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AROUND THE GROUND

Welfare

We're very pleased to hear that Ingrid Rode is progressing well and is out of hospital. Best wishes to Ingrid and her son too for his speedy recovery.

Committee and Teams

There's been another change in our Committee – Brian James has stepped up to the Treasurer's position. Our Secretarial Team of Edith Campbell & Shirley Rider is working OK. David Benwell has been appointed as our new **Grants Officer**.

Schools Visits

Edith is doing a good job liaising with school groups. Edith and Margaret have organised duty officers to assist with the many school students that have been visiting in March, April and May, and there are more to come in June. It's been a lot of fun, not only for the students, but also for those on duty on those days.

Theatre Party

Committee Member, Sandy Hunt-Sharman, worked hard to organise our recent Theatre Party to see **Florence Foster Jenkins** at Avoca Theatre. It was a very enjoyable movie, funny and well acted, and we had a great night, with some rather yummy food. It was a good result financially and we thank Sandy very much for the huge amount of work she did.

Museums and Galleries NSW (MGNSW) visited us on Tuesday 10th May. MGNSW kindly offered their assistance for this introductory session so that we can participate in the 2016 Standards Program. We found this session productive and feel it will help us to prepare short and long term goals. A light lunch and refreshments were enjoyed. There will be two more sessions during the year (those dates will be advised - watch this space).

Poppies

The organiser of the brilliant Poppies Displays, Merril Jackson, visited our museum and cottage on Saturday morning (21st May). As we were the auspicing group for the Council Grant she wanted to have a photographic record of a representative group of members of the Society, in front of the Cottage with poppies and photos of local WWI soldiers who were honoured during the project. It all went well and we look forward to seeing her photographs in due course. The wonderful display of red poppies at Terrigal Skillion was beautiful, especially admired by those who physically saw it. Look for more images on the Poppies web site.



Autumn Gathering

Our Autumn Gathering was also on Saturday 21st May at 1.00 and our very interesting Guest Speaker was Ann Howard who spoke about her new book –

A Carefree War : the hidden history of Australian WWII Child Evacuees

This book is about the evacuation of Australian children inland mainly because of the threat of a Japanese invasion. There were Japanese submarines in Sydney Harbour, Darwin was being bombed, and Japanese planes overhead. People feared not only for their own lives but for those of their families too. Anxious parents started sending their children far away and thousands were sent to ‘safety’. This subject is not widely known and little has been written about it. Ann Howard has written a very interesting story about this period of upheaval in our history. There are probably a few of our members who remember something about this, as well as the barbed wire and fortifications on our beaches. They may have even known, or been aware, of some of these children.

Ann also had a copy of a previous book she has written about the AWAS during WWII –

You'll be sorry! : how World War II changed women's lives

This is a “compelling account of the experiences of women serving in the Australian Women's Army Service, and other services” during WWII.

In WWII 66,000 women joined the services. Ann Howard reveals in this book how they overcame resistance and prejudice. It captures a unique view of Australian history told through the eyes of the women who left their homes to join the AWAS, and later the impact their forced return would have on future perception and opportunities for women in Australia.

Both these books are available for sale in our Museum Office and we have obtained a copy of each for our library.

We were a little disappointed that not more of our members attended – they missed out on an interesting, entertaining talk as well as an enjoyable afternoon tea.

Autumn Gathering (cont'd)

“Ann Howard is an enthusiastic traveller and adventurer and lives in a heritage house on Dangar Island”. Ann has visited us before, when she gave an interesting presentation about Dangar Island.

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COMING EVENTS – Don't forget our visit to the Regional Museum, Windsor - Friday, 24th June, coach leaves HK museum at 8.00 am

Our Tour visits Hawkesbury Regional Museum at Windsor and historic Howe House. It also includes a guided tour (on the bus) around historic Richmond.

The Tour includes travel with Coastal Liner Coaches, tour guide, morning tea and a 2-course lunch at Richmond RSL Club. All inclusive cost is \$70 based on a load of 20-24 people – so make sure you're there!

The coach leaves at 8.00 am sharp from Henry Kendall Museum. For further information and bookings contact Margaret Pearce on 4384 3271.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water Photo Exhibition

The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water Photo Exhibition, which will be on display from June 1, celebrates the industrious shipwrights who toiled at Kincumber, Davistown, Daley's Point, Empire Bay, Blackwall and Terrigal from 1829 until 1953.

