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Sadly we report the passing of a former member and Treasurer, Arthur Gordon. Both Arthur and wife Madeline served on our committee and Arthur also served as Treasurer during 2006 to 2008 and again for a period in 2009. Quite a few members would remember both Arthur and Madeline as being very pleasant and friendly hard-working members who were missed when they moved to the Carlingford area. Our thoughts go to Madeline at this sad time.

Working Bee

20 lovely members gave their time and efforts to clean and tidy our Cottage and Museum. Apart from unlimited supplies of coffee, tea and biscuits, we had a tasty lunch of BBQ chicken and salads, finishing with some delectable carrot cake. A lot was accomplished – dusting, vacuuming, washing, de-cluttering and so on. Thank you so much you wonderful people!

Storms

The heap of branches and other debris that was stacked on the grass verge has now been taken away thanks to the Council pickup and we are very glad to see it go.

REPORT ON PARRAMATTA TRIP – Friday, 12th June

Over 20 members and friends went to the Parramatta area and had a great day. We left HK cottage at 8.30 and had a nice trip down to **Lake Parramatta**, picking up our guide Judith Dunn, on the way. Judith proved to be a very informative entertaining lady and we all really enjoyed her commentary during the day.

Lake Parramatta

Our first stop was the Lake Parramatta Reserve which is a 73 hectare bush parkland reserve located within two kilometres of the Parramatta CBD. It is



the largest bushland remnant surviving in the Parramatta LGA. Parramatta Council has revitalized the Reserve in the last few years and it is recognized as one of the most significant and beautiful bushland remnants in Western Sydney.

After our Morning Tea stop at Lake Parramatta we continued on to the **Parramatta Female Factory Precinct**, a large institutional complex dating back to 1821.

Located on the traditional land of the Burrumattagal clan - Darug nation, its boundaries encompass two of Australia's first purpose built institutions for the confinement of convict women and orphaned children. The Parramatta Female Factory Precinct housed orphans, convict women, girls at risk and those in need of psychiatric care. It is located in the grounds of Cumberland Hospital, North Parramatta, NSW. We inspected the lovely old sandstone buildings remaining but are concerned for the future of this very historic site, with the risk of unsympathetic development.



**Our Group
listening
intently to
Judith
Dunn**

We also had a look at the Girls' Industrial School and other buildings in this complex before going to Rosehill Bowling Club for a very tasty buffet lunch. Then it was on to the wonderful historic buildings in the Harris Park area – Hambleton Cottage, Experiment Farm, and Elizabeth Farm, with Judith continuing her interesting commentary.

Our last 'port of call' was ***St John's Anglican Cemetery, Parramatta*** which is the oldest Christian burial ground in Australia, containing graves of pioneers from the First Fleet as well as other well-known figures in the colony, such as Reverend Samuel Marsden and David Lennox. The first recorded burial was John Magee, the child of a convict, on the 31st January 1790. Strolling around the grounds it was very interesting to read the names and inscriptions on the tombstones. The wall surrounding the cemetery was also constructed of convict-made bricks in the 1820s.



Unfortunately we were very disappointed to see how this historic cemetery has been neglected by the Anglican Church (see photo) and we hope that this is soon remedied. The cemetery must get many visitors, from throughout Australia and overseas, who probably have connections to some of these pioneers, and the obvious neglect would not create a good impression.

Heritage

This interesting item missed our deadline for the June issue but we have great pleasure in including it in this issue.

“Kreenah recently represented us at the Museum Australia National Conference held this year in Sydney. This year’s theme was “the cultural cacophony” and in true Sydney-style was a very busy itinerary held between several venues including the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Australian Museum and the Sydney Town Hall, each with totally amazing presentations and discussions from museum networks around Australia and across the globe. Kreenah has also been accepted as a Committee Member for the Museums Australia New South Wales Chapter.

We have nominated ourselves at the Gosford City Council Heritage Awards coming up next week for our fabulous Quartoseptcentennial Gala Day last April.”

