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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Summer Meeting – 16 January

This was held on Saturday, 16th January at 1.00 at the museum and Ed Tonks from Newcastle was our Guest Speaker. Ed is a very knowledgeable historian and spoke about some of the many hotels in Newcastle's history. Quite a few of these hotels have a rather enthralling past and Ed illustrated his talk with some interesting photographs of some of the hotels.

There was a sausage sizzle to start then tea, coffee and nibbles later and of course quite a bit of chatter. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Rare Seen

Our Current Exhibition 'Rare Seen' will be finishing at the end of February so if anyone hasn't seen it yet drop in and have a look.

Rotary Club Raffle

This will be drawn on 16th February – results in March Courier.

NBN Installation

The NBN box was installed on 30th September 2015 and the Museum now has only one phone number – 4325 2270. On arrival at the Museum, volunteers must 'undivert' the phone to make the number ring at the Museum. When leaving, the phone must be diverted to a mobile phone carried by a Committee member – at present this is Edith. There are two handsets in the Museum – one in the Archives room and one at the front of the Museum where the old phone was. The base is in the Archives room as it now has to go through the computer modem to the NBN line.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions are now due. The fees are the same as last year – Single Adults \$20 / Couples (as same address) \$30, School Children \$7.50

Led Lighting

Neville has installed an LED light and spotlight in Kendall's bedroom in the Cottage and *The Last of his Tribe* poem is now highlighted. Lighting work in the museum will be carried out soon.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Feb. 18	Thur.	10.00	Terragal Glen Manor	15 visitors
Feb. 19	Fri.	10.15	Radiance of the Sea	Min.20-Max.40 tba
Mar. 8	Tue.	1.30	Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook	10 visitors
Mar. 19	Sat.	10.15-10.50	Celebrity Solstice	Final Visitor Nos. tba
Mar. 19	Sat.	1.00	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
Apr. 7	Thur.	3.00	Makeham's Coaches	40 + 2 staff
Aug. 4	Thur.	12.00	Terranova Holidays	45 + driver
Sept. 5	Mon.	11.00	New Heights Church	10 visitors
Sept. 9	Fri.	10.00	Terranova Holidays	35 visitors + driver
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 + driver

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 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.

Fund Raising

Left over drinks from the Masters' BBQ are available for purchase at the Museum for \$2 a can until sold.

A theatre party to ***Lady in the Van***, a recent movie starring Maggie Smith, will be held in March – date to be advised.

A LOCAL HISTORY DRIVE

Recently two members from BWHS went on a local history expedition.

The first stop was at The Shipbuilders Memorial at Kincumber Foreshore which had been officially opened that week. BWHS was represented by our Curator, Kreenah Yelds, and a few other interested members.



Kincumber Rotary has organized plaques which display cash donations to the project made by individuals, families and organisations – a fantastic idea it was thought.

After this viewing it was off to morning tea with a couple of other BWHS members, one of whom was an architect and had drawn up the floor plan of Henry Kendall Cottage in 2006.

After refreshments, a visit to Kincumber Library was made to see the very interesting and special photographic exhibit of local shipbuilding and historic tools. We also saw a model of the *J. S. Settree* and the *HMAS Hawkesbury* which fellow BWHS Members, Peter and Dora, had recently collected from Queensland.

Next stop was a visit to St. Paul's churchyard in Kincumber where numerous graves of early settlers, boat-builders and their families can be seen. A gravestone of James Dunlop, astronomer, born 31st October, 1773 and died 23rd of September, 1848 is in the porch of the church. A drive past of Dunlop's house, *Bora Bora* in Kincumber, was the last part of the expedition.

All of this added up to a very rewarding day out and about reviewing local history and an increase in local knowledge. The social coffee break and the pleasant sunny day were bonuses.

..... Fiona

Note: The Shipbuilders' Exhibition has moved to Erina Library until 12th February

Machinery Club News

The Machinery Club is doing a sterling job with the care and maintenance of the farm machinery. Tricia, Fiona and Frank are coordinating with Brian Hopkins who is working on his own at present. Very big thanks to Brian for his hard work during a very hot summer. Several pieces have been restored and look great so come and inspect!

We would still like a donation of some pavers or gravel for the base of our new presentation area to display the restored farm implements. We have many local items in the Slab Shed and Machinery Shed to show off. The existing cement slab can be cleared for a path to the shed and for some seating, using the chopped down deteriorated power pole.



International Women's Day

Date: 10am till 3 pm, Saturday 5th March 2016. **No entry fee.**

Venue: Ourimbah University Campus, Brush Road, Ourimbah

Look for details on our Notice Board.

***Shirley Rider – Vice-President & Newsletter Editor
... with the assistance of Cheryl Remfry***

Before Bob died he wrote his own Eulogy and I have had a few requests to publish it in our Newsletter. Shirley

EULOGY

*Gone at last, could have been a blast.
Hopefully my Pacemaker removal went fine.
A varied life was taken if I'm not mistaken,
Including Club Champion Bike rider in my teens.*

*Strapper for my Uncle's trotters, winning the Derby in '58.
What a thrill that was, so I'll tell you mate.
Perfect Lass was her name, she also won the Oaks.
It was a great time with plenty of cheer for us folks.*

*Next was Pit Crew on a mini race car number 8.
For Rallycross at Katoomba's Catalina Park track.
It was on TV Sunday afternoons which was great.
Our car featured often as it roared past leading the pack.*

*After that, my music, with 3 years' theory at the Con.
A band (a quintet) followed and it really shone.
The Poet's nights were fun at the Gosford Pub.
As Vic called me out to have a spot at the Club.*

*My reputation preceded me as he would ask "Is this clean?"
Naturally I would say "what do you mean?"
Me, read an 'off' Poem for the night?
I hope it will be a delight."*

*For all the people there, who don't give a care
About the contents which are usually a bit risqué.
So listen carefully to whoever has the say,
Because this is definitely the last of its kind that comes your way.*

..... Bob Rider

*The most wasted of all days are ones in which one has not laughed.
Nicholas Chamfort (1741 – 1793)*

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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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