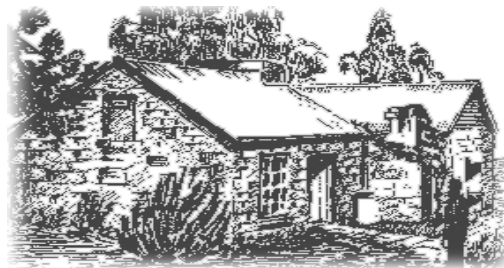


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MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE!!!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM, with the election of officers for the coming year, was held on Saturday, 17th March 2018. Whilst attendance was a little down on last year, we had a reasonable roll up and we thank those members who did attend. We are grateful to Geoff Lewis, Treasurer of Gosford Blue Waters Probus, who kindly consented to be our Scrutineer again this year. All positions were declared vacant and the newly elected Committee is as follows:

President		Edith Campbell
Senior Vice President		Margaret Pearce
Vice Presidents	(2)	Shirley Rider
		Sandy Hunt-Sharman
Secretary		Verna Rieschild
Treasurer		Cheryl Remfry
Committee	(3)	Fiona McLennan
		John Wright
		Kreenah Yelds

Appointments

Charles Gosford, Earl of Gosford, is presently our Patron and will continue in this role.

Central Coast Council Mayor, Jane Smith, has also graciously consented to continue as our Patron.

Maxine Andronicos of Taperell Rutledge, Lawyers, will continue as our Honorary Solicitor.

Stephen Cassin, of HC Partners Umina will continue as our Honorary Auditor.

Jim O'Harae will continue as our Public Officer.

The following members will continue in these roles:

Kreenah Yelds -	Curator
Margaret Pearce -	Publicity Officer & Duty Roster Officer
Shirley Rider -	Newsletter Editor & Group Bookings Officer

Eunice Warden Presentation

After a short tea break (thanks to members who brought a plate) we enjoyed a presentation by our member Eunice Warden - "Living on the Frontier - the Great Western Railway Line". Thank you, Eunice.

BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
ANNUAL REPORTS 2018

Newsletter Editor's Report

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

It is with pleasure that I present my 14th Annual Newsletter Editor's Report. I wish to thank most sincerely Cheryl Remfry for her assistance in the production and issuing of our **Cooranbean Courier** on the first Wednesday of the month. I also wish to thank Edith Campbell who, along with Cheryl, issued the Newsletter in my absence on two occasions during this past year. Contributions are always welcome and thanks also go to those members who have contributed to the contents of the Courier and assisted in the processing.

In the past year the **Cooranbean Courier** was issued by email to 62 members and email copies were also sent to other Historical Societies, Museums, and local media. By 'snail mail' we also sent 29 copies of our Courier to members and 16 copies to other Historical Societies, Museums, and local media. Currently 96 members are registered but some couples only get one newsletter. As is required, a copy is sent to the State Library for their Archives. Extra copies are printed to be available in the Museum. The **Cooranbean Courier** enables us to keep Members informed of what has been happening recently in our Society, such as the Welfare of Members, Special Events, upcoming Guest Speakers and Exhibitions, Social Outings, new library books, donations of artifacts, Maintenance and Conservation, and to introduce New Members.

Group Bookings are listed in the Courier and in the Front Office for members' information and updated progressively.

Our **Program** for the current year is included and updated every issue. This gives details about coming events such as our Quarterly Gatherings, Social Days, the Heritage Festival, History Week, Bunnings' BBQ, and our Rotary Raffle. Information is included about other events and occasions such as the recent visit by a group of American University students who were studying Henry Kendall, and our recent enjoyable and successful fund raising event with Rotary to the movie "The Post". Our current Committee Members, Appointed positions, our Patrons 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 past year and for your support and contributions. I really enjoy carrying out the duties of this position and hope I can continue in this capacity.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

..... *Margaret Pearce, Shirley Rider, Edith Campbell*

We are happy to present this report of our activities since our last Annual General Meeting in March 2017.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Speakers at our meetings this past year have been Helen Smith, a presenter from Radio 50 Plus, and in July, Marilyn Wood from Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society. Marilyn brought two Day Bonnets, thought to have belonged to the daughter of Solomon Wiseman, and talked about the research that had been done on them.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Heritage Festival - Theme was "*Names Upon a Stone*" : an exhibition that explored the life of Henry Kendall and how he found true friendship. Michael Wilding, Emeritus Professor of English and Australian Literature at Sydney University, and author of "*Wild Bleak Bohemia*": *Marcus Clarke, Adam Lindsay Gordon and Henry Kendall*" spoke on the life of Henry Kendall.

History Week - Theme was "Pop" as in Popular Culture. The spotlight was on favourite local venues, popular fashion and standout performances over the years. Emeritus Professor Richard Waterhouse from Sydney University related the history of popular culture in the broader Australian context.

