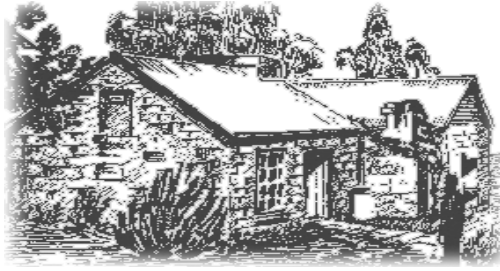


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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on Tuesday, 18th March at 1.00 and all positions will be declared vacant. Only financial members will be able to nominate anyone for positions on the Committee or to vote at the AGM, or to accept a position on the Committee. Nomination and Proxy forms were included with the February Newsletter and are available from the Museum Office. If you wish to nominate for any position yourself, or you want to nominate any other members for any of the positions, just ask any of the members on duty for forms if required. Give completed forms to Secretary Margareta Tauni or put them in her folder in the Archives Room. Nominations are due a week before the AGM – **Tuesday, 11th March.**

Annual Subscription Fees

These are now due. They are

\$15.00 for singles

\$25.00 for couples at the same address

\$7.50 for children.

Subscription forms were included with the January Newsletter, others available from Office. Payment of subscriptions can be left at the Museum, whenever it is open, for our Treasurer, George Boettiger, or posted to 25-27 Henry Kendall Street, West Gosford, 2250. No further Newsletters will be sent to unfinancial members after April.

Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker at our AGM will be Maurie Breen and he will talk about Riley's island.

Rotary Raffle

Bev Blockey advised that our Rotary Raffle raised \$900 – a really fantastic effort. Some members worked very hard on this, particularly Kate Rowlands and David Benwell who sold 4 books of 25 tickets (100 tickets!). What an effort!

The Winning ticket was held by **Jacob Ouimotogi**, Second Prize ticket was held by **Marlene Davidson**, the ticket for Third Prize was held by **Linda Donaldson**, and the Fourth Prize was won by **Christine McConnell**. Congratulations to these Prize Winners!

Agenda for Annual General Meeting –Tuesday, 18th March 2014

MEETING OPENED:

WELCOME: President welcomes all Members and Visitors, and also Gosford City Council’s Mayoral representative, Councillor Bob Ward who has kindly consented to be Scrutineer for the election of our new Committee.

APOLOGIES:

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19 MARCH, 2013.

Secretary, Margareta Tauni, will read the Minutes. Moved byand Seconded by that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Carried.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS from President and appointed Officers.

President’s Report:
Moved by Seconded by
that Report be accepted. Carried.

Publicity Officer’s Report:
Moved by Seconded by
that Report be accepted. Carried.

Newsletter Editor’s Report:
Moved by Seconded by
that Report be accepted.

All Committee positions declared vacant

Election of new Committee

PROGRAM 2014

PLEASE CHECK THE NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES!

MARCH

Tue. 18 1.00 **Annual General Meeting - followed by a
Guest** **Speaker : Maurie Breen, "Riley's Island"**

MARCH

Sat. 29 1.00 **Working Bee for the Quartoseptcentennial**

APRIL

Sat. 5 10.30-3.00 **Heritage Week**
- QUARTOSEPTCENTENNIAL 10.30-3.00

MAY

Tue. 20 **Autumn Gathering – Speaker: Kevin Royce
Baker, "Patonga in the War Years"**

JUNE

TBA **Outing: Carisbrook House, Lane Cove**

JULY

Tue. 15 **Winter Gathering – Speaker: Kevin Royce
Baker, "Patonga in the War Years" (cont'd)
Soup and Rolls**

