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## ***Carisbrook House - Report***

Our trip to Carisbrook House at Lane Cove, on 27 June started when our coach left HK cottage at 8.30. Morning Tea was in a pretty park at Pymble, then we went on to Carisbrook House at Lane Cove. Carisbrook was built in 1884 and stands on an eighteen-acre grant of Burns Bay land. It is a Victorian style sandstone house, beautifully maintained by Lane Cove Council, and is the oldest surviving house in the area. A permanent conservation order was placed on the house by the Heritage Council of NSW in 1981.

A short informative introduction was given by one of the knowledgeable volunteer guides before our tour through the tastefully furnished rooms. A few of us also negotiated the sandstone steps through the magnificent gardens that run down to Burns Bay.

We then departed for our welcome and enjoyable lunch at Gladesville 'Sporties' Club, before our visit to Canada Bay Museum. This is a small social history museum containing many interesting items of furniture, toys, household items, office equipment, and other bric-a-bac and we all had a nice browse amongst this fascinating memorabilia. Our day ended with a pleasant drive back home.



***Carisbrook House***



## **Winter Gathering**

Our Winter Gathering is on Tuesday, 15 July at 1.00 and our Guest Speaker will be Brian Madden. His presentation will continue the theme of WWII and will be entitled -

### **“75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of WWII : Herne Bay: Sydney’s Wartime Hospital at Riverwood”.**

As this will be in the middle of our coldest month, the presentation will be preceded by some warming Soup and Rolls. Please try to make it.

## **VCC Report**

Margaret and Trish operated our stall at the recent Volunteering Central Coast Expo and reported a good roll-up with plenty of enquiries. They have a good idea for future expos – small free sample bags. Thanks to you both for your time and efforts.

## **New Acquisitions**

### **- BBQ**

We are well into the planning stage for our new electric BBQ – and it’s progressing well. We’ll keep you informed.

### **- Brush Cutter**

The purchase of a new brush cutter for our Grounds was approved at our June Committee Meeting. This should make the work a lot easier for Lou and our other Grounds people.

## **Cleaning**

Unfortunately our volunteer cleaner, Margaret Cameron, had to leave so we are now without a cleaner. Would any aspiring volunteer cleaner/s please contact Edith if you can offer your services! In the meantime would members please help to keep the museum, toilets and cottage dusted and clean. Lots of little bits add up to a whole so any help would be very much appreciated. We’ve all seen dusty and dirty museums over the years and we don’t want ours to go that way. Thanks heaps (in anticipation) everyone!

## **Street Stall**

Our Annual Street Stall is coming up in October. If you haven’t already begun, could you start collecting items that would be suitable for sale. This is a good fundraiser for the Society and we hope to do even better than the successful one we had last year. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us (not like the awful hot day we had last time!)

Unfortunately, we have a bit of a space problem in Storeroom 2 at the moment so perhaps you could find a corner in your garage or spare room to store things and bring them to the Museum closer to the day.

But please start collecting now so we can make this a really good day in October.

## Group Bookings

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
July 8	Tue.	1.00	Treetops	21 visitors
July 9	Wed.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
July 14	Mon.	10.30	Bateau Bay Garden Club	tba – <b>Urn</b>
July 29	Tue.	10.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
July 29	Tue.	1.15	Treetops	20 visitors
Aug. 6	Wed.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	40 visitors
Aug. 10	Sun.	12.00	CC Antique & Classic	20 (?) cars
			Motor Car Club – Picnic in grounds first	unknown until day
Aug. 16	Sat.	9.00	Narara P/S Teachers	20 visitors
Aug. 19	Tue.	10.30	Bronte Probus	20-30 visitors
Aug. 20	Wed.	10.30	Blue Mountains Bus Co	30-40 visitors
				- Introductory Talk
Aug. 25	Mon.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Sept.19	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct. 3	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct. 8	Thur.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors
Oct. 17	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct. 28	Tue.	TBA	Wamberal Garden Club	10 visitors - <b>Urn</b>
Oct. 31	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors

## 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 and then always with one or two others. Members find it interesting and a nice little social occasion.

## 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 Shirley 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.

## New Members

Welcome to new members Peter and Dora Rea. Hope your time with us is interesting and enjoyable. If you have any questions just ask – other members are only too willing to help and there is a Procedures Manual in the front office to assist you.

**PROGRAM 2014 :**                    ***Please check the Newsletter for updates***

JULY – Tue. 15                    1.00 Winter Gathering – Soup and Rolls, then  
Speaker: Brian Madden  
“75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of WWII : Herne  
Bay: Sydney’s Wartime Hospital at  
Riverwood”

AUG – Fri. 29                    Outing : Cockatoo Island (more details TBA)

SEPT – Sat.-Sun. 6-14        History Week – Theme : The Great War

(About one or two weeks before this our current display will be pulled down and a new one erected with this theme.)

OCT - Thur. 2                    Street Stall  
Outing : tba

NOV – Tue. 18    1.00        Spring Gathering

DEC - Tue. 9    12.00        Christmas/Birthday Party

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**HENRY LAWSON****Extract from” The Lights of Cobb and Co.”**

... *Not all the ships that sail away since Roaring Days are done –  
Not all the boats that steam from port, nor all the rains that run,  
Shall take such hopes and loyal hearts – for men shall ever know  
Such days as when the Royal Mail was run by Cobb and Co. ...*

... *Henry Lawson*

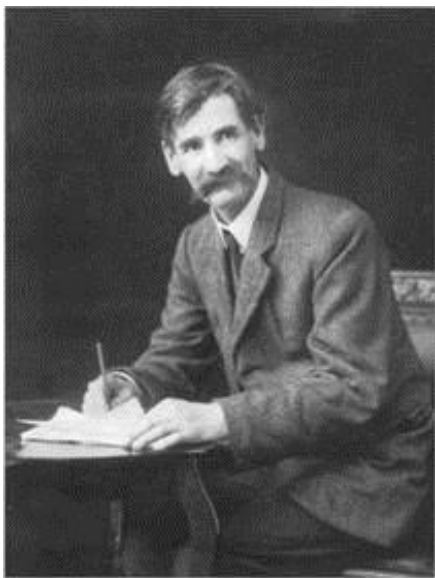
In June we remembered the anniversary of Henry Lawson’s birthday. He was born on 17 June 1867, on the Grenfell Goldfields, and died on 2 September 1922. His grave is in Waverley Cemetery.

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## Henry Lawson (cont'd)

Lawson lived as a child on the gold diggings and on country farms. Later he spent a largely impoverished life writing for the *Bulletin* and other journals and newspapers.

He was a prolific writer of poetry and short stories and for many years he was and still is one of Australia's greatest poets and authors. Much of Lawson's work is set in the Australian Bush or was about Bush Life. He was considered the first Australian born writer who really looked at Australia with Australian eyes, and was able to interpret the Australian character. Amongst the many poems that he wrote are "The Lights of Cobb and Co.", "Andy's gone with Cattle" and "The Ballad of the Drover". Some of his short stories include "The Loaded Dog" and "A Bush Dance".



Henry Lawson - 1907



Bronze statue of Henry Lawson and dog. In Domain Sydney. 1931



Henry Lawson was on the old \$10 note.

Ref: *Henry Lawson : an illustrated treasury*. – Sydney : Landsdowne, – 1985

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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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