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## NEWSLETTER OF THE BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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### BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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### Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum

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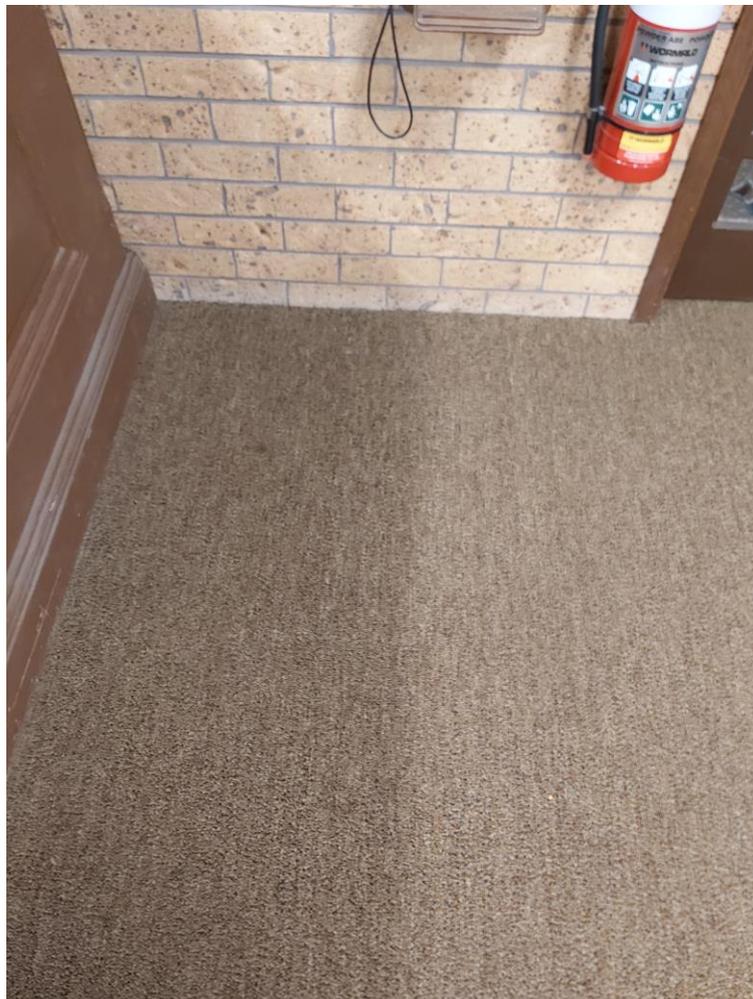


## **WELCOME EVERYONE!**

We hope you and yours are all feeling well and bearing up under the strain of isolation. It's great to be starting to open up the Museum and Cottage again and gradually seeing the faces of our friends and colleagues : and Don organised another successful Zoom Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 11th August.

## **CARPET CLEANED!**

Some carpet cleaning has been carried out - just look at the contrast in the Museum carpet now! The water was black!



**NOTE:** At Shirley's suggestion and the Committee's approval the Newsletter will be now issued during the second week of the month.

## **SAFETY PLAN**

With the Museum and Cottage re-opening this month, protecting the health of our visitors and volunteers is paramount and we have implemented a Safety Plan covering a range of hygiene and physical distancing measures in accordance with the NSW Government's Public Health Order (No 3) 2020. A copy of the plan is available at Reception.

### **Entry**

We are limiting the number of visitors to each section of the premises and you are asked to follow signage to maintain 4 square metres of space for each person. Signage will be displayed at each building entrance and internal area advising of the maximum capacity allowed. Please note that as a condition of entry, we are required to record the contact details of all visitors to assist with contact tracing in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19. You are asked to record your name and email or phone details in the log book on entry. The information will be held according to relevant privacy law requirements.

### **Cleaning**

General cleaning is undertaken daily on days when site is open to visitors and high touch areas cleaned frequently during the day.

### **Hand Washing and Sanitising**

Soap and paper towels are provided in the toilets for visitor use. Hand sanitisers are available at entry points and inside the buildings.

### **Staying at a safe distance**

Social distancing rules will be in place throughout the site. Please keep everyone safe by staying at least 1.5 metres distance from others at all times.

### **Offering contactless payment**

We are encouraging contactless payments as much as possible, so please bring a credit or debit card to pay for entry, membership and any on-site purchases.

### **Compliance**

Please comply with any directions from volunteers on duty.

## **NOTE FROM TREASURER:**

Dear Members, there are still some members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2020. The membership fees per annum January to December are Adult \$20.00, Couple \$30.00, Student \$7.00. You can pay by EFT/direct credit to our bank account: BSB 062-690 Account No. 1021 5592 please include your name as reference. You can also pay by debit or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express or EFTPOS) – please phone me on 0418 276 263 if you wish to pay this way and I will take down your details, or you can email details to [treasurer@henrykendallcottage.org.au](mailto:treasurer@henrykendallcottage.org.au).

We would appreciate members renewing as maintenance and utilities costs continue. Do hope that everyone is well and coping in these troubled times.

Richard has supplied the following rules to obey at the Museum/Cottage.

