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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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Disability Access : Free Parking

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**VALE**

Sadly we have to report that our member and friend Kathleen Ness passed away recently after a long illness. Kathleen had been a member for a few years including serving on our Committee. She was a lovely lady and we will miss her.

President Don, Edith and Julie represented BWHS by attending Kathleen's funeral at Mackay Family Funeral Home, and Gosford RSL.

I'm sorry that this Newsletter is late - I haven't been too well. and have had to neglect things a bit. No dramas, - I had a COVID-19 test - negative, and a check with my Doctor cleared me of any other 'nasties'. Just one of those winter things. (Shirley .. Ed.)

All the best to anyone else who is not too well at present.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have had successful Electronic Committee Meetings (via Zoom) on June 9th and again on July 14th.

**CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MUSEUM**

Thanks to a few dedicated Members cleaning is progressing well and Grounds are looking lovely.

**NEW MEMBER**

Welcome to our new member, Daryl Kirkness. We hope your stay with us will be enjoyable and interesting.

**REQUEST FROM OUR MEMBER JOAN PATRICK**

I'm in need of a helper who would transcribe documents and work with me checking them. The longest would be 4 or 5 A4 pages long, but more usually they are short newspaper stories.

The work is spasmodic because I'm searching local newspapers, magazines, books for stories and I never know what or when I'll find them.

My focus is on the Society's founders just now so it's not a lot of work but it's necessary because they were important people in our history and it frees me while I hunt.

I need someone who lives on the Woy Woy Peninsula or The Bays preferably because I live at Ettalong.

***Thank You***

## **SAFETY PLAN**

With the Museum and Cottage re-opening in August, 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.

While the Museum is currently closed, we appreciate members renewing as maintenance and utilities costs continue during the lockdown.

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.

### **NEW REFRIGERATOR**

Our old fridge died but we're happy to report that we now have a lovely new smart looking stainless steel refrigerator.

### **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.

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

We had an interesting and moving excursion to the Jewish Museum. Interesting speakers lined up for July and August were Patricia Skehan who was going to do a presentation on Ross Smith, Aviator, and Derelie Cherry from Paradise Gardent, Kulnurra.

Planning was underway to celebrate our 60th Anniversary this year, to be held at the Yellow Piano.

## **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 Secretary Position is temporarily vacant and the Society is intensely looking for one.

Appointments - Newsletter Editor-Ruth Logan :Tours Officer-Harold Bryant: Research Officer-Helen Taylor : Street Stall Organiser-Winsome Andrews. Gosford's Mayor was Tony Sansom.

Much Planning was taking place in preparing for the Sydney Olympics in 2000! It was a very exciting time. The Games would involve many of us, with the media reporting constantly on all the preparations.

In June Members and friends headed north - first stop was Blacksmith's Beach for morning tea and then on to Broadmeadow to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Base for an informative talk on all the aspects of the operation of the service. A tour of Newcastle and an inspection of Christ Church Cathedral followed before heading home.

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

**Well, we were certainly enjoying plenty of varied activities then. (ed.)**

### **A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY ABOUT HOW WE ACQUIRED OUR PRECIOUS COTTAGE**

A Public Meeting was held in December 1959 . The purpose of the meeting was to " ...consider ways and means of purchasing the cottage known as Kendall's Cottage. It was formerly the home of the Fagan Family and the poet Henry Kendall had lived there for about two years. While there he wrote many of his well known poems."

The successful public meeting launched a flurry of activity in the coming months, all directed at raising funds and awareness of the project.

A Deposit on the Cottage was made in February 1960 and the final payment on the Cottage was made in 1968.

For lots more interesting information see *The Fagans, the Cottage, and Kendall (1996.)*

**SOME PHOTOS FROM SIXTY AND SEVENTY YEARS AGO**

The GOW family were early tenants of Henry Kendall Cottage during the 1950s/1960s. Here are a couple of of their family photos taken then.



The shed was used heavily before being moved for the new museum (Note the Mini - looks like the one I had in the early 1960s - Ed. )



**Note the iron roof and old front door**

**MEMORIAL**

**Glad to see that our precious memorial has been repaired and is now at home back on its base. We really should have some sort of protection around it though - we don't want it damaged again!**



