



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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### **APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

The April General Meeting will be held this Friday 13 April 2012 at 10.00 am in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall. Ian Kendall is giving a presentation on the use and advantage of using the Rootsweb Mailing Lists. If you have never used the mailing lists you will be astounded at the help and information that is freely given on over 31,000 lists. There will be time for questions and feedback at the end of the presentation.

Our May meeting will be a presentation by Tony Larnach-Jones, Chair of the NSW Committee of the National Boer War Memorial Association. Have a look at the design for the National Boer War Memorial to be erected on Anzac Parade, Canberra (funds permitting) on their website <http://www.bwm.org.au/>

### **OUTING APRIL**

**As advised to those already registered to attend, the cost of the tour is \$15, not \$10. This includes morning tea.**

The April outing is a guided tour of Garden Island on Thursday 26 April. Although we had to have numbers by the end of March, we can still take a few extras if you have not put your name on the list and you wish to attend. We will be catching the train that leaves Springwood at 8.01 am, sitting in the third carriage upstairs. There will be members travelling from Wentworth Falls and Hazelbrook, but we will all meet up once we get to Central, if not before. We will catch the suburban train to Circular Quay, where we will depart on the 10.05 am Watsons Bay ferry to arrive at Garden Island at 10.11 am. The tour ends at approximately 12.15 pm. I forwarded a letter from the Naval Historical Society of Australia, provided by Don to those registered to attend. Don is going to prepare a handout on Garden Island for distribution on the outing.

The May outing. Don was trying to organise a guided tour of the Sydney Jewish Museum at Darlinghurst for the May outing, but they advise they are too busy with school children during school terms, so Don will organise for the next school holidays. He is now trying to organise a guided tour of St Mary's RC Cathedral in Sydney. More information as it comes to hand.

### **SPRINGWOOD FESTIVAL (former Foundation Day)**

BMFHS had the usual information stall in Springwood on Saturday 31 March 2012. Many thanks to those who helped. Don Graham and Brian Meagher for setting up and packing up; Suzanne Voytas, Margaret Chapman, Dorothy Bulloch and Maureen Ingram for providing information to the general public and for help packing up at the end of the day. We had a lot of enquiries and even made approx \$28.00 on the day by selling second-hand magazines and books.

### **LIBRARY ETIQUETTE**

On the **two guaranteed volunteer day sessions**, i.e. Tuesday and Thursday, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, library machines, i.e. computers, film reader and fiche readers can be booked in the name of those being assisted with research, for ½ hour. If no one else has booked in after ½ hour, then the person being assisted can book in for another ½ hour. The booking sheet is divided up into ½ hour time slots, as per the BMCC Library Coordinator. Outside the two guaranteed volunteer day sessions, those using any of the machines can book for one hour and then re-book for another hour if no one else has booked the machine. If someone else books then the chair is to be vacated. This allows everyone to have the opportunity to use the equipment.

## KATOOMBA CEMETERY

Thank you to Rhonda and Terry Flowers, Pat Carruthers and Kath Ivin for doing the ground checks in the RC section of Katoomba Cemetery. The initial typing of the BMCC RC section information was done by Joan Edwards and Jan Koperberg last year, but now, 12 months later, has to be updated with additional burials and ashes from BMCC, since that time. Joan will do this and will then add the recently reported state of the graves and corrections to the information in the 1990 publication, including upper and lower case inscriptions. When completed, we will have the pages proof read. It is a bit difficult to distribute the typing for this section, because it is anything but straightforward. The typing for the next sections will be distributed to those who have volunteered. Joan has obtained the A3 sheets from BMCC with the BMCC information and has kindly written a guide to follow for typing, which will be made available to volunteers. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the ground-checks, we will be calling on you again for other sections.

## LIBRARY ORIENTEERING

We will be sending out invitations shortly for orienteering in the family history section of Springwood Library. This will be made available to our library volunteers first of all and then to the members in general. You can view the online resource guide on our website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs/forms/Guide%20to%20Resources.pdf>

## MEMBERS' INTERESTS

New members and those who have not taken advantage of adding their members' interests to our website, might like to consider doing so. Most family history societies list their members' interests and it is one way of finding others researching the same family lines. Have a look [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs/mem\\_int/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs/mem_int/index.htm)

You will notice that there is a blank form for filling in your Members' Interests. Please use this form. Chapman Codes can be found online or in each issue of AFTC magazine (ask for help if you are not sure). You will also notice Convict Interests, there is a form for the information required and we will make a small supply of each form available at the meeting on Friday.

Joan has a form from the AFTC magazine, for fifteen free entries for Members' Interests. You are invited to submit details of a family you are researching to Joan, for inclusion in an upcoming AFTC magazine. The first 15 that are submitted to Joan will be accepted. For AFTC you need Surname, (no first names), Year, Town or City (Chapman Codes), State or County and Country and of course your name and email address.

## CITY OF CANADA BAY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Recently the City of Canada Bay Council held a "Sharing the Memories – morning tea" during Seniors' Week. They were collecting stories, anecdotes and recollections to add to the oral history collections of Canada Bay, these oral histories gave a better insight into the personal history of the area by providing a picture of the past in people's own words. They are also holding a morning tea this Friday 13 April at 10.30 am at the Drummoyne Community Centre.

*The Parramatta River is over half of the City of Canada Bay's boundary and played a very important part in our early history. Being able to bring supplies in and ship finished products out, made the area very enticing for the many industries, such as AGL and Nestles, that set up along the shore, and later the railway brought in many others such as Arnotts and Bergers.*

*The rest of the boundary is the Parramatta Road, originally a rough bush track between Sydney Cove and Parramatta.*

*The Longbottom Stockade, a halfway stopping place for convicts walking to Parramatta, also played an important part in our history. It was at times a prison, police barracks, government farm and timber mill. It was here, in 1840, that the French Canadian Exiles were housed following the uprising in Canada.*

The City of Canada Bay Museum, 1 Bent Street, Concord is open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Group visits can be arranged. Admission is free, but donation is welcome. We might get Don to put on his list

## MOUNT DRUITT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lecture and presentation – *Crossing the Blue Mountains 1813 – 2013* – Guest speaker Siobhan Lavelle. Sunday 15 April 2012, at 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm at The Manse, 23 The Avenue, Mount Druitt.

Bookings: Hazel Magann OAM 02 8807 0169.  
\$10 per person includes afternoon tea.

**INTERNET – BMACHO free** *Heritage and the Internet* seminar. Guest speakers Associate Professor Carol Liston (archives), Michael Lech (museums and collections) and Dr Peter Rickwood (e-Journals). Thursday 10 May, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm at Hobby's Reach, 99 – 101 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls. Pre-registration essential – phone Barrie Reynolds 4757 4725 or email Barrie at [barrie.r@bigpond.net.au](mailto:barrie.r@bigpond.net.au). Supported by a grant from Telstra Connected Seniors.

**LEWIN WILD ART – State Library of NSW** 5 March to 27 May 2012. **Don't miss this exhibition.**

**Cowra "Eagle Eye"** is available by .pdf – let me know if you want a copy.

**National Boer War Memorial Association** newsletter is available at <http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Newsletters.asp>

**TROVE** – new additions - Singleton Argus (NSW: 1874 - 1954); The Singleton Argus and Upper Hunter General Advocate (NSW: 1874 - 1880)

The biggest Irish record website, the Irish Family History Foundation's [rootsireland.ie](http://rootsireland.ie), have changed their payment system. Check out the website. Thanks to Audrey King.

Another reminder to check out the **Founders and Survivors** website, the project for Tasmanian Convicts and their descendants <http://www.foundersandsurvivors.org/>