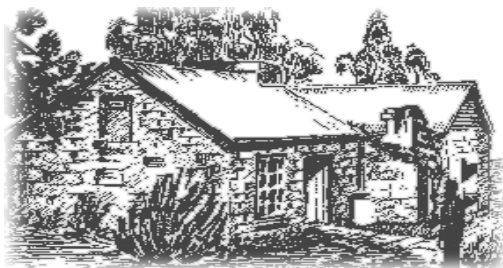


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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Welfare

It seems that we must be all over our colds, flu etc. as we haven't heard of anyone "under the weather", and Tricia has informed us that Neville is doing well so that's good news.

Networking

Edith and Shirley were fortunate to be able to represent BWHS at the Central Coast Tourism Networking night at the fabulous new Art House and cultural performing arts centre at Wyong.

This is truly a beautiful building with a 12m x 9m stage, 500-seat theatre, 130 retractable seats for a flexible studio space, and exhibition foyer, shop and bar. It was built with Council money. They did it all themselves with no help from the State and Federal governments so they are certainly to be commended. All staging facilities are professional grade and technically excellent.

We had a guided tour of this wonderful building by David Barrett, Executive Director. We are certain to see some excellent professional shows here. Check out their web site.

Mosaic

Our Public Officer, Fiona McLennan, attended a 3-day Course in Collections Mosaic in Maitland mid-July on behalf of BWHS. Fiona considered that this course would enable her to more effectively and accurately update our database of the museum and library collections as well as provide a more extensive service to visitors and local historians who may be involved in research.

Fiona considered that this was a worthwhile course to do and she appreciated being able to make the acquaintance of some volunteers from other regional historical societies including Taree and Raymond Terrace, perhaps meeting up with them sometime. Fiona wished to thank BWHS, and Museums and Galleries for their 'leg up' Grant enabling her to partake of this important training course.

Evergreen Life Care Donation

Many Big Thanks again to Evergreen Life Care for their fabulous generous donation of \$5 000! It will be put to good use in helping to maintain our complex. If it wasn't for generous people like Leisure Living we would have great difficulty in preserving our historic cottage and grounds.

COMING EVENTS**Program**

August 31st

Final Day of Exhibition Display

September 2nd

Site visit by MGNSW – refreshments.

Just received advice that Central Coast Council has generously offered to meet 50% of the fee for the program and MGNSW the other half. This Standards Program will give Society members the opportunity to familiarise with current best practice standards and together prepare for short and long term goals. We are fortunate to have this support and advice on best practice standards.

Once again MGNSW have very kindly offered us two places for the Preservations Australia Workshop this month and Kreenah and Brielle are attending.

September -10th

History Week Open Day - we will acknowledge the invaluable work of the CWA Northumberland region with the 'More Than Tea and Scones' exhibition.

- 10.30 for 11.00 – Welcome & Introduction
- 11.15 - A Guest Speaker from CWA
- CWA will be providing Morning Tea.
- Savouries from midday onwards

(could our Members please bring a plate of Savouries)

October

Outing – *A suggestion is a visit to Vaocluse House (to be confirmed). Vaocluse House is a 19th century colonial mansion purchased by William Charles Wentworth, an explorer, barrister & politician. More information when this is confirmed.*

November - 19th 1.00

Spring Gathering

End of November

Change of Exhibition Display

December – 13th 11.00

Christmas/Birthday function

The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water Photo Exhibition, will be on display until the end of August. It celebrates the industrious shipwrights who toiled at Kincumber, Davistown, Daley's Point, Empire Bay, Blackwall and Terrigal from 1829 until 1953. Don't miss out on this opportunity to step back in time and see an important part of local maritime history.

Incidentally, one of our copies of "***The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water NSW***" **is missing!** *This is a very valuable book and we think one of our members may have borrowed it without completing details in our Borrowing Book. Please, please could we have it back so that other members may be able to enjoy it too!* Thanks. Sadly, I have to report that another of our precious books seems to have gone missing too! **Agnes Fagan's Diary**. I feel that this must be an oversight by one of our members so whoever has it please return it so that other members may refer to it and enjoy it also.

This might be a good time to reinforce the correct borrowing procedure for our library books.

Members are able to borrow most items in our library except if the items are marked "Reference: Not for Loan" or similar wording. It's really an honour system and we rely on our Members to borrow and return books correctly.

This is our ***Borrowing Procedure***:

1. In the "***Borrowing Book***" – (brown cover small book, usually in the first or second pigeon hole, on the work desk in the Archives Room) - **PRINT** your name, and sign it, and enter the date borrowed in the appropriate column.
2. You can usually borrow for a month or so (even though there are some members who presently have overdue books!).
3. When you return your borrowed book, write the date returned in the appropriate column and have another member witness it. Put it in the Book Return Tray and I will shelve it.

SEE – IT'S QUITE EASY! If everyone does the right thing our books may be used and enjoyed by all members. We have some very precious and valuable items in our library and we don't want to lose them. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

..... Shirley

Group Bookings

Aug. 8	Mon.	10.00	Pendle Hill R'ment Village	approx. 9-13
Aug. 16	Tues.	10.30	Green Point Probus	tba BBQ & Urn
		12.00	Our Lady of the Rosary	approx. 56
Aug. 18	Thur.	11.00	East Gosford Probus	20 visitors
Aug. 19	Fri.	10.30	Woy Woy RSL Day Club	visitors TBA
Aug. 31	Wed.	TBA	Coast Christian School	23 students
- Years 1 & 2				

From 1st September we will acknowledge the invaluable work of the CWA Northumberland region with the "Not Just Tea and Scones" exhibition.

