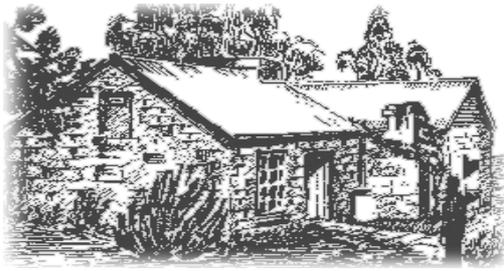


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WELFARE

Do hope that everyone is well and coping in these troubled times.

We had a very successful Electronic Committee Meeting (via Zoom) on 14th April with all committee members participating and intend having our next Zoom E-Committee Meeting in May.

GROUP BOOKINGS 2020 - Just three bookings at present.

Thursday	12 November 2020	Tuncurry Coach Tours
Thursday	19 November 2020	Potter Travel EH12451
Saturday	20 February 2021	Potter Travel EH12238

I'll keep you informed of any changes or additions to this when the situation improves.

NEW MEMBER - welcome Guy Sherwood hope you find your time with us interesting and entertaining.

MEMBERSHIP - This is a last call for Membership Fees. The Square card system is currently being set up, and we can take manual transactions for now. Once we re-open (whenever that may be) there will be a terminal on the front desk for people to tap, insert or swipe their card to pay entry fees, membership fees, bookshop sales etc.

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 member's renewing as maintenance and utilities costs continue during the lockdown.

WHAT TO DO AT HOME DURING OUR ENFORCED STAY

Looking on the bright side, we have the time and opportunity to -

- contact old friends/relatives by phone or email
- go for walks, gardening
- do crosswords, puzzles, jigsaws
- draw or paint or just colour-in
- clean out and process your emails
- clean/tidy cupboards
- play that piano, ukelele, whatever (I'm still to try)
- all those dusting jobs you keep putting off (notice it's last on the list)

You undoubtedly can think of many more! **Good Luck.**

SOME PAST EVENTS

10 YEARS AGO

Browsing through Cooranbean Couriers of ten years ago I became interested in what was happening in our Society then. Our April issue showed that there was plenty going on around that time, and that we were a rather active bunch. It gave the results of our Election of Officers at our AGM in March.

The Committee elected was - *Shirley Rider - President : Elaine Fry - Snr Vice- President : Ros Ellis & Margaret Pearce, Vice-Presidents : Edith Campbell - Secretary : George Boettiger - Treasurer : Bob Rider, Norman Allen, Jean Grey - Committee. Appointments were Public Officer - Ros Ellis, Publicity - Margaret Pearce, and Newsletter Editor - Shirley Rider, and our Curator was Hannah Atkin.*

Some of our activities included attractive Seniors' Week Displays at Erina and Gosford Libraries, and participating in an interesting display of early photos and artefacts for Nostalgia Day at the Regional Gallery (Edogawa) at East Gosford. We started up Special Interest Groups or Teams, covering Displays/ Publicity/Tours/Rosters/Administration/ Grants/ Grounds & Maintenance

About twenty of us enjoyed a relaxing cruise on Brisbane Water on the Lady Kendall. "We had the boat to ourselves except for a nice couple visiting from San Francisco, and other friendly people from Hamlyn Court and Newcastle. The cruise took us to Woy Woy, under the Rip Bridge and as far as Half-Tide Rocks, back to Daley's Point, St. Hubert's Island, Woy Woy Channel and Pelican Island. ... a very pleasant day." (Would like to do that again!..Ed)

We had visits from researcher, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School at Terrigal, (who dressed in old style clothes). Elaine (in Edwardian dress) and Edith paid an interesting entertaining visit to Year 1 classes at Valley View Primary School at Wyoming.

We produced some promotional placemats that we sold for \$2.00 each and our curator gave a 2-hour training session on how to care for various items. The cottage and museum were closed to the public for a week so we could carry out a lot of necessary maintenance work and provide some TLC to our collection. On May 18th we had a Big Working Bee and provided a sausage sizzle to our helpers.