More than 500 timber vessels were built in and around Brisbane Water during this time, making it one of the busiest shipbuilding hubs in the country behind Sydney.

With rare images of ships such as ketches, schooners, ferries and pearling vessels, the exhibition also includes artifacts and images of the builders themselves who played a key role in the economic and maritime history of New South Wales.

The exhibition provides insight into the back-breaking construction involved in shipbuilding and some of the simple tools used to make the ships. Don't miss out on this opportunity to step back in time and see an important part of local maritime history.

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP

June	- 1		“The Shipbuilders” - Temporary exhibition on loan from Gosford City Library, Local Studies Collection
June	- 13		Bunnings’ BBQ
June	- 24	8.00 (HK)	Outing – Regional Museum, Windsor
July	- 16	1.00	Winter Gathering – Soup and Rolls
August			Change of Exhibition Display
September	-10		History Week Open Day - we will acknowledge the invaluable work of the CWA Northumberland region with the ‘More Than Tea and Biccies’ exhibition
October			Outing - tba
November	- 19 th	1.00	Spring Gathering
End of November			Change of Exhibition Display
December	– 13 th	11.00	Christmas/Birthday function

School Visits

We welcomed 75 students from St. John the Baptist Primary school on Monday, 2nd May and the students had a really good day.

About 60 Year 1 students from Empire Bay Public School visited HK complex on 9th May and students from St Patrick’s Primary, East Gosford paid us a visit on 13th May. These were also successful and enjoyable days.

Niagara Park Public School will visit in June with 72 students from Year 2 on June 7 and 70 students from Year 1 on June 9 in the morning. Also on June 9 we will welcome 48 Year 3 students from Central Coast Adventist School in the afternoon.

It’s lovely to see these schools visiting, with their theme of **“Past and Present”**; our guides enjoy the visits and it certainly appears that the students do too.

Group Bookings

June 7	Tues.	9.30	Niagara Park P/S – Yr2	72 students
June 8	Wed.	11.00	Community Wheel	nos. tba
June 9	Thur.	9.30	Niagara Park P/S – Yr1	70 students
June 9	Thur.	12.30	Central Coast Adventist School - Year 3	48 students
July 13	Wed.	11.00	Charlestown Com. Probus - Guided Tour & Urn	30 visitors
July 28	Thur.	10.30	Closebourne Village, Morpeth - Guided tour	20 visitors
Aug. 16	Tues.	10.30	Green Point Probus	tba BBQ & Urn

From 1st September we will acknowledge the invaluable work of the CWA Northumberland region with the “Not Just Tea and Biccies” exhibition

Sept. 5	Mon.	11.00	New Heights Church	10 visitors
Sept.16	Fri.	2.00	Stuart Coaches	40+ visitors
Sept.22	Thur.	10.30	Blacktown Nat. Snrs Urn	20 visitors
Nov. 16	Wed.	3.30	Shellharbour Coaches	50 visitors
Dec. 23	Fri.	11.45	Cardwell Coaches	30 visitors

Roster

A list of Bookings is in our Front Office and is progressively updated. Our Duty Roster Officer, Margaret Pearce, will advise those members on the Duty Roster. If you wish to go on the Roster please let Margaret know (4384 3271) and would Duty Members please confirm with Margaret when they are on duty. Please make sure that if you suddenly find that you can't do your museum duty you contact Margaret (or Edith or Shirley)

Repairs to the Cottage

The repair to the lintel, over the entrance to the kitchen in the cottage, has been completed successfully, by Chris Bart the Heritage Contractor. This has been inspected by Rebecca Cardy, from Central Coast Council Heritage, and she is very pleased with the work carried out.

There are other repairs (such as painting) that need to be done and these will be carried out progressively.

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Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc. owns and maintains Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum at 25-27 Henry Kendall Street, West Gosford, which is open for inspection every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

COACH / GROUP VISITS are always welcome, any time day or night, out of hours BY APPOINTMENT, Phone (02) 4325 2270. The Society's Meetings are held in the Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum Complex, West Gosford.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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