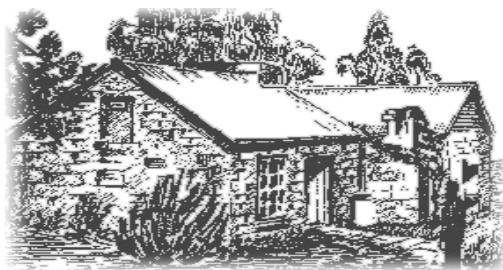


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SUMMER GATHERING

About 20-25 members and friends attended our Summer Gathering held on Saturday, 21st January. The weather was kind thankfully, a change from the heat wave we had over the Christmas/New Year period. Our Guest Speaker was Cathy Cole, who is currently writing a book on the centenary in 2020 of the Terrigal SLSC.

Cathy gave a very interesting enjoyable presentation focussing on the valuable role women played in surf lifesaving particularly in the Terrigal SLSC during the time of WWII. It was an enthralling story and I was sorry when she finished! We all had time for a good chat and some nice afternoon tea thanks to Kathleen and Margareta. Thanks also to those other members who helped set up, clean up and put away!

AUSTRALIA DAY

Gosford Probus Blue Waters celebrated an Australia Day lunch in our Grounds. They had a very pleasant day, just relaxing and chatting, and enjoying the yummy sausage sizzle and salads. Thanks very much to those members who help set up, kept an eye on things and cleaned up. (I was wearing 2 hats that day - Probus and Henry Kendall Cottage. Didn't hurt a bit!)

... Shirley, Ed.



ROTARY MOVIE NIGHT

There was an incredible roll-up for Rotary's Fund Raising movie night to see "**Lion**". Garth Davis's debut **film** adapts the true-life story of Saroo Brierley, who reconnected with his Indian birth family through Google Earth.

An appropriate Indian "snack" was served first and then we were treated to this excellent movie starring Sunny Pawar as the young Saroo, Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, Nicole Kidman and David Wenhem. An enjoyable successful night. Thanks to Sandy Hunt-Sharman for organising it all.

SURF'S UP!

Do visit the museum if you haven't already to have a look at our current display "**Surf's Up**". It's a trip down memory lane and we are celebrating the Society's 66th Summer.

Amongst the artifacts in this display are two surfboards owned by our member David Benwell. They are a *Mal (Malibou)* and a *McCoy of Avoca, a Lazor Zap*.

ROTARY RAFFLE CLOSED

Thanks to those members who participated and returned their butts and money on time. The Raffle is drawn on Tuesday, 21st February, 2017, so good luck everyone. We're pleased to report that we made \$612.

WELFARE

Elsie Winkel (Sue Chigery's Mum) who donated the painting of HK Cottage as mentioned in January's Courier, is not well and we wish her all the best for her recovery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone else a bit 'under the weather' at present.

BRIAN HOSKINS

Its been a hot Summer and Brian Hopkins of the CC Machinery Club has been bravely toiling in the Tractor Shed - Big Thanks to Brian for his hard work !

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Just a gentle reminder that 2017 Subscriptions fees are now due.

FLUTATION

Central Coast Summer Flutation 2017 Concert was attended by Edith, Peter, Dora, Fiona and Shirley on Friday, 20th January at Narara Valley High School. This was a concert featuring that lovely musical instrument the flute. Participants ranged from beginners with experience of just 6 months to 2 years, to the more experienced groups that have been playing for more than two years and learning to work as an ensemble, and then on to the more experienced players.

With the support of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music a new Australian work for Flute Ensemble by the Sydney based composer and flute player, Christine Draeger, was commissioned. The Christine Draeger Ensemble performed Christine's new work '**Names Upon a Stone**' inspired by Henry Kendall's poem of the same name.

Christine wrote in her program note that "Kendall was enchanted by the beauty and mystery of the Australian landscape. In his poems he often sets the scene by evolving the landscape, then he describes details of nature as a way of drawing a parallel with his emotions. In this poem (*Names Upon a Stone*) he is mourning the death of a dear friend" (Peter Fagan).

Here is the lovely third verse of "*Names Upon a Stone*."

There was a rock-pool in a glen

Beyond Narrara's sands;

The mountains shut it in from men,

In flowerful fairy lands:

But once we found its dwelling place -

The lovely and the lone;

And in a dream, I stooped to trace

Our names upon a stone.

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Celebrating the 2017 National Trust Australian Heritage Festival, Brisbane Water Historical Society present "Names Upon a Stone" an exhibition that explores the life of Henry Kendall and how he found true friendship.

Join us for our Heritage Festival Open Day on Saturday 22nd April from 10:30am, with guest speaker at 11am Michael Wilding, Emeritus Professor of English and Australian Literature, University of Sydney, and author of 'Wild Bleak Bohemia: Marcus Clarke, Adam Lindsay Gordon and Henry Kendall'. Light lunch and refreshments to follow. Exhibition runs 1st March until 31st May.

