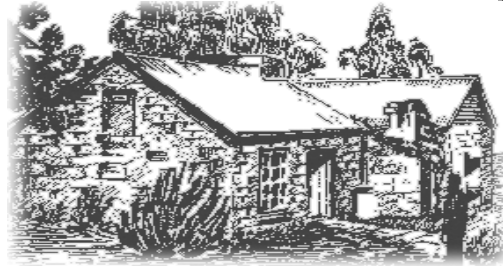


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Welfare - Our thoughts go to Kathleen Ness for a speedy recovery.

Winter Gathering - Soup and Rolls Day

Quite a few members and friends as well as some friends from the CWA arrived for our Winter Gathering to partake of the soup and rolls, and very nice they were too. Thanks to Margareta and helpers for making the delicious soups.

The presentation by Marilyn Wood from Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society was about the two bonnets on display that purportedly once belonged to two women from the Wiseman family. Marilyn has done lots of research and the story that she told was enthralling. Everyone seemed to enjoy it all immensely, as well as the yummy afternoon tea.

After Marilyn's presentation David Benwell then showed a short video of a walk that he, Jason Connolly and Peter Fisher did to Kendall's Rock. They had some fabulous photos of the rock and the surrounding area including the beautiful little waterfall. This is somewhere many of us would like to see and know more about. Hopefully the video will be repeated soon as it was an extremely interesting presentation.

SNIPPETS

Many thanks to Fred Koch for organising the repair of the corner pole on the Slab Shed, which had wood rot. Fred says "it should outlast the shed itself". Also thanks for neatly riveting the green "Emergency" sign to the back of our post box so all will be able to easily see it. **Many thanks** also to an anonymous member for replacing the damaged picnic table.

Newsletters from other Historical Societies etc. mostly arrive by email these days. It is uneconomical to provide hard copies but any interested members could request copies of the Newsletters electronically. Just contact Cheryl.

Thank you to one of our members **Julie Cotterill** for the temporary loan of a charming array of button hooks from her own collection. The button hooks once used for both gloves and boots are currently on display at the museum and have made a wonderful complement to 'The Red Petticoat' exhibition on show until the end of August.

Newsletter and Group Bookings

I won't be doing the **Courier** for September as I will be visiting Canada to catch up with my daughter and her family. However, the newsletter will be in the very capable hands of Edith so please contact her if you have any information or anecdotes you would like to be included in this issue.

Any **Group Bookings** will be handled during this time by Edith and Sue.

COMING EVENTS

The following History Expos are coming up.

Is anyone be able to give a half day or a whole day to volunteer at the Erina Fair Stall? Please contact Sue on 04 22565097 or email Sue at sue.chidgey@outlook.com

Erina Fair 30th Anniversary History Expo

Thursday August 24 9am - 9pm

Friday August 25 9am - 5pm

Saturday August 26 9am - 5pm

The Entrance Diggers History Expo

Sunday August 27 approx. 10am - 2 pm (Sue/Margaret/Ron have volunteered)

Program 2017

<i>August</i>	<i>Outing (destination and date tba)</i>
<i>September 9</i>	<i>History Week Talk - Em. Prof. Richard Waterhouse</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Outing (destination and date tba)</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Spring Gathering - Guest Speaker</i>
<i>November 16</i>	<i>Lindesay Christmas Gift Fair (National Trust) outing</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Birthday/Christmas Party</i>

Group Bookings

Aug. 4	Fri.	10.00	Adventist School	(60)
Aug. 5	Sat.	tba	Hastings Auto Restorers, Pt. Macquarie	(tba)
Aug. 16	Wed.	10.00	Westpoint Gold Club, Blacktown	(22)
Aug. 16	Wed.	11.00	Community Aid, Narrabeen	(10)
Aug. 27	Sun.	tba	Mount Druitt Historical Society	(tba)
Aug. 28	Mon.	11.30	Easygo Connect Transport	(20)
Aug. 29	Tue.	11.30	Easygo Connect Transport	(20)
Sep. 6	Wed.	10.00	Sth West Rocks Snr.Cits.(Coastal Liners)	(22)
Sept. 16	Sat.	10 to 2.00	Central Coast Car Club	(tba)
Wed. 11	Wed.	10.30	On Course Tours, Terrey Hills	(35)
Oct. 15	Sat.	10.00	Prospect Heritage Trust	(24)
Oct. 25	Wed.	10.30	Kogarah-Carlton Seniors	(10)
Nov. 14	Tue.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	(30)
Dec. 26	Tue.	9.15	Holiday Coast Tours	(40)

Check the list of Bookings in our Front Office for more details. This is progressively updated. Our Duty Roster Officer, Margaret Pearce, will advise members when they are 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) (or Edith if Shirley is unavailable) promptly, in person, telephone or email. This is most important.

