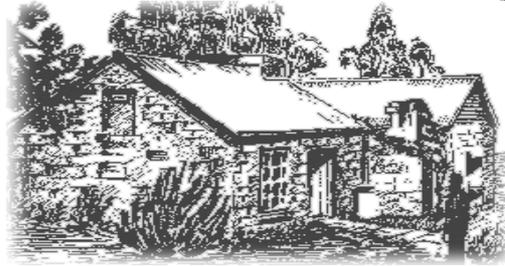


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**HOT OFF THE PRESS!****Congratulations Kreenah!**

We have just received advice from Community Programs and Volunteering, Multicultural and Communities Branch, Department of Social Services, that we have been successful in gaining funding for a high quality replacement computer to keep our collection database going ! Without this most welcome gain, years of hard volunteer research work may have been lost completely, as the machine we have on hand has served us well, but is very close to the end of its run !

**AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

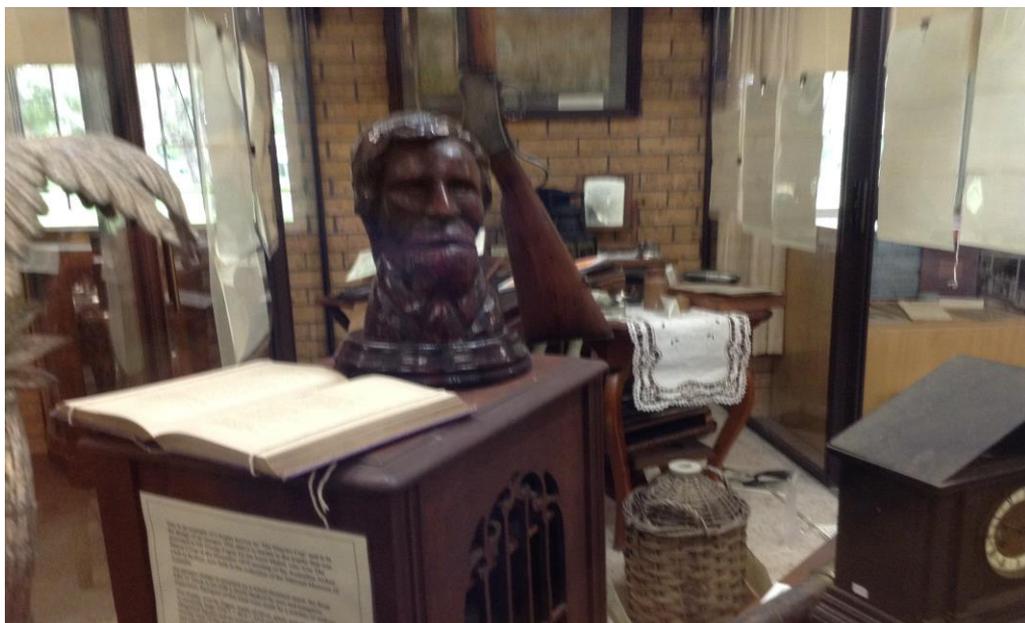
Our Open day celebrating the **2017 National Trust Australian Heritage Festival, "Having a Voice"**, was held on Saturday, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Over 50 members and visitors attended, one early bird was a gentleman 101 years old! Guest Speaker at 11.00 am was --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*. Apart from the interesting historical information in Michael's presentation he also included excerpts from some of Kendall's poems, *Song of the Shingle-Splitters*, *Bell-birds*, and *Names Upon a Stone* - truly lovely evocative poems.

*Wild Bleak Bohemia ...* is available for purchase at the museum. Big thanks to Kreenah for compiling this exhibition and arranging our fascinating speaker.

Our current exhibition, ***Names Upon a Stone***, explores the life of Henry Kendall and how he found true friendship. Exhibition runs until May 31.

An enjoyable light lunch and refreshments followed Michael's presentation. Books are still available for purchase at the Museum.



**PROFILE - SUE CHIDGEY**

*On March 18 Sue Chidgey was elected as the new Brisbane Water Historical Society President. Sue retired two years ago from Fairhaven Services, a local disability organisation where she worked for over 30 years. She had a variety of roles which included secretarial, accounts, support worker and the last 12 years as the Charity's Fundraising Co-ordinator. In her role as fundraising co-ordinator she commenced the charity's op shop, created and co-ordinated 7 bingo sessions held each week at local clubs, created and ran numerous markets, ran the annual fete, trivia night, movie night and supervised over 60 volunteers. In addition, Sue applied for annual grants from local service clubs and represented the Charity at various speaking engagements. Her department achieved nett profits of between \$70,000-\$100,000 each year for Fairhaven.*

*Sue has lived on the Central Coast since 1980 and has a daughter, Melissa and a very cherished grandson, Lucas. In addition to her work for BWHS Sue volunteers her services to the Gosford Branch of Children's Medical Research, the East Gosford Community Reserve initiative and has a keen interest in the protection of the environment and local heritage. In 2015 Sue commenced the community campaign Save Central Coast Reserves that after a 15 month battle managed to protect 25 local reserves, parks and green spaces from reclassification and sell-off by Gosford Council. Sue will shortly take on an honorary Board Member role with Bendigo Bank.*

*Sue loves her work with BWHS and looks forward to the Society gaining strength through increased community participation and improved facilities within the Museum and grounds.*

**4 VILLAGES WALK - Just a reminder that the 4 Villages Walk is on Saturday, May 6.**

The four villages of Kincumber, Yattalunga, Saratoga and Davistown were the hub of major shipbuilding activity from 1829 to 1953. Along the walk you'll learn all about this fascinating local history with informative plaques along the way at each shipyard site. View the local historic models displayed at the five Check Points. Displays also at Kincumber Hotel.

