

EVENTS FROM THE SAG NEWSLETTER

Saturday 10 April (10.30am - 12.30pm) - [Beginning the Search for Your Australian Ancestors](#)

Held at Hyde Park Barracks - Queens Square, Macquarie St, Sydney. It's time to find out how your ancestors played a part in establishing our Nation! Visit Sydney's historic Hyde Park Barracks Museum where experienced researchers from the SAG will demonstrate, in a 2 hour presentation, how to begin researching your family history, using sources held at the SAG, NSW Archives, Libraries and various websites. Relevant publications and computer programs will be available to view and purchase on the day. Presenter: Heather Garnsey. Please note - there is no disabled access to lecture areas on upper levels of the museum. Price includes access to the current Hyde Park Barracks exhibition Convict Hulks-Life on the prison ships. Bookings Essential. \$20.

Saturday 10 April (1.30pm - 3.30pm) - [Beginning the Search for Your Australian Ancestors](#)

This is a repeat session in the afternoon of the session described above. Held at Hyde Park Barracks. Bookings Essential. \$20.

Monday 12 April (10.00am) - [Orientation Tour](#)

A one hour orientation tour of our library at 379 Kent Street - find out how the library is set out and what services we offer there. Bookings Essential. Free - but a donation to our Building Appeal on the day would be appreciated.

Saturday 17 April (1.30pm - 3.30pm) - [Blogs for Family Historians](#)

A blog is a website for letting people know what you're doing and what you've found, and can be an effective way to locate other family researchers. In this session you will learn about blogs - what they are, what they are for, how to find them, how to create your own, and why you would want to. Presenter: Carole Riley. Bookings Essential. \$20 (\$25 non-members).

Saturday 24 April (1.30pm - 3.30pm) - [Help Files & Search Tools - The National Archives UK website](#)

The National Archives website is a powerful tool which provides a broad range of guides to assist with a range of general family history, defence service, and criminal records amongst others. Several search tools are linked from the home page including the Catalogue, Access to Archives (A2A), Local and

House History. If you have ancestry in England, this session is for you. Presenter: Sylvia Murphy. Bookings Essential. \$20 (\$25 non-members).

REUNIONS

Notices for both will appear on the noticeboard in the Springwood Library.

Saturday, 26 June - William BAKER, convict arrived Sydney Cove 1790 on the Neptune. Inaugural Reunion to be held on 26 June at St Matthew's Church of England, Windsor. Contact Registrar Lorrae Johnson at lorrae@uqconnect.net

Sunday, 27 June - Cross Flood Family Group Reunion at Ebenezer Church Hall, Coromandel Road, Ebenezer, commencing at 10.00 a.m. Contact Lorrae Johnson (Hayes) at lorrae@uqconnect.net

NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOC

See the newsletter from the above association at

http://www.bwm.org.au/documents/NSW_Newsletter_201003.pdf

Is your ancestor's name on a Boer War Memorial anywhere in NSW? This year's Boer War Day commemoration ceremony (Sunday 30 May) is just the right time to reveal your genealogical research success. There is every reason why you would register your newly found ancestor soldier or nurse on the NBWMA's Descendant Database

http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Descendant_Database.asp

PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY PRECINCT

Parragirls Located within the Precinct is Australia's earliest convict establishment for women, the Parramatta Female Factory together with Australia's first purpose built Orphanage for Catholic children the Roman Catholic Orphan School which later became the Parramatta Girls Training School. The Precinct offers a unique insight into our colonial past and into the institutional environment of the Forgotten Australians. Have a look at the website

<http://www.parragirls.org.au/index.html> I will have the PETITION available at the general meeting, for the preservation, protection and utilisation of the Precinct as a cultural heritage tourism destination.

HISTORICAL ATLAS OF SYDNEY

Some digital versions of 19th century maps of Sydney city area can be viewed at

<http://www.photosau.com/cosmaps/scripts/home.asp>

SPRINGWOOD IVY MARKET CANTEEN

As we are not holding a seminar till 2011, it has been decided to run the canteen at the Springwood Ivy Market on Saturday 11 September from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. as the main fundraiser for 2010. More about this in the next newsletter.

BLUE MOUNTAINS WW2 - In the 1920s and 1930s the Blue Mountains had a relatively small population in the townships along the highway and railway. There were service centres, many guesthouses and holiday cottages, TB sanatoria, etc. Changes during WW2 included families evacuating from Sydney, schools including SCEGGS and Cranbrook relocating boarders, guesthouses being used to house workers at the Lithgow Small Arms Factory, other guest houses taken over as service hospitals such as Hydro Majestic for US servicemen and Sans Souci for the Brits, local men and women serving in the forces, austerity measures, available services, local voluntary organisations. Term 1 1942 Katoomba school had 350 new enrolments.

Information is being compiled about the Blue Mountains in this period and we would appreciate any personal stories, photos and relevant information towards the book being compiled. Contact Joan Edwards 4757 2317.



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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting will be held this coming Friday, 9th April at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. This meeting will be a workshop and the topic will be "Leisure and Entertainment". We will divide up into a few groups with a convenor and a scribe. Think of what you did for leisure and entertainment and share with your fellow members.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

A number of members have not renewed their membership for 2010. If you are not sure whether you have paid your subscription, please check with Audrey King, who keeps record of membership for the society.

OUTING

There will be a society outing on Thursday, 15 April to the Macquarie Exhibition at the Museum of Sydney, as advised in the March newsletter. Although names were taken in March, Pauline Hincksman will have the list at the meeting on Friday, and will take down the names of anyone else interested. Cost \$10 or \$5 concession. Bring or buy your lunch. Meet Don Graham at Springwood Railway Station for the 9.05 a.m. train to Sydney or join the train in the second carriage.

EVENTS IN THE HAWKESBURY

Open afternoon at St Matthews Anglican Church - Sunday 11 April 1-4pm

Stables and ground floor of the rectory open for inspection. Afternoon tea available in Parish Centre. St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR. Afternoon tea \$5 + \$5 for entry to stables and rectory. (02) 4577 6677

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The next meeting of the Hawkesbury Family History Group will be held in the Tebbutt Room at Hawkesbury Library 300 George Street, Windsor on Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 10am. SYLVIA MURPHY is the Guest Speaker and her topic *Researching ancestors in the days of the Raj (British ancestors in India)* should be very interesting.

Flower Day - Official launch of the Governor Macquarie Rose Wednesday 14 April 2pm

Hawkesbury City Council & Rose Society NSW – celebrating Windsor as the home of the Governor Macquarie Rose. Deerubbin Centre Garden, 300 George St, WINDSOR Free RSVP essential (02) 4560 4579

EVENTS IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Sunday, 11 April OPEN DAY Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum

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Friday, 16 April Meeting Springwood Historical Society - Speaker: John Low
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Saturday, 17 April Blue Mountains Historical Society - "Tarella" Open Day: Harvest Festival bmhs@email.com

Saturday, 1 May Blue Mountains Historical Society Meeting – Speaker: Lois Sabine, author of Dr William Bell's "The Settlers' Guide" or Modern domestic medicine and surgery : Windsor

Saturday, 8 May Blue Mountains Historical Society – Open Day: Antique Doll and Toy Show bmhs@email.com

Friday, 14 May Blue Mountains Family History Society – General Meeting with guest speaker John Low: Researching Hints.