

# NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. Founded 1950

# **Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum**

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To all our Members and Friends

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



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## <u>WELFARE</u>

Some sad news. Margareta's husband passed away on November 28th. Our thoughts and deep sympathy go to Margareta and her family.

#### **PATRONS**

We're very grateful to our new Mayor, Lisa Matthews, who has graciously consented to be one of our Patrons.

Ms Matthews joins our other Patron, Charles Acheson, 7th Earl of Gosford. (For those of you who don't know, Gosford Castle is in County Armagh, Ireland. There is an illustration of Gosford Castle on the wall in the museum.) You can check it out on Google.

The first issue of our B.W.H.S. Newsletter, March 1979, explains why we have a rooster on our Coat of Arms and I'd like to reprint the article here. I'm sure many members have no idea of this.

"The golden rooster or cockerel in our Society's 'Coat of Arms' is a copy of the one at the top of Gosford Shire Council's Coat of Arms and has a very significant origin.

Gosford was named by Governor Gipps after his friend, the then Earl of Gosford.

In 1948 the current Earl of Gosford gave permission for the council to adopt his family's Coat of Arms. However, it was not until 1966 that it was formally adopted and displayed on council's vehicles and stationery.

The heraldic description states that there is a two-headed eagle coloured black, with beaks and claws of gold against a silver background. Mullets (five-pointed stars) are on a green field. A red rooster stands on a golden trumpet.

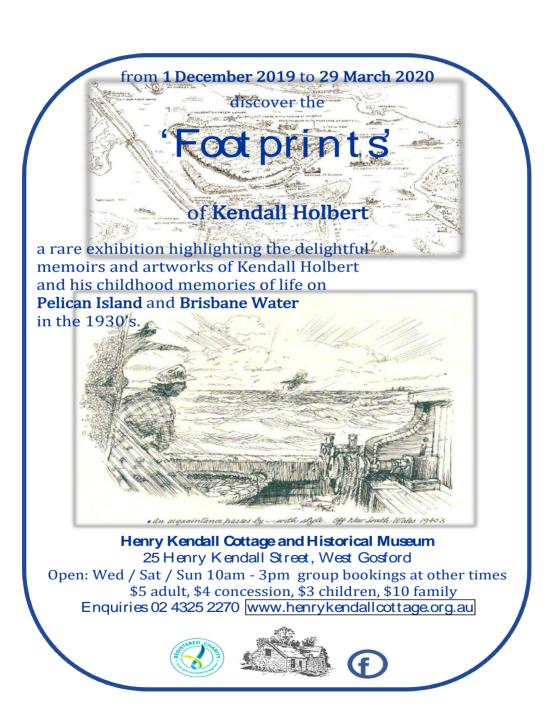
Supporters are leopards in their proper colours. The leopards are wearing collars and chains of gold and the right one is looking backwards. A Coat of Arms bearing the heraldic colours is mounted in the Council Chambers (or was then). The motto "Vigilantibus" - which we also have adopted - means "To the Watchful".

So our crest and motto have a direct link with Gosford's beginnings, and this is something of which we all can feel quite proud."

(We still have BWHS badges displaying this if anybody wants one).

### **FOOTPRINTS**

The current display at our museum is a repeat of one in 2015 called *Footprints* and can be viewed until 29th March 2020. This display is based on the memoirs of Kendall Holbert who grew up on the Central Coast in the 1930s and 1940s. Kendall's family had oyster leases around the Woy Woy area and were probably the only people to live on Pelican Island. Kendall did some delightful drawings of the area and these were copied for the exhibition. This display is repeated as a tribute to Kendall who recently passed away.



# CHRISTMAS FUNCTION - THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Don't forget our Christmas Function at Woy Woy Leagues Club!

# 2019 CHRISTMAS and 69th Birthday PARTY

**Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc.** 







You are invited for Christmas lunch on <u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 12pm.</u>
A private room has been reserved. Family and friends welcome.

The lunch will consist of pork, ham, turkey, vegetables and a selection of sweets.

Tea and coffee are included. Other drinks at your expense.