**NEW MEMBERS**

A big welcome to new members Peter Fisher, Melissa Connolly, Verena Mauldon, Kerryn Martin. We hope your time with BWHS is enjoyable, interesting and entertaining!

**THANK YOU** to Officeworks West Gosford for their generous donation of a \$50 gift card. Used to purchase a display box for exhibitions plus a storage container.

**GROUP BOOKINGS (May, June, July)**

May	2 & 4	Tue. & Thu.	10.00	Point Clare P/School
May	4	Thu.	1.30	Terranova Holidays
May	7	Sunday	11.00	East Gosford Family Group
May	11	Thurs.	10.30	Probus
May	15	Mon.	10.00	Empire Bay P/School
May	25	Thu.	Afternoon Tea	CWA Conference Tour Group
May	27	Sat.	10.00-3.00	Home Schooling Group
May	31 to August 31			NEW DISPLAY
June	24	Sat.	10.00-3.00	Home Schooling Group
June	25	Sun.	12.00-4.00	Italy-Made Social Motor Club
July	29	Sat.	10.00-3.00	Home Schooling Group

A list of Bookings is in our Front Office and is progressively updated. Our Duty Roster Officer, Margaret Pearce, will advise members on duty. If a booking is received at the Museum by a Duty Officer, in person or phone, would you please ensure that it is passed on to the Group Bookings Officer (Shirley) promptly, in person, telephone or email. This is most important.

**ROSTER**

If you wish to go on the Duty Roster please contact Margaret (4384 3271). You would be with experienced members for your first few duty days and then always with one or two others. It's a nice way to get to know your fellow members and to connect with visitors.

**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.

**PROGRAM 2017 - (check the Newsletter each month for updates)**

May	6	Saturday	4 Villages Walk
May	25	Thursday	CWA Conference Tour Group - Afternoon Tea
June			Outing - (destination and date tba)
July	15	Saturday	Winter Gathering - Soup and Rolls
August			Outing (destination and date tba)
September			History Week
October			Outing (destination and date tba)
November			Spring Gathering - Guest Speaker
December			Birthday/Christmas Party

*To continue our little Place Names segment Bouddi National Park is featured in this issue. This article is from Place Names of the Central Coast : origins & meanings / by Eileen Pratt, 1978.*

## **BOUDDI NATIONAL PARK**

Bouddi National Park was originally known as "Bouddi Natural Park". It received its name at the second meeting of the park trust held on 5th July, 1936. Other names considered were "Maitland Bay Park", "Cape Three Points Reserve" and "Gerrinbombi Park". The reason for the choice was that "Bouddi" is the authenticated aboriginal name of the most conspicuous feature of the district and appears on the map as early as 1828.

The original park of 650 acres included an old reserve "on account of coal" (1876) and for defence and other purposes (1884). It was generally 20 chains wide, stretching from McMasters Beach to Putty Beach, and was notified for Public Recreation in 1935. The following year a trust was appointed to manage the new reserve with representation from the NSW Federation of Bushwalking Clubs and the Erina Shire Council.

In 1967, the park (by then totaling about 1310 acres) was dedicated as a national park under the newly passed legislation and was renamed "Bouddi State Park". Its management became the responsibility of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and soon afterwards the trust was reconstituted as an advisory committee.

On January 1, 1974, the National Parks and Wildlife Act dispensed with the category of "State" parks (for smaller areas) and Bouddi was renamed "Bouddi National Park".

The meaning of the aboriginal name "Bouddi" has not been confirmed. The late Mr. F. Bennett in his book "The Story of The Aboriginal People of the Central Coast" gave the meaning as "The Heart".

This may have been obtained from Captain John Hunter's Journal published in 1793 which gives a vocabulary of aboriginal words and lists "Boot-boot: the heart". However, a history of Bouddi Natural park by the trustees written in 1940 states, "a Headland called Bouddi which is probably synonymous with Bondi and means 'a nose'".

Many Aboriginal reference books have been consulted but no specific name "Bouddi" can be found, the nearest being "Boondi" and this means "noise of water rolling in" or "water breaking over rocks" which is in "Aboriginal Words and their Meanings" by J. H. Sugden (Mitchell Library).

The map of 1828 referred to above has not been located. The map of the Colony of New South Wales drawn by Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor-General in 1834 does not show Bouddi, although several other coastal headlands are named.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Looking back through our **Cooranbean Couriers** of 10 years ago, to see what was happening then, I came across some interesting little snippets that I'm including here.