Sept. 5	Mon.	11.00	New Heights Church	10 visitors
Sept.16	Fri.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	40+ visitors
Sept.22	Thur.	10.30	Blacktown National Snrs URN	20 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).

New Members

Welcome to new members Sue Chidgey, Robyn Arms, Robert and Kath Daniels. We hope your time with us is interesting and enjoyable.

Toolkit Donation

Frank Courts has kindly donated a small toolbox, with tools, for use in our museum. Thanks Frank, I'm sure we'll find it useful.

Central Coast Regional Seminar

This is being run by the Royal Australian Historical Society, and hosted by the Family History Society, at East Gosford on Saturday, 20th August, 2016 at 9.30am to 3.30pm. For anyone interested in attending go online to the RAHS website to book.

More information on our notice board.

Signage

We are at present replacing the signage welcoming visitors to use the Museum Grounds outside the normal opening hours. Our previous sign was damaged in a storm. This sign is a condition of our Road Direction signs.

NPWS Award

In our July Courier we featured an article about a Gosford Council grant that was auspiced by the Brisbane Water Historical Society to enable members Dora and Peter Rea to present six years of their research work on Broken Bay/Hawkesbury River Ferry tours. Dora and Peter Rea each received an award for “Outstanding Achievement” and we have pleasure in including a photograph of Dora and Peter with their award (we didn’t have room in our July Courier).

If you haven’t already done so, take a look at their website 4hresearch.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

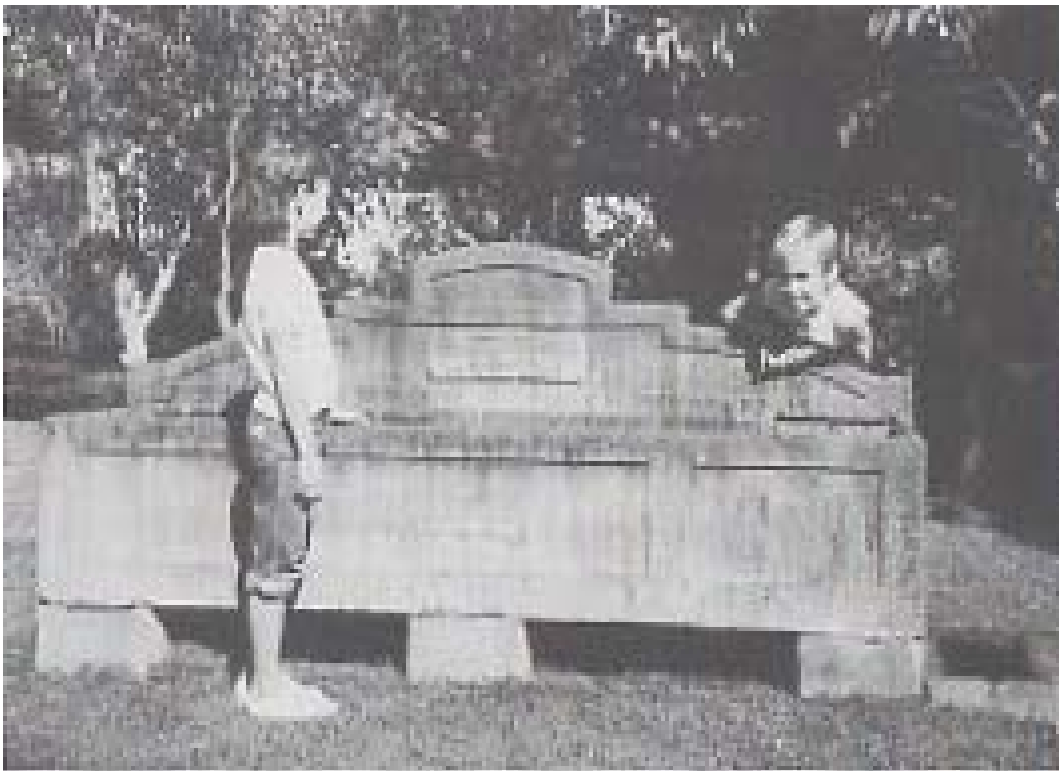


Horse Troughs

Occasionally visitors (and members) have enquired about the horse trough in our grounds. Thanks to Gwen Dundon's marvellous historical series ***Old Gosford and district Album (1985)*** it's great to be able to include the following information to satisfy these enquiries.

HORSE TROUGHS ... "Donated by ANNIS & GEORGE BILLS, Australia"

These simple words could be read on concrete horse troughs all over Australia. George Bills together with his brothers was the manufacturer of Lethe wire bed mattresses in Melbourne and Sydney. When George died on December 14th, 1927, the bulk of his large estate was left in trust for the provision of horse troughs wherever they were needed throughout the world. George Bills was a Life Governor of the RSPCA. He and his wife Annis, who died in 1910, had no children.



A Bills horse trough was located for a long time on the corner of Mann and Dwyer Streets, North Gosford. In 1975, deemed obsolete, it was given to BWHS by the then Gosford Shire Council and is in the grounds of Henry Kendall Cottage and Museum. Note the drinking provision for dogs at bottom right. Every Bills trough bore an identical inscription.

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COACH / GROUP VISITS are always welcome, any time day or night, out of hours BY APPOINTMENT, Phone (02) 4325 2270. Our Grounds are open every day from 10.00 to 5.00 for visitors to stroll around and view our outdoor exhibits. 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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