

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Welfare

We're pleased to see Margaret Pearce, Snr Vice-President and Publicity Officer, back at recent activities.

Best wishes to those members suffering from colds at present, there's a few of them around.

Winter Gathering

We had a really enjoyable successful day with a good roll up of about 30 members and visitors.

President Edith welcomed everyone and brought us up to date on certain items of business. We then enjoyed a Lunch of very tasty Soup and Rolls followed by our Guest Speaker, **Angela Allan**. Angela gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation about Guide Dogs and some anecdotes about the ones she has owned, and also introduced us to the 'Star of the Show' *Hamish*. *Hamish* showed his dedication whilst in harness but became everyone's friend when his harness was removed. Big thanks to Angela for her entertaining talk, and to our Hostess Ingrid for some lovely Potato and Leek, and Roasted Pumpkin soups. Afterward we had Coffee and tea and some delightful sweet things, courtesy of Ingrid and other members. We all enjoyed the occasion.

History Week

Planning is proceeding for History Week. Check **Program 2012** (see p.5) to see our proposed Program for the Open Day, Wednesday, September 12, at 10.30. We have a guest speaker confirmed Madeline Sweeny of the Costume Cavalcade. Madeline will speak (and present some beautiful costumes by PowerPoint presentation) on a collection of rare and historic ladies costumes (including wedding gowns) dating back to the 18th Century.

Grossman House (West Maitland) are also sending a DVD for us to put on that has beautiful images of their historic costume collection & accompanying music.

Street Stall

Don't forget our Street Stall in October! Please continue de-cluttering and giving us your unwanted items of bric-a-brac, books, CDs, DVDs, plants and so on. These can be left at the museum or put in our Storeroom 2. We want another successful Street Stall this year.

Mosaic Course

Edith and Shirley attended a 2-day course on **Mosaic** – a Museum Collections Management system - at RPA Hospital and found the course very interesting and helpful for our future directions with this valuable program. We have an earlier version installed on our older computer and intend to update it and train other members in its use.

Social Outing – Friday, 31st August – Hyde Park Barracks - \$62.00 each including Coach, Lunch, and Morning Tea

Leaving HK Cottage at 8.30 sharp. Tour of the Barracks, lunch at Paddington RSL **included**. Please contact Margaret at 4384 3271 if you would like to go. This promises to be a very interesting excursion so don't miss out.

Hyde Park Barracks is one of the best examples of the buildings designed by Frances Greenway. It was built in 1819 and originally housed, clothed and fed convict men and boys but in 1848 the main dormitory held newly arrived female immigrants. Later it became a hub of government departments. It illustrates the effects of convict transportation and colonial expansion through the presence and labor of convicts. Today it is a museum about itself and is World Heritage listed.



Roster

The Roster is OK at present but if you wish to try Museum Duty or you have any queries regarding the Roster please contact – **Margaret Pearce** at 4384 3271 or email her at – rpearce31@bigpond.com

Museum Duty

Please make sure that if you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty you contact Edith or Margaret or another Committee Member to advise of this.

It only takes a phone call!

If you have spare time during your Duty when there are no visitors, take advantage of this. Please look through our **Procedures Manual**. Our newer members, and some of our longer serving ones are often unsure of little jobs that can be done and procedures to follow in the various tasks that are part of being on duty. ***There is always something to do!***

Group Bookings

Would Duty Members check with Margaret Pearce to confirm when they are on duty. Upcoming tours are published in the Newsletter but this is issued usually on the first Wednesday of the month and Coach Tour bookings can still come in or be altered after that date.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
1 Aug.	Wed.	12.00	Kiera Tours	20 visitors
1 Aug.	Wed.	1.15	Treetops Resort	20 “
3 Aug.	Fri.	10.30	Hunters Hill/Ryde C/Serv.	15 “
6 Aug.	Mon.	10.00	Torchbearers for Legacy	15 “
15 Aug.	Wed.	2.00-2.15	Ryde Eastwood Snrs	40 seniors
28 Aug.	Tues.	10.30	Adamstown Uni. Church	40 visitors
13 Sept.	Thur.	11.00	Over 50 Services Club	12 “
21 Sept.	Fri.	2.00	Terranova Tours	40 “
8 Oct.	Mon.	10.00	McMasters Beach	45 “ by car pool - guide & urn
9 Oct.	Tues.	2.15	Green's Coaches	40 seniors
17 Oct.	Wed.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors
2 Nov.	Fri.	2.00	Terranova Tours	40 “

Photos

Check out our Notice Board for photos of some of our recent activities

Fairview Homestead Update

It was great to read in the Express-Advocate of July 27 that Gosford Council have guaranteed that Fairview Homestead will not be demolished within the next three years. The *Friends of Fairview* will be given that time to raise approximately \$500,000 for *Fairview's* restoration. The Chairman, Warren Andrews, who also chairs the CC Heritage Committee, told Councillors “That it is not just *Fairview* but the entire Dubbo Gully area which is important to our heritage.” Mr. Andrews said that the Group would apply for state and federal grants and corporate sponsorship as well as holding fund-raising events.