Perhaps this might give us some inspiration for future planning?

Twenty years go Gosford Regional Art Galley opened at Caroline Bay, East Gosford.

Gosford City hosted a huge celebration marking the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay. The event held at the new Grahame Park Stadium, involved hundreds of local school children, massed bands and choirs, and a capacity crowd. And not forgetting the wonderful Olympics. I was a volunteer at these and had a great time. Perhaps some of our members were also volunteers, or present at the Games and have some tales to tell. More on this subject in future newsletter.

BWHS Twenty Years Ago. Members enjoyed a coach trip to the Blue Mountains and visited Henry Parks grave and memorial site at Faulconbridge and the Norman Lindsay Gallery at Springwood. A coach trip was also arranged to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

BWHS hosted the 28th Hunter and Coastal Regional Convention at Gosford RSL Club. The convention was well attended with 65 people and 19 Historical Societies. Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson, welcomed visitors. Councillor Chris Holstein, Mayor of Gosford City, and our patron, officially opened the convention. Speakers included Gwen Dundon, who spoke on the old shipbuilding industry of Brisbane Water.

After a delicious lunch, there were more speakers and then all were invited to afternoon tea at the Cottage and Museum. It was reported that the day was a great success and Elaine Fry (President) was to be congratulated for the time and work she put into this successful convention.

It was reported in the Newsletter of April 2000 that 20 years (1980) before the Tractor, 'Big Bertha', previously at a children's playground at Wyoming, was being restored by Len Davies and Ian Ross.

As a matter of interest, numbering exhibits and labelling Working Bees were held every month. The Cottage and Museum were open every day during the school holidays. Street Stalls appear to have been held every two months. There was a lot more going on in our Society twenty years ago and I'll tell you more in future newsletters.

Forty years ago the City of Gosford was proclaimed. The first Mayor of the City of Gosford was Don Leggett, A.M. In 1981, the year after its proclamation as a city, Gosford LGA had a population of 94,369.

Sixty years ago railway electrification from Sydney to Gosford was completed. Steam locomotives were used north of Gosford until the early 1970s. District population in 1960 was 31,000 persons.

THE GENEROUS VACATION

(Bob Rider)

*The travel agent had a shopfront set up in the mall,
He saw an old lady and an old gent admiring his display.
He'd had a good week so invited them both in for a windfall.
"I see that you're on the pension so I'm being generous today.*

*I'll send you both to Surfers at my own expense,
I'll not take no for an answer" and wrote two tickets for a flight,*

*They went to the airport and got a flight that night.
A month later the old lady came into the agent's office.*

"How did you like the holiday" the travel agent said.

*"The flight was exciting, the room was lovely, and we flew by Qantas
but I have one question of you, I think we were misled.
Who was that old bloke with whom I shared my bed?"*



OUTRE MER (*Overseas*)

..... *by Henry Kendall*

I see, as one in dreaming,

A broad, bright, quiet sea ;

Beyond it lies a haven -

The only home for me.

Some men grow strong with troubles,

But all my strength is past,

And tired and full of sorrow,

I long to sleep at last.

By force of chance and changes

Man's life is hard at best ;

And, seeing hope is voiceless,

The dearest thing is rest.

Beyond the sea - behold it,

The home I wish to seek

The refuge of the weary,

The solace of the weak!.

OUTRE MER (cont'd)

*Sweet angel fingers beckon,
Sweet angel voices ask
My soul to cross the waters ;
And yet I dread the task.
God help the man whose trials
Are tares that he must reap ;
He cannot face the future -
His only hope is sleep.*

*Across the main a vision
Of sunset coasts and skies,
And widths of waters gleaming,
Enchant my human eyes.
I, who have sinned and suffered,
Have sought - with tears have sought
To rule my life with goodness,
And shape it to my thought ;
And yet there is no refuge
Except the realm of slumber
And great forgetfulness.*

