



Coromandel Valley and Districts Branch

ACTIVITIES MAY 2018

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Spotlight on Coromandel Valley History: How We Got Here

At St John's Anglican Church hall, (rear of church), 337 Main Rd, Coromandel Valley

Wed 2 May, 7.30-10pm

This Spotlight gathering shares selected stories about Coromandel Valley from researchers and explores 'how we got here'. This will include a timeline view and stories of some pioneer families. Tracking some key events from 1837 to recent times will reveal important occurrences and family stories that influenced development. On display will be printed stories and photos introducing a chronology and sources of more information. Supper included.

Bookings not required, Admission Per Person: \$5.00

Open days. Conversations Old & New

At Watchman House, 360 Main Rd, Coromandel Valley

Every Sat in May 9am-12pm; Tue 8 & 22 May, 1-4pm; Thu 17 & 31 May, 1-4pm

The heritage listed old house provides an ideal setting for telling stories. Words and images contribute to jigsaws that form conversations about our history and inheritance. Pieces of 'jigsaw' will be displayed, including early audio equipment that conveyed conversations. Come and record one of your stories live on the day. Current projects include generating conversations and the progress to date on *Valued Community Inheritance*, and *Local Road Names* will be shown. You will be able to see what others have said and contribute yourself.

Enjoy a cuppa and chat as part of the visit.

Bookings not required; Entry free (donation appreciated.),

Open Inspection of Gamble Cottage & Garden

Gamble Cottage & Garden, Dorham Rd, Blackwood

Sun 20 May, 1-4pm

Come and see a place that is enjoyable and has become very popular with many groups and individuals. The cottage (built in 1902) has its own special story and will have a display of local history and attendants to talk with you. Outcomes from a community project on what we value as an inheritance for coming generations will be on display, and contributions from you can be added. The garden too offers a unique look at heritage plantings, with dedicated volunteers who care for the garden on hand to share their knowledge. Plants on sale. Afternoon tea available.

Bookings not required. Entry by donation

Open Day & Display: Winns Bakehouse Museum

At Winns Bakehouse Museum, Winns Rd, Coromandel Valley. (near the ford)

Sun 20 May, 1-4pm

Explore the fascinating history of this bakehouse (1878-1940), and the surrounding precinct. Talk with attendants about the displays and early life in the Valley. There are items to handle and 'enquire' about. The displays and surrounds offer interest and family activities with close access to the walking paths along the River Sturt. There is room to run around and explore along the river bank and maybe bring a picnic. Parking is best near Main Road just east of the Sturt.

Bookings not required. Entry by donation

Walking. Coromandel Valley Guided Walks on Request

A guided walk in Coromandel Valley can be arranged to **suit your group requirements**. Organise your group of four or more people and call us with the preferred date. We can vary the route and duration to suit your capacity. Combining a comfortable walk and beautiful settings will capture your interest with fascinating stories of people and places. The guide knows the history of the area and encourages interaction through question and answer. Discuss your walk options with contacts below. Light 'tea break' included. Bookings essential, up to 15 walkers participating.

Dates and times as arranged. Duration and starting point by arrangement.

Cost; Per Person: \$5.00

Book Launches.

Two "local" books are being launched in May.

- The first one on **Saturday 5th May** records the history of the St John's Anglican Church in Coromandel Valley. Opened in 1873, it holds many stories of people and community activities. The leadlight windows and their stories are featured in the book. The launch will be at the St John's Church, 337 Main Road Coromandel Valley as part of the day's celebrations. Book written by parishioners and National Trust.
- The other on **Sunday 6th May** is about The life and Times of Henry Scroop. The launch will be at the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church, 87 Hicks Hill Road. Book written by Garry Scroop.

Saturday Morning Tea.

Every Saturday morning 9am – noon visitors are welcome for a cuppa and chat at Watchman House, 360 Main Road Coromandel Valley.