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Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum

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WELCOME EVERYONE!

Overshadowing everything in April was the death of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. A sad occasion for the Royal Family and it filled our printed Media and TV. However, the COVID situation certainly is improving in Australia & New Zealand and we trust this will continue. We do feel for the many other countries having a bad time at present.

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 meters 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.

Due to COVID restrictions, limited tours and school groups can make bookings with our Booking Officer, Shirley Rider: rider@smartchat.net.au

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 meters 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.

Maximum Capacity for each area, based on 2 sq. meters per person

Museum	15 people	Cottage	7 people
Kitchen/Reception	3 people	Maitland Table	4 people
Entry/Waiting	6 people	Archive/Back Office	2 person
Slab Shed	5 people		

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As you are aware the AGM was to be held on Saturday (20/3/21) at 1.00 pm at the Museum. Because of the torrential rain we were experiencing it was decided to postpone our AGM. The date now decided on is Saturday, April 24th. The meeting will commence at 2.30pm (to fit in with COVID opening hours). The venue will be at the Museum, 25 Henry Kendall St, West Gosford. Looking forward to your presence.

Scrutineer:

Our friend, Geoff Lewis, has kindly consented to be our Scrutineer again for the Election of Officers for the coming year. Many thanks Geoff.

Agenda for AGM, Saturday, April 24th, 2021**2.30 pm - Meeting opens****Welcome:**

All Members and Visitors are welcomed, and also Geoff Lewis, our Scrutineer, for the election of our new Committee.

Apologies:**Financial Report - Year ended 31 December 2020:**

This has been circulated to members. Proposed that the Report be accepted.

President, Don Anderson, will read the Minutes of the last **Annual General Meeting, 21st March 2020**

Moved by Seconded by
that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Carried

Annual Report: - President, Don Anderson

This has been distributed and read.

Moved by Seconded by
that the Report be accepted.

All Committee positions are now declared vacant.

Election of New Committee:

Members who are not financial will not be able to vote in the Election of Officers.

Appointments :

Jim O'Harae has resigned as Public Officer and our Secretary, Terrie Stoyel has kindly agreed to take on this Appointment.

Other Appointments remain the same.

Membership - fees are now overdue

If you've forgotten to pay your Membership Fee please renew your Membership for 2021 - we appreciate your support. Enclosed with the December newsletter was a Membership Renewal letter which contains details and various methods of payment of your membership fee. We now offer card payments through our point-of-sale system which was installed last year.

SNIPPETS

Another successful Zoom Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13th, and we thank our President Don for arranging this successfully.

BIRTHDAYS

Henry Kendall was born on 17th April 1839, died 1882.

Queen Elizabeth II was born on 21st April 1926 which makes her 94.

Some other famous birthdays in April include :

563 BC	Buddha - Founder of Buddhism
1452	Leonardo Da Vinci - Artist, Sculptor, Inventor
1564	William Shakespeare - Playwright, Poet. & Actor - Died April 1616
1599	Oliver Cromwell - Puritan leader in English Civil War
1770	William Wordsworth - Poet
1806	Isambard Kingdom Brunel Most influential engineer of his day
1816	Charlotte Bronte - Author of <i>Jane Eyre</i> , and <i>Shirley</i>
1889	Charlie Chaplin - Hollywood Film Actor
1904	Sir John Gielgud - Noted Shakespearean and classical actor
1914	Billy Dee Williams - Actor
1934	Carl Sagan- Astronomer, Scientist, Author
1942	Stephen Hawking - Theoretical Physicist, Cosmologist, Author
1962	John Lennon - Singer, Musician
1964	Russell Crowe - Actor

PEARS SHILLING CYCLOPAEDIA

Glancing through this strange little *Cyclopaedia* again, I found amongst the mountain of information it contains in the *Gazetteer of the World* Chapter, that Gosford gets a mention –‘t. N.S.Wales, 50 m., N.Sydney ; p.1,200.’

and the entry for Parramatta is -

‘t. on P.R., Cumberland co. N.S.W. noted for orchids and orangeries, oldest t. in Australis, p.13,084’ (Note: (Pears' abbreviations).

(How we've grown! ... Ed.)

