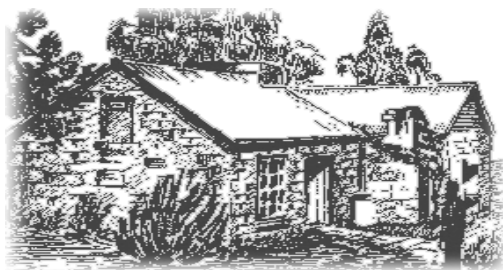


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Welfare

Do hope that we are all recovering from the storms and deluge, damage, power outages, loss of landlines and internet and mobile coverage we've experienced recently. It has been a rather hectic three weeks. And we had another deluge on Friday, April 30th. Some of us are still having problems but hang in there, we've been through it all before and we recovered.

Intersection Opened

Isn't it great to have the new Intersection opened? There's still a few problems which sometimes makes negotiating it all a little tricky but it's getting there! I tried the new slip road (coming from Gosford along CC Highway heading toward Henry Kendall Street) and found it just fine.

Heritage Festival – Open Day – Saturday, 11th April

We had a good day despite attendance not as good as we'd hoped but there were a few other functions on that day. Amongst them was the **Machinery Club Event** at the Showground. We had a stall and display there – (*report further on in our Newsletter*). The day concluded with a lovely Afternoon Tea – big thanks to those who contributed some really yummy eats and those who assisted in the preparation and clearing up.

We were fortunate in having two entertaining, interesting speakers at our Heritage event. Associate Professor Victoria Haskins from Newcastle University, and Geoff Potter, our favourite Local Studies Librarian from Gosford City Library.

Associate Professor Haskins spoke about women's roles in WWI with particular reference to her own family tree, and a great aunt of her grandmother, Narrelle Hobbes, a Matron in the WWI nursing service. Geoff's entertaining presentation included some wonderful photos of a parade on Australia Day,* 31st July, 1915, that reflected the ways that the Gosford district responded to WWI. The procession included a variety of well-decorated floats.

* (Our official Australia Day now wasn't declared on January 26 until 1935.)

Following on from our Open Day, Assoc. Professor Haskins graciously wrote to say -

"Thank you for inviting me – I did enjoy giving the talk and meeting your lovely members. Actually I enjoyed it so much I ended up sending an article based on the talk to the Newcastle Herald (see our Notice Board) and they published it on Anzac Day. I would not have written it were it not for the talk at Gosford and the great response I got, so thank you again."

...And Thank you Associate Professor Haskins!

Poppies

Hope many of you were able to view the beautiful Poppy display on Gosford waterfront. And isn't it wonderful that it survived the incredible wind and rain!

(Note): There some lovely photos of the beautiful Poppies display and the 1915 Australia Day Parade on 'Gostalgia', accessed through Gosford City Library's website.)

April

April was a very busy month ...

Anzac Day

As part of the commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac special event, involving a street march of all the regional RSLs to Central Coast Stadium on Saturday, April 18th, we had a stall at the Stadium with a few artifacts. Peter Rae's display of his model ships created quite a bit of interest. That temporary exhibit then travelled from the stadium to Terrigal Wamberal RSL (Breakers) for a week's stay.

Our Curator wishes to extend a huge Thank You to Tricia and Neville Scott, Jay Sider, Peter and Dora Rea and to Len Ellis of 'Breakers' who all kindly assisted with the huge task of coordinating the transport logistics of valuable items between the Cottage, the Showground, the Stadium, out to Breakers and safely back home again.

On Anzac Day at the Museum two young men from Campbelltown visited. Their grandparents, Gladys and Les Payne, were long time members of BWHS. Gladys edited the newsletter. A search through our files found what was maybe her last newsletter, dated February 1998. When young, the boys had visited their grandparents at Kariong, often going to the Museum and playing in the grounds. Gladys and Les moved from Kariong to Ingleburn to be closer to their families.

By coincidence three BWHS members, Beryl, Gwenda and Frank, were having their annual Anzac Day social get-together with Bully Beef and Anzac biscuits. They remembered Les and Gladys. Les who was a printer by trade, amateur wrestler and WWII veteran is no longer with us but Gladys is still active. Les, Gladys, Gwenda, and Frank were all members of the now extinct Point Clare Garden Club.

We're very grateful to Frank for erecting our Australian flag on this day.

Note : Our "Aftermath" Display is still able to be viewed until July 13st.