PROGRAM 2017 (in progress)

February 13 Monday Dave Benwell is attending a Council Strategic Grant Writing workshop on BWHS' behalf.

February 20 Friday Australian Maritime Museum - Departing HK Grounds at 9.00 - arrive at Maritime Museum at 11.00 - Morning M/Tea included. Inspection of Museum - Lunch (1.30) at our expense, available for purchase at Darling Harbour, Continuing tour with inspection of Destroyer "Vampire" after lunch. Depart at 3.00 - arrive back at HK about 5.00. Check with Margaret Pearce for price and booking.

March 19 Saturday Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers. Guest Speaker - Helen Smith - On Air Presenter, Radio 50 Plus

April 22 Saturday, Heritage Festival Open Day - Theme - "Having a Voice". From 10.30 - 11.00 Guest Speaker Michael Wilding, Light Lunch - Exhibition runs 1st March until 31st May

May 25 Thursday - CWA Conference Tour Group - Afternoon Tea

June Outing - (destination and date tba)

July 15 Saturday- Winter Gathering - Soup and Rolls
Guest Speaker tba

August Outing (destination and date tba)

September History Week

October Outing (destination and date tba)

November Spring Gathering - Guest Speaker

December Birthday/Christmas Party

GROUP BOOKINGS

February	22	Wed.	2.00	Adamstown Ladies' Probus	
March	14	Tue.	tba	Celebrity Solstice	no. tba
March	15	Wed.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	(20) snrs
March	16 & 23	Thur.	tba	Berkeley Vale P/S - Grades 1 & 2	
March	18	Sat.		AGM - Election of Officers	
March	21	Tue.	10.00-11.00	Coastal Liners (Hurstville Probus)	(30)
March	21	Tue.	tba	Hunter Valley Walkers	(15)
March	23	(see also March 16)			
April	11	Tue.	tba	Radiance of the Sea	no. tba
April	24	Monday	2.00	Blacktown Older Women's Network	(24) snrs
April	tba	Tentative Booking Northland Coaches			
May	6	Tentative Booking 4Villages Walk, ending at HK Grounds			
May	25	Thu.	afternoon	CWA Conference Tour Group - Aft/Tea	

A list of Bookings is in our Front Office and is progressively updated. Our DRO, Margaret Pearce, will advise members on 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.

MUSEUM DUTY

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 Shirley or Edith if Margaret is unavailable) to advise of this. Please do not be late unless you advise Margaret or your duty partner.*** 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.

5TH SUNDAYS

If you are on the roster for a 5th Sunday please check your calendar each month to see if there is a 5th Sunday and if you're not sure please check with Margaret to see if you are rostered on.

ANOTHER LITTLE REFRESHER ABOUT SOME OF OUR LOCAL PLACE NAMES.

Booker Bay

The original Grant of 60 acres now known as Booker Bay was made in 1821 to a John Patfield however he did not to take up his grant and he sold it in 1826 to Mrs Ann Murphy, a widow, for 12/15/-.

William Booker, a native of Surrey, England, was transported to NSW in 1818 and was employed in the Government yards as a sawyer and wheelwright. He obtained his freedom and in 1828 married Mrs Murphy. The Census of that year shows that they employed four free men, had cleared six acres, cultivated three of them and owned nine cattle.

William Booker died on 31st August, 1850 and was buried on his own farm. This plot of land, in present day Bogan Road, became known as Booker Bay Cemetery although it was not dedicated as such. (Incidentally some of the victims of the 'Maitland' shipwreck in 1898 were buried here too).

Daleys Point (The Rip)

Was first owned by William Fitzgerald who came to the colony with his brother Stephen on the "Medina" in 1824. The grant of 100 acres was given to him soon after arrival and by the 1829 Census he had cleared 30 acres and had 25 acres of it under cultivation.

Later the land became the property of W. M. Daley, member of Parliament for Sydney. In 1903 an Illuminated Address was presented to Mr Daley by the residents of Brisbane Water to show their appreciation "of the valuable service you have rendered the District ...".

Forresters Beach

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, one of the pioneering family at The Entrance married Robert Forrester and in 1861 they purchased 50 acres of land just north of Wamberal, including the area now known as Forresters Beach.

Look our for some more interesting information about our local place names in future Cooranbean Couriers.

Reference: Place Names of the Central Coast by Eileen Pratt (1978). More copies of this Monograph are presently being reprinted and will be available for purchase from our Front Office for \$2.50.)

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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 which is open for inspection every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

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 4.00 for visitors to stroll around and view our outdoor exhibits. The Society's Meetings are held in the Henry Kendall Cottage and Museum Complex, West Gosford.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!

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