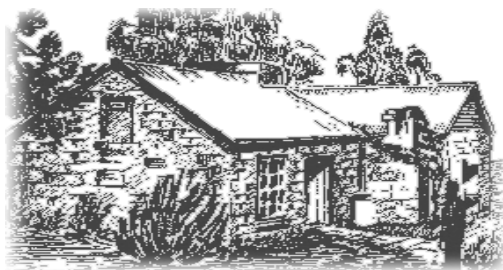



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VALE

Sadly we have to report the passing of long time member Frank Mobbs in February. Frank lived at Point Frederick and was 89 years old. He was a Parishioner at St. Patrick's Church, Gosford, very strong in his faith and respectful of others. He was known for being a friendly man and very willing to share his knowledge. (Ref: SMH Obituaries Feb. 15,2017).

COMMITTEE MEETING

We had to change the Date, Day and Time of the March Committee Meeting from Tuesday, 14th March, 10.00 to **Monday, 6th March at 1.00** because of a tour by passengers from the Cruise Ship **Celebrity Solstice**, which couldn't be altered. Hope this doesn't inconvenience anybody.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **AGM** and **Election of Officers** will be held on Saturday, 18th March, at 1.00. Geoff Lewis, President of Gosford Blue Waters Probus, has kindly consented to be Scrutineer again this year. Following the AGM Helen Smith, On-Air Presenter, Radio 50 Plus, will be our Guest Speaker. There are probably many listeners to Radio 50 Plus amongst our members so this should be an entertaining and enjoyable presentation. A Committee Nomination form / Proxy Vote application form is included with this Courier. Please return any nominations to Cheryl by 12th March 2017. Proxy forms must be received by 1pm on 18th March 2017.

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Celebrating the 2017 National Trust Australian Heritage Festival, Brisbane Water Historical Society presents "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. Our Guest Speaker at 11.00 am will be 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.

THANK YOU

- to Frank Courts for the donation of two fans for our Museum and a hose to clean the verandah and paths.
- to Stephen Cassin's accounting practice (HC Partners of Umina Beach) for the excellent preparation of the 2016 Financial Report.
- Tricia Scott for the donation of a CD player for the front office – we would appreciate any donations of Australian music on CD to play for visitors.

MARITIME MUSEUM TOUR

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Maritime Museum Tour through lack of support - probably because of the unpleasant hot weather, and we're all still recovering from Christmas and New Year! We're going to try to reschedule it for later in the year.

GROUP BOOKINGS

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**

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

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

ROTARY RAFFLE RESULTS

Winner of \$3000 travel from Flight Centre - *E. Wilde* : B & B from Magenta Shores - *Wayne King* : Jewellery - *Wayne King* : Meal from Water's Edge - *Karen Wilton* (Yes, that's correct - same person won second and third prizes - how lucky can you get?)

PROGRAM 2017 (in progress - please check the Newsletter for updates)

March	1	New Display "Names Upon a Stone" going up
March	6	Monday 1.00 Committee Meeting (see note)
March	18	Saturday - AGM and 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 for 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

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Fiona and Terrie recently attended a wonderful workshop in Gosford facilitated by Volunteering Central Coast.

Volunteering Australia has compiled resources for implementing the National Standards for Volunteer Involvement 2015 which represent what they regard as best practice in the management of volunteer involvement. A manual was provided to us which will be passed on to BWHS Committee for consideration in the near future.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is on Saturday 4th March, 10.00 - 3.00 at The Hive, Erina Fair. There should be between 50 to 55 stalls there, one of which will be ours, operated by some of our dedicated members. Do show your support by paying them a visit.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Julie Cotterill JP and Caleb Ferry. We hope you enjoy your time with BWHS and find it interesting and informative. We note that Julie is a JP who is willing to assist any member in need of a JP. Thanks Julie.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Now Due! Sorry but no more Couriers after April issue if you haven't renewed your Subscription! And you have to be financial to be able to vote at our forthcoming elections (18th March), or stand or be nominated for any position. If you prefer to have an emailed copy please let us know.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH 2017 - 1.00pm

MEETING OPENED

WELCOME: Acting President welcomes all Members and Visitors, and also Geoff Lewis, President, Gosford Blue Waters Probus, who has kindly consented to be Scrutineer for the election of our new Committee.

APOLOGIES:

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19th MARCH, 2016:

..... will read the Minutes.

