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Vale

Sadly we report the passing of our long time member, Dorothy Hitchcock. Dorothy was 96 and joined our Society 24 years ago. Dorothy was a lovely lady and will really be missed by those members who have known her over the years. Dorothy's husband Harold died in 2006. July *Cooranbean Courier* will contain an article about the interesting life Dorothy and Harold had and their involvement in the citrus industry on the Central Coast.

Carisbrook House

Don't forget our upcoming trip to Carisbrook House at Lane Cove, on 27 June. Morning Tea, Lunch at Gladesville 'Sporties', and an afternoon trip to Canada Bay Museum are included. Cost is \$66 each – payment to Margaret Pearce please, as soon as you like. Coach leaves HK Cottage at 8.30 sharp.

Built from local sandstone with a slate roof, Carisbrook stands on an eighteen-acre grant of Burns Bay land. The house is Italianate in style, its asymmetrical facade, faceted bay window and low-pitched roof being motifs much favoured by Victorian architects and clients. Carisbrook remains the oldest surviving house in its area, its fabric largely intact. It was bought in 1969, by Lane Cove Council which maintains it. A permanent conservation order was placed on the house by the Heritage Council of NSW in 1981. ... (C.H. Museum Brochure)

Autumn Gathering

This was held on Tuesday, 20 May, in our museum. President Edith Campbell opened the meeting and brought us up to date on our past and future activities. Our Guest Speaker, Kevin Royce Baker, gave an interesting talk on ***“WWII Activities in the Patonga Area”***. He was accompanied by his friend, Charlie Sproull, a well-known identity in that area. I'm sure many of us learnt a lot about the activities and fortifications in the Hawkesbury / Patonga area during WWII. This enjoyable talk was followed by our usual nice afternoon tea.

Our Winter Gathering will be 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 -

“75th Commemoration of WWII : Herne Bay: Sydney's Wartime Hospital at Riverwood”.

As this will be in the middle of our coldest month, it will be followed by a warming afternoon tea of Soup and Rolls. Please try to make it.

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

JUNE – Fri. 27 ***Outing: Carisbrook House, Lane Cove
Coach – leaving HK Cottage at 8.30***

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

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

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***



Group Bookings

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
June 12	Thur.	10.00	Hawkins Masonic Village	20 visitors
Jun 19	Thur.	1.30	Tugg.Lks Nat.Serv.Ass.	10 visitors
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 – URN
July 29	Tue.	10.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Aug. 19	Tue.	10.30	Bronte Probus	20-30 visitors
Aug. 20	Wed.	10.30	Blue Mountains Bus Co	30-40 visitors - Intro.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 - URN
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 or Bob 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.

BWHS Visits to other organizations

- Alison Homestead

On Saturday, 3 May, Wyong Historical Society held a fundraising Market Day for their new building at Alison Homestead. Margaret Pearce, Ingrid Rode and Edith Campbell represented us with a stall of some artifacts from the Museum as well as selling some of our books, including some of the Recipe books. There were a lot of interested people who stopped and looked at our display and took brochures as well as selling quite a few books. Thanks to David Benwell for organising a Marquee for us and fixing it firmly so we had no problems with what was at times a very brisk wind but the rain held off.

As well as the Market stalls there were a number of community groups, sausage sizzle and Devonshire teas and a local band, *Celtic Beat*, played during the day. Apparently the day was successful for Wyong financially and Phillip Morley told us that they are hoping to start the rebuilding in July

- Dangar Island

On 3- 4th May, Dangar Island Historical Society held a celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Opening of the Railway Bridge across the Hawkesbury in 1889. Joan Patrick and Edith Campbell went down by train and ferry on the Sunday. They had a number of activities such as storytelling on the wharf and trips on the Old Ferry *Banksia* over to the bridge. Their main display was a wonderful pictorial display of the history of the bridge over the years. During the official opening, we heard how important the bridge was as the final link in the railway line linking South Australia through to Queensland. Following this the celebrations were opened by the Governor, Marie Bashir. The celebrations were well attended – with the Ferry only holding 45 people, we had to make sure we were on the wharf in plenty of time to get back to the train. It was a most enjoyable day and a great opportunity to meet with another Historical Society we haven't had much contact with previously

- Volunteers Central Coast

On Wednesday 21 May, Margaret Pearce and Trish Scott took a table of books and information about the Society and the Cottage to VCC's annual expo at Niagara Park. Some of our volunteers have come to us from VCC and this is an opportunity to let people who are

interested in volunteering know about our Cottage and also, even for those who aren't interested in volunteering here, it is a great opportunity for publicity.

Margaret and Trish reported that there were a lot of people who spoke to them and seemed interested.

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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 this year. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this year.

Unfortunately, we have a bit of a space problem in Storeroom 2 at the moment so perhaps you could have a corner in your garage somewhere 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.

10 Years Ago

I glanced through the *Courier* for June 2004 ; it's interesting to see what was happening in our society then. I found a report on our *Heritage Fete* on May 1 2004. Elaine Fry was our President and was busy with the organising of the Fete, with some very familiar names participating. Fred Koch was involved in the setting up and Joan Koch was making her wonderful cakes. Margaret Pearce was handling publicity and was amongst those working hard in the kitchen with Kate and David barbecuing. Shirley and Bob Rider were involved in the Book Stall.

Other long time members still with us, such as Gwenda Thomas, Sylvia Marshall, Winsome Andrews, were also working hard. It's also interesting to see that Dorothy and Harold Hitchcock were very involved with their domain of preserves and produce that they grew, made and sold for BWHS.

There was a great variety of stalls, displays and entertainment and it was a very successful day.

And ... 10 years later we also had a very successful day with our Quartoseptcentenary ... Ed.!

Quartoseptcentenary

A few more thoughts on our wonderful Quartoseptcentenary – put into bush poetry courtesy of Bob Rider.

More on our ... QUARTOSEPTCENTENARY

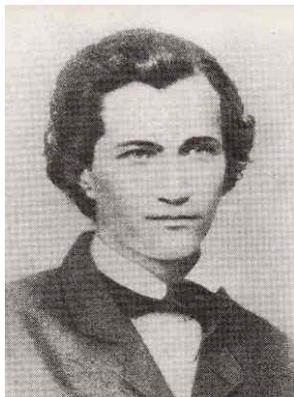
Paterson's "Geebung Polo Club" has been read from many a book,
Lawson's "The Loaded Dog" also had many a look,
Moreover, Kendall's "Bellbirds" was written in a most descriptive way,
And learnt by most people at school, so they say.

The birds are still heard in the bush around here,
Just as they were when he wrote his poem so clear.
April was his birthday so we had to celebrate,
By coincidence, the cottage was built around that date.

So a Quartoseptcentenary was planned for the occasion,
With all sorts of stalls, talks and other persuasions.
Lots of people came to wander through and listen,
But the best part was the price, a free admission.

Whatever your interest there was something here for all,
The children were well catered for, most had a ball.
So now it's over and it was a big success,
The rain stayed away, we had a great day.

So now we just have to progress.



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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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