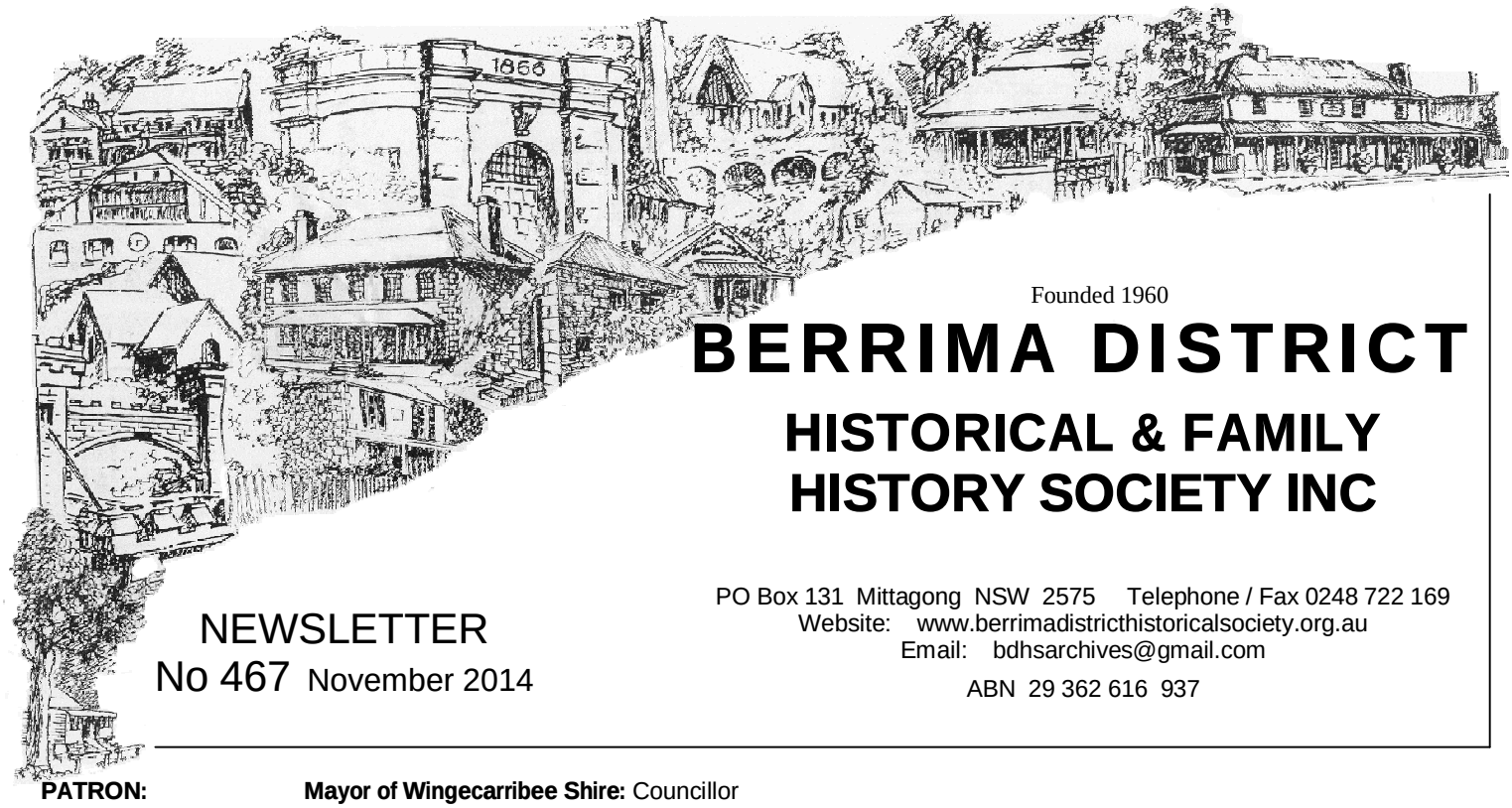


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No 467 November 2014

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MEMBERSHIP: Any person wanting to join the Society may do so at any stage during the year by completing a form and paying the appropriate fee. Joining Fee $10.00 - Single $25.00 - Family $35.00.

AFFILIATIONS: Royal Australian Historical Society, NSW Association of Family History Societies, Museums Australia Inc & Regional Chapter.

