Henry Kendall Cottage

Dear Members and Friends: my apologies but here is a correction to the date for the Summer Gathering.
I am taking this opportunity to add a little to the 'Margin's Of Woy Woy' story.

Regards, Shirley Rider - Editor

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Our *Summer Gathering will be on* **Saturday, 17TH JANUARY 2014** (3rd *Saturday in January*) and the Guest Speaker will be Colin Margin of Margin's Soft Drinks' fame. Margin's Cordials were founded at Woy Woy in 1914 by Colin's grandfather and were well known on the coast for many years until bought out by Coca Cola in 1985.

Colin and one of our members, Joan Patrick, have just completed a history of the family and the Company at Woy Woy during the 20th Century. Joan and Colin have kindly donated to BWHS Library a copy of this Family History and it may be perused within our Library. It is a very interesting family history as well as being a social history of the Woy Woy area during this period. The Family History contains the Margin Family Tree and Time Line from 1906 to 1913.

More on MARGIN'S OF WOY WOY

The story is about four generations and 70 years of successful local manufacturing.

The family's work ethic included cheery service and honest trading. They provided countless jobs for local workers, practiced wise philanthropy and were politically and socially integrated in the life of this community. The little factory Herbert and his brother George opened in 1914 at 165-167 Blackwall Road, expanded to cover nine blocks at the end.

Colin Margin was born at Woy Woy in 1933. In those days the town's links to the wider world were by ferry and railway. There was no road to Woy Woy then, only a bush track from Kariong. The track had steep slopes, dangerous curves and many other hazards. The railway was the lifeblood of Woy Woy, a single track that was laid in the 1880s, and it brought in heavier equipment and other items too big for the ferries. Brisbane Water Drive wasn't put in until 1941. Before then, anybody going to Gosford went by train or ferry.