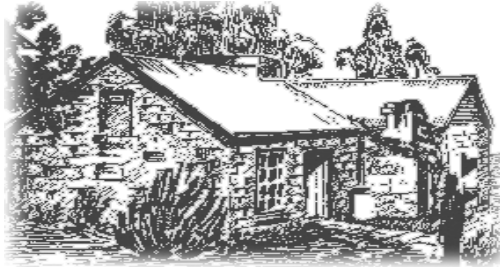


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***TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR***



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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Welfare

Glad to know that Elaine Fry is feeling much better after her recent operation. We missed seeing her around! Best wishes to anyone else not feeling the best.

Spring Gathering

A small group of members gathered on Tuesday, November 19th, for a presentation by Historian Ed Tonks on the WWII Rathmines Air Base. Ed has given us a number of interesting presentations in the past and this one was also interesting and entertaining. The presentation included many slides of Catalinas, Sunderlands and other wartime flying boats, accompanied by Ed's great commentary.

We also had a particularly scrumptious afternoon tea. We feel sorry for those who missed it!

Working Bee

It was great to see the 17 dedicated members who turned up for our Working Bee on Saturday, November 9th. Quite a bit was accomplished. The weeding crew did a marvelous job and our gardens look so much nicer. Curtains were washed, windows cleaned, dusting done in the cottage, our messy collection of old photographs was sorted and filed, donated items assessed by our Curator, and numerous other jobs received attention too. More could have been done though if we had had a few more members attending. We all enjoyed a nice lunch of chicken, salad, and bread rolls, with a few sweets as well. **A big Thank you to those members who gave their time and effort– it's very much appreciated!**

Display – “Picture This”

Quite a bit of interest has been shown by visitors to our Museum display which commemorates the **30th Anniversary of the building of our Museum in 1983** and includes many photographs taken during the various stages of its erection. The display also focuses on two other major events of 1983 - **Australia winning the America’s Cup** and the **Saving of the Franklin/Gordon Rivers**. These make interesting reading and there are some great photos. As well as the screen displays the Showcase contains many interesting artifacts, clothing and photographs from the 1980s, particularly 1983. The Display will be on show until after Christmas so if you haven’t been to see it yet you still have a bit more time.

Videos of the construction of the museum and our Open Day Review are both on YouTube and can be accessed at –

<http://youtube/YHzFRmBa-bg>

<http://youtube/Eb2KaKlh1nQ>

Recipe Book

The Recipe Book is coming along nicely and should be printed and available at our big celebration in April. Pass any Recipes you wish to contribute on to Bev Blockey. See list of Committee Members for Bev’s phone number and address.

Rotary Raffle

Glad to report that tickets are selling well but don’t forget that we get the whole benefit from the tickets we sell. Please contact Bev Blockey if you would like to purchase or sell tickets. The prizes are great. We did well with this Raffle last year and would like to do even better this year.

The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, February 18th 2014, at 7.30, at Mingara Club, so don’t miss out, get your tickets now - and don’t forget to return the butts of any tickets you sell. The tickets are great to include with Christmas presents too, you may end up giving someone a tremendous gift!

Guest Speaker

Our Summer Gathering will be on Tuesday, 21 January and our Guest Speaker on this day will be member Frank Mobbs, who will tell us about Gosford in the 1930s.

PROGRAMS – There is only our Birthday/Christmas Party left on our Program for 2013! The Committee has gone into Thinking/Planning mode for our **2014 Program** so any suggestions or comments are welcome.

63RD BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 12.00

Please contact Margaret if you want to go – it's not too late!

Price has been kept down to the same as last year too - \$30.00.

Same caterers as last year (so food will be delectable) and an Entertainer has been booked. See **November Courier** for the Menu.

Group Bookings

Only two Group Bookings so far for December but Bookings have been received for March, April and May.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
2013				
Dec. 6	Fri.	11.30	Chesalon	10 visitors
Dec. 8	Sun.		CC Historic Car Club.	whoever turns up!
2014				
Jan. 20	Mon.	10.15	Royal C'bean Cruises	tba
Jan. 22	Wed.	2.45	“ “ “	tba
Jan. 28	Tue.	10.15	“ “ “	tba
Feb. 24	Mon.	12.00	Terranova Tours	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 Front Office 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. We would appreciate any of our new members going on the Roster.

Welcome to New Members - Ian Cooke, Craig Sadler, Garry Sanders. We hope you enjoy your time with us. And **Welcome back** to our Treasurer, George Boettiger who had been off travelling again!