Blackwall Room Woy Woy Leagues Club 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy

Cost is \$37 and must be paid at the Museum or online (BSB 062 690 Acct 10215592). Please put your name in the Reference field.

Please contact Margaret Pearce by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December for bookings. Phone 4384 3271.

or email info@henrykendallcottage.org.au





At the end of this year we will be looking for a new Treasurer and Office Assistant:

### **TREASURER**

This needs someone familiar with Cash Handling and basic computer skills to keep records and do reports.

# **Duties Include**

Petty Cash

Banking

Payment of Bills

Maintaining Financial Records

Preparing Monthly and Annual Reports

Training can be provided in our required procedures

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# **OFFICE ASSISTANT**

We need a volunteer to work once a week on a Wednesday 10.00 - 3.00. This will involve doing our computer work as well as general office duties. The person will need to be familiar with Microsoft Office.

## **Duties include**

- Distribution of emails to members
- Maintain members list
- Maintaining files computer and paper
- Typing and printing brochures and leaflets
- Other typing and printing as requested
- Assisting with the preparation, printing and distribution of the Newsletter
- Purchasing of supplies

It would be great to have someone before the end of the year so that they can become familiar with the work.

# **GROUP BOOKINGS - December 2019 & 2020**

Mon. Dec. 9 10.30 Potter Travel (EH11793) (64) visitors+2 crew End of Year Mystery Tour, Lake Macquarie Short talk

Bookings starting to come in for 2020 - have 7 already - just need a few details.

Fri.	Jan. 3	11.25-12.00	Celebrity Solstice Cruise -	JA3
Wed.	Jan. 15	11.25-12.00	Celebrity Solstice Cruise -	A31313 (40)
Tue.	Mar. 3	p.m.	Stuart Coaches, Worrigee -	(48 snrs)
Wed.	Mar. 4	10.30	Mt.Druitt Probus	(30) (short talk)
Sat.	Mar. 21	10.15-10.50	Celebrity Solstice - 2 coache	es (40) per coach
Wed.	Mar. 25		Telford Bus Co.	25-30
Wed.	Apr. 8	10.00	Shellharbour City Tours	(no's. tbc)
Fri.	Apr. 17	9.30	Potter Travel (EH12238)	(40 snrs)

Our poem by Henry Kendal this month is -

## FROM THE FORESTS

(published 1881)

Where in a green, moist, myrtle dell The torrent voice rings strong And clear, above a star-bright well I write this woodland song.

The melodies of many leaves
Float in a fragrant zone;
And here are flowers of deep-mossed eaves
That day has never known.

I'll weave a garland out of these,
The darlings of the birds,
And send it over singing seas
With certain sunny words ---

With certain words alive with light Of welcome for a thing Of promise, born beneath the white, Soft afternoon of Spring.

The faithful few have waited long
A life like this to see;
And they will understand the song
That flows to-day from me.

May every page within this book

Be as a radiant hour;

Or like a bank of mountain brook

All flower and leaf and flower.

May all the strength and all the grace Of letters make it beam As beams a lawn whose lovely face Is as a glorious dream.

And may that strange divinity

That men call Genius write

Some deathless thing in days to be,

To fill those days with light.

### From the Forests (con'td)

Here where the free frank waters run,
I pray this book may grow
A sacred cannon like the sun
Above the morning snow.

May noble thoughts in faultless words -In clean white diction -- make
It shine as shines the home of birds
And moss and leaf and lake

This fair fresh life with Joy I hail, And this belief express, Its days will be a brilliant tale Of effort and success.

Here ends my song; I have a dream Of beauty like the grace Which lies upon the land of stream In yonder mountain place.

Ref. The Poetical Works of Henry Kendall. / T.T. Reed (Ed). - Adelaide: Libraries Board of South Australia. 1966



<u>PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS HOURS - CLOSURE</u>

<u>We will be closed over Christmas/NewYear from 24th December</u>

(Christmas Eve) to New Year's Day (January 1st inclusive.

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PLEASE NOTE: All correspondence should be forwarded to our actual street address of 25-27 Henry Kendall Street, West Gosford, 2250 - unless otherwise noted. Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc. owns and maintains Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum that 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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