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Editor's Note Sadly folks your Editor has a broken wing and will be out of action for a couple of months.

However, there are some wonderful people who will be helping to issue the Newsletter. If you would like to phone, send me an email (I can reply to emails slowly using my left hand), or visit me at home you would be most welcome.

Please send any contributions for the Newsletter to:

Cheryl (chezr22@outlook.com) or Edith (e.cam@bigpond.com)

Donation – Thanks to Stephen Cassin for his donation of a weed sprayer for the grounds. It has been put to good use.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

This was held on the Monday Public Holiday. We were delighted to make a little over \$1000.00 which is wonderful. Many thanks to Dave and Kate for all the advance preparation and to Dave and Danny for keeping everything moving so smoothly on the day.

Special thanks to all the helpers who persevered through a very hot day. We really appreciate your help.

As we didn't have the street stall this year, we decided to sell Rotary Raffle Tickets at the Sausage Sizzle which raised another \$148 .

Again – thanks everyone

Alison Homestead Opening

On Sunday 4 October some of our members attended the Family Day at Alison Homestead to mark the Wyong District Pioneers Association Centenary and the Opening of Alison Homestead and Museum following its rebuilding after the fire in 2011.

It was a wonderful day with many stalls and activities for families as well as Devonshire Teas and a Sausage Sizzle was available.

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Phillip Morley and the actual Opening and unveiling of the Plaque was carried out by a descendent of the Alison family who had come from Melbourne for the occasion.

One section of the Homestead was able to be restored and is looking wonderful. Where the other section existed there is now an extended breezeway allowing room for all kinds of activities, a kitchen, offices and a large room to be used for exhibitions and displays. The opening exhibition is Children's Toys and School Memorabilia. – really delightful.

New Exhibition

Brisbane Water Historical Society

presents

Rare Seen

An exhibition of artworks
from the archives of the
Brisbane Water Historical Society
and the University of Newcastle.

among the rarely seen artworks on display
will be two local landscape works by artist
Doug Sealy, a Wynne finalist in the
Art Gallery of New South Wales Archibald
Prize of 1974

This exhibition, in the Historical Museum, runs
from 14 November 2015 to 29 February 2016.
Entry: \$4 / Concession: \$3

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History Week Open Day Report

Saturday, September 12th – 10.30-2.00

The theme for our Open Day was War National and Identity, highlighting what was happening at home in Australia during times of peace and conflict during WWI and WWII. Our speaker for the morning session was ***Emeritus Professor Richard Waterhouse***, FAHA FASSA University of Sydney, whom we have had the pleasure of listening to before.

During the afternoon session, we were fortunate to have as our 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.

During lunch, Bob Pankhurst joined us in the grounds in his Light Horse uniform with his new horse ***Yarramin*** and a small donkey and gave an informal talk on the Light Horse.

Both of our guest speakers were a wonderful complement to our temporary exhibition titled - War Nationalism and Identity "***Soldier On***". If you weren't able to be there for the Open Day, the exhibition will be on display until 30 October. Please come along and have a look.

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.

Tomago House – Port Stephens Marine Rescue Centre – Nelson Head Lighthouse - Bus Tour

A bus trip has been organised for Friday 30th October 2015. Coach will depart from the Museum at 9am and return approximately 5.15pm.

Tour Information is as follows:

“Tomago House is noted for its fine verandas looking over pastoral land; interiors which reflected the lives and times of a family of status - and a social history which spans three generations. Our visit comprises a Devonshire morning Tea followed by a talk and tour from the volunteers of ‘The friends of Tomago House ‘, then a light lunch with tea and coffee. Following lunch, we make our way to Port Stephens to visit the Marine Rescue Base and Nelson Head Lighthouse for an interesting talk and tour of the base that includes historical insight into the site and an opportunity to explore the base including the radio room. There is also time to visit the gift shop. With magnificent views across Port Stephens this is a tour not to be missed! Suitable for all abilities.”

The tour will be provided by Coastal Liner Tours in a midi bus seating 24 and will cost \$74 per person including Devonshire Morning Tea, Entry Fees, Guided Tours, Light Lunch and Luxury Coach Travel with Commentary. If more than 24 people book, the price will drop to \$67 and a large coach will be used.

Coastal Liner considers the tour to be suitable for all ages.

Program for 2015

Listed below is the rest of our Program for 2015.

October 30th, Friday at 9.45 – Tomago House bus trip.

November 21st – Saturday at 1.00 - Spring Meeting

Guest Speaker – Robyn Abernethy CEO Central Coast Tourism

December 8th – Christmas Party

NBN Installation – The NBN box was installed on 30th September. The Museum only has one phone number from now on – 4325 2270. This number will ring at the Museum. After a specified number of rings, the phone will divert to a mobile phone to be carried by a Committee member – at the moment this is Edith. There will be two handsets at the Museum – one at either end of the building. The fax number has been disconnected.

Snippets

We have had numerous inquiries from visitors about the shingles on the Cottage roof and the buttresses.

When Brisbane Water Historical Society acquired Henry Kendall Cottage in 1960 it was in a very run-down condition and had an iron roof. Three years were spent repairing the premises.

In 1976 a dollar-for-dollar grant was received from the Central Coast Social Development Australian Assistance Plan. The iron roof was replaced with American Red Cedar shingles.

In 1985 the shingles on the Cottage roof were slipping off and were cracked and curling. A workman was engaged to make temporary repairs.

In 1991 a grant of \$4500 from the Department of Planning and a grant of \$4500 from Gosford City Council together with an amount of \$9828 from Brisbane Water Historical Society enabled the roof to be re-shingled and the erection of half-round guttering, rainwater heads, downpipes with rubble drain and ag pipe around the cottage to drain the water away. Also, the guttering and fascias etc were painted in heritage colours of dark crimson and cream.

The shingles used were Australian yellow stringy bark hardwood. Shingling was done by builder Barry Olson and son Graham Olson, assisted by 6 members who donated 455 hours as labourers, including drilling holes in the shingles and stacking them in the most convenient place. A lot of restoration of the roof structure (damaged by white ants many years ago) was done by Fred Koch.

Reference: *The Fagans, the Cottage, and Kendall.* / Joan Fenton OAM ADLAH (ed), - Gosford : Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc., 1996

GROUP BOOKINGS

Oct.	20	Tues.	2.30	Avoca Beach Resort	38 visitors
Oct.	21	Wed.	10.00	Coastal Liners	21-25 visitors
Oct.	29	Thur.		West Gosford Probus	BBQ, URN Details Frank Courts
Nov.	19	Thur.	tba	Probus of Umina	tba visitors – <u>Urn</u>

We have had some interest from schools due to local history being on the curriculum this term. Hopefully this will lead to some school visits.

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 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.

Christmas Party – Ho Ho Ho

Don't forget the Christmas Party on 8 December so get the glad rags ready. Price, menu and booking details will be in the next newsletter.



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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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