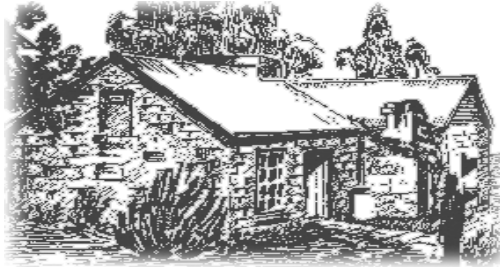


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## NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## **AROUND THE GROUNDS**

### **Street Stall**

Thank you to those members who helped to prepare for and run the Street Stall on Thursday, October 10. It was an unpleasant hot and windy day and undoubtedly many people preferred to stay indoors in air-conditioned comfort. However, whilst not doing as well as our Stall in 2012, we still sold quite a bit and made \$758.00. Thanks again to those dedicated members for their hard work.

### **Display – “Picture This”**

Quite a bit of interest has been shown by visitors to our Museum display which commemorates the **30<sup>th</sup> 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 little time.

### **Cockatoo Island**

Unfortunately we had to cancel our intended visit to Cockatoo Island. Because of the extreme weather conditions and the bushfire situation many of our members were feeling very nervous and stressed about braving the elements so they decided not to go. Numbers consequently were greatly reduced and it was considered that, with this and the prevailing circumstances, it would be best to postpone our excursion until the bushfire crisis was over and the weather was cooler. We still want to visit Cockatoo Island so will decide on a later date and keep you informed.

### **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.

**Recipe Book**

Bev Blockey would like to see more Recipes for our proposed **Recipe Book**. Any tried and true old family recipes, unusual ones or just your old favourites will make a delightful little book of recipes which can be a fund raiser for our Society. See what you can do! See list of Committee Members for Bev's phone number and address.

Bev is really anxious for the member with the calligraphic skills to contact her as well as someone with an 'artistic flair' to illustrate the book. How about it!

**PROGRAM for the rest of 2013 – Please check Newsletter for Updates!**

**November Sat 9 9.30 - Working Bee – Spring Cleaning  
WANTED - AS MANY HANDS AS POSSIBLE - PLEASE, PLEASE!**

**November Tue 19 1.00 Spring Gathering  
December Tue 10 12.00 Christmas Party**

**Vale**

Sadly we report the death of Joan Compton. Joan was the wife of Keith Compton, son of Erina (Ena) Fagan, daughter of George and Agnes Fagan. George was one of the sons of Peter Fagan.

Keith is to be remembered for turning the first sod for the building of the Society's new Museum at 2 pm on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1982. Joan accompanied her husband Keith Compton on this significant occasion. There is a photo in the museum of Keith turning the first sod with the 'golden' spade which is also in the museum.

Joan was in her 90s when she died. Keith died in 2000 at 78. He had been Chief Stipendiary Steward for Trotting (NSW) prior to his retirement.

**Newsletter**

Any contributions to our Newsletter will be gratefully received! Send them by email, "snail mail", or leave them at the Museum for me by the end of the month, for publication in the next issue.

.....Thanks, Shirley - (Ed)

## **Group Bookings**

Group Bookings so far for November. Bookings are also coming in well for 2014.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>ATTENDING</b>
Nov. 5	Tue.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
" 12	Tue.	6.00	Broken Bay Scouts	BBQ & Talk 20 Cub Scouts + 4
" 15	Fri.	11.00	St. Patrick's, E.Gosford	
" 20	Wed.	10.15	Royal Caribbean Cruises	TBA
" 27	Wed.	TBA	" " "	TBA

## **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 Staffroom 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. Welcome to these New Members, hope you will be willing to go on the Roster.

**Welcome to New Member** - Cheryl Remfry. Hope you enjoy your time with us.

**Working Bee** – November 9<sup>th</sup> – from 9.30 (whatever time you can manage!)

Amongst the many tasks we would like to carry out are

- Cleaning windows in Cottage
- Washing Curtains
- Cleaning Kitchen and Slab Shed and general cleaning in Cottage and Museum
- Cleaning area around back fence, weeding just about everywhere.

There is a lot to do and we realise that not everyone can do every job. Just choose what you feel you are capable of doing and would like to do – your help would be very much appreciated.

**Lunch of chicken, salad and bread rolls provided, and Tea and Bikkies available all day.**

**We need all the help we can get! Hope we see you there.**

### ***Central Coast Family History Fair, Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>***

A Display Table at the ***Family History Fair*** will be operated by Margaret Tauni and Helen Merriman.

### ***RAHS – Annual Conference – Katoomba.***

Edith, Shirley, Margaret and Trish attended Day 1 of this Conference on Saturday, November 2. Speakers discussed new resources that will help us to re-examine the past and focus on forthcoming historical commemorations – the centenary of WWI in 2014 and Gallipoli in 2015. Amongst the speakers were notably Linda Emery, Archivist for the Berrima District H/S, and part of the research team for SBS Television program *Who Do You Think You Are*; and Dr Siobhan Lavelle, OAM, author and winner of several heritage awards, both of whom gave interesting presentations. The Conference Program and some interesting bits and pieces are in the Front Office for members to peruse if they wish.

### ***Spring Gathering – Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>***

Guest Speaker at our Spring Gathering will be Ed Tonks who will be talking about Rathmines Air Base which was active during WWII. Ed is a well-known speaker and has spoken on some interesting topics at many of our meetings. Please join us – Nice Afternoon Tea provided.

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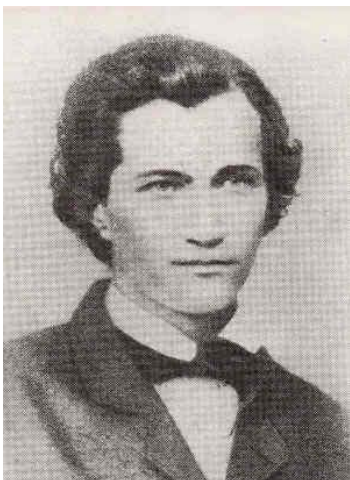
## **Short Scripts**

Available in our Front Office are some suggested 'Short Scripts' to help Members describe our Cottage and Museum and their connection with Henry Kendall. New Members receive a copy of "***The Fagans, the Cottage, and Kendall***" and I'm sure this has been very interesting and useful to them. However, none of us can remember too many facts and figures so hopefully you will find these **Short Scripts** of assistance when giving little talks or guiding visitors around the complex. 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 a **Short Script** for the Slab Shed and 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 **175<sup>th</sup> 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

**63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday/Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12.00**

Put the date in your Diary! Plans are underway for our Birthday/Christmas Party. An Entertainer has been booked and we are having the same caterers as 2012 so it should be a nice meal. See below for Menu. Price has been kept down to the same as last year too - \$30.00.

Please book with Margaret (4384 3271), RSVP November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Why not book and pay at our next meeting (November 19)?

***BUFFET MENU***

Hot Roast Chicken, Cold Leg Ham

Hot Chat Potatoes & Sour Cream

Cole Slaw, Egg Salad, Seafood Salad, Greek Salad, Chili Noodles

Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot, Corn, Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Apple Slice, Custard, Cream, Strawberries,

Sticky Date Pudding with Caramel sauce, Ice cream

Parfaits in Tall Glasses, Strawberry Cheese Cake,

Pavlova, Fruit Salad & Cream, Vanilla Slice

(or it could be Birthday Cake instead of slices)

Tea and Coffee



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The Society's Meetings are held in the Henry Kendall Cottage and Museum Complex, West Gosford. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!**

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