Central Coast Machinery Club Event : Machinery in Motion

This interesting display of Historic Machines running and restored to their former glory was held at Gosford Showground on Saturday, 11th and Sunday 12th April. We were invited to have a stall, including an old tractor in our collection which is being restored by the Machinery Club. Four new tyres worth \$1000 were donated by Ken Parker, of the Tyre Yard at West Gosford, for which we're extremely grateful. This display gave us a chance to say a huge Thank You to both the Machinery Club for their recent restoration work and to the Tyre Yard for their generous donation. Soon a new red paint job will complete the restoration and our little tractor will now look 'as cute as a button'!

Big thanks go to members, Frank Courts, Jim O'Harae, Neville and Tricia Scott, and Curator Kreenah Yelds, for helping out on this day.



Tractor Details

McCormick Deering W4

<i>Horse Power</i>	26
<i>Engine Size</i>	2.5 litre
<i>Cylinders</i>	4
<i>Fuel petrol & kerosene (petrol primer then run on kerosene)</i>	
<i>Built</i>	1939 to 1952
<i>Gears</i>	5F 1R
<i>No. built</i>	24 900
<i>Cost (970 pounds)</i>	\$ 1900

Tractor in Shed



New Tyres

PROGRAM 2015

May 16th – Saturday - Autumn Gathering at 1 pm.

Guest Speaker - Max Davis who will speak about Legacy.

June 12th - Friday - outing - Parramatta History trip

with Judith Dunn of Past Time Tours, looking at historic places in Parramatta. M/Tea, & Lunch at Rosehill Bowling Club incl. Cost - \$69. Contact Margaret at 4384 3271 to book. Time tba

June 20th -Saturday - Working/cleaning bee - 9.30 at HK

July 18th -Saturday – Winter Gathering 1.00 – soup and rolls lunch.

Guest Speaker Marie Riley.

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. & Michael Kilminster, PhD candidate and sessional academic at the University of Newcastle.

Theme : War Nationalism and Identity – Temporary Exhibition “Soldier On”, August 1st until October 31st. 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. **More on this in June N/L**

Fund Raising

Tricia Scott has come up with a novel suggestion – see what you think! We could have a ‘cakeless’ cake day and ‘jamless’ jam day for the June Trading Table. The idea is that we put a special donation box on the trading table and ask members to put the money in that box that they would spend on the ingredients for the cakes or jams. Not the normal donation box, one just for the trading table. Members may see the fun of that and go for it. Perhaps Jay could make a little sign for it too. We need to keep the trading table to keep our cake and jam making members happy

*A bit of news we have today
A cakeless cake sale's on the way.
In these busy days, now who would bake
pies or cookies or even a cake?
So we've thought of a plan that is really grand
And feel quite sure you'll understand.
Into this box please put the price
of a pie, or a cake, or anything nice.
Without fuss or bother, you've done your part
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale,
Wishing success, to our Cakeless Cake Sale*

GROUP BOOKINGS – May, June, July 2015

May	6	Wed.	10.00	Breakthru Solutions	15 visitors + 3 staff - guided tour & talk
May	19	Tues.	11–11.30	Forresters Beach Probus	15 visitors (approx) - URN
May	20	Wed.	11.00	Snrs Social & F'ship Club	tba - URN
May	25	Mon.	2.30	Goodwin Village (Ainslie, ACT)	40 visitors+2
May	26	Tues.	11.00	Newcastle War Widows	tba visitors
May	28	Tues.	10.00	Terranova Tours	46 visitors
June	4	Thur.	10.00	Terranova Tours	46 visitors
June	12	Fri	10.00	Terranova Tours	35-46 snrs & host - guided tour
July	22	Wed.	2.00	Kiama Scenic Tours	33 snrs + host & driver
July	24	Fri.	1.30	Blue Mountains Walkers	12 visitors (approx)

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.

Subscriptions – Last Chance!

If you have forgotten to pay your 2015 subscription this is your final reminder!

May

*Now sings a cool, bland wind, where falls and flows
The runnel by the grave of last year's rose;
Now, underneath the strong perennial leaves,
The first slow voice of wintering torrent grieves.
Now in a light like English August's day,
Is seen the fair, sweet, chastened face of May;
She is the daughter of the year who stands
With Autumn's last rich offerings in her hands;
Behind her gleams the ghost of April's noon,
Before her is the far, faint dawn of June;
She lingers where the dells and dewy leas
Catch stormy sayings from the great bold seas;
Her nightly raiment is the misty fold
That zones her round with moonlight-coloured gold;
And in the day she sheds, from shining wings,
A tender heat that keeps the life in things.*

excerpt from The Austral Months

Poem by Henry Kendall

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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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