COMING EVENTS**PROGRAM - 2012****DATE** **EVENTS**

DATE	EVENTS
August 31 st Friday 8.30	Social Outing/Bus Trip leave from HK Cottage – to Hyde Park Barracks
September (early)	Start on History Week Display - dismantling of current display, selection, erecting new display
September 8 Saturday	Beach Farm French Market, Kincumber - Stall
September 8-16	History Week - Theme : Threads – History and meaning of Clothes/Fashion : “Here Comes the Bride!”
Wednesday 10.30	Open Day - Welcome , Coffee, Tea & Biscuits - <i>President - Edith</i> - Presentation of our display of early Bridal Wear, accessories, photographs – <i>Tracey Dillon</i> - Guest Speaker : Madeline Sweeney, Costume Cavalcade, and also a DVD from Grossman House of their of rare & historic ladies’ costumes dating back to 18 th Century
12.00	- Lunch: Sandwiches, Finger Food, Coffee & Tea ‘ Bring a Plate’
October 26 Friday	9.00 + Street Stall – Stall No. 2 William St Plaza
(tba)	Musical Afternoon
November (tba) (tba)	Outing/Bus Trip Bush Poets Spring Gathering
December Monday	10.00 Christmas/Birthday Gathering- HK Grounds More details later

You may have read a recent article in the *Express/Advocate* of July 25 about the old ferry *Curlew* and her new lease of life. I've read some more about the history of this vessel in Gwen Dundon's wonderful book ***A History of Ferries on the Central Coast of NSW : Gosford and Wyong area*** - here are some excerpts about *Curlew* from this interesting book.

CURLEW

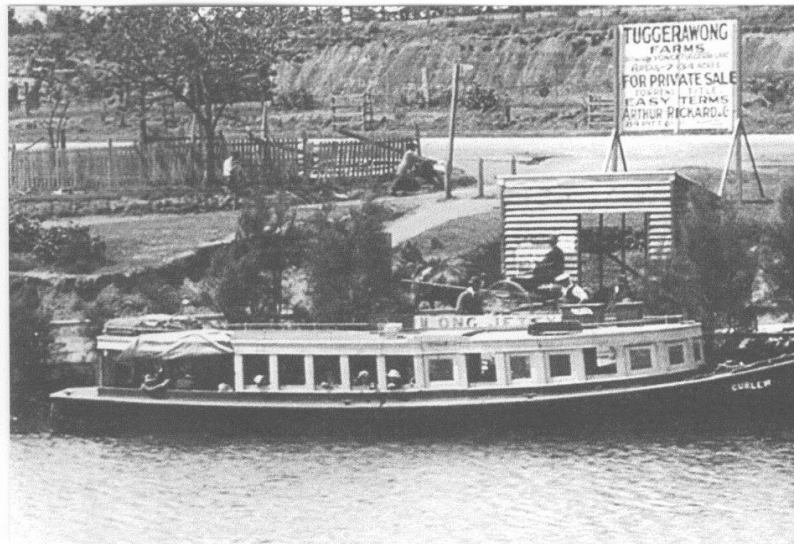
The only Ferry Service at Long Jetty was started in 1921 by William Colmer to accommodate the many tourists who were starting to visit the area. Colmer had already purchased a smaller motor vessel the *White Swan* which went into service during the Christmas-New Year period to take advantage of the tourist trade. In 1922 William Colmer acquired another slightly bigger motor launch to carry 70 passengers. This was named *Curlew* and was built by Percy Duncan who had opened a boatshed and slip at Long Jetty, where they were moored.

Curlew and *White Swan* were sold in 1928 to another ferry service, Lewis and Fisher of Woy Woy Bay for use in the Woy Woy area. Colmer had acquired a bus licence and about this time buses were gaining in popularity, with ferry services declining. It is uncertain where *White Swan* and *Curlew* were sold to but it seems probable that it was the Hawkesbury River in 1937-1938.

The *Curlew* was identical to *Beroona* which was operated by a ferry service at Brooklyn. She was sold sometime later to the Windybank family of Cowan Creek who renamed her *Gloria*. When the Windybanks sold her in the 1950s to Keith Egan of Church Point Ferries the name reverted to *Curlew*. The launch also underwent refurbishment. The next owner was Maurie Russell who sold to Lawrie Duff and he retained the name *Curlew* until he sold out. The now 58 passenger *Curlew* was still in operation by the Church Point Ferry Service until recently donated to the Tribal Warrior Association, as reported in the *Express / Advocate*.

Reference: Dundon, Gwen *A History of ferries on the Central Coast of NSW : Gosford and Wyong areas.* – Deerubbin Press in association with Gwen Dundon, 2010.

Curlew about 1973 and below berthed in Wyong River early '20s.



Former *Gloria ex Beroona* under reconstruction – now *Curlew*

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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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