Moved by Seconded by
that the Minutes be accepted as true and correct record. ...Carried

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

Acting President's Report

Moved bySeconded by
that the report be accepted. Carried

Publicity Officer's Report:

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that the Report by accepted. Carried

Newsletter Editor's Report :

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All Committee positions declared vacant

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Presentation by: Guest Speaker - Helen Smith - On-Air
Presenter, Radio 50 Plus

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Once again my report is now due for 2016.

We are continuing to be, as in previous years, always on the lookout for new Publicity.

Central Coast Tourism, as always, has been of great assistance to us by taking our brochures (green flyer) out to three outlets, Erina Fair, Karingong Tourism Centre, and The Entrance Tourist Centre.

We are waiting delivery of our new "green flyers" depicting the new road works etc. (5,000 are ordered); as we are still regarded as being in an isolated location we are hoping the new flyers may help us.

I am making an appointment to see Erina Fair Management regarding placing a picture in the Dining area (The Atrium) where "hundreds and thousands of people dine & pass through each year", according to Management figures.

Our "brown" signs have been re-erected in various places but sadly not one single mention of the 'Museum' - hopefully that will be rectified.

Heritage Week in April and History Week in September are sources for publicity.

Various Outings are also a method of advertising where we can join members of other Groups (e.g. Family History, Probus Clubs, View Clubs), as well as Retirement Villages, Shopping Centres, Local Radio Stations, and Newspapers.

Having Guest Speakers at Open Days is also a source of Publicity. The various School Groups who visit our complex during the year are also a source of Publicity. After their visits they entice Mum and Dad to come and see our Museum, especially to see our "funny dunny" etc.

I am contacting two Museums on the Far South Coast where my husband's family have connections to learn about their Publicity activities.

Remember one can have as much Publicity as one desires providing there are resources to pay for it. Considering our Publicity is mainly free, we don't do too badly.

I hope it will be a profitable year for all concerned.

Margaret Pearce, Publicity Officer, Senior Vice President, Acting President

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting my 13th Newsletter Editor's Report.

I wish to sincerely thank Cheryl for her assistance in the production and issuing of our **Cooranbean Courier** on the first Wednesday of the month. Cheryl sends the email copies out, prints the Mailing List and envelopes for the 'hard' copies and helps to prepare them for posting, and then takes them over to the post office. Truly a hard worker! Thanks also to those other members who contributed to the contents of the Courier and assisted in the processing.

The **Cooranbean Courier** is issued by email and 'snail mail' to 118 members and 20 copies are sent to other Historical Societies, Museums, and local media. As required, a copy is always sent to the State Library for their Archives. Extra copies are printed to be available in the museum.

Around the Grounds provides the opportunity to keep Members informed by reports on recent activities in our Society, such as the Welfare of Members, Social Outings, Special Displays and Events, Guest Speakers, Grants received for Maintenance and Conservation, and to introduce New Members. Group Bookings are listed each month for Members' information and updated progressively

Our Program for the coming year is included and updated every issue. This gives details about coming events such as Quarterly Gatherings, the Heritage Festival, History Week, Bunnings' BBQ, Rotary Raffle, Social Outings such as the recent successful movie showing with Rotary, The Entrance, of "**Lion**", and other events and occasions.

Details of our Committee Members, Appointed Positions, our Patron, and Honorary Members are listed as well as General Information about our Society.

Thank you for allowing me to continue as your Newsletter Editor again this year and for your support and contributions. More contributions would be gratefully received. I'm sure many of you have little anecdotes or stories to relate. I really enjoy carrying out the duties of this position and I hope I can continue in this capacity.

.... Shirley Rider - Vice President and Newsletter Editor

BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY **ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

I am happy to present this report of our activities since our last Annual General Meeting in March 2016.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

We have continued to have meetings and outings during this year. Speakers at our meetings this year have been, Anne Howard speaking about her recent book 'A Carefree War'. One of our members, Joan Patrick, spoke on research she has done on both Manly and her current research on the Woy Woy abattoir. In November, Margaret Hardy spoke to us about Arts on the Coast and our January meeting was Cathy Cole from Terrigal Surf Saving Club which fitted well with our Summer display of Surf's Up.