OUTINGS

- May - A Thank You BBQ for BWHS Volunteers
- June - Visit to St Albans, the small historic village on the Macdonald River, with lunch at the Historic Convict built Settlers Arms Hotel.
- November - Visit to Lindesay Historic House, Darling Point, for their Christmas Gift Fair.

EXHIBITIONS

Our Curator, Kreenah Yelds, organised four temporary exhibitions during the year

Names Upon a Stone - Henry Kendall - which related to our Heritage Festival

Red Woollen Petticoat - Items from our Costume Archives, and local stories about those people who helped weave the very fabric of cultural life.

Stepping Out on the Coast - The Impact of local performances and entertainment on Popular Culture - relating to History Week.

Sing Sing Sing - Les Allen Photographic Collection from Gosford Library - highlights of local variety shows.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BWHS has been involved in the following community events this past year with stalls at many of these locations :

1. International Women's Day at Erina Fair.
2. 4Villages Walk organised by Kincumber Rotary.
3. History Expo at Erina Fair, celebrating Erina Fair's 30th Anniversary.
4. Diggers at The Entrance History Expo.
5. St. Phillip's School Spring Fair.
6. St. Paul's Kincumber - 175th Anniversary Celebrations.
7. Central Coast Family History Society "Grandparents' Day".
8. "*Patricia Cam*" Memorial Ceremony - commemorating the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the "*Patricia Cam*".

FUNDRAISING

Bunning's BBQ in June - a very successful and enjoyable day, making a profit of \$1350.

Grill'd at Erina Fair - partaking in the Grill'd Community donation program.

Rotary Raffle - (Rotary Club of The Entrance).

Movie fundraiser at Avoca Theatre sponsored by Kincumber Rotary. The movie was "*The Post*". This was an excellent choice ; it was very interesting and enjoyable with great performances by Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks, and we made a nice little profit.

GRANTS

We were fortunate in receiving the following Grants this year from :

1. Community Programs and Volunteering - Department of Social Services - for new Mosaic Computer and other computer hardware including new printers to replace the old one that 'died'.
2. Central Coast Council for remedial / maintenance work on the Cottage - damp damage on northern wall and repairs to roof.
3. Museums and Galleries for the Museum Exhibition Development Project.
4. Central Coast Council - new doors for the Storage shed and work shed.

DONATIONS

Thanks for donations from these local businesses -

1. Bunnings - donated paint for painting the Storage and Work shed.
2. Coles - donations of food for our meetings.
3. Office Works - money for display box for exhibitions.
4. Campbell's Home Timber and Hardware, Woy Woy - for materials for wheels and upgrade for the display cabinets.
5. Makinstone Pavers.

VISITORS TO THE COTTAGE AND MUSEUM

We have had quite a few groups and visitors visiting the Cottage and Museum this year. School visits have really increased. They are mainly Junior Primary classes who are studying basic local history, particularly how people lived in the past and comparing it to the present.

Apart from the school tours we have received increasing numbers of Group Tours from Retirement Homes, Probus Clubs and Historical societies, shore visits from Cruise liners and casual visitors. Other interesting groups have visited such as :

- CWA conference tour group for Afternoon Tea
- 30 cars from Italian-Made Social Motor Club - monthly meeting and picnic in the grounds.
- 12 American students and 3 staff from the University of Maryland, USA who have been studying Australian poetry, including Henry Kendall, one of Australia's best loved colonial poets.

OTHER ITEMS

- During this year we have completed and implemented our Code of Conduct.
- Revised our Constitution as required by the Department of Fair Trading.
- Consolidated the Working Teams. We are hoping that more non-committee members will be willing to be involved.
- Thanks to all our volunteers who have worked so hard to achieve what we have done this year and to all those who supported our activities.
- And particular thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.

Margaret Pearce - Acting President

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Margaret Pearce - Snr Vice President and Public Officer

The Publicity Report continues to be a never-ending task. I continue to use numerous outlets for this task.

1. Newspapers x 4.
2. Radio x3.
3. Shopping Centres x 3.
4. Social Clubs x 3.
5. Distribution of Green Flyers to bus companies and Tour Coaches.
6. Retirement villages and motels x 3.

Our visiting coach arrivals have increased recently due to increased publicity from a mail out to Retirement Villages and Schools.

Central Coast Imag have given us increased 'drops' of their magazine to 100 copies each month. This includes a coloured photo of our cottage and story.

The Entrance Tourist Information Centre have kindly offered a space for us to set up a stand for our advertising needs.

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Thank you to our new Secretary, Verna Rieschild for this interesting article.

WORDS AS CULTURAL SYMBOLS ACROSS SPACE AND TIME

History, Landscape and Words

Place names are a good place to hunt for long gone cultural attitudes and beliefs.

“In Australia toponyms [place names] are predominantly relics of colonial and Indigenous landscape interactions – relics which can be investigated to uncover their historical importance and value in shaping community identities.” (Kostanski & Clark. nd)

‘Space’ is changed to ‘place’ through naming (Carter, Donald & Squires, 1993). A place name can be borrowed from another space (as happens in colonizing); or from another language/group (as with the use of Aboriginal place names), or there can be original naming motivated by factors like shape, as in Point Perpendicular; colour, as in Blackheath; and institutional associations, like Church Point (see Tent & Blair: 2011).