Our next temporary exhibition will be ***Stepping out on the Coast*** :

Celebrating the 2017 History Week theme “Pop” the **‘Stepping Out on the Coast’** exhibition shines the spotlight on the most momentous local performances in history. Many styles of entertainment have evolved over the years, has it been the shows or the audiences that have made the biggest impact on popular culture?

Join us for History Week Open Day, Saturday 9th September at 11am for 11:30am with a special guest presentation by Emeritus Prof. Richard Waterhouse, School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney. A light lunch and refreshments to follow. Entry by donation – all are welcome.



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To follow on our history item last Newsletter about Point Clare, we are happy to print a delightful piece from one of our members, Eunice Warden, about her early life in Point Clare.

HISTORY OF BRISBANE WATER DRIVE - *Recollections by Eunice Warden*

Reading and enjoying the parts about Point Clare in the latest (July 2017) Newsletter, I was surprised to come across the thought that Brisbane Water Drive was constructed in the 1940s, as it dates from a significant number of decades before that.

Branches of my Grandmother's family pioneered various areas from Woy Woy to Newcastle and what I now write is from my personal knowledge. The earliest branch of our family to come were the Aldertons, farmers, oyster farmers and shopkeepers, beginning at Woy Woy, contemporary with Rock Davis in the 1830s. Other family names were Hollis, Harford, Berlin and Graham. Hollis and Harford were closely associated with the building of the NSW Railway system. My Grandmother was Emily Berlin (nee' Hollis) and my parents, John and Dorothy Graham (nee' Berlin). My Grandmother, parents and self (aged only 9 months) came from Sydney to live at Point Clare in 1934, moving in with my Grand Uncle, John Charles (J.C. or Jack) Harford, widower husband of my Grandmother's sister, Martha (Pat) Harford, who had died in 1932. Uncle Jack had been a builder and was also a talented violinist and artist but suffered from epilepsy and needed someone to live with and care for him. He had been closely associated with the building of the beautiful Newcastle Railway Station. Uncle Jack's home was in Noonan Point Road (then known as Point Lane). It was built in weatherboard, on stumps, in two stages, painted light and dark stone, named "The Rest" and is still there, strong and in good condition, though looking a lot different due to alterations made by later owners and to having had most of its curtilage subdivided and sold off. The current address is 2 Gosford Street, Point Clare (corner of Noonan Point Road). Uncle Jack and Aunt Pat had four sons and Uncle Jack built a house for youngest son, Syd, and Iva, his wife, which was very pretty but now looks quite garish as a real estate agency at Point Clare Station. Syd was a railway carpenter and selected that site so as to be as close as possible to catch the train to work. There is a lovely photograph of that house in its original condition in the Gosford Library. Syd can be seen standing on the front verandah reading the "Sydney Morning Herald" with their little ginger pomeranian standing on the wide, stone verandah cap. Point Clare was an idyllic place to grow up in those days - bushy and picturesque, with very few houses. There were also very few children at that time and all children went by train to school in Gosford, travelling in the specific carriage set aside for them and under the stern and watchful eye

of Mrs. Edmonds, one of the primary school teachers who lived with her husband, retired military officer Captain Edmonds, near the entrance to the eastern side of Point Clare Station. No one would put foot or finger out of place when with Mrs. Edmonds.

By the time I started school it was 1939 and World War Two had just begun. All men under forty were called up, including the male teachers, so elderly retired teachers were brought out of their retirement to take their places. At first my Mother drove me to school each day by horse and sulky. The distance was four miles and, except for the tarred section through Koolewong to about the top (eastern) end of what was later developed as Victory Parade, was surfaced in rough, red gravel until it met the Pacific Highway at West Gosford.

