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OBJECTIVES:

To promote interest in the history of Kogarah Municipality and Australia in general.

To give support to the preservation of historic buildings and other objects considered to be of historic value.

MEMBERSHIP:

Any enquiries regarding membership should be directed to the Hon. Secretary. Visitors are especially welcome.

Subscription:	\$1.00 per annum (plus 50¢ joining fee)
Senior Citizens:	.25¢ per annum
Students:	.25¢ per annum

MEETINGS:

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m. in the Soldiers' Memorial Presbyterian Church Hall, Kensington Street, Kogarah. (Opposite The St. George Hospital).

CARSS' COTTAGE MUSEUM:

Open Sundays and Public Holidays from Noon to 6 p.m.
Admission 20¢ Adults, 10¢ Children. (Maximum 60¢ for one family).

DONATIONS FOR MUSEUM:

Donations of items of historical interest suitable for inclusion in the Society's Museum will be gratefully received by -

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

Contributions of articles and information of local interest for publication in this Newsletter will be welcomed by the Editor -

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JANUARY MEETING:

The next meeting of the Society will be held on 11th January, 1973, at 8 p.m. in the Soldiers' Memorial Church Hall, Kensington St., Kogarah, (opp. The St. George Hospital). At this meeting members slides will be shown of various places which should prove very interesting to other members.

Please note that our Christmas Party on 14th December at Carss Cottage Museum will take the place of the December meeting. Particulars of this at foot of this page.

MUSEUM ROSTER:

Dec.	17th	- Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Woodward
"	24th	- Mrs. Johns & Mrs. G. Taylor
"	26th	- Boxing day - volunteers required
"	31st	- Mr. V. Smith & Miss C. McEwen
Jan.	1st	- Volunteers required - New Year's Day
"	7th	- Mr. & Mrs. J. Lean
"	14th	- Mr. & Mrs. K. Cavanough
"	21st	- Mr. & Mrs. T. Kelly
"	28th	- Mr. K. Grieve & Mrs. James
Feb.	4th	- Mr. & Mrs. J. Lean
"	11th	- Mrs. Greenaway & Mrs. Slater

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Accent by candlelight: This was really a delightful afternoon although with a very poor attendance, but those who did come thoroughly enjoyed it. Mr. Carrick spent two hours showing us his beautiful selection of candles.

Thanks to the ladies who did support this function and special thanks to Mrs. Burghart and Mrs. McEwen, not forgetting of course, Mr. Smith.

\$43.35 was the amount spent on purchasing candles and we showed a profit of \$12.00. We also received a gift of candles to the value of \$4.35 which will be the guessing competition on 14th December.

All butts and money for the Christmas Hamper should be handed in on the 14th December at Carss Cottage Museum, as the hamper will be drawn there at 9 p.m.

Christmas Party on 14th December, 1972:

This will be our last gathering for the year. All those who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Chicken in the Basket, coffee and Christmas cake will be served at about 7.30 p.m., also fish, and the cost is \$1.00 per person. However, we must know how many are coming by no later than the 12th December. Those who have not given in their names as yet, please 'phone Mrs. Kelly, 587 6986 or Mrs. Burghart, 54 4385. Tickets will be on sale at the museum at 7 p.m. and serving will begin at 7.30. Music and Christmas Carols will be played throughout the evening. If you wish you can bring your own chair and rugs.

Sylvia Kelly

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Pocket Theatre at Sydenham is staging "BANJO", based on the life of "Banjo" Paterson, for a period of 6 weeks, on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the theatre at Sydenham where Norman McVicker has been producer over this whole period.

Paterson had a profound influence on the trend of Australian literature in its formative years. Some of the ballads have been set to music and original bush band instruments will be used in the production. Timothy Bennett, one of our members, will be playing several parts in this production. Cost \$2.00 per person.

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Brochure received from The North Shore Historical Society announcing a 1973 Restoration Project at "Graythwaite" North Sydney. Inspection on Saturday 24th March, 1973, from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission 30 cents. Refreshments available. Other attractions include stalls, puppet show etc.

