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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Welfare

Best wishes to Ingrid Rode who has been having a few medical problems.

Honorary Solicitor

Ms Maxine Andronicos has very kindly consented to be our Honorary Solicitor, continuing on from Mr W Rutledge who passed away in 2015. Maxine is a Partner in Taperell Rutledge Lawyers. We are very grateful to Maxine and a Thank You letter has been sent to her.

Committee and Teams

George Boettiger has resigned from the position of Treasurer and our Committee has appointed Brian McCafferty as our new Treasurer.

Cheryl Remfry has resigned from the position of Secretary and the Committee has now appointed a Secretarial Team of Edith Campbell and Shirley Rider to share the duties of Secretary.

Other Teams and Officer Appointments

The Committee has appointed Edith as our new ***Schools Officer***. Committee Member, Sandy Hunt-Sharman has been appointed as ***Purchasing Officer*** for major items; Sandy will work in conjunction with those members using these major items.

Groceries and amenities will still be purchased by Kathleen Ness and Sandy will also be ***Fund Raising Officer***.

Fiona McClellan has been appointed by the Committee to be our new ***Public Officer***.

The Committee has also appointed an ***Outdoor Team*** of Tricia Scott, assisted by Jay Sider, Peter and Dora Rae, and John Rousch, to look after our grounds. Their main objective is to establish an overall plan, removing exotic plants from the front garden and replacing them with Australian natives, thus providing a good first impression for visitors.

The Committee will be working hard to make sure that this arrangement of Teams and Officers will help the Society to work well.

Heritage Festival Open Day 2nd April

Unfortunately this was poorly attended, possibly because of quite a few conflicting events on this day. We will have to look at ways to improve attendance on our future Open Days. However, we are very grateful for the help we received from Coles. Sandy organized the donation of a \$50 voucher which paid for the chicken, and also the donation of bread rolls from Baker's Delight for our Open Day. Thank you notelets were given to both organizations on Monday, 4th April.

Poppies

This year's beautiful Poppies Display was on the Skillion at Terrigal and reports state that it looked fantastic. Wonder where it will be in 2017?

New Members

Welcome to New Members : Ruth Hopkins, Raymond Crawley, and Barry Evans. Hope your time with us is enjoyable.

New Admission Prices

Just to confirm :

Adult - \$5 Concession - \$4 Child - \$3 Family - \$10
Group Visits - \$4 School Excursions - \$2 (per student)

ANZAC Day at the Museum

In keeping with tradition, three BWHS members, with a total of ninety-three years' membership, had their Anzac Day get-together at the museum. The Australian flag was lowered to half-mast, and Rosemary was brought to the occasion. Bully-Beef sandwiches and home-made Anzac biscuits were consumed. A great tradition and get-together - may it long continue.

COMING EVENTS***Regional Museum, Windsor - Friday, 24th June***

Our Tour visits Hawkesbury Regional Museum at Windsor and historic Howe House. It also includes a guided tour (on the bus) around historic Richmond.

The Tour includes travel with Coastal Liner Coaches, tour guide, morning tea and a 2-course lunch at Richmond RSL Club. All inclusive cost is \$70 based on a load of 20-24 people.

The coach leaves at 8.00 am from Henry Kendall Museum.

For further information and bookings contact Margaret Pearce on 4384 3271. **LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

New Brochure

Our new attractive Brochure has now been delivered. It looks like the previous one but with an updated map. This is the one we issue to organizations mainly.

Group Bookings

We welcomed 75 students from St. John the Baptist Primary school on Monday, 2nd May. The students had a really good day. They had lunch in our grounds and had time to have a good look around the cottage and museum as well as the grounds. Our guides enjoyed the day too.

About 60 Year 1-6 students from Empire Bay Public School will be visiting our Cottage and Museum on 9th May and students from St Patrick's Primary, East Gosford will be paying us a visit on 13th May.

Niagara Park Public School will visit in June with 72 students from Year 2 on June 7 and 70 students from Year 1 on June 9 in the morning, and also on this day we will welcome 48 Year 3 students from Central Coast Adventist School in the afternoon.

It's lovely to see these schools visiting, with their theme of "**Past and Present**"; our guides enjoy the visits and it certainly appears that the students do too.

May 9	Mon.	10.00	Empire Bay P/School	3 classes x 21
May 13	Fri.	9.30	St. Patrick's Primary, East Gosford	tba
June 7	Tues.	10.00	Niagara Park P/S – Yr2	72 students
June 9	Thur.	10.00	Niagara Park P/S – Yr1	70 students
June 9	Thur.	12.30	Central Coast Adventist School - Year 3	48 students
July 13	Wed.	11.00	Charlestown Com. Probus Guided Tour & Urn	30 visitors 45 visitors
Aug. 16	Tues.	10.30	Green Point Probus	tba BBQ & Urn
Sept. 5	Mon.	11.00	New Heights Church	10 visitors
Sept.16	Fri.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	40+ visitors
Sept.22	Thur.	10.30	Blacktown Nat. Snrs URN	20 visitors
Nov. 16	Wed.	3.30	Shellharbour Coaches	50 visitors
Dec. 23	Fri.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors

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 Roster please let Margaret know (4384 3271) and 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)

Theatre Party – Avoca Beach Theatre

Kincumber Rotary and BWHS are combining to form a Theatre Party to see “*Florence Foster Jenkins*” on **9th May**, finger food at 6.30, with the movie starting at 7.15. Cost will be \$25. Rotary are able to organize transport for those who don’t have cars or are reluctant to drive at night. This is a British-American biographical comedy-drama film starring Meryl Streep as *Florence Foster Jenkins*, a New York heiress who became an opera singer notorious for her bad singing skills. Other cast members include Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg, Nina Arianda, and Rebecca Ferguson. It’s a comedy/drama - should be fun.