ANNUAL GENERAL AND MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER MEETING: **Thursday 27 November 2014 at 2pm**
VENUE: Society Research Centre, Old Council Chambers Building, Bowral Road, Mittagong
TOPIC: **AGM and General Meeting**

AFTERNOON TEA: To be served following the speaker - Members - please bring a plate or a donation.

DECEMBER MEETING: **No Monthly Meeting**

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Diary dates

NOVEMBER

Office Bearer Nominations due
Notices of Motion due
13 Management Committee Meeting
27 **AGM** & **Monthly Meeting**
28 Christmas Lunch

DECEMBER

9 **Archives close** at 4:00 pm for Christmas break.
11 Management Committee Meeting
19 School holidays commence
25 **NO** General Monthly Meeting
27 Society Museum Open Daily 10:00 am - 4:00 pm closed Christmas and Boxing days

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, 27 November 2014 in the Society's Meeting Room, upstairs in the Old Council Building, Bowral Rd, Mittagong, following the Monthly General Meeting at 2:00pm.

The Wingecarribee Shire Mayor, Councillor Duncan Gair, recently returned to the position, has been invited to attend our AGM meeting and to accept the invitation to be our Patron.

After the meeting, a short historic film will be screened. It contains scenes of local people celebrating in 1967 at the centenary of the Great Southern Railway opening to Mittagong. A plaque is unveiled at the station, steam engines pull old period carriages to the occasion, a mock bushranger 'hold-up' is staged and many people gather in period costumes.

This old film in our archives has been converted to digital format and is well worth watching.

Membership details

Please note that all membership enquiries and changes of address details should be addressed to the Membership Secretary, c/- the Society's postal address or email to bdhsarchives@gmail.com

Christmas Closing Dates

Historical Society Archives

Closed Dec 9, 2014
Open Jan 5, 2015

Berrima District Museum

Open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm 7 days a week during school holidays, commencing on December 27, concluding on Australia Day.

Membership fee reminder

Just a reminder that membership fees were due by October 1. If you have forgotten there is still time to renew so you won't miss out on your newsletter.

The annual fee is now $25 for a single membership and $35 for a family membership.

Archives opening hours

Opening hours are as follows:

Monday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM

Market Place, Berrima
Near the bridge

OPENING HOURS

10 am - 4 pm.

Weekends, Public Holidays and NSW Public School Holidays.

Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Groups also welcome at other times by arrangement. Please telephone Bob or Gloria on 4889 4405.

Christmas Lunch

Friday 28 November 2014
Dormie House, Moss Vale
arrive 12:30pm for 1:00pm start
$35 per person includes tea and coffee

There will be two courses, Main and Dessert (alternate drops):

Main

Roast Turkey with a pear and sage stuffing, roasted garlic butter, seasonal roast vegetables and gravy
OR
Crispy skinned Atlantic Salmon with cauliflower puree and oregano butter

Dessert

Christmas pudding with a brandy custard
OR
Rhubarb and Apple Crumble with ice cream

Bookings & Payment essential by Friday 21 November 2014
to the Archives 4872 2169
There will be a Raffle and lucky door prizes.

Museum showcases new gallery

A new extension building at the Society's museum in Berrima is now complete. It is soon to be fitted out as an exhibition gallery and from next April will house an Anzac Centenary Exhibition, as part of Australia-wide Anzac commemorations during 2015.

As is well known to many readers, the new gallery is the result of contributions made by members of our Society and the community at large to the Southern Highlands 1200 Anzac Centenary Project. Since its launch in April 2013, the project has received substantial donations and obtained numerous grants.

Later this year the new gallery will be formally opened with its first exhibition being 'A Camera on Gallipoli', a collection of images made available by the Australian War Memorial.

Recently, on the evening of Friday 24 October, to celebrate the completion of the extension and to showcase it to a gathering of state-wide historical society members, our Society hosted a function at the museum to welcome delegates attending the Royal Australian Historical Society's 2014 State History Conference that weekend at Mittagong RSL.

The occasion also served as a book launch. This was the launch of our latest publication *Life Behind the Bar: Inns and Hotels in the Southern Highlands1824-1924*. The book, written by member Shylie Brown, provides details on more than 450 local inn and hotel licensees, their families and where their premises were located along the Great Southern Road and other locations within the Southern Highlands.

In performing the launch, Royal Australian Historical Society President, Associate Professor Carol Liston, praised the book as a comprehensive listing of early district inn and hotel owners. The book is available for $30 from the archives, museum and our website.



