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**BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

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**Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum**

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## **History Week**

**The Great War : the Honour Roll - Saturday, 13 September 2014,  
11.00 am to 2.00 pm.  
(The actual exhibition will be open until after Christmas)**

The Honour Roll appears across our country and recognizes those who bravely fought for freedom and the many loved ones who selflessly gave their lives for their homeland.

Our Fagan display has been pulled down and a new display has been erected in the museum commemorating the beginning of WWI.

We will be holding an **Open Day at our museum in recognition of the History Council of NSW 2014 History Week theme "The Great War"**. The Honour Roll will include information and memorabilia from World War I.

This should be a very interesting day with some fascinating speakers such as E/Professor Richard Waterhouse, President of the History Council of NSW, who will be delivering a lecture that focuses both on the role of the AIF and on the consequences of the War for Australia. There will also be talks by our new member, Peter Rea of History and Heritage, Hunter to Hawkesbury (4HR), and Bob Pankhurst, who will speak on 'Local Fallen', about people from the Central Coast.

Open Day is free and includes History Talks, light lunch and refreshments. Tasty sandwiches have been organised, however it would be appreciated if members could bring something sweet (eg cake, slice?) to complement our Lunch. Thank you.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Street Stall – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

We know you have been collecting suitable clean items for our Annual **Street Stall** coming up in October. We have more room now to store things so this is the time to start bringing them to the museum. The Street Stall is a good fundraiser for the Society and we hope to do even better than the successful one we had last year. **SO START DECLUTTERING!** See Margaret Pearce, Margareta Tauni, or Bev Blockey, if you have any queries.

**Cockatoo Island Visit – Friday. 29 August 2014 – REPORT**

Fifteen members braved the elements and were rewarded with a very interesting day. The weather improved and we even had some sunny spells. We all made it to Circular Quay OK, had a nice coffee and some goodies and then caught the ferry to Cockatoo Island. I think we were all surprised at how big the complex is. There are vast cavernous workshops, some enduring huge heavy machinery and even some remaining cranes large and small. A few are rusting away but others are being restored. During WWII some 250 ships were converted or repaired on Cockatoo Island. There is some fascinating history here.

There are intriguing tunnels linking various areas or workshops, the earliest dating from 1915, and two dry docks, Fitzroy and Sutherland, that date from 1870 and 1917. These were used extensively during WWII.

We walked up a short but not too steep road to the escarpment where there are convict built buildings, and walkways down if you want – quite safe but may be daunting for some. Some wonderful views if you choose to go up. It's level everywhere else.

The rain mostly stayed away, the umbrellas going up for just a couple of showers. The sun came out as we walked through the tourist camp ground. Many areas of the island have been landscaped with lawns, trees, gardens, and a network of paths and boardwalks and a few island residences have been converted into short stay holiday accommodation.

If you couldn't make it on this trip it's recommended for a day's outing. It's easy to get to by train to Central and Circular Quay and then Sydney Harbour Ferry from Wharf 5. There are 3 little cafe's on the island or you can take your own lunch. A nice cheap interesting day!



**Tricia pacing out one of the Dry Docks - not dry now though. Check the crane and Chimney in the background.**



**Margaret and Ron (and is it Neville?) inspecting one of the old rusting cranes. Others were being restored.**



**Dog Leg tunnel – quite long, we checked it out**



**Margaret inspecting one of the early houses**

**PROGRAM 2014 :**      ***Please check the Newsletter for updates***

**SEPT – Sat.-Sun. 6-14**      ***History Week – Theme : “The Great War :  
- the Honour Roll”***

**OCT - Thur. 2**      ***Street Stall***

**OCT – Thur. 30**      ***Outing : Tomago House***

**NOV – Tue. 18 1.00**      ***Spring Gathering – Guest Speaker –  
Winsome Andrews –Topic : Jacoby  
Cutter***

**DEC - Tue. 9 12.00**      ***Christmas/Birthday Party***

**Sat. 27**      ***Bunnings BBQ***

***October Outing – Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October***

We're off to Tomago House at Nelson Bay for our October Outing with Coastal Liner. Tomago House, built by barrister Richard Windeyer, formed the nucleus of what was, in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, a vast agricultural estate and country residence of one of the nation's leading politico-legal figures. The interiors reflect the lives and times of a family of status and a social history which spans three generations.

Our tour comprises a Devonshire Morning Tea, a talk and tour, and a light lunch, after which we visit the Marine Rescue Base and Nelson Head Lighthouse for a talk and tour of the base. This all sounds very interesting – more details including time of departure and cost in October Newsletter.



***Tomago  
House***



**Group Bookings – September – October - November**

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	NO. ATTENDING
Sept. 17	Wed.	11.30	Coast Christian School	27 students + G/parents
Sept. 19	Wed.	10.30	B.W. Older Women's Network	10-15
Sept.19	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40
Sept.22	Mon.	10.00	Westside View Club	20 – <i>Urn for M/T</i> - <i>Staying for lunch in the Grounds</i>
Sept.22	Mon.	1.30	Hopkinson's Coaches	40
Sept.26	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40
Oct. 8	Thur.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30
Oct. 17	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40
Oct. 25	Sat.	10.00	Windang Ladies' Bowling Club	40
Oct. 28	Tue.	TBA	Wamberal Garden Club	10 – <i>Urn</i>
Oct. 29	Wed.	9.15	Rhapsody of the Sea (A&K)	TBA
Oct. 31	Fri.	12.00	Terranova Tours	40
Nov. 3	Mon.	10.00	Stuart Coaches	40

**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 Pearce, our Duty Roster Officer, when they are on duty. Upcoming Tours are published in the Newsletter but this 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.

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.

### **Spring Gathering – 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Guest Speaker will be Winsome Andrews and her topic is **Jacoby Cutter**. Check out the headstone on the verandah side wall of the museum, at the back.

### **Christmas/Birthday Party**

Our caterer this year is **Barrie's Spit Roast**. We had this caterer for quite a few years and found the food to be delicious. Cost is \$35.00 a head.

The **Menu** that the Committee has decided on is below:

Meats	- (3) Beef, Pork, Ham (hot) – (Gravy if desired) Jacket Potatoes (cooked in foil)
Salads	- 3) Cole Slaw, Greek Salad, Potato Salad Fresh Bread Rolls and Butter
Desserts	Pavlova Fruit Salad Tea and Coffee

**Entertainment** will be provided too, 'Stick' Richards – a beautiful voice, with his keyboard.

### **Welfare**

A few of our members are experiencing medical problems - to any members and family not feeling well, we wish you a speedy recovery.

### **Snippets**

Kincumber Hall Century Celebrations : Rescuing the Past – 4/5/6 October, 2014.

Come and celebrate the history of this local hall, with a collection of historical local artist works on show.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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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