We had two outings this year. The first to Hawksbury Regional Museum at Windsor and in October we joined Peter Rea on his Hawksbury River Tour where he told us of the history of WWI and WWII as it related to the Hawksbury River.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Heritage Festival was held in April and theme was 'A Cup of Sugar' which highlighted extraordinary local stories of neighbourly gestures, bravery and generosity. Speaker was Local History Librarian Geoff Potter who spoke of the Wreck of the Maitland. The Machinery Club also brought a number of their machines to demonstrate as part of the day.

History Week The theme was 'Not just tea and scones' This was organised by the Local Area CWA groups. They prepared a delightful and very popular display of the work of the CWA and one of their members spoke to us about their work. We were joined at the meeting by a large number of CWA members who then joined us for lunch.

EXHIBITIONS

Our Curator, Kreenah Yelds, organised 4 Temporary Exhibitions during the year. As well 'A cup of Sugar' and 'Not just tea and Scones' which related to Heritage Festival and History Week themes, we were fortunate to be offered a loan of the display 'Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water' from Gosford Library Local Studies. We have also had a special Summer Display – 'Surf's Up' looking at the history of surfing on the Central Coast.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

During the year, members of the Society had stalls at a number of Community activities. We have attended the Central Coast International Women's Day Expo - Celebrating Women on the Coast which was held at the Hive at Erina Fair. In October we had a table in the History Tent of the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair; in November there was the Volunteers Central Coast Expo and in December the CWA Christmas Market at Woy Woy. These all offer wonderful opportunities to promote the Society and Henry Kendall Cottage and Museum as well as offering opportunities to Network with other community organisations.

Three of our members attended the Central Coast Regional Seminar conducted by the Royal Australian Historical Society organised by The Family History Society at East Gosford. Some of us also attended 'Flutation', A concert presented by a workshop of flute students. Australian composer Christine Draeger has composed a piece for flute called 'Names Upon a Stone' based on Henry Kendall's poem of the same name. This was its first performance. We hope at some stage we will be able to obtain a copy for the Museum. Norman Allen and Kreenah Yelds also visited a local CWA group to talk on the History of the Society and the Cottage.

We have also continued to be represented at the Networking Nights organised by Central Coast Tourism which keeps us up to date with what is happening on the Coast as well as giving us an opportunity to promote the work of the Society.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

As well as our income from our visitors and raffles, we have had three fundraising effort again this year

Theatre Party to the film Florence Foster Jenkins. This was arranged in conjunction with Kincumber Rotary Club and was a great success. Many thanks to Sandy Hunt-Sharman for coordinating the event and to the Kincumber Rotary Club for their help.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Thanks to David Benwell who coordinated this.

Rotary Raffle - Thanks to all members who sold or bought tickets and to Cheryl Remfry for coordinating it.

GRANTS

We have received two grants this year as well as completing work on a Heritage Grant received from Council from 2015. The work on the Cottage Kitchen door and the repairs to serious cracking of the stonework in the wall in that area of the Cottage has been completed.

We received a grant from Council to pay for the Visits of Museums and Galleries staff to run the Standards Program. They visited the Museum several times and provided advice and stimulated discussion on future plans for the Cottage and Museum. As a result, the Committee is looking to do further strategic planning and Working Groups have been set up to better organise our activities, and follow suggestions in the final report.

We also received a grant from Museums and Galleries to assist with sending Fiona McClennan to a course on the use of our Mosaic Database. Fiona is working at entering our artefacts into the database to enable us to keep more accurate records.

As well as the Grants, we were fortunate to again receive a donation of \$5,000.00 from Evergreen Life Care. We are very thankful for their support over the last few years.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM

We have continued to have good numbers of Group Tours visiting the Museum. We have also been delighted with the number of schools visiting the Museum. They are mostly Junior Primary classes who are studying the subject of how people lived in the past and comparing it to the present as well as basic local history. Who was Henry Kendall and Peter Fagan and also the citrus industry with Garnet Adcock?

COMMITTEE

There have been a number of changes to the Committee during the year. After a couple of months off because of ill health, President Norman Allen retired in November from the position on Doctor's advice. We would like to thank him for the work he did while he was president and wish him all the best and hope that his health continues to improve. Senior Vice President Margaret Pearce has been acting in the position of President until the AGM.

Thank you to the committee for all their work during this year and to all of you who have worked so hard this year and supported our activities. Thank you too to those who attended our meetings and outings. Without support from all the members things just wouldn't happen. We look forward to your support again in 2017.

Margaret Pearce - Acting President

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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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