Linda Emery, Shylie Brown and Carol Liston at the launch



Southern Highlands Anzac Centenary Project

Under the guidance of Project Manager Harlan Hall, work started in mid 2014 on the exhibition building and in just four months two volunteer master builders, a strong team of volunteer helpers and over 50 local trades and building material suppliers completed the job. Over $150,000 in value of goods and services were generously donated by local companies and individuals. More than forty community individuals contributed over $25,000. A $100,000 Arts NSW Regional Capital grant, plus grants from the Wingecarribee Shire Council Community Assistance Scheme and a Veolia Mulwaree Trust grant provided the financial strength to the project.

This new Museum exhibition building is a gift to the community from all of the individuals, companies and grant bodies who have so generously given their support and enthusiasm to make this project a reality.

Stage 2 of the project is to fit out the new exhibition gallery with showcases, interactive infrastructure and lighting. This stage of the work has recently received a second Arts NSW Regional Capital grant of $35,000, plus grants from the Wingecarribee Shire Council Community Assistance Scheme and the Veterans' Affairs Anzac Centenary grant programme will complete Stage 2 valued at over $80,000.

Stage 3 of the project is to design and install the Southern Highlands1200 Anzac Centenary exhibition, scheduled to open in early 2015. Exhibition research has been underway for the past two years and will feature the stories of many of the 1200 Southern Highlands Anzacs, based in part on a soon to be published book *Our Boys in Khaki* by Linda Emery, historian, author and our archivist.

The exhibition will include a range of objects from the museum's collection and on loan.

The new exhibition gallery at our museum in Berrima will undoubtedly become a valued addition to the Wingecarribee Shire's museum and gallery spaces. It will serve as a key facet in the museum's immediate aim and long-term vision to be a 'Story Centre' that informs, educates and entertains local people and enables visitors to gain a greater understanding of the rich heritage of people and places in the Shire.

- Publicity Officer, Philip Morton

Railway heritage outing Moss Vale

The Australian Railway Historical Society Luncheon Club is holding an outing to Moss Vale Station on Wednesday 19 November 2014.

BDH&FHS members are welcome to attend as guests of Dugald Black who is a member of the ARHS and of our Society. No booking necessary, but those wishing to attend are requested to let us know at the archives.

The group will meet in the central forecourt at Moss Vale Station at 10.13am following the arrival of the service which departs Campbelltown at 8.53am. Lunch will be at the nearby Moss Vale Hotel. This outing will be led by ARHS Life Member Stuart Sharp.



Information from the ARHS website about Moss Vale station includes the following: It is a composition of three buildings: the 1868 building on the up platform (shown in photo above), a 1915 booking and parcels office transverse to the rail lines and the large, 1890 Railway Refreshment Room.

Moss Vale is unusual in that vehicular traffic crosses over the Down Main and terminates between the two main lines. In 1866 John Whitton approved a plan for a building at Moss Vale similar to the present building that reflects the Georgian influence.

In 1867, he approved brick buildings at Mittagong and a second plan for Moss Vale, both with hipped roofs covered with slates, as was the 1866 plan. There is some confusion as to who was the contractor for the Moss Vale building: Fred Horn, the Goulburn Mayor, or John Howard. It is possible one party held the head contractor and another party did the physical construction. It was known to occur at other locations.

The second plan was for a slightly larger building (84 feet long) with six rooms. The building contained 'urinals', a ladies' waiting room and toot, general waiting room, a booking office, a parcels office and porters/lamps room. The contract was signed in April, 1867. There were no Vice-Regal rooms provided at the time of line opening as the official residence for His Excellency was not purchased until 1882.

A carriage shed was built for the Governor's carriage at Moss Vale in 1884. The Vice-Regal entry and waiting room dates from 1889.

Throsby Park back in family hands

Dympna Irwin, a member, has recently contacted the Society regarding Throsby Park. She is a member of Throsby Park Friends Group which is associated with Historic Houses Trust (now Sydney Living Museums). Dympna advises they are very pleased that a Throsby family member has taken up the lease and they will be watching with interest as to compliance with the Heritage Act and the house being open to the public at least once or twice a year.

In regard to the Throsby Park lease, in October the *Sun-Herald* reported that the homestead, being one of Australia's oldest and finest of the convict era, is again in the hands of the original family thanks to a $3.8 million investment by London-based expatriate banker Tim Throsby, a direct descendant of Charles Throsby, for whom the colonial estate was built in 1834. His submission was one of 12 for the leasehold title and won the tender not only because of family connection, but based on a substantial investment in conserving the house itself.

