

Bruny Island Historical Society  
Annual Report 2016

This year has been a year of reorganisation and creation of new pathways. Our new website is working really well thanks to Reg Davis, with our publications also listed for sale. We have worked as a steady team with ideas and feedback flowing well. This year we had an 'Open Day' sign made for Variety Bay by Saunders. Suzanne Smythe and Jenny Webb had a stall at Dennes Pt. on Easter Saturday with some of our books and ran the Variety Bay open day on Easter Sunday. About seventy people attended. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue and Jenny for all their hard work. Sue has also taken small groups out over the past year including photographers and this is indeed appreciated.

We also produced new pamphlets for Variety Bay and the History Room this year with current data and contacts. We thank Mhrylyn Hanson-Wallis Van Dooren for her design and input to this project.



We purchased a safety step-ladder and computer chair for volunteers, and a microwave for winter meals to be reheated. On the receipt of several Master Folders of photographs from previous coordinator Bev Davis, we are in the process of scanning each photo, so that we have a digital copy as well as a hard copy both on site and off site.

Eventually we will update folders in the History Room with better quality images from this source where appropriate, but it is a 'work in progress' and will take some time.

We welcome new member Tony Rayner

Our three monthly get togethers over morning tea is working really well. The next one being 25<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30 for 11:00 at the History Room to meet other volunteers, toss around any problems, or just locate that record that alludes you. Any one interested in coming along is welcome.

Contributions:

1. 5 Bruny Island Property Maps from Surveyor General Dept. – Lee Hansson – Bk3/21
2. 2 Bound Music books - collection of Helen Chisholms' favourite songs/piano pieces.- Colin Kaden
  - a. Diary of Clara Kaden
  - b. Note-book of Clara Kaden – both transcribed and returned
3. After enquiries via Peter McFie (historian) it was suggested the music books be taken to the Allport collection in town who have the facilities to display etc. Bk3/23
4. CD of Dillon photos – Kerry Dillon Bk3/22
5. The Merchant of Sydney – James Chisholm by Chris Maxwell and Alex Pugh Bk3/24
6. Bruny Library committee – a selection of 18 reference books no longer needed Bk3/25
7. Set of Vietnam War Medals of Pte. L.C. Walker Simpsons Bay – Bk3/26
8. 80 years – History of Kingborough RSL sub-branch [1936-2016] Bk3/27
9. *Procida* Immigrants of 1885 – includes local families Kaden-Glau- Hansson – Dunkel-Peterson-Ohlson Bk3/28 Michael is giving a talk in July at the Adventure Bay Hall.
10. Nurse's watch donated by Sr. Mechtilde Bk3/29
11. Whale lance & Coal Mine pick – donated by Barry Franklin, Bligh Museum Bk3/30
12. Two sepia photos – R & J Lorkin Kingston 'South Bruny Light' & 'Lunawanna ketch

My thanks go to our dedicated volunteers and to Post Office staff for keeping the History Room open to the public seven days a week. Great effort!

Kathy Duncombe – Co-ordinator