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**TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

**From BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

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### ***CHRISTMAS/66TH BIRTHDAY PARTY***

As you are aware our Christmas Party on **13<sup>th</sup> December** was on an exceedingly hot day (about 39 degrees C although it seemed hotter!). Marquees were loaned to us by Gosford City Council and even though they shielded us from the sun they didn't stop the hot breeze and we sweltered! We were expecting 42 guests but the weather kept the number down to about 26. Thank you very much to those hardy guests and workers who braved the heat and survived the day.

Also very big thanks to those wonderful members for their hard work in the organisation and setting up under very difficult and oppressive conditions - Margareta Tauni and Kathleen Ness - organising the food including Kathleen's lovely punch, and Margareta's Birthday/ Christmas cake.

- David Benwell, with the assistance of Peter, erected marquees, Margareta, Fiona, Dora and other willing workers laid out tables and tried to decorate them. The hot debilitating breeze did not help!

- Edith was her usual busy self, assisted by Margaret and Sandy.

If I've forgotten anyone please forgive me - I wasn't really thinking straight that day!

***Barry's Spit Roast*** catered with their delicious food that was really enjoyed and Steve Richards provided us with some great music again. We certainly have had some extremes of weather for our Christmas functions ranging from torrential rain one year to this year's heat wave. What will we get next year?

### ***Painting***

We would like to thank Sue Chidgey's Mum, Elsie Winkel, who donated her painting of Henry Kendall Cottage to the Society. Very nice of you Elsie. Thank you.

***SURF'S UP!***

Bring your friends and family to see our current display. It's a trip down memory lane and we are celebrating our Society's 66<sup>th</sup> Summer !

The '***Surf's Up***' Exhibition looks at how this spectacular region came to be known as 'The Playground of Two Great Cities' and highlights the Coast's iconic identity as the holidaymaker's paradise. Amongst the artifacts in this display are two surfboards owned by David Benwell. They are a *Mal (Malibou)* and a McCoy of Avoca *Lazor Zap (popular with Cheyne Horan I believe)*

***WELFARE (sort of)***

Hope you are all feeling well and coping with the hot days.

Quite a few members probably have had some lovely little anecdotes and experiences over the Christmas and New Year period - catching up with family and old friends - lazy hazy days of summer - cooling off at the beach or the pool, or just lying around in air conditioned comfort reading a good book or just doing very little.

My sons and I could have had a rather bleak Christmas as it was Bob's first anniversary, but we didn't thanks to a delightful extended family gathering that was held in the Wagstaffe Hall. It's air conditioned but we didn't need the A/C on; the weather on Christmas Day was very pleasant. The Hall looks out over the water, it's well-appointed and has a great grassed area for the kids to play. We all brought food and the day was a great success. Thoroughly recommend the Hall.

I know all stories and experiences are not happy and we are sorry if this is the case with anyone but do you have a happy story about reunions, family gatherings, and friends on Christmas Day that you would like to share? Just let me know - contact details on back page.

.... Shirley, Ed.

Weren't the New Year's Eve Fireworks just beautiful and fabulous?!



## **PROGRAM 2017**

The Committee will be working on our 2017 Program in the coming weeks. So far we have -

January - Saturday, 21st - 1.30	<b>Summer Gathering -</b> Guest Speaker, Cathy Cole, who is currently writing a book on the centenary in 2020 of the Terrigal SLSC.
January - Thursday, 26th	Gosford Blue Waters Probus will be celebrating Australia Day with a BBQ/Picnic in our Grounds.
February	Outing - to be decided
March	Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers - Guest Speaker tba
April	Heritage Week Theme - "Having a Voice"
May	Working Bee
June	Outing - (destination and date tba)
July	Winter Gathering - Soup and Rolls and Guest Speaker
August	Outing (destination and date tba)
September	History Week
October	Outing (destination and date tba)
November	Spring Clean
November	Spring Gathering - Guest Speaker
December	Birthday/Christmas Party

### **Annual Subscription Fees**

Just a reminder that 2017 Subscriptions are due in January 2017. A subscription form is enclosed with this Courier. Subscriptions can be paid at the museum or posted. A Subscription Form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

### **Rotary Raffle Closes soon!**

Tickets and books are still available from our Front Office - \$2 each and a book of tickets (25) costs \$50. There are some great prizes! Please return your butts and any unsold raffle tickets to Cheryl at our **Summer Gathering on Saturday, 21st January**. Raffle is drawn on Tuesday, 21st February 2017.

**GROUP BOOKINGS**

January	26	Thur.		Gosford Blue Waters Probus	
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	Thu.	tba	Berkeley Vale P/S - Grades 1 & 2	
March	21	Tue.	10-11.00	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
May	25	Thu.	afternoon	CWA Conference Tour Group - Aft/Tea	

A list of Bookings is in our Front Office and is progressively updated. Our Duty Roster Officer, Margaret Pearce, will advise those 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.

**New Member**

Welcome to new Member Caleb Ferry. We hope your time with us is interesting, informative and enjoyable.

## ***JUST A LITTLE REFRESHER ABOUT SOME OF OUR LOCAL PLACE NAMES.***

### ***Cooranbean***

*Place Names of the Central Coast* by Eileen Pratt reminds us that it means "creek that winds". It has been spelt a few different ways: originally Cooranbean by Peter Fagan but later Cooranbene, Coorumbene, and now the creek is spelt Coorumbine where it goes under Brisbane Water Drive. So our cottage was named for the little windy creek up which "small ketches and other sailing craft could moor in the creek next to the Red Cow Inn (now Henry Kendall Cottage) but with the coming of the railway, and building of the breakwater across Fagan's Bay, the creek gradually silted up and is virtually non-existent next to the cottage".

### ***Brisbane Water***

Until 1825 this stretch of water was known as the "North East Arm of Broken Bay". In that year it was renamed *Brisbane Water* in honour of Sir Thomas Macdougall Brisbane, Governor of NSW from 1821 to 1825.

*(Have you ever viewed or wondered about the monument commemorating this event, on the hill overlooking Booker Bay and Orange Grove?)*

### ***Orange Grove***

The late George Fountain gave the name of Orange Grove to the cottage he built when he settled in the district in 1913, one of two cottages he built on the waterfront near the Rip. Citrus trees were planted at the cottage and the locality became accepted as Orange Grove.

### ***Fagans Bay***

Peter Fagan, from Clare, County Neath, Ireland, was an Irish convict transported for seven years. He arrived at Sydney in the "Lord Sidmouth" on 19th February, 1821. After he obtained his Ticket of Leave, he was given a Grant of land at Point Clare and started farming and cattle breeding. He purchased another site at West Gosford and built the sandstone cottage which is now called Henry Kendall Cottage.

### ***Woy Woy***

*A corruption of the aboriginal name for the area, "Wy Wy", meaning "much water" or "big lagoon".*

*There's more interesting information about our local place names in :*

*(Place Names of the Central Coast by Eileen Pratt (1978). This Monograph can be purchased from our Front Office as soon as it has been reprinted.)*

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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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