Throsby Park had been home to six generations of Throsbys when it was donated to the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service in 1975 while still home to Del Throsby and her famous horse-riding school. Following her death there in 2006, it was officially passed over to the Historic Houses Trust in 2010 as a house museum. Tim Throsby's father Pat was Del's first cousin and lived at the property while a lad.

The *Sun-Herald* article continued that the property was originally part of an 1819 land grant by Governor Macquarie to the magistrate and surgeon Dr Charles Throsby, who arrived as a ship's doctor in 1802.

Built by his nephew, also called Charles, in 1834, the centrepiece of the property is the eight-bedroom, four-bathroom colonial Georgian home with two kitchens and features Australian red cedar joinery, ceilings decorated with pressed Wunderlich zinc, large bay windows, ornate fireplaces and hardwood floors. The estate also includes an 1831 weatherboard cottage and surrounding outbuildings, including stables, piggery, mill, barn, chapel and a tennis pavilion. The adjoining property, Barnham Stables, predates Throsby Park and was where workers lived while the homestead was being built.



President's Report

Bruce Moore

Greetings and a Merry Christmas to all.

Well there goes another year and what a successful one it was. The building of our Museum extension project has just been completed with a string of donors, builders and volunteers left admiring such a wonderfully large space. It is now attached to the Mother Ship!

Congratulations of course goes to our indefatigable and persistent project manager, maestro Harlan Hall who has coordinated and orchestrated proceedings so that we now have a magnificent structure standing proudly beside the Berrima Museum.

We now need to fit out the hall with an exhibition centred on the Southern Highlands 1200 which will coincide with the Anzac Centenary in April 2015.

We unofficially christened the hall last month when we hosted the Royal Australian Historical Society's 200 plus delegates and introduced them to the Berrima Museum. Pre-conference food and drinks were lavished on our guests and at the end of the night they were suitably impressed.

Three of our members were keynote speakers during the conference weekend i.e. Linda Emery, Leonie Knapman and Harlan Hall.

The President of the RAHS, Carol Liston, officially launched Shylie Brown's book "Behind the Bar" at this opening. It documents the old pubs and publicans in the Southern Highlands from 1824 to 1924.

During the year Janet Black also launched her well-researched and documented account of the 100 or so Highlanders who went to the Boer War in 1899. She called it "The Forgotten Soldiers."

We also noted "A Light in the Window" an award-winning book on Harpers Mansion, Berrima was written by Anne Beaumont.

In April it was sad to report that our past President Ken Reid died at his home in Campbelltown. He is survived by his wife Jan, who was a former Treasurer of our Society.

Our June luncheon, as always, was a success this year and well catered for by the ladies of the Uniting church in Mittagong, This church has quite a history, which was capably explained by Marilyn Horton.

On Thursday 27th we have our Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers at 2pm. This is closely followed on Friday 28th with our Christmas Luncheon at Dormie House where we celebrate the end of a busy yet productive year with fellow volunteer colleagues.

Each month we have managed to secure a guest speaker which takes the humdrum routine away from the formal meeting. During the year the speakers included "The Linda & Max Show", interesting talks on Trachyte, Joadja, Kangaloon and a show and tell demonstration of master builder Alf Stephens' Toolbox.

I would also like to praise the support and commitment our Management and Museum Committees have given both Harlan and myself during the year. I sense a certain team spirit has surfaced which of course makes my job stress-free. May you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Archivist's Report

Linda Emery

The most important part of my report is, and should be, to acknowledge the work of our archives volunteers. Without them, our society would not function and we are fortunate to have nearly 30 regulars who staff the archives on the three days a week we are open to the public, as well as on other days when they come in to do the many tasks that need doing in a research centre as busy as ours. They research, file, catalogue, clean, administer and welcome visitors to the archives, as well as field the many phone and email enquiries we receive. I thank them one and all for the fabulous work they do.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers, so members who feel they might like to join us, please contact me. It is not all work – we do make time for fun and fellowship!

During the year, through the grant we received from the National Library of Australia, we have been able to connect our photographic image library to the wonderful Trove search engine. The major focus was to upload our collection of photos of the World War I Internment camp at Berrima, but we are now gradually adding images to our online library, with more than 1,000 on the web, and close to another thousand almost ready to be uploaded. It is a painstaking process, but in the coming year we will really start to see the fruits of our labour. When we applied for the grant to undertake this project, I estimated we had about 4,000 to 5,000 images to scan and catalogue. I now believe this will be more like 10,000 images as we discover more and more photos among the thousands of files we hold. In particular, our Biography files contain more pictures of people and places than we had anticipated. The interest in our photographic collection is reflected in the statistics of our website – the Image Library page is the most visited of all the pages on the site.

