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VALE – Sadly William Stanley (Bill) Scott passed away recently. Many of our longer serving members will remember Bill. He was a very well liked member of BWHS for many years and is particularly well known for his volunteer work at local Information Centres. He was a lovely gentleman who will be fondly remembered.

Welfare

President Norman Allen is still not feeling too well. Hope you're feeling better soon Norman. Margaret Pearce has had a dose of flu, Ingrid Rode hasn't been well, Margareta Tauni, and Bev Lane are recovering from some procedures. We can't have this – we miss you! So hope you are all on the mend too.

Central Coast Regional Seminar, Saturday 20th August 2016

Edith, Peter and Shirley represented BWHS at the Central Coast Regional Seminar presented by RAHS in conjunction with the Central Coast Family History Society, held at East Gosford. Speakers were :

Associate Professor, Dr Carol Liston whose subject was ***Land Title Records***. Dr Liston provided “advice and guidance to assist researchers in accessing and using the historically significant records that Land and Property Information is making available through its SIX Portal official source of NSW geospatial information, which also provides access to authoritative land and property information”.

Dr Kathrine Reynolds, who spoke about ***Keeping Track of Your History Research***. Dr Reynolds spoke of “One of the challenges of researching and writing history is to keep track of all the sources that support your findings and arguments. Managing notes and references ensures, and enables your readers to follow the evidence”. Dr Reynolds offered the chance to learn skills that could be implemented to keep track of history research.

Ms Christine Yeats' subject was, ***Furnishing Your Ancestors' House***. Ms Yeats maintained that “Biographical and family history is much more than lists of names and genealogical charts. It is about getting to know the person by exploring their lives and considering when, where and how they lived”. One of the ways to do this is through research into their homes and possessions. Ms Yeats discussed the range of printed and archival resources available to researchers to help discover how their ancestors may have furnished their houses.

“The goal of this seminar was to develop historical expertise in the community that will help support history and heritage projects.”

This was a very informative and interesting seminar, especially for those people involved in family research.

Signage

We are at present replacing the signage welcoming visitors to use the Museum Grounds outside the normal opening hours and quotes are being obtained. Our previous sign was damaged in a storm. This sign is a condition of our Road Direction signs. Our new brochures will also include these details.

Machinery Club Update

The Machinery Club has been doing a great job and we're really grateful. Brian Hopkins has made a big difference to the look of the machinery shed and it is very pleasing to see with the updated labels.

Thank You

Green Point Probus recently visited HK Cottage and Historical Museum and they phoned to thank us for the lovely day they had with us. The weather was very kind and they enjoyed a BBQ in our Grounds after their tour. It's very nice to get feedback like this.

Museums and Galleries NSW Meeting

Ten members attended the meeting on Friday (Sept 2nd) with two very nice ladies (Rebecca and Pip) from MGNSW for a second site visit as part of the 2016 Standards Program in which we are fortunate enough to be participating. David and Kreenah picked the ladies up from Gosford Railway station and they joined us for a nice lunch, a tour of our Cottage and Grounds before a very productive meeting.

Guest Speakers – CWA Meeting

Our very entertaining President, Norman, and Curator, Kreenah, were guest speakers recently at a CWA meeting at Central Coast Leagues Club about the history of the Society and the Cottage and, how much we look forward to having them as our guests for History Week Open Day on the 10th (and the yummy Devonshire tea they have promised).

Federation of Australian Historical Societies

The Federation was established in 1977 is the national peak body representing the interests of about 1,000 historical societies and approaching 100,000 members throughout Australia.

Bernadette Flynn of FAHS paid us a visit last Sunday and would like to do an article about BWHS to appear in their journal. We are absolutely delighted to be involved with such an important organization.

New Display

The display by the CWA of NSW Northumberland Group '**More than Tea and Scones**' is now up and running and looks great – thanks to our hard working Curator and any helpers she may have had. Make a point of coming to see it on Open Day, 10th September. There will be a Guest Speaker too – not to mention a yummy Devonshire Tea supplied by the CWA ladies, and later some nice sandwiches and other goodies for lunch.



PROGRAM

Central Coast Council has kindly consented to pay the whole amount for the MGNSW Standards Program that we've been fortunate enough to participate in. This is very much appreciated. Once again MGNSW very kindly offered us two free places for the Preservations Australia Workshop held in August - Kreenah and Brielle attended. Brielle is now able to undertake a conditional report of our artifacts.

