

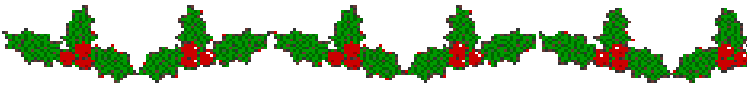


The Old Courthouse Museum

PASTIMES

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MEMBERS LET THEIR HAIR DOWN AT THE 2015 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Thursday 10th December, members celebrated Christmas with a festive lunch at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. The Club put on a great show for the Museum, with additional arrangements from member Sandra Smith. President Ewan Morrison toasted all present for their hard efforts during the year. Well done!



More pics inside!

BOOK EMPORIUM TO OPEN FOR A FULL WEEK PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS

The Museum might be closed for visitors, but the 'BE' is planning to assist Batemans Bay residents and visitors who are looking for a bargain book present for Christmas, or even for themselves! We have many quality books that would grace any shelf or coffee table. In addition, there will be lots of specials to fill that stocking!!! We now have **two sections** to the BE – the main building contains modern novels, biographies, childrens books and rare books, while our meeting room houses a large collection of reference and lifestyle books. **Hours of opening will be:** Thursday 17/12/15 – Thursday 24/12/15 inclusive: 11.00am – 2.30pm.

And there's more!! Cold drinks (water and fizzies) will be available to keep you cool while you browse. So, come on down and enjoy the moment at the Bay's ONLY quality second hand book store. See you there! (Entrance at gates next to the Water Gardens).



ALTERED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

Members please note that the Museum will be closed to visitors from COB Wednesday 16th December 2015, re-opening on Tuesday 5th January 2016. Enjoy the break!



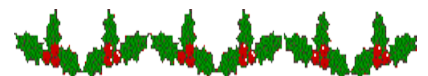
FEATURED ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE OF PASTIMES

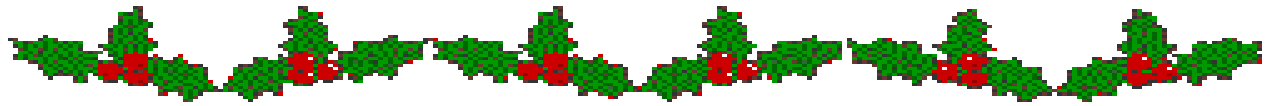
Eurobodalla: Our ANZAC

Legacy: Here is your chance to tell a WW1 story of a relative and have it put on film. Ian Hibberson of Visual Memories explains.

History Trivia Quiz: Member Jude Matchett has compiled a history quiz, based on local events and people. The answers are also included, but you will need to find them!

Five new Members of the Society: The word is out!





Eurobodalla: Our ANZAC Legacy

Would you like to be part of Eurobodalla's commemorations of World War One? Do you have a story to tell of a relative? You could have it captured on film! Ian Hibberson, of Visual Memories, is compiling stories for a series of grant-funded films¹ on the WW1 service of people either born in Eurobodalla or who enlisted here.

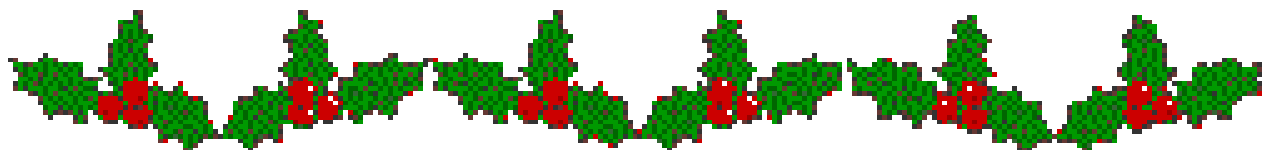
Lots of people hold stories of WW1 service by their relatives, but have not yet shared the information for the benefit of generations to come. Here is an opportunity to be part of a one in one hundred year project. Record their story!

If you are not sure of your ancestor's service details, Ian can help. His research needs to be completed by end January 2016 to meet the film deadline of July 2016. For more information, please call Ian on 0414 975 674, or email ian@visualmemories.com.au.