AUGUST

Fri. 29 **Outing: Cockatoo Island (more details later)**

SEPTEMBER

Sat.-Sun. 6-14 **History Week – Theme: The Great War**

OCTOBER

Thur. 9 **Street Stall
Outing: tba**

NOVEMBER

Tue. 18 1.00 **Spring Gathering**

DECEMBER

Tue. 9 11.00 **Christmas Party**

Group Bookings

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
Mar. 9	Sun.	10.15	Royal C'Bean Cruises	1x40,1x39+1c
Mar.19	Wed.	10.00	Hopetown Special School	10-15 visitors
Mar, 21	Fri.	10.00	Star of the Sea P/S	3x20 students
Mar. 26	Wed.	10.30	Toronto Baptist	15-20 visitors
Lunching in the grounds – may need chairs				
Apr. 7	Mon.	2.45	Royal C'bean Cruises	tba
Apr. 15	Tue.	11.00	Lane Cove & N/S C/Ser	30-35 visitors
Table required for M/Tea				
Apr. 17	Thur.	1.30	Tugg/Lakes Nat.Serv.Ass.	10 visitors
May 6	Tue.	2.30	Holiday Coast Tours	40 visitors
May 26	Mon.	12.30	Terranova Tours	40 visitors
July 14	Mon.	10.30	Bateau Bay Garden Club	tba – <u>urn</u>
Aug. 6	Wed.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	20-30 visitors
Aug. 19	Tue.	10.30	Bronte Probus	20-30 visitors
Oct. 9	Wed.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors
Oct. 28	Tue.	tba	Wamberal Garden Club	10 visitors- <u>urn</u>

Museum Duty

Would Duty Members please confirm with Margaret Pearce, our Duty Roster Officer, (or Shirley or Bob Rider if Margaret is unavailable) when they are on duty. Upcoming Tours are published in the Newsletter but this is issued monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, Group Bookings can still come in or be altered after that date. A list of Bookings is in our Staffroom and is progressively updated.

Please make sure that, if you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty, you contact Margaret (or Shirley or Bob Rider 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 (usually at short notice).

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.

Mount Penang Gardens and RSL Bus Trip

At 9 am a group of 15, down from 19, met at the cottage, then proceeded to the Gardens. Firstly we enjoyed a lovely morning tea in a peaceful setting at the Waterfall Café. We were waited on by the excellent staff, then straight into the Gardens.

They are a structured garden setting with acres of natural garden set in this peaceful setting so close to the Central Coast Highway. What an idyllic spot to take visitors.

We then journeyed down to Diggers Memorial Club at The Entrance for a smorgasboard lunch in the large bistro. Lastly into the adjoining War Memorial Museum. What an eye opener, this was immaculately presented, not a speck of dust to be seen, definitely needs a second look.

The Gardens and the Museum can honestly be recommended for an enjoyable outing, being right on our doorstep. [Free entry to the Museum].

The whole trip was enjoyed by all.

Margaret Pearce,
Publicity Officer & Snr. Vice Pres.

Recipe Book

Bev and Margareta are pleased to report that the Recipe Book is coming along nicely and hopefully will be launched on our special Gala Day on 5th April.



Here is the latest report from Kreenah, our hardworking Curator, on our upcoming Quartoseptcentennial Gala Day, on Saturday, April 5.

Preparations are proceeding well for our Henry Kendall Cottage Quartoseptcentennial Gala Day. Our sub-committee members are working very hard. As can be imagined, a lot of planning and organization goes into these preparations.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Chris King of Gosford City Council to initially set the ball rolling following an acknowledgement to Country, then, the official opening by local dignitaries. The appearance of four special guest speakers to follow as a focus on our fascinating local history is much-anticipated and will include stories of the Fagan family, Henry Kendall, Col. Garnet Adcock and the legendary Bungaree.

We have organised an array of traditional folk musical entertainment in keeping with the c1830-40's period (including the Central Coast Conservatorium Inc. for a short recital and the popular 'Wheeze & Suck Band'). There will be bush poetry, our cookery book-launch, mystery items, raffles, some great local catering, educational activities for the kids such as visits from National Parks & Wildlife, a Kids' Zoo, mini-reptile display, face-painting, and an art in the garden competition is being organised by the Central Coast Art Society. We also hope to include the Gosford Town Crier and participation of the local Machinery Club, Lace-makers and Wood-Turners Co-op, so this special occasion will be a lot of fun. Invitations are being sent out so mark it on your Calendar. It's an important occasion and we want it to be a great celebration.

BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
President's Annual Report 2013

I am happy to present this report of our activities since our last Annual General Meeting in March 2013

Monthly Activities

We have continued the pattern this year of having either a meeting or an outing each month. Speakers at our meetings this year have been Patricia Skeehan, Elizabeth Roberts, Jane Ison, Ed Tonks and Frank Mobbs. We have also celebrated Heritage Festival, History Week and our Christmas/Birthday Party. Over the past year we have had 3 outings. Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm in Parramatta, Roses to Go at Warnervale and Mt Penang Gardens followed by the War Museum at the Entrance. Unfortunately our much anticipated visit to Cockatoo Island had to be cancelled because of the weather but is planned to go ahead this year. These have been most enjoyable and informative outings. Thanks to Margaret Pearce for her work in coordinating both the speakers and the outings.