And to cap that off – we won a **HERITAGE AWARD** FOR –

**EXCELLENCE IN INTERPRETATION PROJECTS AND
HERITAGE EVENTS**

for our 175 year celebration of Henry Kendall Cottage. The Certificate has been received and is now taking pride of place at the front of the Museum. We all deserve a 'pat on the back' for that! Kreenah and Edith represented BWHS at the Awards ceremony.

Peter Rae also received “an outstanding achievement award for his stunning historic displays featuring replicas of World War I battleships”. Peter’s displays related to the “theme of War on the Coast using scale models, graphics and historic research ...” Congratulation Peter and also to Dora for all the work she does to assist Peter in his work.

(See full story and photo in CC Gosford Express Advocate, Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – extract on Notice Board)

Certificate of Appreciation

A Letter of Thanks together with a certificate was delivered by Tricia to the Tyre Yard for their very kind donation of tractor tyres as part of the restoration of our Red Tractor.

Resignation

Jim Wilson has had to resign from the Committee because he now has increased work commitments. Sorry to see you go Jim but all the best in your new job.

Photo Exhibition at State Library – proposed date is July 31st

If anyone is interested in a train trip to the city to see a display of photos at the State Library, called **Crowd Source** (also called **Secret Sydney**) please contact Edith. The photos were taken in Sydney in 1880. We could have lunch at the **Café Trim** at the State Library.

Machinery Shed and our Tractors

At the Machinery Shed the tractor BIG RED, is painted but still needs another coat. The Machinery Shed men are setting the timing to get the Motor to turn over - nothing has happened yet but it will. They state that she is not the biggest in the Machinery Shed at the Grounds, there are two bigger, so we had better find another name. They seem to have decided to work on the other two in future, this time on site. We hope that they do as it would make the place a little more active – a LIVING MUSEUM. Any ideas for a name that you think would be better than Big Red would be gratefully accepted (contact Tricia).

PROGRAM 2015

July 18th - Saturday – Winter Gathering - 1.00 – a Home made Soup and Rolls Lunch which will be welcome in cold July. Our Guest Speaker will be Marie Riley. Marie has spoken at our functions before and is always interesting, so put it in your diary.

July 31st - State Library – Photo exhibition “Crowd Source” – by Train
- contact Edith if you're interested.

August 21st - Outing to the new CC Interactive War Exhibit in Tatura Ave, Gosford (near Showground). Followed by lunch somewhere – any suggestions? – **by Car Pool.**

September 12th - 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 1st until October 31st), 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 5th – Labor Day Long Weekend Monday – Bunnings BBQ.

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

November 21st – Saturday at 1.00 - Spring Meeting

Guest Speaker – Robyn Abernethy CEO Central Coast Tourism

December 8th – Christmas Party

GROUP BOOKINGS – July–November 2015

July	13	Mon.	10.45	Mt Druitt Hosp. Ladies	20 visitors – Talk
July	22	Wed.	2.00	Kiama Scenic Tours	33 snrs + host & driver
July	24	Fri.	1.30	Blue Mountains Walkers	12 visitors (approx)
July	29	Wed.	10.00	RSL Life Care War Vets, Narrabeen	
				- M/Tea in Grounds first, Intro.Talk	
July	28	Tue.	10.00	Gosford Public School	69 students
				- Year 2	- M/Tea at 10.00
Aug	4	Tue.	10.00	Gosford Public School	53 students
				- Year 1	- M/Tea at 10.00

Both of these GPS bookings are part of their 150th anniversary celebrations

Aug.	24	Mon.	10.30	Coastal Liners (Oatlands Probus)	40 visitors
Sept.	17	Thur.	2.00	Asquith Probus (Comealong Tours)	40 visitors) – Talk
Sept.	28	Mon.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
Oct.	22	Thur.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors + 2 crew Tour
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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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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