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**AROUND THE GROUNDS****Welfare**

Best wishes to anyone not feeling well. Hope you're better soon.

**Subscriptions**

We know it's easy to forget this sort of thing but ...

**2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE NOW!!**

Fees are:                   \$20    pa   for singles  
                                   \$30    pa   for couples at the same address.  
                                   \$7.50 pa   for children

**No further Newsletters will be sent to unfinancial members after April (this issue).**

**Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM was held on Saturday, 19th March at 1.00 and we thank Mr. Geoff Lewis, President of Gosford Blue Waters Probus Club, for acting as our Scrutineer.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the newly elected Committee is as follows:

President	Norman Allan
Senior Vice President	Margaret Pearce
Vice Presidents (2)	Shirley Rider & Peter Rea
Secretary	Cheryl Remfry
Treasurer	George Boettiger
Committee (3)	Edith Campbell, Tricia Scott, Sandy Hunt-Sharman

**Appointments**

Charles Gosford, Earl of Gosford, and Councillor, Lawrie McKinna, Mayor of Gosford City Council, will continue as our Patrons.

Our former Honorary Solicitor, Mr. W. Rutledge, sadly passed away in 2015. This position is presently vacant.

Mr. A. C. Westbury will continue as Auditor.

The following members are presently in these roles, appointed by our Committee :

Public Officers :	Brian McCafferty, Jack Woodward
Publicity Officer :	Margaret Pearce
Newsletter Editor :	Shirley Rider

### ***Appointments (cont'd)***

Our popular Curator Kreenah Yelds will continue as Curator and we are extremely grateful to her for the wonderful work she has done in this position.

Other Duty Officers are - Group Bookings Officer, carried out by Shirley Rider, and Hospitality Officers, carried out by Margareta Tauni and Kathleen Ness. Sub-Committees are presently being formed to handle Administrative Tasks, and also Grounds Maintenance.

President Norman Allan welcomed our new Committee and thanked them as well as the members in appointed positions for their time and efforts in helping to run our Society.

***Annual Reports*** from the Past President, Edith Campbell, Publicity Officer, Margaret Pearce, and Newsletter Editor, Shirley Rider, were read and accepted.

A short General Meeting then took place and our Guest Speaker, Local Historian and BWHS member Gwen Dundon, gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation on the early ferries of Brisbane Water. A very nice Afternoon Tea was then held on our verandah.

### ***International Women's Day Expo – Celebrating Women on the Coast***

This was held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at Ourimbah University Campus. It was run along the lines of a market with stalls showcasing various local organizations and businesses.

### ***New Exhibition – A Cup-of-Sugar***

Our current temporary exhibition 'Cup of Sugar' celebrates National Trust NSW 2016 Heritage Festival theme '*Discoveries and Rediscoveries*', and highlights extraordinary local stories of grand neighbourly gestures, bravery, courage and generosity. 'Cup-of-Sugar' continues until 31st May.

### ***Public Officer***

At a Special Committee Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March it was decided to appoint Jack Woodward as an additional Public Officer.

### ***Poppies***

Some of our members have been busy making poppies for this year's Poppies Display to be held at Terrigal.

## Heritage Festival Open Day

The Heritage Festival Open Day was held on Saturday 2nd April. Our Special guest speaker was the always welcome Geoff Potter, Local Studies Librarian, Gosford City Council. Geoff's topic was the enthralling stories of the victims and survivors of the wreck of the SS Maitland. (see photos below) This was following by a light lunch of chicken and salads, bread rolls, finished off by sweet things, coffee and tea.



**The “Maitland” Bell and other artifacts in our display”.**

**Model of the “Maitland”**



It was nice to welcome members of The Machinery Club who were holding a display in the Grounds, with a couple of their fascinating machines chugging away.



