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### **Vale - Bill Rutledge**

Sadly we have to report the passing of Bill Rutledge. Bill served BWHS well as Honorary Solicitor for many years and we greatly appreciate his service to BWHS.

### **Welfare**

Best wishes to John Rousch for a speedy recovery after his operation.

### **Editor's Note**

Thanks for the Get Well cards and your good wishes – the arm is improving and I'm starting to 'see the light at the end of the tunnel!' Thanks to those who helped with the Newsletter.

### **TOMAGO House : Report**

..... **Edith**

Friday 30 October a small group of us spent the day in the Port Stephens area. Our first stop was Tomago House where we were greeted with a beautiful Devonshire Morning Tea. We were then taken on a tour of the house and told the story of the family who first built it back in the 1840's. The house is not fully furnished as it is used for Weddings and it would be a lovely venue with a small stone church on the grounds and large spacious rooms and verandas. Some of us braved the large cellars which stretched under the house and also the very steep stairs to the little attic rooms.

After a lovely lunch provided by the volunteers of sandwiches and cake, we moved on to Nelson Bay to the 'Inner Light' a lighthouse building inside the heads at Port Stephens. The property is now used by the Marine Rescue Unit for the area and one of their volunteers showed us around. Some of the rooms in the old lighthouse building are filled with displays telling of the history of the area. We were also able to go up to the radio room for the Marine Rescue Unit. As well as the historical displays there are lovely tea rooms and a tempting souvenir shop.

It was a beautiful day and Port Stephens was looking its best with beautiful views over the water and surrounding area. If you haven't been there, go and have a coffee there next time you are in the area.

**Exhibitions and report**

..... Kreenah

The '**Soldier On**' exhibition (extended until the 11th November) is the third in a series of temporary exhibitions that acknowledges the Centenary of Anzac. Over the last 14 months our many visitors have caught a unique glimpse of the Australian experience at home and abroad during World War One and World War Two. A big Thank you to Peter and Dora Rae for adding an extra dimension to each of these exhibitions with spectacular installations and excellent tour commentary.

The Society has recently acted as auspice for funding from local Council for Peter to conduct **tours with Central Coast Ferries** on Brisbane Water and Broken Bay highlighting our amazing local maritime history. Stay tuned for news on that. There is a list in the Museum so put your name on it if you are interested in going on this tour.

We are also delighted to act as auspice for Merril Jackson and the continuing '**Poppy Project - Never Forgetting the Sacrifices**'. We look forward to updates and assisting Merril with this very special community project.

Our friends at **The Machinery Club** are on the horizon again, and have kindly offered their expertise with the long-overdue restoration of the ailing farming equipment pieces currently braving the harsh elements in the grounds.

Members of the Society made appearances at some wonderful **Community Events in October**, including the re-opening of Alison Homestead, the Empire Bay Village Fair, Mangrove Mountain Country Fair and the Putt Putt Regatta.

Our upcoming temporary exhibition '**Rare Seen**' will feature a charming collection of artworks from the museum's own archive, including rare works by Kendall Holbert from the 'Footprints' memoir, and, local landscape works on temporary loan from the University of Newcastle.

**Empire Bay Village Fair**

..... Fiona

On Saturday, 17th October, we had a small display table inside the Empire Bay Progress Hall as part of the very lively Empire Bay Village Fair.

Kreenah Yelds, our curator, was there very early setting up a wonderful display called 'Footprints' concerning Kendall Holbert's life on Pelican Island. Kendall Cottage information leaflets were also displayed.

Tricia Scott and Fiona McLennan also attended the table and had a very enjoyable time chatting to visitors about Henry Kendall Cottage and the Brisbane Waters Historical Society. Several people told us that they will come along to visit us soon.

To top the day off we were blessed with beautiful weather and we were able to partake of a lovely Devonshire Tea outside in the garden while listening to a local children's orchestra.

**Garden Shed**

... .. Tricia

The new ***garden-items-only*** shed has at last been installed. Many thanks to all concerned for the organisation, removal of the poisonous tree, land clearance, site preparation, attendance at the installation and future fitting out.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE!!!!**

We are having a Sausage Sizzle at our ***November Gathering on 21<sup>st</sup> November***. Please come to the Museum about **12.30** so you can enjoy your sausage sandwich before the meeting. Robyn Abernathy from Central Coast Tourism will be our Guest Speaker for the day so we don't want to start too late. We will still have coffee and cake available after the meeting for those who want to stay and talk. Hope to see you all then!



