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## **AROUND THE GROUNDS**

### ***Machinery Shed and Tractors***

Here are three photos of our tractor – *RUFF RED* – with its new glamorous red paint job thanks to the workers at the Machinery Shed. Ruff Red is now back in its home in our machinery shed. There are still two tractors there and we hope that the Machinery Shed gentlemen will be able to work on them in the future.



**Tractor back home!**

**Being pushed into  
our machinery shed.**

***If you are viewing these photos in black and white just imagine the beautiful red colour of our tractors!) There will be coloured photos in the emailed Courier and also on our Notice Board.***

## **DON'T FORGET OUR UPCOMING VISIT TO THE WAR MUSEUM ON FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST**

### ***Photo Exhibition at State Library – Friday 31 July.***

Edith, Tricia, Neville, Tracey, Barbara and Shirley travelled to the city by train to see a display of photos at the State Library, called **Crowd Source** (also called **Secret Sydney**). These historical photos were taken by Arthur Syer in Sydney in the 1880s. He was an amateur photographer who specialized in candid, unstaged photographs of 19<sup>th</sup> century everyday people just going about their usual activities. Syer's distinctive low-angle photographs were taken surreptitiously, using a 'detective camera'. It was a very interesting and intriguing exhibition.

A State Library volunteer took us on a very interesting guided History and Heritage tour of the beautiful features of the Mitchell library. Various other fascinating exhibitions are currently on in the galleries, including one of Sydney Suburban Borough Maps, and even one of BJP Physical Culture (sure to bring back memories to some of our female members). I lost the others somewhere in the Galleries but we were soon reunited (thank goodness for mobile phones). We had a nice lunch at the **Café Trim** (named after Matthew Flinders cat Trim) and it was a very enjoyable day.

### ***Soup and Rolls Day – Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July***

About 40 Members and Visitors attended this day. The weather was cold but fine and the hot soup was very welcome. Thanks to Margareta for making the soup and thanks also to those members involved in the food preparation and setting up. The sun was warm enough to sit on our verandah giving us all the opportunity to have a nice chat.

Marie Riley gave us a good talk about some of the early settlers in the Kincumber area; many of the names are still familiar today.

### ***Committee***

Margareta Tauni has kindly agreed to rejoin the Committee, filling the current vacant position. Margareta will continue also in her role as Hostess and will be organising the Christmas Party in December. Welcome back Margareta.

### ***Group Tours and Visits***

A very interested and interesting Group visited our museum on Wednesday, July 29. Over 20 gentlemen from the RSL Life Care Vets at Narrabeen paid us a visit. Of course they were extremely interested in our Showcase display and fascinated by Peter Rea's models and diorama and spent some considerable time discussing it all with Peter. They were also impressed by the cottage and museum. One of them, Frank Gribble, donated a charming little book for our library containing an illustrated version of "Bell-Birds" and also "Click Go the Shears". A Thank You letter has been sent to Frank. Another donation has been received from a visitor, Irene Axton, of music written by her father Christian Hellemann to "The Last of his Tribe". A Letter of Thanks has also been sent to Ms Axton. Do try to visit the Museum to see Peter Rea's great models and diorama – very impressive!

There were two visits totaling about 120 students from Gosford Public School, Year 1 and Year 2. Those members who were able to assist in the visits report that it all went very well and the students had a great time. Both of these GPS bookings were part of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

A group of seniors visited recently and showed great interest in the exhibits. One lady of mature years said she had been a dressmaking apprentice for seven years in England. As a young girl she had to iron the cloth. For heavy material she used one of the heavy irons – a "twelve-pounder" she called it. The iron was heated on a stove and a bucket of water was on standby to cool it to the correct temperature. She spat on it to judge the heat required according to the material. She made clothing for members of the Royal Family and aristocracy. When the material was hairy a damp cloth had to be used to cover the material to stop scorching.

The lady said it was hard work – heavy on the arms. She was a rower and engaged in other water sports. The muscles used in ironing helped her in her sport and vice versa.

So, forget the expensive exercise equipment – members can come to the Museum and exercise with the irons in our display while doing cottage duty!

We also had a visit from a lady from Canberra (formerly Davistown) who is a descendant of the well-known Davis family.