Special Functions

Heritage Week was held in April. The theme this year was Community Milestones. Our day, coordinated by Kreenah Yelds, was about Railways of the Central coast. We were fortunate to have as speaker, Bill Fitton of NSW Railway Historical Society and Kreenah organised a display on the history of the Central Coast railways. Thanks to Geoff Potter of Gosford Library and Mick Farrell for loaning photos and artifacts for the display.

History Week theme was Picture This – the use of pictures in recording history. Our speaker was Donnie Sutherland speaking about his life and memories of the eighties. We also celebrated 30 years since the building of the Museum and illustrated the use of pictures as we remembered the building of the Museum particularly with an audiovisual produced by Jay Sider using old photos accompanied by an interview with Museum Builder Fred Koch. Further illustration of the use of pictures was a video of the day put together by our members Jason Connelly and Jay Sider.

Our Christmas Party was a great success. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed Heather Williams' wonderful food, John Walker's music and great company. Thanks to Bev Blockey for all her work in organising the day.

Community Events.

During the year, we have had stalls at a number of community activities. We have attended Kariong Community Fun Festival, Volunteering Central Coast Expo, Experience Erina – 125th Anniversary of the beginning of the shopping on Central Coast Highway Erina, Mangrove Mountain Country and District Fair and the Central Coast Family History Fair.

Members have also represented the Society at a number of meetings of other organisations. Four people attended the RAHS regional Conference in Wollombi as well as four who attended the Annual RAHS Conference in Katoomba in November and Kreenah Yelds attended the Museums Australia Conference in Canberra. Margaret and Ron Pearce regularly attend the Central Coast Tourism networking meetings keeping us up to date with what is happening on the coast and Ron has offered to be our representative for the Convict Trail and he and Margaret recently attended their AGM.

Fundraising Activities

As well as our normal income from our visitors, raffles and the trading table, we have had three fundraising efforts again this year

Street Stall - Our takings were down this year due to a very hot day which discouraged the normal lunch time crowd. However, we still did very well. Thanks to all our members who persevered through the heat and to Margaret Pearce, Bev Blockey and Trish Scott who organised the day and the collection and pricing of the articles.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was very successful this year. David Benwell and Kate Rowland were our organisers this year and they and their assistants did a great job.

Rotary Raffle Up an extra \$100 this year to \$900. Thanks to all the members who worked so hard to sell the tickets and to Bev Blockey for coordinating it all.

Grants

1. **Heritage Grant** from Gosford City Council. This was to paint the external painted woodwork of the Cottage and the internal woodwork on the windows and doors.

2. **NSW Government Community Building Grant.** This is to purchase and install an electric BBQ in the grounds similar to the type used in parks as well as two picnic tables as permanent fixtures.

3. **Community Development Grant** from Gosford Council. This is to assist us in funding the Quartoseptcentennial Celebrations to be held on April 5, 2014. This will be a Community Celebration which will highlight our local history and the history of the Cottage and Kendall. We hope it will attract families and others who may not have visited us before.

Visitors to the Museum

The number of visitors has increased this year which is great. The school groups have also picked up a little and we also had an evening visit from a Cub group which was most enjoyable for the children and also a number of their parents who came along as well. There were 57 Groups who visited us during the year and the number of people involved is just over 50% of our total visitors. They came from a wide area – Narrabri, Victoria, Sydney as well as local Central Coast groups and there has again been a lot of visits from the Cruise ships.

Two special visits to the Museum this year were –

1. Local Member Chris Holstein and State Heritage Minister Robyn Parker visiting with National Parks and Wildlife to launch the Convict Trail APP. A great opportunity to meet these people and show our Cottage and Museum to the Heritage Minister

2. A Visit by people from our sister cities of Edogawa, Japan and Nitra, Slovakia. A very pleasant visit and an opportunity to show them some of our history.

Curatorial News

Our Curator, Kreenah Yelds has been very busy with the ongoing audit of the artifacts of the Museum. The Mosaic Museum Software was purchased as planned and we have been fortunate that one of our new members also has experience with the software. Two special exhibitions were prepared during the year. Railways of the Central Coast and 1983 including the Opening of the Museum. She is currently coordinating the activities for our Quartoseptcentennial in April as well as preparing special displays on Kendall, Fagan, Adcock and Bungaree for our Open Day. Thanks to Kreenah and all our members who have been helping with the audit and the preparation of the special displays over the year.