Maximum Capacity for each area, based on 4 sq.mtrs per person

Museum	10 people
Kitchen/Reception	2 people
Maitland Table	3 people
Entry/Waiting	5 people
Archive/Back Office	1 person
Slab Shed	3 people

Will keep you informed of any changes or additions to this when the situation improves or changes.

### **MUSEUM OPENING**

Our Museum opened on Wednesday, 5th August. No visitors came on Wednesday but there were a few on the weekend and we've had a few today (Saturday).

### **VISITS**

A visit by Liesl Tesch MP, State Member for Gosford, was enjoyed by our Committee and other members on Wednesday, August 12th. Liesl was very interested in HK Cottage and Museum and what we do. It was a delight for us to show her around. Here are some photos from Liesl's visit.

*Liesel with our Committee - Terrie, Richard, Don, Fiona, Shirley*





Secretary Terrie (appropriately dressed)



*Frank, Don and Liesl*

Nick, a teacher from the Adventist School, also visited and made a video of the Museum and Cottage. He also used a drone that we found fascinating. Our Secretary, Terrie showed him around and gave a short presentation - all very well received. Adventist School have been regular visitors to the Museum.

We also had a visit by two nice retired ladies from Sydney, Sylvie and Karen who seemed to really enjoy themselves taking photos and making notes of their visit.

It was also pleasing to see a few visitors on Wednesday.

### **SOME PAST EVENTS : 10 YEARS AGO (2010)**

#### **BWHS - Our Committee:**

President - Shirley Rider : Snr Vice President - Elaine Fry : Vice-Presidents - Ros Ellis, Margaret Pearce : Treasurer - George Boettiger : Committee - Bob Rider, Norman Allen, Ingrid Rode. Our Mayor was Chris Holstein.

Appointments : Public Officer - Ros Ellis : Curator - Hannah Atkin : Publicity Officer - Margaret Pearce : Newsletter Editor - Shirley Rider.

In August we had an interesting and moving excursion to the Jewish Museum. There was a talk firstly by one of the survivors of the holocaust now 80, and then a far too short tour of this fascinating museum.

We featured in our Newsletter a short article written by our then member Jay Sider about the 1910 Estey Parlour Organ in our museum - 100 years old in 2010! Quoting from Jay's article - "This was Home Entertainment 100 years ago." ... A visitor to the museum, Bob Wilson, applied his expertise in restoring it to full 'playability'. He was a professional restorer and was involved in the expert cleaning of the grand organ at Sydney Town Hall.

We also had Jay Sider to thank for organising the 'dusting off' of our camera collection that included some interesting and probably valuable specimens. Amongst our collection is a rather rare Kodak Medalist II (1946).

In our August Newsletter there was another in the series of articles our Member, Barbara Ward, had written about the people on our Banknotes. Featured was a 'Thumbnail Sketch' of David Unaipon (Ngunaitponi anglicized). His portrait appears on our \$50 note

Future events were a Bunnings BBQ and a Street Stall. We were also looking forward in 2010 to our 60th Birthday in December.

**PAST EVENTS : TWENTY YEARS AGO ( 2000)****BWHS - Our Committee:**

President - Elaine Fry : Snr Vice President - Stan Fry : Vice-Presidents - Ruth Logan, Glenys Hill : Treasurer - Frank Chalk : Committee - Sylvia Marshall, Joan Dent, Yvonne Cobby : the positions of Secretary and Publicity Officer were still vacant. Gosford's Mayor was Tony Sansom.

Appointments - Newsletter Editor-Ruth Logan :Tours Officer-Harold Bryant: Research Officer-Helen Taylor : Street Stall Organiser-Winsome Andrews.

Winsome and Graham Andrews hosted a fund raising morning tea at their home in Koolewong. A talk by Winsome enlightened those who had not heard before the story of the headstone of Jacob Cuter, now located on the verandah of the museum.

A new member ***Margaret Pearce*** and her husband came along, so many of us were able to get to know them.

Central Coast Art Society had a 'paint out' in our Grounds and a wedding was held in the Grounds in August. A Pioneer Dinner and a Spring Social were planned for September.

A Branch of Bendigo Bank at East Gosford was officially opened for inspection only, by Mayor Chris Holstein on 5th August and then officially opened for business on 8th August.

Planning was underway for a three-day coach trip to Hartley Village, and Yerranderie, in October. It would include a 2-nights stay at the Big Trout Motel at Oberon and a ride on the Zig Zag Railway.

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**DONATION**

One of our Committee Members received the following donation and has supplied the following snippet for our newsletter - Thanks, Fiona.

"Thank you to a kind donor who has given us a DVD for our Library Collection. She and her father made the original DVD of the 30 year reunion of Gosford East Public School in 1990. In her words 'It includes interviews of the original Headmasters, Headmistresses, staff, parents and teachers plus footage of assemblies, the canteen, hall etc.'. We are looking forward to having a look at it and I'm sure it will be a great addition to our resources" .... Fiona

**PATRONS: Charles Gosford****Earl Of Gosford****Lisa Matthews - Mayor****Central Coast Council**


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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 10.30am to 2.30pm.

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 am to 4.00pm 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!!!! COPYRIGHT: Articles from this Newsletter may be reprinted by other groups without permission, providing acknowledgement is made of the original source and author, unless they are specifically marked copyright.

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