'Roses to Go' – Outing

A bunch of us went on this outing. We 'car-pooled' (thanks to those that drove). Weather was kind and I don't think anyone was lost! It was an interesting day with a very entertaining talk by owner Tony Mann. Our tour was followed by a nice lunch at 'Warnies' near Warnervale Station.

Experience Erina

Edith, Shirley and Patricia crewed a table at Erina Plaza that was part of a Chamber of Commerce ***Experience Erina*** day. Even though there wasn't a particularly good roll-up, we did present "our face".

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.

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

PROGRAM 2013 – Please check Newsletter for Updates!

September	Sat to Sun		
	7 – 15	History Week – Theme – “Picture This” – Use of Photographs & Pictures in recording History	
	Tues 10	11 – 2.00	- History Week Open Day - Guest Speaker – Donnie Sutherland
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 p6	
November	Sat 9	9.30	- Working Bee – Spring Cleaning <u>All Hands wanted PLEASE!</u>
	Tue 19	1.00	Spring Gathering
December	Tue 10	12.00	Christmas/Birthday Party

Snippets

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

Welcome

A big welcome to New Members – Brielle Blanchard : Donna Priest : Margaret Hogarth and Cheryl Silversmith. Do hope you enjoy being a volunteer with Henry Kendall Cottage.

Newsletter

Any contributions to our Newsletter will be gratefully received! (... Ed.)

Cockatoo Island

Note in your Diary that our Outing to Cockatoo Island is on Thursday, October 24th. We will be going by train to Circular Quay and then by ferry.

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.

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 one of Australia's biggest shipyards.

Between 1839 and 1869, Cockatoo Island operated as a convict penal establishment, primarily as a place of secondary punishment for convicts who had re-offended in the colonies.

Quarrying provided stone for construction sites around Sydney. Between 1847 and 1857 convicts were used to dig Fitzroy Dock, Australia's first dry dock. Fitzroy Graving Dock was designed by Gother Kerr Mann, the Island's Civil Engineer

Mann Street Gosford, is named after him. Gother came to New South Wales in the early 1830s. He married Mary Hely, eldest daughter of Frederick Augustus Hely of Wyoming. He served as local magistrate from 1839 onwards. In 1849 he was elected a district councillor. On the front wall of the old Gosford courthouse is a plaque commemorating Gother Kerr Mann. He later moved to Sydney where he was in charge of the Cockatoo Island Dockyard project

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. Listed on the National Heritage List, the place is significant for its demonstration of the characteristics of a long-running dockyard and shipbuilding complex, including evidence of key functions, structures and operational layout.

During WWII it was the main ship repair facility; 250 ships were converted or repaired. Queen Mary I and Queen Elizabeth I were converted into troopships and over 4 000 men were employed. After WWII shipbuilding continued on the Island. Many naval vessels were built, modernized and refitted. HMAS "Success" was the last ship launched from the dockyard in 1984.

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.

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Historical Museum 1976



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Historical Museum - built 1983



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 on OPEN DAY 11 to 2 **Tuesday 10 September**

coffee & tea provided - Bring-A-Plate.

Guest Speaker: much-loved TV and radio personality

Donald (Donnie) Sutherland OAM

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

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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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