Again, through the grant from the National Library of Australia, we have been able to purchase another

compactus which was so necessary to be able to store our ever-expanding collections.

I have accessioned nearly 40 items and collections into the archives this year, along with photographs and other archival material. In particular, we were thrilled to receive from Junee Historical Society the Memorial Plaque (known as the "Dead Man's Penny") and Scroll for a World War I veteran, John Irving of Hill Top who was badly wounded at Gallipoli and invalided home. We are always delighted to receive donations that add to our outstanding collections and thank all those people who have been generous enough to bring them to us.

Museum Report

Bob Williams – Hon Curator

As I write this report it is the weekend of the Royal Australian Historical Society Annual Conference. The museum has been a hive of activity since early May. Construction of the new gallery has gone to plan but with an added sense of urgency in recent weeks, following the decision to host the RAHS welcome evening on Friday 24 October.



Some seventy RAHS delegates attended the welcome as well as members and friends who came to witness the launch of Shylie Brown's book 'Life Behind the Bar, Inns and Hotels in the Southern Highlands 1824-1924'. They enjoyed refreshments prepared by our society's members, a local café and local winery. President Bruce Moore welcomed the gathering and gave a brief overview of the building project. He introduced Associate Professor Carol Liston, President of the RAHS, who launched Shylie's book with an inspiring introduction to the history and mystery of these establishments. Congratulations to all who helped to make the evening a great success.

Many people are responsible for this wonderful new gallery. Sincere thanks to Project Manager Harlan Hall, local builder Bruce Stokes, sub-contractors and suppliers who supported this project and volunteers who have given their time. Thanks to those who have made cash donations. Thanks to the funding bodies. It has been an enormous effort all round.

Delegates attended all three museum Chapter meetings, held on the third Sunday in February, June and October. These provide the opportunity to visit other museums and meet their volunteers and sometimes paid staff. There are interesting guest speakers and the opportunity for an exchange of ideas on museum best practice. I urge our museum volunteers to consider attending a chapter meeting and see first-hand what is to be gained from the experience.

I felt honoured to lay a wreath at the Anzac Day dawn service in Berrima. The museum was once again the venue for refreshments following the service. Some eighty to ninety people enjoyed our hospitality in the centrally heated museum.

Lyn Hall has completed a timeline of local and international events from the 1830s to the 1950s and created an exhibition of objects relating to this period. I recommend a visit to enjoy this and other exhibitions, including William Oldridge, saddler and cobbler of Bowral.

We are pleased to welcome Carolyn Bourke and Margaret Muntz as volunteers. We are sorry that Ken Williams can no longer do meet and greet, however he has been assisting the museum by doing internet research at home.

Thank you to my fellow volunteers for devoting your time, enthusiasm and expertise to the museum. I appreciate your support in all aspects of the museum's operation. This includes a big 'thank you' to the members of the Museum Committee for a job well done. They are Lyn and Harlan Hall, Sylvia Carless, Judith Green, Michele Woods, Gil Wheaton and John Schweers.

I have been Honorary Curator for the past seventeen years and have decided not to nominate for this position or that of Museum Committee member at the November AGM. I'd like to maintain an active interest in the museum and help out when I can.

Research Report

Max Rogers

Another year is almost over. It was a most successful year for research. Write-in requests have dropped off; most of our research requests come in by email or phone and they come in every day, lots of them, as usual most can be answered and information supplied. In return some researchers have reciprocated by sending us information. Daryl Taylor of Bathurst provided us with two lever-arch files: one on the Taylor Brothers of Moss Vale, the other on Richard and Martha Parker. Amongst other information provided is that from Eric Cupitt on the Cupitt family.

The yearly totals (up till end October) are: Phone 514, Email 359, Personal visits 281.

So that's it for this year.

Treasurer's Report
Patricia Doris

For this second period as Society Treasurer, I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statements covering the year 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014.

A copy of the Annual Statements is enclosed with the printed newsletter and attached with the email version. Also a thank you to all our members who continue to donate so much time to the Society – their continuing support in the Archives and Museum is greatly appreciated.

