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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 1.00 and all positions will be declared vacant. Only financial members will be able to nominate anyone for positions on the Committee or to vote at the AGM, or to accept a position on the Committee. Nomination and Proxy forms are included with this Newsletter and are available from the Office also. If you wish to nominate for any position yourself, or you want to nominate any other members for any of the positions, just ask any of the members on duty for more forms if required. Give completed forms to Secretary Margareta Tauni or put them in her folder in the Archives Room. Completed Nomination forms can also be sent by email. Nominations are due a week before the AGM - **Tuesday, March 12th**.

Subscriptions

A reminder that Annual Subscriptions are now due. Please pay them as soon as possible to our Treasurer, George Boettiger. Fees are :

\$15.00 for singles

\$25.00 for doubles living at the same address

\$ 7.50 for children

Subscription Forms were included with January *Cooranbean Courier* and are available from our office also.

No further Newsletters will be sent to unfinancial members after April.

Summer Gathering

We had a pleasant afternoon with a lovely Afternoon Tea. It would have been nice to have seen a few more members there but at this time of the year people often have a lot of commitments.

Our Guest Speaker was Author and Historian Lois Sabine, who is the editor of Dr. William Bell's *The Settlers' Guide or Modern Domestic Medicine and Surgery, 1849*. This is a fascinating publication consisting of a previously unpublished manuscript coupled with the editor's background information to the work. Lois had copies of her book for sale, which is now in the historical collections of many Medical Libraries. Lois gave an interesting Power Point presentation about Dr. William Bell's varied life experiences in the early days of the Colony.

Outing – Thursday, February 28th, 8.30, from HK Grounds

Our next Outing is with Coastal Liners to Grossman House at Maitland, and Miss Potter's House at Newcastle West. Morning Tea and Lunch are



included in the price of \$65. Lunch will be at the Maitland Diggers' Club. These are lovely old houses so we should have an enjoyable tour. **Mark it in your diary and please book and pay Margaret as soon as possible.** It's a lot of work for her so let's help to make it run smoothly.

Isaac Beckett and Samuel Owen arrived in Maitland from Sheffield, England, in 1838 and set up the trading partnership, Owen and Company, to conduct a General Store. Beckett and Owen commissioned local architect, William White (1829-1879) to design two family homes in Church Street. Entcliffe (now known as Grossman House) and Brough House were designed to mirror each other. Perhaps to preserve some degree of privacy as family and callers came and went, the principal entrance to each residence was located on the outer side wall. However, the two properties shared a common laundry, a measure that would have allowed them to share the onerous duties of washing day. Our Tour will be over Grossman House



Miss Porter's House is a National Trust Edwardian Terrace House in which Hazel Porter lived all of her life. It contains over 100 years of collectables.

Big Bertha

Norman Allan has constructed a roof for Big Bertha's 'home' to protect her in her senior years! Big Bertha is our lovely big old tractor. Appropriately **big thanks** go to Norman from Big Bertha and BWHS.

Kariong Festival

BWHS are participating again this year by operating a stall. The Festival attracts a lot of people so it's a good opportunity for us to really promote BWHS. It was very hot work in February 2012 so thankfully this year it should be a bit cooler as the Festival will not be on until **Sunday, March 17, 2013.**

Grant

Approval, under an existing Grant, has been received to complete the sterile zone around HK Cottage,

Rotary Raffle

Closing Date was January 25 and it will be drawn on February 12, 2013.

Good Luck!

First Train to Woy Woy – 125 years ago

On January 16th it was 125 years since the first railway line opened to Woy Woy from Sydney and the first railway station opened at Woy Woy on the same day. When first opened the single line came south from Newcastle and Gosford. Gosford got the railway first, in August 1887. Construction of the line proceeded south along the difficult Western shore of Brisbane Water through the new Woy Woy tunnel to a temporary railhead at Mullet Creek. Here the stern-wheel paddle steamer 'General Gordon' took passengers and luggage across the Hawkesbury River to the South railhead. When the Hawkesbury River railway bridge opened on 1st May 1889, this arrangement ceased. The line was now complete.

(History of Woy Woy, comp. by Local Studies Librarian, GCL, March 2006)

New Member

Welcome to new member Lisa Glanville. Lisa is going to give us some much needed help with our museum and cottage cleaning. Glad to have you aboard Lisa!

Group Bookings

Group Bookings so far for February and March are as follows:

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ATTENDING
Feb. 7	Thur.	10.30	Probus Everglades	(to be confirmed)
Feb. 11	Mon.	2.00	Terranova Tours	40
Feb. 16	Sat.	10.15	Radiance of the Sea	tba
Feb. 19	Tues.	9.15	Rhapsody of the Sea	tba
Feb. 27	Wed.	(9.30 (12.00	Henry Kendall H/S - Special Ed.	2 groups x 9
Feb. 28	Thur.	11.00	West Gosford Probus (Frank Courts)	(own BBQ)
Mar. 5	Tues.	10.00-10.30	Berkeley Village	15
Mar. 6	Wed.	1.30	Wednesday Wanderers	15
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Mar. 7	Thurs.	10.30 (finish about 11.30-11.45)	Crows Nest Probus Talk, bringing own M/Tea	? TBA
Mar. 11	Mon.	10.30-11.00	Wallsend Pensioners	30-35
Mar. 24	Sun.	9.15	Rhapsody of the Sea	TBA
Mar. 25	Mon.	10.00	Terranova Tours	40

Bookings are being received also for April and May and even later in the year.

Museum Duty

Would Duty Members please confirm with Margaret Pearce, our Duty Roster Officer, when they are on duty. Upcoming Tours are published in the Newsletter but this is issued monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Group Bookings can still come in or be altered after that date. A list of Bookings is in our Staffroom and is progressively updated

Please make sure that, if you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty, you contact Margaret (or Bob or Shirley Rider if Margaret is unavailable) to advise of this. 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 2013**Please watch the Newsletter for updates****February**

Thurs 28 **Outing** – Grossman House, Maitland & Miss Porter's House, Newcastle

March

Sun 17 Kariong Community Fun Festival
Tues 19, 1.00 **AGM** – Guest Speaker, Patricia Skeehan
Subject : *Lest We Forget, Memoirs of an Old Soldier*

April

Tues 16 **Heritage Festival** – 'Community Milestones' :
Railways of the Central Coast

May

Tues 21, 1.00 **Autumn Gathering** – Speaker -
Sat 25, 9.30 Working Bee – Storeroom 2 & 3 plus ??

June

Outing – Old Government House, Parramatta plus one or two other places in the area

July

Tues 16 **Winter Gathering** – Soup and Rolls
Speaker -

August

Outing –

September

Sat to Sun 7-15 **History Week** – Theme – 'Picture This' – *Use of Photographs and Pictures in Recording History*

October

Outing – Cockatoo Island, Sydney
Street Stall

November

Sat 2, 9.30 Working Bee - Spring Cleaning
Tues 19, 1.00 **Spring Gathering**

December

Tues 10, 12.00 **Christmas/Birthday Party**

Tennis Anyone?

There has been such an emphasis on tennis lately – fabulous matches, personalities, fashions – it seems that every time we turned on the TV or opened a newspaper there was more tennis. Most of us have really enjoyed it. How tennis fashions have changed! Just look at the following photographs. However did those ladies play tennis in their formal clothes, and with those big hats! Compare them with the pared down outfits worn by today's women tennis stars.



1920/30



About 1904 – Gosford Tennis Team at Victoria Park (now the Golf Course)



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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 Museum Complex, West Gosford.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!

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