Website

Good News. We have a new Website up and running. One of our Members, Jason Connolly has set up our Website on Wordpress. This was completed just before Christmas and Jay and I have received basic training on updating it as Jason is travelling with his work this year and is only available by email. However, hopefully, we will be able to keep the information up to date now. The events page currently has information about the Quartoseptcentennial. Once that is over, we will return to the normal updates on our activities. The problem with the host has also been resolved and we are now hosted by Netregistry.

Grounds and Maintenance

Thanks to Trish and her team for all their hard work in keeping the grounds looking good as well as doing all those handyman tasks that regularly need doing to keep the property in order.

Concern was expressed during the year about the health of some of the trees at the back of the property. It was decided that they should be removed and Council Permission was given to do so. This has now been done and we must thank arborist Mick Marley for all his advice and assistance in this matter.

The other current project is the painting of the toilets. Thanks to Jay Sider and Brian McCafferty who are organising this. It should be ready for our visitors in April.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their support and work during the year and also to all of the members who have been involved in our activities to make them a success. The committee is only a small group and without everyone else's support, things wouldn't happen. So thanks to everyone for the part you have played in making 2013 such a successful year and we are looking forward to another busy and enjoyable year in 2014.

Edith Campbell

President

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT YEAR ENDING 31ST
DECEMBER 2013

Most importantly I have come in under budget again [\$3000] this year, however with costs rising continually this year may be a different story.

1.The Web Page is definitely our most effective means of advertising and the most cost effective.

2.Local Newspapers and Radio Stations all do their part in keeping the Society in the public eye viz MAC Bulletin,=Mangrove Mountain News,=Radio 2GO,=Radio 50+,=ABC,=NBN Television = as well as our monthly Cooranbean Courier which is sent to 34 different Societies and Museums each month.

3.Our local Tourism Board at Mount Penang do a sterling job distributing our brochures to the Information Centres, while the regular Networking Functions held at different members' premises help to spread the Gospel. We also feature prominently in the Brochure of the Hunters' 14 Historical Societies.

Individual members and committee members are always handing out our brochures when visiting various clubs, senior citizens venues and into motels and other organisations. Very shortly Councils Banner Stand at West Gosford will proudly be advertising our upcoming event depicting 175 years of our Henry Kendall Cottage and the 175th birthday of poet Henry Kendall who resided there for a period. Other organisations to be involved are the ABC, Metropolitan and Local Newspapers, Yellow Pages, Imag magazine, National Trust and The Royal Historical Society.

2nd March 2014

Margaret Pearce
Publicity Office/Snr Vice Pres.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2013

It is with pleasure that I present my 10th Annual Newsletter Editor's Report. I wish to thank most sincerely Jay Sider for his help in the production of our Cooranbean Courier and Brian James, Bob Rider and new member Cheryl Remfry for their assistance in stapling, folding, stuffing of envelopes and mailing of the newsletter. Thanks also to those other members who on occasion have helped in the processing of the Courier, and not forgetting of course those members who have contributed to its contents. The *Cooranbean Courier* is issued by email and post to over 100 members and 37 copies are sent to other Historical Societies, Museums, and local media. Extra copies are printed to be available in the Museum.

Around the Grounds provides the opportunity to keep Members informed of what has been happening recently in our Society, such as Welfare of Members, Special Displays, Events, Social Outings, new acquisitions, Maintenance and Conservation, and to introduce new Members. Group Bookings are listed each month for Members' information.

Our Program for the coming year is included. This gives details about proposed events such as Social Outings, our Special Displays for Heritage and History Weeks, our yearly Street Stall, Bunnings BBQ, and coming events. These are updated every issue. It also provides the opportunity to advise members of important coming Special Events such as our Quartoseptcentennial Gala Day on 5th April and to provide updates on the progress of preparations for these Events.

Details of current Committee Members, our Patrons, and Honorary Members are listed as well as General Information about our Society. At their invitation, I gave a short talk at the February meeting of West Gosford Rotary.

Thank you for allowing me to continue as your Newsletter Editor again this year and for your support and contributions. I really enjoy carrying out the duties of this position and hope I will continue in this capacity.

***Shirley Rider – Vice-President
Newsletter Editor***

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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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