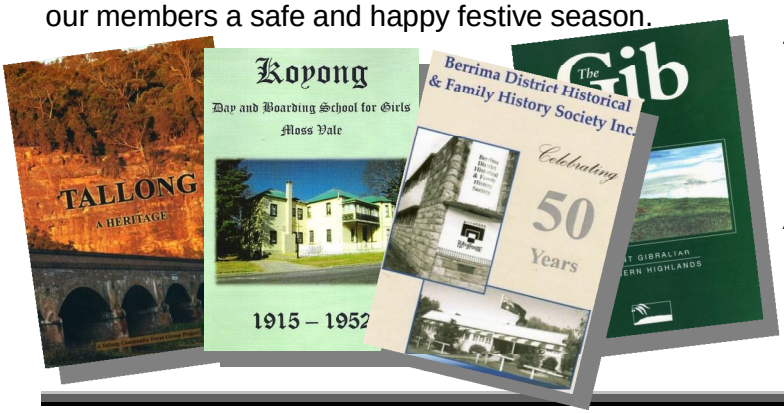
The profit shown for this year-end does not reflect our true position as there are numerous outstanding invoices and grants that have not yet been used for the Museum Extension Project. Our financial position will be more accurate in the early part of 2015.

Librarian's Report
Carolyn Dougherty

Numerous donations throughout the year have been gratefully received and where relevant have been included in the collection. Our local historians have produced a number of fine books including the late Ron Mumford's *Echoes of War in Avoca*, Ann Beaumont's *A Light in the Window,* Janet Black's *Forgotten Soldiers* and Shylie Brown's *Life Behind the Bar,* copies of which are now housed in our collection.

As with every report over the last ten years, a comment is given on the need to cull the collection to allow space for new material. This goal is achieved by removing duplicates of material not in high demand and placing them in 'stack' in a storage area upstairs. Volunteer Roberta Stove has completed a thorough spring clean of the library together with other sections of the archives and has assisted greatly with the culling process.

For those members in search of reading matter over the festive season please call in and browse our general collection, the biography section has many wonderful books as does the fiction section. I wish all our members a safe and happy festive season.



Newsletter Report
Lavinia Ford

This year we have reviewed when the newsletter is produced and distributed. As the society is active until early December and relatively inactive until early January and members are absent, it was decided to produce a December newsletter and forgo the January edition. This allows us to bring members our AGM and other news earlier in preference to waiting until January. Upon our January return and planning for the year ahead we can bring you our most up-to-date news in the February edition.

I will take this opportunity to wish every member a safe and wonderful festive season and a brilliant new year filled with health, safety, peace and joy.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your assistance with the newsletter.

The 2014 newsletter distribution has increased by 4. We distribute 269 newsletters to our 315 members, and a further 25 to other societies and legal deposits, giving a total of 294 newsletters. 156 newsletters were posted to members and 113 newsletters were emailed to members and 25 to legal deposits.

Between 2007 and 2014 we have had, an average of 260 newsletters being distributed to an average of 316 members. It just goes to show how much interest there is in the history of the Southern Highlands.

	Members	**Newsletters**
Honorary Life Members	5	4
Single Members	218	218
Family Members	90	45
Organisations	2	2
	315	***269**

Wingecarribee	199
NSW Country	34
NSW Metro	25
ACT	5
QLD	3
SA	1
VIC	1
England	1
	***269**

The majority of members reside in the Wingecarribee (199) and is divided as follows: Bowral (59), Mittagong (55), Moss Vale (28), Bundanoon (20), Burradoo (7), Berrima (4), Exeter (3), Hill Top (3), Kangaloon (3), Willow Vale (3), Colo Vale (2), Aylmerton (1), Balaclava (1), Burrawang (1), Fitzroy Falls (1), High Range (1), Kangaroo Valley (1), Mt Murray (1), Penrose (1), Robertson (1), Sutton Forest (1), Tallong (1).

DIARY DATES

THURSDAY	13	NOV	Management Committee Meeting	
THURSDAY	27	NOV	Monthly General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting	**2:00 pm** at the Historical Society
FRIDAY	28	NOV	Christmas lunch	12:30pm at Dormie House, Moss Vale
TUESDAY	9	DEC	**Archives close** for Christmas Break	4:00 pm
THURSDAY	11	DEC	Management Committee Meeting	
FRIDAY	19	DEC	School holidays commence	
THURSDAY	25	DEC	**NO** Monthly General Meeting	
MONDAY	5	JAN	**Archives reopen** following Christmas Break	10:00 am

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