The red gravel surfacing of Brisbane Water Drive continued to be a problem for some time after Richter Brothers started their Black and White Bus Service, particularly when it was very dry or when there was a lot of rain. Every so often Council would send out a grader to smooth the surface but everyone was very pleased when finally it was tarred. This driving arrangement soon became too much for my Mother and our bay mare, Molly, and I was then allowed to go on the train. The other children travelling were Donald and Robyn Scott from Tascott Station (descendants of T.A. Scott), Jean Elliott and her younger brother, whose parents, Dolly and Norman Elliott, had the dairy near Tascott Station, Harry and Patty Mortimer (corner of Brisbane Water Drive and Victory Parade, Point Clare), Helen and Bobby Cox who lived in a cottage next to the Post Office Store (cottage next to where the Point Clare Vet is now), Bobby Knox (younger brother of the late Audrey Waters) and the Chapman Children Judy and her elder brother who resided in premises next to their elderly grandmother's guest house, "Welwyn", after which Welwyn Street, Point Clare is named.

The section of Brisbane Water Drive at Koolewong was constructed in conjunction with the building of the railway (1880s). Koolewong was originally a market-gardening area, province of Mr. Couche and his son, and there was no road link from Koolewong to Woy Woy until the road bridge across the entrance to the Bays area was built just after the end of the War in 1946. My Mother and I walked from Point Clare down to the new bridge to see the opening ceremony, with ribbon cutting. It was a momentous event as, prior to having the bridge to get from Woy Woy to Point Clare or Gosford, you had to go by train or water. Following the construction of the bridge, Richter Brothers started the Black and White Bus Service and there was thus a link from Ocean Beach to Gosford and the buses were more frequent than the trains. Many people also found the buses more convenient as there were no fixed stops and people could get on wherever it suited them.

After the railway started a man named Murphy built a row of small holiday cottages on the western side just north of the end of Brisbane Water Drive. The most northerly of those cottages still remains, well-renovated and with a sympathetic addition at each end, all painted white.

With the coming of the railway Mr. Couche built a large and elegant guest-house with stunning water views at the top of Couche Crescent. It had several commodious motor garages dug into the hillside underneath, which gives a further clue to the date when Brisbane Water Drive was constructed. Unfortunately the guest-house has been demolished. The elegant garages still remained until a few years ago but now they are also gone. Many members will know that the gravestone of Jacobi Cutter who died at Koolewong in the days before the railway, has been relocated to the verandah of Henry Kendall Historic Museum, adjacent to Henry Kendall Cottage, as it came to be on railway land and was thus at risk of loss. Koolewong was originally called "Glenrock" but the railways needed more distinctive names for communication purposes, so "Koolewong" was selected instead. I have been told it is an Aboriginal name that means "native bear", which is what people originally called koalas. During my childhood, old timers would talk about there having been many koalas at Koolewong, so many that locals would hunt them for their skins to make rugs.

The section of Brisbane Water Drive through Tascott possibly originated with the agricultural needs of T.A. Scott, whose farming included what is now the Victory Parade area. I would be very interested to know about this. Until the post-war housing developments that area was known to locals as "Tascott Flat" and had a cricket pitch and tennis courts at the Koolewong end. All that fell into disuse when all the men went away to the War. During my childhood, Sunday School was held in the local hall next door to Syd Harford's House at the station and each year a Sunday School Picnic would be held under the big gum tree at the Point Clare end of the Flat. There was always a Santa Claus, tall, strongly-built and wearing the traditional floor-length robe. As a child I could never find out who it was wearing the robe but, looking at my Mother's old photographs, I believe it was probably Norman Elliott, who owned the dairy, but would welcome further information.

As far as I can remember, until about 1950 the only motor vehicle in Point Clare or Tascott was old Mrs. Turner's original, black and very well-kept T-model Ford. From where we lived I could see it parked outside her neat white cottage at the top of the Point Clare end of Victory Parade and used to enjoy seeing her turning the crank handle to start it up, and then driving off at a good speed inside a huge cloud of dust. Mrs. Turner's house is still there and looks much the same as it ever did.

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Bell miner



Conservation status



Least Concern (IUCN 3.1)^[1]

Scientific classification

- Kingdom: Animalia
- Phylum: Chordata
- Class: Aves
- Order: Passeriformes
- Superfamily: Meliphagoidea
- Family: Meliphagidae
- Genus: *Manorina*
- Species: ***M. melanophrys***

Binomial name

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(Latham, 1801)



Bell miner range^[2]