History trivia quiz for Christmas

1. In 1842, Thomas Holt who began systematic oyster farming, introduced what animal into the area for his own use?
2. In 1865, the road-side Inn at the top of Clyde Mountain was called what?
3. In 1887. Why did the vital timber industry in the district almost collapse?
4. In 1871 Mrs Robert Backhouse of Nelligen, not yet 40, and the mother of 15, gave what to her husband as a New Year's Gift?
5. The coach line from Batemans Bay to Moruya established in what year?
6. In 1900, which town was submitted for inspection as a possible federal capital, citing its proximity to Batemans Bay and its possible use as the Federal Port?
7. What leading Batemans Bay citizen of the 1870s started as a blacksmith, became a boat builder, Saw Mill operator, storekeeper, J.P. and Magistrate?
8. In what year was Batemans Bays' first timber sawmill established?
9. Who (one of a Canberra family with a holiday house at Mosquito Bay) became the first licensed female driver in NSW?
10. What brand of petrol was sold from the bowlers next to Annetts General Store, circa 1940?

Answers can be found on the back page of the newsletter.



¹ Funded by the Eurobodalla Shire and Attorney General's Dept., Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund Public Grants Program.



What's been happening at the Old Courthouse Museum?

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH 2015 AT THE MARINERS HOTEL

Members, partners and friends put on their best racing attire and cantered down to the Mariners Hotel, to join in the fun and excitement of the 'race that stops the Nation'. The pictures below tell the whole story.....



Left: One half of the Museum group.

Right: The lady who organised it all – Sandra Smith.

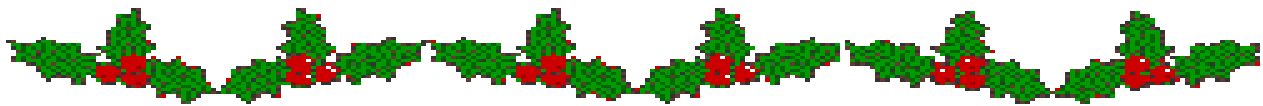


Left: Kerrie Rowe wins the 'fashions on the field' first prize!

Right: The whole table, after lunch, but just before the big race.



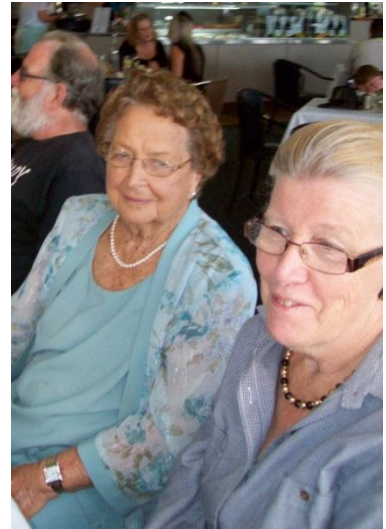
Left: Terry McDonough and friend Heather, competing for dominance in the 'Best Fascinator' competition.



Left: Kerrie Rowe shares a Melbourne Cup story with her neighbours, while Jude Matchett 'makes a point'.



Right: Member Elaine Muldoon (right) chats to the mother of new member Elliot Gregory.



Left: Chris and Anita Ruszala, looking relieved after picking the winner in the both Museum sweepstakes!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming the following new Members of the Society:

- Elaine Muldoon, Elliott Gregory, Judith Ramsey, Jude Matchett and Michelle McKenzie.

All are active volunteers at the Museum also, so they will keep our Volunteers Coordinator (Rhonda Cooper) busy for some time.

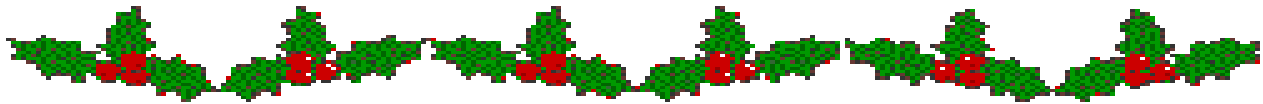
UNRAVELING THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM

In late November, Curator Myf Thompson, along with members Janet Beesley, Bill & Mary Maidment and Chris Ruszala, attended a South-East Arts workshop in Bermagui, to discuss plans for a virtual museum of the South-East. Hosted by South-East Arts Andrew Grey and Museums Consultant Rebecca Jones, their proposal is to host a website that contains images of the most significant items from the collections of museums in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires. A point of contact within each Museum will provide content for the proposed site. Development of the new site will commence in the New Year.