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT OUR FRONT OFFICE or contact a Committee Member.

Museums and Galleries NSW (MGNSW) visit us on **Tuesday 10th May at 10:30am until midday**, all members are welcome to attend – light lunch and refreshments included. MGNSW have kindly offered their assistance so that we can participate in the 2016 Standards Program. This introductory session will give the Society an opportunity to familiarize with current best practice standards and together prepare for short and long term goals. There will be two more sessions during the year (those dates will be advised - watch this space).

Other Events coming up

May	- 21	1.00	Autumn Gathering
June	- 1		“The Shipbuilders” - Temporary exhibition on loan from Gosford City Library Local Studies Collection
June	- 13		Bunnings’ BBQ
June	- 17	8.00	Outing – Regional Museum, Windsor
July	- 16	1.00	Winter Gathering – Soup and Rolls
September			Change of Exhibition Display History Week – from 1st we will acknowledge the invaluable work of the CWA Northumberland region with the ‘Not Just Tea and Biccies’ exhibition Open Day
October			Outing - tba
November	- 19 th	1.00	Spring Gathering Change of Exhibition Display
December	- 13 th	11.00	Christmas/Birthday function

PEDDLERS/HAWKERS IN THE 1940s and 1950s Shirley Rider

My memories of peddlers and hawkers are from the 1940s and 1950s when there were no supermarkets and it was not always possible to obtain what we wanted from a corner shop. Peddlers and hawkers filled this gap by selling their goods and services door to door.

These are some I remember – can you remember any others?

The 'Milko' - before milk came in bottles and cartons the milkman used to call in a horse drawn cart, (sometimes twice a day) and he filled our billy or jug with rich creamy milk.

The Baker - he carried a covered heavy cane basket and we could buy a loaf or a half loaf. I can only remember two choices, brown or white, but it tasted great, especially if still warm and spread lavishly with butter. The Baker had a horse and cart too. The horse was so well-trained that the baker could leave it to follow him from house to house without him having to get back in the cart between deliveries.

The Clothes Prop Man – called around each Monday, washing day in just about every household. I can still hear his mournful cry of “clothes props”. Before the days of Hills Hoists clothes props were used to prop up the line that was made of strong wire strung on cross arms bolted to a sturdy pole at each end. To support the weight of the wet washing clothes props with a fork at one end of the prop were used to support the line.

The Coal Man – sold lumps of coal, and coke, from the back of his truck in winter. We didn't have a fuel stove but we had a little Queen stove that used coke and there were probably still lots of fuel stoves around.

The Ice Man – used his coal truck, summer and winter, to supply large blocks of ice. The ice man usually delivered the ice twice a week, wrapped in a hessian bag, straight to the ice chest. He was usually followed by a herd of kids scavenging for the chips of ice.

We did get a Silent Knight refrigerator later (about the mid-forties). These were made by Sir Edward Hallstrom and so popular that they made him a millionaire. They were powered by gas, kerosene and later electricity. We had a gas one and I remember my mother making ice-cream – wow! - home-made ice- cream!

The Rabbit-O – I don't remember him but my mother used to tell me about him. During the 1930s, and then in the war years when meat was rationed, rabbits were cheap and didn't take any coupons - so it was a cheap, coupon-free meal. My mother used to wonder about the rabbits swinging along under the cart, open to dust and flies! But the customers all survived.

Shoe Repairers or Cobblers – They called to see if there were any shoes that needed mending. My father told me he did this during the Depression Years and during war time. He used to soak hard leather in water to soften it so he could use it to sole shoes and during the war he also used something called ‘Kromhyde’ – a soft rubbery sheet.

Knife Sharpeners – one man I remember used to ride a bike and set up shop near other shops. When the bike was stationary, he propped it up and turned the pedals to power an emery wheel to sharpen knives and scissors.

Produce Sellers – enterprising women and men sometimes hawked fruit or vegetables from their gardens. I particularly remember one lady bringing round mulberries from her backyard tree, and the mulberry pie that my mother usually made was very nice.

Sometimes apricots, peaches and other fruit were available too - obviously before the fruit fly discovered them. My father had a customer in his Hardware shop, a Chinese market gardener. He used to visit this market garden to deliver hardware items to him and he would come home with beautiful fresh vegetables, probably to help pay his bill with the hardware shop.

Groceries – my mother visited the grocer once a week and left her order or my father dropped it in and this was delivered, usually later that day (no charge for delivery).

A lady used to call with a rather large case containing clothes. We often bought something – I think my mother used to feel sorry for her, lugging this huge case around particularly on hot days, and usually gave her a cool drink or cup of tea.

A man used to call with a product he made in his backyard shed at Merrylands – an ointment called “Nature’s Remedy”. Does anyone remember that?

Mother used to swear by it to cure all sorts of things. **Pickles and Jams** – a local man Mr. Seppell supplied these in the 1940s and 1950s.

Raleigh’s often called – they made very good quality brooms and brushes that lasted for years

The ‘Ice-Cream Man’ - he appeared on the scene a bit later – during the 1950s I think. At first he just carried small blocks of ice-cream and rang a bell. Later **Mr Whippy** announced his arrival by the tune of “Greensleeves”.

Soft Drinks - another from the 1950s/1960s. Sharpe’s were one name I remember that delivered soft drinks in my Sydney suburb. On the Central Coast it would have been Margin’s.

Now there are extended hours for the stores and supermarkets as well as on-line ordering and delivery of almost any item. The hawkers and peddlers that we may remember have mostly long gone but they provided a much used service in the 1940s and 1950s, and some of our members may remember them from earlier than that. They not only supplied goods but they often provided a friendly little chat as well.

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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 Historical Museum Complex, West Gosford.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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