September -10th Saturday **History Week Open Day** - we will acknowledge the invaluable work of the Country Women's Association of NSW, Northumberland Group, with the '**More Than Tea and Scones**' exhibition.

- 10.30 for 11.00 – Welcome & Introduction
- 11.15 - Guest Speaker from CWA
- CWA will be providing a free Devonshire Morning Tea
- 1.30 – Light Lunch (free)- Savouries from midday onwards. As we are hoping for a few extra visitors from CWA, would members please 'bring a plate'.

October – Last week (date tba) **Outing** – Hawkesbury River Cruise. Peter Rea has kindly offered to do this popular cruise for us for only \$25 per person including Morning Tea. We will make our own way to Patonga - the boat will leave at 9.30 and will be back to Patonga about 1.00 where we can buy our own lunch. If transport is a problem let us know and we can car pool.

November - 19th 1.00 Spring Gathering
End of November Change of Exhibition Display

December - 13th 11.00 Christmas/Birthday function

Happy Birthday – 'Ploddy'

A Happy 52nd Birthday to Ploddy the Dinosaur. Ploddy is a Central Coast Icon whose design was based on a dinosaur called a *Dioplosaurus*, from whence the name Ploddy came. Ploddy weighs more than 100 tonnes and is over 30 meters in length. She was transported from Wyoming to Somersby in 1996 and has been at the present site for 20 years. She's always a welcome sight when we're approaching Gosford from Sydney way – 'not long to go now before we're home!'

There was a great article in the Express Advocate of Wednesday, 31st August (paper or online) - and of course there's loads of information on the Australian Reptile Park website, or just 'Google' Ploddy.

Group Bookings

Gosford Cubs (Scouts) are visiting us for a short twilight excursion on September 15th - our Dave Benwell is doing the honours.

Sept. 5	Mon.	11.00	New Heights Church		10 visitors
Sept. 8	Thur.	10.30	West Wollongong Family Group		15 visitors
Sept. 14	Wed.	11.00	Henry Kendall Gardens Viilage		10 visitors
			- Probus club		
Sept. 16	Fri.	2.00	Stuart Coaches		40+ visitors
Sept. 22	Thur.	10.30	Blacktown National Snrs	URN	20 visitors
Oct. 18	Tue.	10.00	Kariong P/School	Group 1*	83 students
Oct. 20	Thu.	9.30	Terranova Holidays	tbc	30 visitors
Oct. 23	Sun.	10.15	Topp Tours	G/Tour & BBQ	25-30 visitors
Oct. 25	Tue.	10.00	Kariong P/School	Group 2*	83 students
Nov. 15	Tue.	11.30	Terranova Holidays	tbc	30 visitors
Nov. 16	Wed.	3.30	Shellharbour Coaches		50 visitors
Dec. 21	Wed.	11.30	Terranova Holidays		No. tba
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).

New Members

Welcome to New Members Michael Webster, Kaye Walker, Terrie and Brian Stoyel. We do hope your stay with us is enjoyable and interesting.

The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water NSW

This was a successful attractive display and we thank Gosford City Library for the opportunity to present it. It has now come down and from 1st September we are acknowledging the invaluable work of the CWA Northumberland region with the **“Not Just Tea and Scones” exhibition.**

Member John Hill has kindly donated a copy of **The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water NSW** to our library and also donated a copy of **McMasters Beach** by Marie Riley. Thanks very much John.

Borrowing Library Books

Some of our missing books have turned up so we're feeling much better.

However, this might be a good time to reinforce the correct borrowing procedure for our library books.

Members are able to borrow most items in our library except if the items are marked **“Reference: Not for Loan”** (or similar wording) and marked with a red spot. It's really an honour system and we rely on our Members to borrow and return books correctly.

This is our **Borrowing Procedure:**

1. In the **“Borrowing Book”** – (brown cover small book, usually in the first or second pigeon hole, on the work desk in the Archives Room) - **PRINT** your name, and sign it, and enter the date borrowed in the appropriate column.
 2. You can usually borrow for a month or so (even though there are some members who presently have overdue books! Would you return or re-borrow these please).
 3. When you return your borrowed book, write the date returned in the appropriate column and have another member witness it. Put it in the Book Return Tray and I will shelve it.
- SEE – IT'S QUITE EASY! If everyone does the right thing our books may be used and enjoyed by all members. We have some very precious and valuable items in our library, most of which are irreplaceable, and we don't want to lose them. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

..... Shirley

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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 Historical Museum Complex, West Gosford.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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