Evergreen Life Care

Shirley and Bob Rider were privileged to present to Ted Coupe of Evergreen Life Care a framed Certificate of Appreciation for their continuing support. It was also an opportunity to thank them for their very welcome donation to BWHS.

Bungaree Reserve

We're delighted to print below an extract from the Express Advocate of November 22nd.

For Tracey Howie of Toukley the recent naming of Bungaree Reserve at Point Clare holds special significance.

Ms Howie is a direct descendant of one of the Central Coast's key historic Aboriginal figures, King Bungaree, the first Australian to circumnavigate Australia, having been recruited by Matthew Flinders as an interpreter in the 1800s.

The previously unnamed reserve now honours Bungaree, thanks to the efforts of the Koolewong, Point Clare and Tascott Progress Association. There is now attractive explanatory signage.

New Printer

A new Canon MX926 Colour Scanner/Printer has been purchased to print envelopes, promotional material such as flyers etc. to replace our previous one (which sadly died). Jay Sider had now achieved admirable proficiency on our new one!

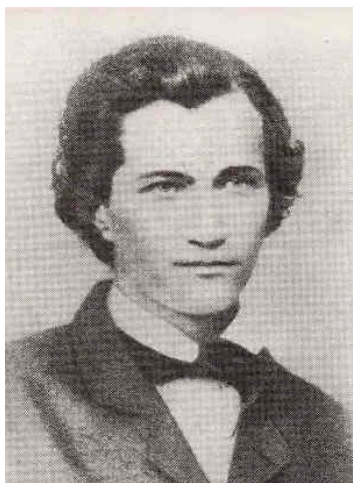
Short Scripts

A new **Short Script** has been written about the **Slab Shed** and added to the previous suggested **Short Scripts**. Hopefully these will assist Members when guiding visitors or giving little talks about our Cottage, Museum and now Slab Shed. It's not necessary to follow the Scripts 'word for word' but they can be referred to when necessary. This way you will be accurate and helpful in what you say. And they 'jog' your memory too. It's also proposed to do some **Scripts** for the various rooms in the Cottage. Any suggestions or assistance required please see Shirley.

Duty Members. Don't forget our **Procedures Manual** if you want to refresh your memory about the various Tasks involved in your duties.

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

Hugh Heriot Baird

We have had a very interesting reference enquiry regarding Hugh Heriot Baird who immigrated to Australia in the 1950s and apparently worked as a boat builder in Woy Woy. Our enquirer had been researching and compiling their family tree but there was a gap during Hugh's time in Australia.

*Google yielded some fascinating information about Hugh Heriot Baird which our enquirer was delighted to receive. Hugh and Maddy Baird were 'leading lights' of the Gosford Orchestral and Choral Society. The following information is extracted from an article "**The Central Coast Philharmonia Golden Jubilee**" - ... (Central Coast Philharmonia Choir, 2013)*

"The history of the choir really starts in 1958 when Hugh and Maddy arrived from Scotland and immediately started arranging a small orchestra. The Central Coast at the time was not short of musical entertainment. There were the Gosford Musical and Dramatic Society (now Gosford Musical Society), the Brisbane Waters Music Club, the Ettalong and District Choral Society and many church groups. Nevertheless, Hugh Baird had bigger ambitions, with vision and energy to match. Within a year he had formed the Gosford Branch of the Arts Council, of which he was President. He became involved with the Gosford Musical and Dramatic Society, acting in and directing some of their plays. By 1962, he had formed the Gosford Arts Council Orchestra, a group of 20 players, which started performing classical orchestral works.

In 1963, Hugh and Maddy added a choir to the orchestra and the new organisation was renamed the Gosford Orchestral and Choral Society.

Their first major choral work was Messiah for which they attracted an audience of 400 at Christ Church after a trial run at Umina in the picture theatre, now long gone. The Dwyer Pavilion at the Gosford Showground was converted into a theatre which involved many alterations and additions. The electrical system was apparently unsafe (dangerous) and the dressing room was unbearably hot in summer but it is pleasing to note that only two people ever fell off the stage. In 1973 there was talk about adding a performing arts venue to the Caroline Bay project but after years of discussions only the Art Gallery was built.

In 1967 a constitution was written and office bearers elected, with Hugh as President. The orchestra regularly performed for the Drama Society, which moved to Gosford High School auditorium in 1976.

Hugh gradually withdrew from his active role and it was mainly Maddy who conducted the orchestra from 1972 to 1976. In 1977 Hugh Baird resigned as President. In 1983, after a long illness, Hugh retired to Scotland where he died soon afterwards. A Hugh Baird memorial concert was held in Gosford."

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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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