The **January** issue reported that one of our long time members, Betty Smith, celebrated her 100th Birthday in January. Betty died in June of the same year.

This issue also contained an historical article about the horse troughs that were in most country towns. (We have one in our Grounds that came from the main street in Gosford).

Some of the excursions we were planning were a coach trip to Rouse Hill Homestead and Arndell Homestead and another suggestion was to the Fire Brigade facility at Kariong with a \$6.00 lunch provided.

**February** was a rather quiet month with only three Group Tours. Our Newsletter featured George Peat, who was engaged in the Ship-Building industry as early as 1818.

At our AGM in **March** the position of President was vacant but Senior Vice-President Margaret Pearce agreed to act in the position for 3 months. One Vice-President was Ruth Logan, still a member. Arthur Gordon was Treasurer and Bob Rider was Secretary. Two committee members were Lionel Fry and Madeline Gordon.

We were experiencing such a shortage of members willing to do museum duty that we could no longer stay open for School Holidays. 2007 was the 75th Birthday of the Harbour Bridge and also the 75th Birthday of our Secretary Bob Rider.

There was a Jazz concert in our Grounds in **April** - very much enjoyed. The weather was beautiful and we all enjoyed a sausage sizzle, and other yummy food and drinks. We had a book sale and a raffle, some great music, Radio 50+ were there and it was a very enjoyable day. (*It would be nice to have another one some day.. Ed..*)

We received a nice bit of publicity in the Express-Advocate, resulting in quite a few enquiries and a friendly morning tea, with a tour of the cottage /museum complex and some new members.

There was an attempted break-in and the Police carried out a forensic inspection. No damage except for a broken window. No idea if anyone was caught but the committee were now looking at increased Security lighting.

In **July** we experienced some really bad weather - cold with heavy rain. Bob and Shirley Rider accepted an invitation from Kendall Heritage Society to attend the unveiling of their statue of Henry Kendall at the village of Kendall. Kendall was named in honour of Henry Kendall. He came to the village of Camden Haven in 1876 to work in his friend, Michael Fagan's, timber mill. Henry loved the forest and riverine landscape and the five years he spent there with his wife, Charlotte and their family, were happy ones.

While in Camden Haven Henry Kendall supported the villagers' request for a post office and when it was later established, the name of the village was changed posthumously to Kendall in his honour on 1st October 1891.

Nineteen members enjoyed a coach trip to the historic Rouse Hill Estate on **26th July**, calling at the lovely Cumberland State Forest - an enjoyable day.

Our **August** Newsletter reported that we received the very pleasant surprise of a donation of \$2500 from Trevor Hargreaves of Central Coast Shop Fronts, who had shown their great support for BWHS over the years.

We also welcomed new members **Edith Campbell and Ros Ellis**. So Happy 10 year anniversary to both of these valuable respected members.

Ron Pearce donated a very welcome heater that was greatly appreciated in that very cold winter.

A visit to the fascinating Powerhouse Museum's Collection Store at Castle Hill was enjoyed by Shirley and Bob Rider, on behalf of BWHS. They saw a marvellous collection of pianos, both grand and upright, pianolas, organs, steam and cable tramcars, traction engines, steam rollers, ultra light and other small aeroplanes as well as many other interesting artifacts.

*(Maybe we should arrange another visit there ? ... Ed)*

**September** was another busy month with a display at Erina Fair. Shirley and Bob Rider, with Glenys and John Hill operated the stall.

For our History Week function at the museum we had a photographic exhibition of early Gosford and Woy Woy, - "The Way We Were ..." featuring early industries in the area, such as Citrus and Ship-Building. Our **September** newsletter featured our collection of old cameras particularly the iconic Kodak Box Brownie.

Bike Week was held on 26th to 30th of **September** and featured a display of over 10 antique bikes from the 1930s, with some rather intriguing items. Bob Rider was very involved with this display, having been a competitive cyclist, and he had on show a very historic 1939 5-Star Malvern Star Track bike.

Our member and local historian Gwen Dundon delivered to the museum a cup won by the late Ilma Davis in the Gosford Regatta of 1933, 1st prize in the Ladies' Sculls. This joined a cup, in our collection, awarded to her father Albert "Topper" Davis, son of W C Davis, a descendant of the well-known Davis family of shipbuilding fame.

In **October** we had a lovely wedding in the Grounds.

We had a successful display at Point Clare Public School as part of their 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

**November** newsletter reported that we had a fascinating excursion to the Emergency Fire Service at Kariong, with a look at their interesting catering service that handles all the food that has to be supplied when the firefighters are out in the field. We even received a very nice roast lunch. Then we visited the fascinating Bulgandry rock carvings just down the road a bit.

A Street Stall was held at West Gosford shopping centre on the **16th November** and a Bunnings' BBQ on **24th November**.

The very busy year finished on **4th December** with our 57th Birthday / Christmas Party function in our Grounds catered for by Barry's Spit Roasts.

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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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**WELFARE**

To anyone not feeling too brilliant - hope you're better 'real soon'.