

BRUNY ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Annual Report 2016/2017

We started our year by welcoming five new members: Reg & Fran Davis, Tony Rayner, Sue Tooth & Adrian Howard. Later in the year Tracy Thomas and Lee Bell rejoined our group, bringing our membership to 18.

In July a talk by Michael Watt was held at Adventure Bay Hall. Michael spoke about the Bruny Island families – Glau, Hansson, Kaden, Ohlson who immigrated per *Procida* in 1885 and their connections with the Dorloff and other families. Michael followed up in March 2017 with a day at the History Room with Geoff & Beryl Duniam and Kathy to further his research.

In August Suzanne got Chris Wisbey visit to Variety Bay & the Quarantine Station and he gave Bruny Island an hour on his talk back show.



On 26th October Hugh Pidgeon who lives in a 400 year old thatched cottage high in the Cotswold hills between Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon, visited Bruny Island and met up with Kathy [BIHS] to visit the home site of his ancestor Archibald Johnston.

We also had family visits from Gresley, & Binns descendants and updated information on the Adams, Dillon, Dwyer, Dunkel, and Seabourne families

Kathy & Janet completed Summaries for Archives of:

- Bowls Club - Elderly Citizens Bowls Club Minute Book Summary 1975-1988
- Barnes Bay School Parents & Friends 1951 – 1961
- Tennis Club Minute Book
- Barnes Bay Carnival 1950 – 1955
- Bruny Health Library Minutes 1996 – 2008 & History of Bruny Health Library in brief
- Auxiliary Minutes for District Nursing Centre 1960 – 1979
- Bruny Island Carnival Association Archives 1968 - 1992
- Bruny Council Minutes

Contributions

- Two framed photos – Volant and South Bruny coast line – Kaye Denne Bk3/31
- First Settlers Map - donated by Kathy Duncombe
- Chart of Van Diemen's Land showing early land grants - Kathy Duncombe Bk3/32
- Lectern from St. Peters Church, later used at St. Brendan's donated by David Andrews Bk3/33
- Stokely Book donated by Dion Dillon

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