PAST EVENTS

As we haven't been doing much lately there isn't much to report so I've gone back in the past a little. Our Committee in April 2009 was -

President (and Newsletter Editor)	-	Shirley Rider
Snr Vice President	-	Elaine Fry
Vice Presidents	-	Bob Rider Joy Holmes
Secretary	-	Ros Ellis
Treasurer	-	Arthur Gordon
Committee	-	Fred Koch Margaret Pearce Ingrid Rode
Appointments - Public Officer	-	Ron Pearce
- Publicity Officer	-	Margaret Pearce
- Newsletter Editor	-	Shirley Rider

We were still having Monthly General Meetings with some interesting Guest Speakers. Recent ones had included Margaret Pontifex, Marie Riley, Geoff Potter, and many others.

Back in April 2009 we celebrated National Trust Heritage *Week* with an exhibit "*Our Place in Space - Under the Southern Skies*". It featured early astronomer James Dunlop who in the 1820s was awarded a Gold Medal in 1828 by the Royal Astronomical Association in London for his Catalogue of Stars and Nebulae in the Southern Hemisphere. He was appointed Superintendent of Parramatta Observatory in 1831. We hold quite a few James Dunlop artefacts in our Museum. ***(A lot more about James Dunlop etc. next Courier).***

Our very interesting Guest Speaker on April 8th, Des Barrett, from the Powerhouse Museum, spoke about early astronomy in the Colony of NSW, focusing mainly on James Dunlop, around whom our exhibit was mounted.

On April 11th, Jason Rider gave an entertaining and interesting Power Point presentation "*Journey through the Planets*" in which we saw some wonderful photographs from NASA not only of the planets but also of their many moons, accompanied by Jason's entertaining commentary. " (Yes, he's my son)

We would have had some telescope viewing courtesy of two astronomers from Newcastle Astronomical Society but unfortunately it was a cloudy night. However our guest astronomers gave an impromptu talk about the Solar System and other interesting astronomical items.

Our visitors enjoyed both nights any many questions were asked, including "when are we going to have some similar functions?"

(Well, we certainly would certainly like to, so here's hoping.)

GROUP BOOKINGS - (as at April 20th)

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FRI. APR. 30 9.30 am MARTIN'S ALBURY approx. (40) + 2 crew
EH12944 (Expanding Horizons)
(Vols. to be there by 9.00) Cathie Atkins (08) 83628080

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WED. MAY 5 1.45 to 3.00 CLOSEBOURNE RETIREMENT GROUP
 (32) visitors incl. driver
 (Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort) - Alex 4341 1999

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TUE. MAY 11. 11.00-11.15 ST PATRICK'S CATH. P/S Year 2 classes
 (45) students, (2) teachers and (4-5) parents
 (Groups of (15) students accompanied by an adult)
 Suzie Morris - Teacher 4329 5212

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WED. MAY 19 10.30 am CREMORNE PROBUS CLUB (22) SNRS + driver)
 Own M/Tea in Grounds - URN hot water - Talk by Sue Chidgey, then tour at 11.00

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WED. OCT. 13 9.30 am POTTER TRAVEL approx. (50)+ driver
EH13131 (Expanding Horizons) (Postman's Cruise)
(Vols. to be there by 9.00) Cathie Atkins -
 (Group Tours Consultant) Final nos. to be advised

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FRI. OCT. 29 10.15 am POTTER TRAVEL (no. to be advised)
EH13063 (Expanding Horizons)
(Vols to be there by 9.45) Cathie Atkins (08) 836 26210

DRIVERS & CREW - NO CHARGE.

***NUMBERS COULD CHANGE. BOOKINGS ARE ACCEPTED WITH THE
 PROVISIO THAT THEY STILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH COVID
 RESTRICTIONS AT TIME OF VISIT.***

Here's another of Henry Kendall's evocative poems
a Sonnet from ***The Austral Months***.

APRIL

*The darling of Australia's autumn. Lo,
Down dewy dells the strong swift torrents flow!
This is the month of singing waters. Here
A tender radiance fills the southern year.
No bitter winter sets on herb and root
Within these gracious glades, a frosty foot.
The spears of sleet - the arrows of hail,
Are here unknown. But down the dark green dale
Of moss and myrtle and the herby streams,
This April wanders in a home of dreams.
Her slower-soft name makes language falter. All
Her paths are soft and cool; and runnels fall
In music round her; and the woodlands sing
For evermore with voice of wind and wing,
Because this is the month of beauty - this
The crowning grace of all the grace that is.*

Selected Poems of Henry Kendall.
(Chosen by his son Frederick C Kendall)
Sydney: Angus & Robertson, 1923

(Printed in **Sydney Mail** April 1881: 1886: 1890: 1903: 1920)

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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.

Our Grounds are open every day from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm 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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