Australian place names derive from both northern hemisphere and local influences. Early colonizers in, say, North America, New Zealand, and South Africa, defined the local landscape using English place names, as in “Avoca Beach”, Australia, from Avoca in Ireland; “Aberdeen” in South

Africa and Scotland; and “Swansea” in Arizona, USA, Australia, and New Zealand.

However, long before colonization, Australian place naming systems had developed in Aboriginal languages to map the Dreamtime. The toponyms are part of culture hence deeply embedded in spiritual beliefs and their expression in sacred and daily life. From early colonial days, governments have been developing toponymic principles for mapping the Australian landscape. However, the essence and history of the land is not captured by simply adopting or inventing Aboriginal toponyms. Many toponyms already adopted can be more correctly described as Anglo-Aboriginal; adapted, so cultures fuse, rather than reflecting discrete cultural origins and meanings.

Even though efforts were made to avoid public use of secret or sacred place names, the use of Aboriginal place names for colonial spaces has altered the original spiritual meanings and overlaid the words with European resonances. Perhaps a way to preserve the distinct cultural meanings of “place” is to implement a dual name programme for Australian spaces.

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Terminology guide: <https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/terminology-guide>

Group Bookings - April to July

As you can see quite a few requests for Group Bookings have been received and June looks as though it's going to be a busy month.

Wed. Apr. 4	10.00	Waverley Seniors	20 visitors
Thu. Apr. 5	10.15 to 10.50	Radiance of the Sea	tba
Mon. Apr. 9	11.00 to 2.30	St. Phillips Christian School	80 students - 5 groups
Tue. Apr. 17	10-10.30	Padstow RSL Sunshine Club	30-40 visitors
Fri. Apr. 20	10.00	Narellan Probus	40 visitors
Sat. Apr. 21	10.30	Terranova Holidays	26 visitors
<i>(same day as our Open Day - OK as Terranova happy to attend)</i>			
Thu. May 20	<i>Tentative booking - 40 visitors</i>		
Tue. May 22	1.30/1.45	Gwen Ryall Group/Nareen Terrace	10 +
Thu. May 24	10.00 to 12.30	Wyong Primary School	100 students- years 1 & 2
Tue. Jun. 5	10.00	Gosford North Probus	10-12 visitors
Wed. Jun. 6	10.00	Gosford Uniting - Adult Fell'ship	20 visitors
Fri. Jun. 8 &)	Woy Woy Primary School - Years 2 & 2		
Fri. Jun. 15)	<i>- Tentative booking - awaiting confirmation</i>		
Wed. Jun. 11	10.30	Hawkesbury Neighbour Aid	10 visitors
Fri. Jun. 8 and 15	Woy Woy P/S - tentative booking		
Sat. Jun. 23	10.30/10.45	Austin Car Club	20 visitors
Fri. Jul. 27	10.30 to 1.30	Community Centre Woy Woy	tba

Please 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.

Program 2018 and Coming Events

April Saturday 21st Heritage Festival and Display - Open Day
National Trust - Theme is 'My Culture, My Story'
"Rumbalara Towards Tomorrow" - dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land. Temporary exhibition - until 31st May

Join us at 11am on Saturday 21st April for a special guest presentation by Tracey Howie of Guringai Aboriginal Tribal Link, and local historian, Bob Pankhurst.

Members please bring a plate for a light lunch and refreshments afterwards. Gold coin donation welcome.

May Sunday 6th Rotary 4 Villages Walk
Volunteers needed to run our stall in Davistown Progress Hall - 1/2 or full day. Contact Sue Chidgey - 0422565097

May Friday 11th Members Bus trip to Alison Homestead,
Contact - Margaret Pearce - 4384 3271

May Saturday 19th Autumn Gathering
May Wednesday 30th Volunteering Central Coast Expo - Erina Hub, near Erina Fair Library. Volunteers needed to run our site - Contact Sue Chidgey - 0425565097

July Saturday 21st Winter Gathering - Soup and Rolls

November Saturday 17th Spring Gathering

December Tuesday 11th Christmas Party

Kitchen / Reception Upgrade

We have received \$16,000 from a Central Coast Council grant to upgrade the kitchen and reception areas for which we are really grateful as this is badly needed. More details in future newsletters



Celebrating National Trust Australian Heritage Festival 2018
theme 'My Culture, My Story'

Brisbane Water Historical Society
and **Guringai Aboriginal Tribal Link**
proudly present

'Rumbalara Towards tomorrow'
an exhibition dedicated to the traditional custodians of country



(exhibition on display March 3 - May 31)

Join us **Saturday 21st April from 10:30am** for a special
guest presentation by Tracey Howie and Bob Pankhurst
light lunch and refreshments – gold coin donation

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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 Museum Complex, West Gosford. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!

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