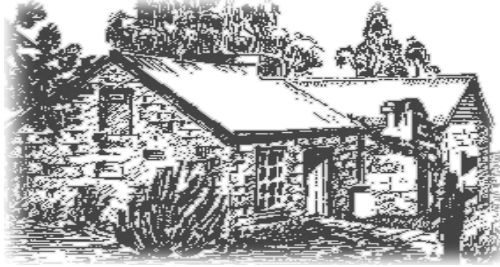


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To
ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
VERY BEST WISHES FOR 2014
From
BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Apologies that this Newsletter is a little late. Shirley started it as usual but became ill and ended up in hospital with pneumonia. Bob is also in hospital for a few days. We wish them both a quick recovery and hope they will be up and about again very soon.

We hope everyone survived the Christmas/New Year Festivities!



Our Christmas and Birthday Party was a very enjoyable day. The weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of talk in the grounds under the trees listening to lovely relaxing music provided by John Walker. We were delighted again by our caterer Heather Williams who provided such a wonderful feast. Thanks to Bev Blockey who coordinated it all this year, Margareta who provided the punch, Margaret who found our Musician, David and Danny Benwell who helped with the set up of tables and to all the rest of you who helped to make this such a happy and successful day.

PROGRAM 2014

21 January Our first meeting for this year is our **Summer Gathering** which will be on the third Tuesday of January at 1pm at the Museum as usual. Our Guest Speaker on this day will be one of our members - Frank Mobbs, who will speak on **Gosford in the 1930s**. This will be followed by Afternoon Tea. Hope to see lots of you there.

We have some very talented members and for the first part of the year we will enjoy hearing from a couple of them.

Guest Speakers

18 March **AGM - then Bill Lord** will speak about –
A Cruise: **Following the voyages of Captain Cook**

20 May **Kevin Royce Baker** **Patonga in the War Years**
15 July “ “ “ **Patonga in the War Years cont'd**

Outings this year will include –

February Trip to Mount Penang Gardens/War Museum at the Entrance/Lunch next door at the Diggers Club (Car Pooling for this one)

This will be at end of February. Date to be confirmed at the January Meeting.

June **Trip to Carisbrook House, a historic house in Lane Cove. (details not finalised yet)**

Trips for August and October to be arranged hopefully including the rescheduling of the visit to Cockatoo Island.

Display “Picture this”

This Display will be on show for a little while yet so if you haven't been to see it 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://youtu.be/YHzFRmBa-bg>

<http://youtu.be/Eb2KaKlh1nQ>

Recipe Book

The Recipe Book is coming along nicely and should be printed and available at our celebration in April. Cheryl Remfrey has offered to do the typing and is planning to start very soon. We look as if we should have enough recipes but if you have been planning to send in a special family favourite, don't put it off any longer. Phone Bev Blockey (4369 0069) or Margareta Tauni (4332 5408). Remember, if you can't get to the Cottage you can post or email to info@henrykendallcottage.org.au

Rotary Raffle

Glad to report that tickets are selling well. Don't forget that we get the whole benefit from the tickets we sell.

The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 18th February 2014, at 7.30, at Mingara Club and we must stop selling tickets by the Australia Day long weekend and get the butts and money to the Rotary Club during the last week of January. Could you please bring your butts including any unsold tickets and the money to Bev at our meeting on **21 January**. If you cannot be at the meeting please ring Bev (4369 0069) and make some alternative arrangement.

Group Bookings

Bookings are starting to come in nicely for 2014 and listed below are the ones to date for the first 6 months. We even have some already for the latter part of 2014.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
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.	12.30	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Feb. 27	Thur.	10.00	Munmorah Probus	20 “
Mar. 9	Sun.	2.45	Royal C'bean Cruises	tba
Apr. 6	Sun.	2.30	Holiday Coast Tours	40 visitors
Apr. 7	Mon.	2.45	Royal C'bean Cruises	tba
May 6	Tue.	2.30	Holiday Coast 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 Duty Roster please let Margaret know (4384 3271). You would be with experienced members for your first few duty days. Members find it interesting and a nice little social occasion.

Cooranbean

At a recent visit by a school group, one of the children asked what Cooranbean meant. A quick look in Place Names of the Central Coast by Eileen Pratt reminded us that it means "creek that winds" It has been spelt different ways. Cooranbean by Peter Fagan but later Cooranbene, Coorumbene and now the creek is spelt Coorumbine where it goes under the main road. When the cottage was first built, Eileen Pratt points out, *"small ketches and other sailing craft could moor in the creek next to the Red Cow Inn (now the Henry Kendall Cottage) but with the coming of the railway, and building of the breakwater across Fagan's Bay, the creek gradually silted up and is virtually non-existent next to the cottage"*. So the cottage was named for the little windy creek which unfortunately is now just a wetlands. You can get a copy of the book at the Cottage. It has some really interesting background to the names of places in our area.

Annual Subscription Fees

These are now due. They are \$15.00 for singles, \$25.00 for couples and \$7.50 for children. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a Subscription Form. Subscriptions can be left at the Museum whenever it is open, or posted to 25-27 Henry Kendall Street West Gosford 2250.

Quartoseptcentennial. 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 construction by Peter Fagan of our much-loved stone cottage, now known as Henry Kendall Cottage. So a double celebration!***

The date to keep free is the ***first Saturday in April – 5th April*** from 10.30am to 3.00pm. Following the official opening about 11.00am there will be some speakers talking about Henry Kendall, the history of the Cottage and the people who lived there. We are fortunate that Professor Waterhouse FROM THE History Council NSW. has agreed to come and speak about Henry Kendall. We will also have musical items from the Conservatorium and in the afternoon there will be a band and members of the Bush Poets will entertain us. We are delighted that Chris King has agreed to be MC for the day. We hope it will be a celebration for the whole family and we plan to have activities for children such as Kidz Zoo (where the children can pat and feed the baby animals) and face painting. We will have more details shortly but please start mentioning it to friends and family.



The Cottage looks a little different now Henry as a young man

Fossil Exhibition

Rebecca Cardy, the Council Heritage Officer, has arranged an interesting display of fossils from the local area to be held over the next few weeks at Erina Fair. She recently sent us the following short article about the fossils as well as information about where and when you can see them.

Set in Stone: Gosford's Fossil Heritage.....

Over 200 million years ago, before dinosaurs, Australia was a very different place. It comprised diverse landscapes and ecosystems, and was inhabited by curious beings that symbolised the collision of the ancient and the modern. During this period animals and plants emerge that are the forbearers of what we know and recognise today.

The Gosford Triassic fossils are significant and diverse in their species, many of them being new to science on their discovery. The selection of fossils on loan from the Australian Museum indicate the depth of past finds and describe an important era in the ancient development of the Central Coast. These fossils have contributed to traditional scientific research. They also provide a truly unique insight into our heritage and our fascination with the environments in which we exist.

Gosford City Council is very fortunate to have been loaned the fossils from the Australian Museum. The fossils on exhibit include a range of plant and animal specimens that depict the species that were most typical in Gosford during the Triassic Period. The fossils represent the incredible natural heritage that is the Central Coast and which is intrinsically linked to our sandstone foundations. Some of the finds from the area have received worldwide recognition and have contributed to our scientific understanding of evolution and distant past. The exhibition is a rare opportunity for people to see these fossils that are usually archived in the Museum.

The fossils are on exhibition at The Hive, the foyer of Erina Library, Erina Fair.

Tuesday 7th January to Sunday 2nd February 2014

Opening times: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 5pm

Thursday 9.30am – 7pm

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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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