**SNIPPETS**

**Rotary Club Raffle** – We are participating in the Rotary Club raffle again this year. Tickets are \$2 each. Cheryl is organising the tickets this year so just pop in to the Museum on a Wednesday or Saturday and she can organise tickets for you. The raffle is drawn 16/2/16.

*1st prize - open order for \$3000 to be redeemed for travel at the Flight Centre Bateau Bay.*

*2nd prize - Bed & Breakfast for 2 people at Pullman Magenta Shores.*

*3rd prize - \$150 voucher from Gem Design Jewellers The Entrance.*

*4th prize - \$100 voucher from Water's Edge Seafood Restaurant The Entrance.*

All proceeds go to Brisbane Water Historical Society. This is a very valuable fund raiser for us but we need to sell the tickets. If you belong to other groups perhaps you could take a book of 25 tickets and try to sell them, or a smaller number to Family and Friends. They also make a great present to put in a Christmas card.

**NBN Installation** – The NBN box was installed on 30<sup>th</sup> September and the Museum now has only one phone number – 4325 2270. On arrival at the Museum, volunteers must 'undivert' the phone to make the number ring at the Museum. When leaving, the phone must be diverted to a mobile phone carried by a Committee member – at the moment this is Edith. There are two handsets in the Museum – one in the Archives room and one at the front of the Museum where the old phone was. The base is in the Archives room as it now has to go through the computer modem to the NBN line. We had a few 'teething problems' but all seems to be OK now.

**Gosford Public School**

We have received a book of Thank You notes from the students of Gosford Public School who visited us recently. They make delightful reading and we really appreciate their thoughtfulness. The book can be viewed towards front of the Museum.

**Note from Rebecca Cardy, Heritage Programs & Project Officer, Gosford CC.**

“Thought you might be interested in the Thanksgiving Service for our special Lisarow Cemetery, on Sunday 15 November, 2.30pm at the cemetery followed by refreshments and a photo display at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Lisarow. It will be a wonderful opportunity to revisit this significant cemetery but also to see the extensive work that has been achieved by the dedicated volunteers.”

**GROUP BOOKINGS**

Nov. 4	Wed.	10.00	St Patrick's East Gosford Primary	52 students
Nov. 17	Tue.	10.30	Hawkins Village Newcastle	10-17 visitors
Nov. 19	Thur.	tba	Probus of Umina	<u>Urn</u> tba visitors
Nov. 26	Thur.	tba	Wyoming P/S	52 students

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**Roster**

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. 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 Edith 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.

**Trading Table**

..... Tricia

*If you have any Christmas 'bits and bobs' that we can sell on the Trading Table it would be lovely if you could drop them in as soon as possible. We need to 'jazz up' the Trading table for Christmas.*

**Poppy Project**

Merril Jackson visited the October committee meeting to describe the Poppy Project we are auspicing and to request help to put kits together. More details later.

**Program for the rest of 2015**

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November - 12.30 Sausage Sizzle/ Spring Meeting**  
**Guest Speaker – Robyn Abernethy CEO Central Coast Tourism**

**AND DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS / BIRTHDAY PARTY on**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup> .... RSVP 21<sup>ST</sup> November !!!!**

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CHRISTMAS /and 65<sup>th</sup>  
BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc.**



**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 11.30am**

Join your fellow members in the grounds of Henry Kendall Cottage and the Historical Museum for a fun Christmas Party and Birthday Party.

Buffet provided by Barry's Spit Roast:

Meat – Ham, Beef and Pork

Salad – Coleslaw, Greek and Green Tossed Salad, Baby Potatoes, Bread Rolls

Dessert - Pavlova, Apple Crumble

Punch and a small amount of cask wine. BYO.

Music is by Steve of ***Endless Harmony***

Cost is still only \$35. Family and friends welcome.

**Please contact Margaret on 4384 3271 to book.**  
**RSVP by 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

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All correspondence should be forwarded to our actual street address of 25-27 Henry Kendall Street, West Gosford, 2250 - unless otherwise noted.

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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