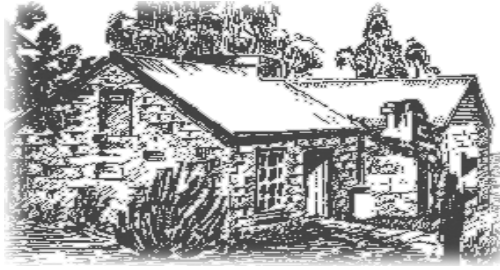


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## **Welfare**

Haven't had any reports of anyone being ill or having accidents so hope that means that we are all 'fighting fit'.

## **Ground and Maintenance**

- Don't all our garden beds that have been weeded and mulched, as well as the lovely mown green grass, look just great! Thanks heaps to our wonderful Grounds workers.
- Painting and repairs to our Toilet Block by Jay Sider and Brian McCafferty have been carried out and it looks great. Thanks, guys!
- Big thanks go to Kathleen Ness (for the sewing) and Frank Courts (for the material) for the nice new seat covers on the chairs on our verandah. Despite having problems with her sewing machine, Kathleen still managed to get them all finished by our Open Day. A great effort!
- Have heard some lovely comments about our hard working committee too!

## **Carisbrook House**

We have a great trip coming up to Carisbrook House at Lane Cove, on June 27. 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.

## **Other Coming Events that may be of interest to our Members**

- 10 May           The **Dangar Island Historical Society** is celebrating 125 years since the opening of Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge (details on their website)  
"This was a major milestone as the bridge created the final railway link that joined South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland together, becoming a major symbol of the move towards federation." (Hornsby Mayor, Steve Russell)
- 21 May           **Volunteering Central Coast Expo**, Niagara Park Stadium, 10 am to 1 pm – BWHS will have a table.
- up to 1 June   **Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Exhibit**  
- featuring some of the sumptuous costumes from this popular ABC TV series. Old Government House, Parramatta – open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 4pm

In our April issue of Cooranbean Courier we reported the passing on 18 March of Collette Tabuteau, widow of Philippe Tabuteau, historian and founder of the Gosford District Local History Study Group. Our thanks go to Gwen Dundon for the following article about Colette's interesting life.

### **THE PASSING OF COLETTE TABUTEAU OF NARARA**

*Many district people who knew Colette Tabuteau, the widow of Narara historian Philippe Tabuteau, were very saddened by her death in a Canberra nursing home on 18 March. She was privately buried with her husband in Wamberal Cemetery.*

*Philippe, who founded the Gosford Local History Study Group at Niagara Park shopping centre, and carried it on to just before his death in 2006, was known far and wide among researchers. Colette was his great support and welcomed all comers to their home with warmth and kindness, often inviting acquaintances to stay for extended periods.*

*She was born in 1932 in Amiens on the Somme in the Picardy department, a city which took tremendous shelling in the First World War. Philippe said it was hardly possible to dig far into the soil of that historic place without striking metal war debris. His wife could tell dramatic stories of her own childhood in the Second World War. One occasion is the stuff of recorded history, involving the precise and successful bombing attack by the RAF on a building close to her convent school to release some special British prisoners. As the seventh of eleven children born to horticultural parents in business, she was imbued very early with practicality and a lifelong love of gardening.*

*In 1951 Marie-Colette Caron (19) and Philippe (28) married in a village near Amiens where his family owned a farm. They were accorded a guard of honour by the Scouts they had led. The couple migrated to Australia soon afterward. They became the parents of three Australian-born daughters and a son : Ann (now of Sydney), Christine (Melbourne), Guillaume (Broken Hill) and Brigitte (Canberra). They received Australian citizenship in 1962.*

## ***Colette and daughter Ann***



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### ***Quartoseptcentennial***

Still can't believe what a wonderful day we had and how fortunate we were to have such lovely weather.

Here are some more photos from our great day.

**Professor Richard Waterhouse** – gave a very informative talk on Henry Kendall.

**Chris Holstein, MP** – spoke generally about BWHS and our special Gala Day.

**Senator Deborah O'Neil**– officially opened our Gala Day.

**Councillor Bob Ward** – Deputy Mayor, Gosford City Council  
(representing GCC Mayor, Lawrie McKinna)

**Edith Campbell, BWHS President** – welcomed everyone to our 175<sup>th</sup> celebrations



**Professor Richard Waterhouse**



**Chris Holstein MP**



**Deborah O'Neill**

**Bob Ward**

**Edith Campbell**



**(Kreenah Yelds in the background)**

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

**MAY - Tue. 20 1.00 Autumn Gathering – Speaker: Kevin Royce Baker, “WWII Activities in the Patonga Area”**

**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  
75<sup>th</sup> 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**

**OCT - Thu 2            Street Stall  
Outing : tba**

**NOV – Tue. 18 1.00 Spring Gathering**

**DEC - Tue. 9 12.00 Christmas/Birthday Party**

### ***New Members***

Welcome to new members, Elaine and Jim Alvin. Hope you enjoy your time with us.

### ***Grants***

A new electric BBQ will soon be installed in HK Grounds. More details soon.

## Group Bookings

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
May 6	Tue.	1.00	Treetops	15 visitors
May 6	Tue.	2.30	Holiday Coast Tours	40 visitors
May 21	Wed.	10.30	Bevington Shores (URN)	22 visitors
May 26	Mon.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Jun 19	Thur.	1.30	Tugg.Lks Nat.Serv.Ass.	10 visitors
July 9	Wed.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
July 14	Mon.	10.30	Bateau Bay Garden Club	tba – URN
July 21	Mon.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Aug. 6	Wed.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	20-30 visitors
Aug. 19	Tue.	10.30	Bronte Probus	20-30 visitors
Aug. 20	Wed.	10.30	Blue Mountains Bus Co	30-40 visitors
Sept.19	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct. 3	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.

We received a nice little Thank you note from a recent Group Booking, Lane Cove and North Side Community Services. They really enjoyed their tour and it brought back a lot of memories for many of their clients, especially in the kitchen and laundry. It's nice to receive this sort of feedback.

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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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