From 1835 the main house was the home of E.M. Sayers, ship owner and member of the first elected Parliament of 1858. At present the home is administered as a Nursing Home by the Australian Red Cross Society. One of "Graythwaite's" architectural features, now rare, is a large "Widow's Walk" roof, and the Society hopes to replace the metal lace around this and balconies.

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Congratulations are in order for two of our members - Miss Colleen McEwen who has successfully passed the year's exams for which she had to relinquish the position of Secretary in our Society, and the other is Dr. D.J. Hatton who has obtained her Fellowship Degree in Pathology.

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The coach trip to Mt. Victoria and "Everglades" at Leura on 19th November proved to be most enjoyable. It was a nice sunny day - there were two coaches and about 100 attended. The visit to the museum at Mt. Victoria railway station which was housed in the old refreshment rooms and bar, was most unusual and it contained articles from the surrounding country areas, as well as many historical documents etc. Lunch was had in the park nearby and afterwards we came back to "Everglades" where we inspected the beautiful gardens and grounds and made a visit to the Doll's Museum, as well as having afternoon tea, and we arrived back at Kogarah in good time.

A VISIT TO GLEN INNES

Mr. and Mrs. Howard, two of our members attended the Conference of the North West N.S.W. Historical Society in Glen Innes on October 28-29th. They were in Glen Innes for the weekend and accepted the hospitality of the hosts, Glen Innes & District Historical Society to attend as visitors from our Society.

Glen Innes, situated at the top of the tablelands and junction of New England and Gwydir Highways with a view of parks, swimming pool and playing fields, was in the midst of Centenary Celebrations. It was proclaimed in June 1872. There were many visitors in town on that particular weekend for the Trade Fair. Roses were in full bloom and gay flags decorated the streets. Parks were colourful, fresh and green.

Only a short distance from the busy streets is the Land of the Beardies History House, where they met delegates from Gunnedah and Armidale. The next day Mr. & Mrs. Howard saw more of the House and met people from Tamworth, Quirindi, Inverell, Barraba, Tingha and Stanthorpe (Queensland). History House is very large with rooms furnished in Victorian style, together with colonial kitchen and bedroom. There is also a complete slab cottage - a selector's home built near Glen Innes in 1870. It is decorated with furniture, a fireplace, clothing and utensils all belonging to the period of the early settlers. All the paintings, ornaments and utensils displayed here add atmosphere and authenticity, even to the wall paper.

The archives section and library are very impressive - especially the collection of old Government Gazettes and land records - the latter eventually to be handed to the Mitchell Library. Every person connected with the district is recorded in a master file; folders of information, photographs and other reference sources are cross-indexed.

Over lunch some interesting topics were discussed - a sapphire fossicking project for money-raising at Inverell Folk Museum; aboriginal artefacts at Quirindi and Gunnedah; the history of the Chinese in rural N.S.W.

Finally, to round off the day, Mr. Bill Driscoll spoke on writing local history, using his own experience and interest in the N.S.W. wine industry for illustration. He gave a very informative and entertaining address. Mr. J.F. Atchison, a representative of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, spoke briefly about an ambitious project to unearth the origins of Geographical place names in northern N.S.W.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard can thoroughly recommend a visit to Glen Innes & District Historical Society to any of our members visiting this area.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

As the festive season draws close the tempo of activities seems to step up, but don't get your appointment book too full to fit in the Christmas Night at Carss' Cottage on the 14th December, details are elsewhere in the Newsletter, come along and enjoy a pleasant evening in a delightful setting. May I extend to all members the compliments of the Season.

J.E. Veness

MUSEUM REPORT.

Members visiting the museum in recent weeks will see the matting in place on the floor. This has made a most dramatic difference to the appearance of the floor without detracting from the overall character of the museum.

The floor which was painted only the night before the opening was showing signs of wear and the chance availability of the seagrass matting presented the solution to a problem which was becoming increasingly urgent.

A number of signs describing each exhibit have been erected on the horse gear and bullock wagon. The typewriter for the preparation of exhibit cards has been purchased and is ready for use.

A number of items are wanted for future displays, members may know of the existence of such items and may care to let me know how we may obtain them. The items are:

A kitchen dresser (scrubbed wooden type)
Pot stand
Fire irons
A bookcase suitable for the storage of our
library collection.

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