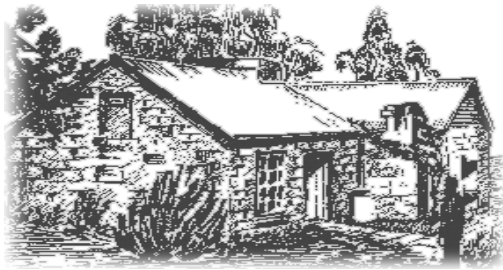


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WELCOME EVERYONE!

Hope you are all enjoying our (mostly) lovely Spring Weather - may it continue!

SAFETY PLAN

With the Museum and Cottage now open to visitors, 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.

Tour and school groups are currently on hold due to COVID restrictions. We are unable to accept any bookings for groups until further notice.

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.

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

BARGAIN BOOKS

A little while ago I reported that Fiona and I (Shirley), with Committee approval, were involved in decluttering our library - according to local significance, age, condition and numbers of copies we hold. We are now able to offer several old unwanted books for sale at discounted prices to help raise much needed funds for our Society. Come along to have a look to see if any of these books take your fancy.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Another successful Zoom Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13th and it was very nice to see and hear our Committee members.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Christina Kirkland whose application for membership was accepted at our October Committee Meeting. We hope that your time with us is pleasant and informative.

CHRISTMAS

I know the Festive Season seems a long way off but it will soon arrive and many of our members may need to plan ahead so - here are our Opening Hours for Christmas 2020:

Closed Thursday 24th of December 2020 until Friday 1st of January 2021 inclusive - Re-open Saturday 2nd January 2021.



Do you
know what
this plant is?

Answer next
Courier.

PAST EVENTS : 5 YEARS AGO (October 2005)**BWHS - Our Committee:**

President - Glenys Hill : Snr Vice President - Margaret Pearce : Vice-Presidents - Ruth Logan, Shirley Rider : Secretary - Bob Rider : Treasurer - Roma McAlister : Committee - Fred Koch, Lois Fry, Lionel Fry. Our Mayor was Malcolm Brooks.

Appointments - Curator - Elaine Fry : Public Officer - Ron Pearce : Publicity Officer - Margaret Pearce : Newsletter Editor - Shirley Rider.

Member, John Hill, was Guest Speaker at our General Meeting and showed a video - "History of Holden".

Events: A Jazz afternoon, with Central Coast Leagues Jazz Club Group was planned for October 8th. The cost \$6.00 (\$3.00 to us) covered a sausage sizzle \$2.50, wine \$1.00 a glass, free tea/coffee.

An excursion was planned to Bare Island Fort and La Perouse museum on 7th November. Cost of \$35 covered the coach, entry and guide. Morning tea would be \$2.00 each and lunch at our own expense. We were aiming for an attendance figure of 40/50. (In 1885 concerned British members of society thought an invasion by Russia was imminent. To ease their fears, they built Bare Island Fort to protect Botany Bay).

It was proposed to replace the large picture of the Sydney Cricket Ground in the Cottage with a series of photos of the Cottage dating from 1895 to the 1970s. These will show the changes that have occurred over time.

Planning for our Birthday/Christmas Function on December 6th was underway. Year 3/4T of Narara Public School paid us a visit and some delightful Thank You notes were received from the students.

Our Pearl Beach Exhibition for History Week was continuing until 9th October. We welcomed new members, Arthur and Madeline Gordon. (Arthur went on to become a very proficient Treasurer and Madeline a very able Committee Member, and they were very nice people.)

We had four Group Bookings in October

PAST EVENTS : 10 YEARS AGO (OCTOBER 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 : Publicity Officer - Margaret Pearce : Newsletter Editor - Shirley Rider.

A 60th Birthday Function was being planned for December 14th at the Yellow Piano and an Official Invitation was on the front page of our October Newsletter.

Our General Meeting was on October 19th and Guest Speaker was John Haxton from the First Fleeters. A Street Stall was planned for October 21st with a request for suitable items to sell.

Four Group Tours were booked for October.

Another fascinating biography of one of the people on our banknotes was included. This time it was the lady on our \$10.00 note - (Dame) Mary Gilmore).

Wyong District Historical Museum invited BWHS members and friends to attend the dedication of the Lone Pine Memorial Garden at Alison Homestead, on Tuesday, October 12th. This Lone Pine was grown from the original tree.

PAST EVENTS : TWENTY YEARS AGO (OCTOBER 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.

Plans were underway for our 50th Birthday Lunch in December at Gosford RSL.

Gosford Local History Study Group have offered BWHS a table at the markets at Niagara Park Shopping Centre. The Markets will be held on the second Saturday of each month commencing 14 October 2000.

October is the tenth month of the year and has 31 days. It was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar until 153 BCE. While the lovely colors of Autumn (or Fall) have arrived in the northern hemisphere, here we're happy to welcome the beautiful blossoms of Spring, against a backdrop of new lush greenery. Birds are entertaining us with their warbling particularly the Little Wattle Bird and the Eastern Koel (not a native, comes from South East Asia).



Here's another of Kendall's lovely evocative poems -

OCTOBER

*Where fountains sing and many waters meet,
She sheds green glory by the wayside rills
And clothes with grace the haughty-featured hills.
This is the queen of all the year. She brings
The pure chief beauty of our southern springs.*

*Fair lady of the yellow hair! Her breath
Starts flowers to life, and shames the storm to death ;
Through tender nights and days of generous sun
By prospering woods her clear strong torrents run ;
In far deep forests, where all life is mute,*

*Of leaf and bough she makes a touching lute.
Her life is lovely. Stream, and wind, and bird
Have seen her face - her marvellous voice have heard ;
And, in strange tracts of wildwood, all day long,
They tell the story in surpassing song.*

By Henry Kendall

..... From: *The Austral Months*

*Ref: Selected Poems of Henry Kendall (chosen by his son
Fredrick C. Kendall).*

- Sydney : Angus & Robertson, 1923.