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE SOLDIERS CLUB

There was a good turnout for the Society's Christmas lunch at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on 10th December. A tasty traditional Xmas main course of turkey, ham, pork and stuffing, broccoli, pumpkin, carrots and gravy was followed by plum pudding and ice cream. All washed down with wine and/or soft drinks. Very nice thank you!!! Special thanks must go to our Treasurer, Sandra Smith, for arranging the event.

Take a look at who was there.....



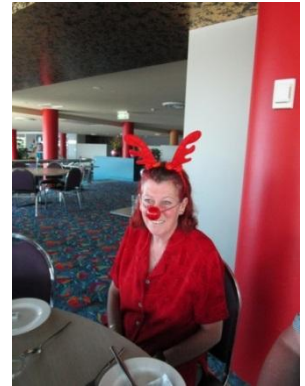
Left: Edna Veitch, Michelle McKenzie and friends.



Right: Bill and Mary Maidment



Left: Les and Sandra Smith, John and Jan Clement, Alick and Fran Trounson.



Right: Kerrie Rowe stands in for Rudolf.

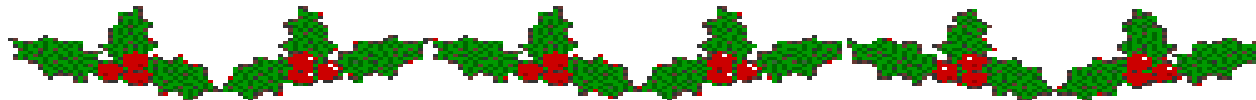
AND NOW FOR SOME XMAS CRACKERS!!!!

1. What does Miley Cyrus have at Christmas?
 - Twerky.
2. Why did no-one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?
 - Because they were two deer.
3. Mary and Joseph – now they had a stable relationship.
4. What did Santa do when he went speed dating?
 - He pulled a cracker.
5. Why don't you ever see Santa in hospital?
 - Because he has private elf care.
6. How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born?
 - They had a weigh in a manger.
7. Why was the Brussels Sprout sent to prison?
 - Because it was a repeat offender.

A reindeer story

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female deer (*Rangifer tarandus*) grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl. Guys! We have let ourselves down!! It appears that ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.





Santa Claus takes poor, sick Rudolph to the vet

He says to the vet, 'Doctor, please do something for my Rudolph. His nose won't light up. The vet walks out of the room and returns with a pet carrier. He places the pet carrier next to the reindeer, opens it and out steps a cat. The cat walks around the reindeer and sniffs it. The cat then climbs back into the carrier. The animal doctor takes it out of the room and returns. He hands Santa Claus the bill.



Santa gasps, '\$350 dollars! You didn't do anything for my Rudolph and you're charging me \$350 dollars? The vet shrugged and replied 'That's the usual charge. \$50 dollars for the office visit and \$300 dollars for the CAT Scan.'

HA HA HA!!!!

Key dates to note:

- Museum re-opens to visitors on Tuesday 5th. January at 10.00am;
- First Members Meeting for 2016: February 9th at 2.00pm; Meetings will be held every 2 months thereafter;
- Ladies Stall dates at Bridge Plaza: 28th. January and 25th. February 2016;
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: 29th. January 2016.

Chris Ruszala – Editor

Can YOU:

- Build things
- Make things
- Restore things
- Research things
- Talk about things.

Or do you just have an interest in our towns, our history and our cemeteries?

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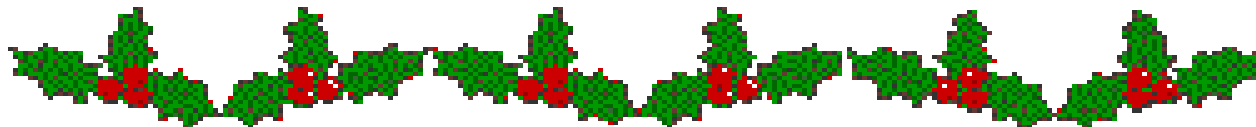
And finally, your Editor would like to wish you a.....



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....in 2016



Answers to Trivia Quiz: 1. Rabbits; 2. Carters; 3. Free trade allowed the importation of cheap American (and other) timber; 4. Three sons; 5. 1862; 6. Braidwood; 7. Francis Guy; 8. 1858; 9. Lillian Ginn; 10. Shell.