### **Machinery Club Members**

**Brian, Warren & Nigel**

### **New Members**

Welcome to New Members : Anh Lee, Brian Hopkins, James Paddison, Nigel Creen, Warren Pankhurst and Jack Woodward. Hope your time with us is interesting and fun.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Theatre Party – Avoca Beach Theatre**

Kincumber Rotary and BWHS are combining to form a Theatre Party to see “*Florence Foster Jenkins*” on 9<sup>th</sup> May, finger food at 6.30, with the movie starting at 7.15. Cost will be \$25. Rotary are able to organize transport for those who don’t have cars or are reluctant to drive at night. This is a British-American biographical comedy-drama film starring Meryl Streep as *Florence Foster Jenkins*, a New York heiress who became an opera singer notorious for her bad singing skills. Other cast members include Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg, Nina Arianda, and Rebecca Ferguson. (I gather it’s a comedy/drama? It’s had good reviews... Ed)

**Museums and Galleries NSW (MGNSW)** visit us on Tuesday 10th May at 10:30am, all members are welcome to attend. MGNSW have kindly offered their assistance so that we can participate in the 2016 Standards Program. This introductory session will give the Society an opportunity to familiarise with current best practice standards and together prepare for short and long term goals. There will be two more sessions during the year (those dates will be advised - watch this space).

### ***Other Items coming up***

May	- 21	1.00	<b>Autumn Gathering</b>
June	- 13		Bunnings' BBQ
June	- 17		Outing – hopefully Regional Museum, Windsor
<b>July</b>	<b>- 16</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>Winter Gathering – Soup and Rolls</b>
August			Change to Exhibition Display
September			History Week – Open Day
October			Outing
November - 19 <sup>th</sup>		1.00	<b>Spring Gathering</b>
			Change to Exhibition Display
December – 13 <sup>th</sup>		11.00	Christmas/Birthday function

### **New Admission Prices**

Just to confirm :

**Adult - \$5      Concession - \$4      Child - \$3      Family - \$10**  
**Group Visits - \$4      School Excursions - \$2 (per student)**

### **New Brochure**

Our new attractive Brochure has now been delivered. It looks like the previous one but with an updated map. This is the one we issue to organizations mainly.

### **Compost**

Tricia advises that about 4 or so years ago, we had some trees removed and the wood chips were left up in the back corner of our grounds, and they have now become compost. So if anyone wants some for their garden it's there for you to help yourself. It's cooking away very nicely so come and get it.

## **GROUP BOOKINGS**

We welcomed 100 Years 1 and 2 students from Wyong Public School on 24<sup>th</sup> March. The theme was **“Past and Present”** and the students showed a lot of interest in many of the historical artifacts we hold. Edith, Fiona, Shirley, Brian and Frank were on duty that day and it appeared that both students and guides had a good time.

It's very pleasing to see that four more schools will be visiting us soon. 75 students from St. John the Baptist Primary school will visit on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 60 Year 1-6 students from Empire Bay Public School will be here on 9<sup>th</sup> May, and students from St Patrick's Primary, East Gosford will be paying us a visit on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Niagara Park Public School will visit in June with 72 students from Year 2 on June 7, and 70 students from Year 1 on June 9. It's lovely to see these schools visiting, with their theme of **“Past and Present”**; our guides enjoy the visits and it certainly appears that the students do too.

Apr. 7	Thur.	3.00	Makeham's Coaches	40 visitors
May 2	Mon.	9.30	St John the Baptist Primary S.	75 students
May 9	Mon.	10.00	Empire Bay P/School	3 classes x 21
May 13	Fri.	tba am	St. Patrick's Primary, East Gosford	tba
June 7	Tues.	10.00	Niagara Park P/S – Yr2	72 students
June 9	Thur.	10.00	Niagara Park P/S – Yr1	70 students
July 13	Wed.	11.00	Charlestown Com. Probus	30 visitors
			<b>Guided Tour &amp; Urn</b>	
Aug. 4	Thur.	12.00	Terranova Holidays	45 visitors
Aug. 16	Tues.	10.30	Green Point Probus	tba BBQ & Urn
Sept. 5	Mon.	11.00	New Heights Church	10 visitors
Sept. 9	Fri.	10.00	Terranova Holidays	35 visitors
Sept.16	Fri.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	40+ visitors
Sept.22	Thur.	10.30	Blacktown Nat. Snrs URN	20 visitors
Oct. 10	Mon.	10.00	Terranova Holidays	35 visitors
Nov. 16	Wed.	3.30	Shellharbour Coaches	50 visitors
Dec. 23	Fri.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors

## **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 Roster please let Margaret know (4384 3271) and 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)

**PATRONS:** Charles Gosford, & Lawrie McKinna,  
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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 Historical Museum Complex, West Gosford. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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