**PROGRAM 2015**

**August 21st - Outing to the new CC Interactive War Exhibit in Tatura Ave, Gosford (near Showground). Car Pool – meet at HK museum, at 9.30, then on to War Museum. Entrance fee is \$13.00, Seniors \$9.00.** We can then have lunch at either the Sailing Club or Gosford RSL, both of which have some reasonably priced meals.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday–History Week 2015 Open Day – 10.30-2.00**  
Free event - Gold Coin donation welcome – Light Lunch and Refreshments provided.

Special Guest Speakers on the day include **Emeritus Professor Richard Waterhouse**, FAHA FASSA University of Sydney, whom we have had the pleasure of listening to before.

We are also fortunate to have as our second speaker, **Michael Kilminster**, PhD candidate and sessional academic at the U. of Newcastle. Michael is also the 2015 Seymour Scholar at the ANU and a National Archives of Australia-Australian Historical Association Postgraduate Scholar for 2014-15. Michael's research investigates Australia's Eastern Mission in 1934, the nation's first overseas diplomatic mission. Described to the House of Representatives as 'a Mission of friendship to our neighbours', it investigated opportunities for expanding Australia's trade to Asia, and promoted Australia's interest in friendly relations with Asian nations, as well as tracking down facts on other countries' culture, economics and politics.

**Theme :** Both of our guest speakers will be a wonderful complement to the upcoming temporary exhibition titled - War Nationalism and Identity "**Soldier On**", (August 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>), that will highlight what efforts were made at home to keep the fires of prosperity burning during times of peace and conflict in WWI and WWII.

**October 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Long Weekend Monday – Bunnings BBQ.**

**October -** Date tba – **Visit to the Powerhouse Museum Complex at Castle Hill** – more information later.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday at 1.00 - Spring Meeting**

Guest Speaker – Robyn Abernethy CEO Central Coast Tourism

**December 8th – Christmas Party**

## INTERESTING ITEMS IN OUR MUSEUM

Amongst the old typewriters we have in our collection is a Standard Folding Corona portable typewriter in its own case. It was one of the most successful machines in typewriter history and dates from about 1908.



The journalist, Reg Nott, who owned it, wrote in the lid the newspapers he had worked on – ***Melbourne Argus, Hobart Mercury, and Sydney Morning Herald***, with dates of 1908, 1912, 1916. What incredible stories this little typewriter could tell and no doubt did!

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### ***New Showcase Display***

Our Curator, Kreenah has been busy too, with a new display entitled "***Soldier On***", which highlights what efforts were made at home to keep the fires of prosperity burning during times of peace and conflict in WWI and WWII.

### ***Garden Shed***

An anonymous benefactor is donating a garden shed for garden tools only. Thank you Mr. Anonymous.

### ***Trading Table***

Donations of beanies, scarves etc. would be much appreciated. Thanks.

**GROUP BOOKINGS – August – November 2015**

Aug.	4	Tue.	10.00	Gosford Public School	53 students (approx.)
Aug.	19	Wed.	10.15	Garigal Tours	15 visitors
Aug.	24	Mon.	10.30	Coastal Liners (Oatlands Probus)	40 visitors
Aug.	26	Wed.	9.45	Henry Kendall Service Dept. (Specifically coming to view 'Soldier On' exhibit)	10 visitors
Aug.	28	Fri.	10.30	Legacy War Widows (Specifically coming to view 'Soldier On' exhibit)	13 visitors
Aug.	29	Sat.	12.00	Geo. Anderson Walpole School Reunion Visitors tba	
Sept.	16	Wed.	9.00	Diggers at The Entrance	20-30 visitors
Sept.	17	Thur.	2.00	Asquith Probus (Comealong Tours)	40 visitors – Talk
Sept.	23	Wed.	1.30	Probus	30 visitors
Sept.	28	Mon.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct.	22	Thur.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches Tour	30 visitors + 2 crew
Nov	19	Thur.	tba	Probus of Umina	tba visitors - URN

**Roster**

Upcoming Tours are published in our Newsletter which 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. Our Duty Roster Officer, Margaret Pearce, will advise those members on the Duty 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 when they are on duty. 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.

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Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc. owns and maintains Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum at 25-27 Henry Kendall Street, West Gosford, which is open for inspection every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

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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