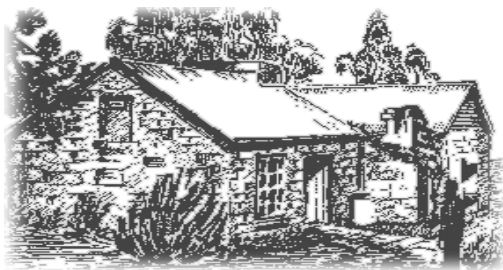


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**To all our Members and Friends
A Very Happy New Year**

Diary Date - Spring Gathering Saturday 18/1/20 at 1pm followed by afternoon tea. Our speaker will be Claire Halon from Central Coast Potters Society. The Society has recently celebrated their 50th birthday. Clare will talk about their history and bring some pots and photographs from their collection. Don't forget – the Museum is now air-conditioned !!



Christmas Party - Tuesday, 10th December - Woy Woy Leagues Club

We were all very happy with the pleasant location, the food was great and the service excellent, it wasn't crowded, and we'll certainly keep it in mind for our next Christmas function.

We are pleased to include a report from Fiona on her recent visit to the Regional Stakeholder Forum 2019 (MAAS - Powerhouse Museum)

I recently attended this all-day forum and very much enjoyed it. As well as having the opportunity of saying Hello to some of my old colleagues there, it was wonderful to listen to and learn from museum professionals and other volunteers from around NSW.

The programme included the topics - writing stories from archives; setting up an Indigenous exhibit and the issues around liaising with the Aboriginal donors; current models for digitisation of collections and a new manual available from Museums and Galleries of NSW; Port Macquarie Museum's online exhibit 'Tourists Paradise...'; regional partnership projects; New Italy Museum needing to pack up the entire museum (30 volunteers) when bushfires threatened it; disaster preparedness and how all museums need to have a published procedure and volunteer training for that issue; pest control and the latest innovations for that.

A very interesting talk was given on relocating a regional museum to a new facility. The museum curator from Shellharbour City Council explained her intricate planning for the logistics of that and how everything went very smoothly during the process. She emphasised that clear communication from the beginning was 'key'.

We were then able to network with the other volunteers and staff from the regional museums and galleries. I also took the opportunity to reacquaint myself with The Powerhouse Museum. There have been lots of changes since I left in 2014!

We selected 'break-out' sessions to participate in after lunch and I am so glad that I had chosen the tour of the beautiful exhibition 'Jenny Kee and Linda Jackson: step into paradise'. The curator and I were pleased to see each other again and I was able to find out that there are over 200 pieces in the exhibition which I highly recommend viewing. It is showing until 22 March 2020 and there are some dates for curator-led tours.

I am not sure where they will host the forum in 2020 due to the uncertainty of MAAS but I am hoping that I can participate again as it was very worthwhile.

..... Fiona McLennan

ROTARY RAFFLE

The rotary raffle tickets need to be sent to Rotary at The Entrance at the end of the month, so please could you return any tickets sold or unsold to the Museum by the end of January.

GROUP BOOKINGS - 2020

Bookings are now coming in for 2020. This is just a brief list - more details are on our Group Bookings list - copy in front office.

Thu.	Jan. 9	9.30	Erina Happy Wanderers Tour Club (30)
Wed.	Jan. 15	10.15-10.50	Celebrity Solstice - 2 coaches (80 = 40x2)
		11.25-12.00	Celebrity Solstice - 1 coach (29)
Wed	Jan. 15	12.30	Jaguar Club - picnic lunch
Wed	Jan. 22	tba	Eastwood Probus - Telford Tours - (34)
Tue.	Mar. 3	p.m.	Stuart Coaches, Worrigeer - (48 snrs)
Wed.	Mar. 4	10.30	Mt.Druitt Probus (30) (short talk)
Wed.	Mar.11	3.00 pm	Stuart Coaches, Worrigeer - (48)
Sat.	Mar. 21	10.15-10.50	Celebrity Solstice - 2 coaches (80 = 40x2)
Wed.	Mar. 25	time tbc	Probus, Greenwell Pt -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)
Thu.	Nov. 19	9.30	Potter Travel (EH12451) (40 snrs)

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

*Your 2020 membership fee is now due. Please pay by cash or cheque at the Museum or pay by bank deposit to Commonwealth Bank **BSB 062 690 Account 10215592**, putting your name in the Reference field. If you have changed your address or phone number during the year, please let us know. Thank you*

*There is just room for a short poem this month so from **Henry Kendall's Austral Poems** here is -*

JANUARY

The first fair month! In singing Summer's sphere
 She glows, the eldest daughter of the year.
 All light, all warmth, all passion, breaths of myrrh,
 And subtle hints of rose-lands, come with her.
 She is the warm, live month of lustre—she
 Makes glad the land and lulls the strong, sad sea.
 The highest hope comes with her. In her face
 Of pure, clear colour lives exalted grace;
 Her speech is beauty, and her radiant eyes
 Are eloquent with splendid prophecies.

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