



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting will be held this Friday 8 April 2011 in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre at Springwood at 10.00 am. After the general meeting and morning tea, members will have the opportunity to speak briefly, (no more than 10 minutes), from their chair position, about something interesting and/or helpful that they have found in their family history research. This is another way of breaking down the brick walls!

**May General Meeting** we will have a guest speaker, Linda Emery, who will either speak about her 'Who do you think you are' research or the Sutton Forest Church and the Reverend John Vincent.

### OUTINGS

A number of people have expressed a wish to change the outing day from a Thursday and so we are having a trial of alternate Mondays and Thursdays, until after the June outing and if there is an improvement in attendance, we will continue. However, if there is no improvement we will go back to the Thursday outings.

### APRIL OUTING

The April outing will be held on Monday 18 April 2011 and will be:

Tour 1: St Marys Cathedral Sydney 10-30am - 12.00 noon

Tour 2: Hyde Park Barracks Sydney 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Each tour is \$6.00. Take your lunch. Depart Springwood by train on the 8.01 am

If you wish to go on this outing, please put your name down on the sheet on the Treasurer/Secretary table near the stairs

### SEMINAR

A reminder that our seminar will be held this coming Saturday 9 April in the Springwood Baptist Church Hall. If you want to attend and have not registered, you can do so at the general meeting on Friday.

**Baking:** Anyone who has offered to bake for the seminar can bring in cakes and slices to the meeting on Friday. Make sure you put your name on the container, so that it can be returned to you. Alternatively, you can bring your baking in to the kitchen at the Springwood Baptist Church, from 7.30 a.m. on Saturday.

**Raffle:** We will have raffle tickets for sale at the meeting on Friday. We have many prizes, which will be drawn on Saturday afternoon. Jennie Hall, who was a member of the society, and who will be attending the seminar on Saturday, has donated a long string of natural coloured freshwater pearls.

**Lucky Door Prize:** The Lucky Door Prize at the seminar will be a basket of Easter eggs and chocolate, for one lucky registrant.

### JOAN EDWARDS

Joan is now recovering at home and was even indexing our exchange magazines whilst in rehab at Katoomba Hospital. Unfortunately, Joan will not be able to attend the seminar on Saturday.

**DONATIONS:** Thank you to Margaret Little for her donation of "Beautiful Bodies" by Gerald Stone and to Kath Ivin for "The Entrance Long Ago" by A M McClure. They will be accessioned shortly & put on the library shelves.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Audrey King has asked that members be reminded that fees for 2011 were due at the end of 2010 and at the latest by 31 March 2011. If you haven't paid, please see Audrey at the meeting on Friday, fill in a subscription renewal and renew your membership.

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

There have been a few bouts of illness and fractures and a few of our library volunteers have been out of action. If you can spare one day a month, please see Terry Flowers. Don't think you cannot volunteer in the library, because you still need help yourself, you will gain experience "on the job".

## THANK YOU

A thank you to Don Graham and Brian Meagher for setting up the Information Stall on Foundation Day last Saturday and for help from John Arnold, Maureen Ingram, Dorothy Bulloch, Suzanne Voytas and Jan Koperberg.

## MUSEUMS

If you haven't been to Historic Mt Victoria Village recently or the Historical Society Museum at the Mt Victoria Railway Station, consider going when they hold their Great Train Day in May. Phone them 02 4782 7866. More about this next newsletter.

## SYMPOSIUM IN LITHGOW

The Hartley District Progress Association and Lithgow City Council are organising a symposium to open historical discussion about the Blue Mountains crossing, and all the other crossings made between 1813 and 1816, including the development of Cox's Road.

**To be held on Saturday 14 May 2011 at the Lithgow Workmen's Club.** Papers are sought from historians and others working in the field. It is hoped that papers will appeal to a general audience. Expressions of interest or enquiries can be sent to Dr Naomi Parry, Lithgow City Council, [naomi.parry@lithgow.nsw.gov.au](mailto:naomi.parry@lithgow.nsw.gov.au) or telephone 02 6354 9937.

## EXHIBITION AT THE MUSEUM OF SYDNEY

*From Little Things Big Things Grow* – Fighting for Indigenous Rights 1920 – 1970. At the Museum of Sydney until 8 May 2011, cnr Bridge & Phillip Sts Sydney. Open daily 9.30 am to 5 pm, Closed Good Friday. Telephone 02 9251 5988.

## PARRAMATTA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOC

Announces the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual James Jervis Memorial Lecture. The speaker on this occasion will be Dr Ian Jack and his subject will be *Homes of the Cox Family in New South Wales and Tasmania: a Generational Shift* 2pm Saturday 21 May 2011 in the Centenary Uniting

## PARRAMATTA LECTURE, cont....

Church Hall, cnr. Sorrell & Fennell Sts Parramatta. The lecture is free and will be followed by afternoon tea. Bookings essential for catering purposes. Phone Richard Boots 9631 1960.

## WRITING COMPETITION

To celebrate the National Trust Heritage Festival (2-17 April) theme of 'Amazing stories' – Hawkesbury Library Service is holding a Writing Competition. The community is invited to participate by writing a story about a business or industry operating in the Hawkesbury from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to 1980. The story can focus on local business or the businessperson operating it, or an employee. The story should be between 600 to 1200 words and can be illustrated. The closing date is 2 May. Check out the Hawkesbury Library website, phone 4560 4466 or email [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)

## OPEN DAYS

**Valley Heights Loco Depot** – Sunday 10 and Sunday 24 April, email [atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)  
**Springwood Historical Society** – General meeting Friday 15 April, email [richardmorony@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardmorony@optusnet.com.au)  
**Turkish Bath Museum, Mt Wilson** – Sat, Sun, Mon 23, 24 and 25 April, email [westring@bigpond.com](mailto:westring@bigpond.com)  
**Glenbrook & District Historical Society** – Saturday 23 April, "Walks & Talks": Lennox Bridge, Mitchell's Pass and rock falls. Phone Doug 4751 3275 or Tim 4739 2384

## SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

Check out the events at <http://www.sag.org.au/>

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## COWRA FHG NEWSLETTER

Let me know if you would like to read a copy of 'Eagle Tales' the newsletter of the Cowra Family History Group. I can send you a .pdf copy

## FROM THE EXCHANGE MAGAZINES

Courtesy of Joan Edwards

A young lady attending balls and parties should have a female chaperone until she is able to call some other chap-her-own

Mercury, Tas 17.4.1880

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## MORE FROM THE EXCHANGE MAGAZINES

### Courtesy of Joan Edwards

Linen dresses or other garments will retain their colour if washed in water in which a quantity of hay is placed; boil and rinse the goods in it, using a little soap. Tasmanian Mail 24.3.1883

With her marriage she got a new name and a dress. Unsourced.

An Irishman, being asked for his certificate of marriage, showed a bog scar on his head about the shape of a shovel, which was satisfactory, and

A farmer opposed to railroads said that when he goes to town they 'bring him home so quick, he hasn't time to get sober before he arrives' Queenslander 16.3.1878