



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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### **AUGUST GENERAL MEETING**

The August General Meeting will be held on Friday 12 August 2011 at 10.00 am in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre, Springwood. This will be a "How to...." session and Ben Clark from the State Library will be telling us how to access the Australian Joint Copying Project records or AJCP.

**September General Meeting** – Our September General Meeting we will have John Low as our guest speaker, talking about WWI records. Most of you will know that John is the former Local Studies Librarian at Springwood.

### **OUTINGS**

Last month we had an enjoyable tour of the Powerhouse Museum and a few of our members went on to the book launch of Richard Reid's "Farewell My Children", at the NSW State Records at The Rocks.

### **AUGUST OUTING**

The August outing will be on Thursday 25 August (not the Thursday after the general meeting). and will be to State Parliament House for Question Time, in the afternoon. There will be a form available for intention to attend, on the table at the back of the hall.

### **September, October, November outings**

Don Graham will be organising outings for September and October and Suzanne Voytas is organising a visit to Ku-ring-gai Family History Society Research Rooms at Gordon (near the railway station) for the November outing.

### **NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FHS STATE CONFERENCE INVERELL**

You can still book to go to the Annual State Conference at Inverell. Accommodation still available. Those with four free train trips a year, why don't you book to go by train, using two of your free trips. You do have to change to a coach at Tamworth to finish the trip to Inverell, but see a bit of the countryside on the way. Program and registration form

[http://www.inverellfamilyhistory.org.au/2011\\_conference.htm](http://www.inverellfamilyhistory.org.au/2011_conference.htm)

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING**

It was decided at the last committee meeting that as the minutes of general meetings are emailed out, it is not necessary to read the minutes at the next general meeting, starting this Friday 12 August 2011.

### **LIBRARY**

The labelling of books on the library shelves, the A5 thin publications (known now as Quarto), the A4 thin publications (known now as Folio) is finished. The books on the shelves are having new name labels applied to the spines of those without labels and the identification labels are being reinforced with strong adhesive tape. There are black Perspex dividers separating tiers in the Quarto cabinet and extra wide suspension files holding the publications in the Folio cabinet. There is black Perspex, labelled dividers separating the books on the shelves and a Guide will be placed on the notice board in the library on Thursday. The new *Guide to the Resources in the Library* is being emailed to you along with the newsletter.

Please use the bright pink plastic rulers to "mark the place" when you remove a book and please replace the book in the correct position after use. Library catalogue to follow, in searchable format.

## NEW RESEARCH OFFICER

Ian Kendall has kindly offered to take over the role of Research Officer from Audrey King. We thank Audrey for her efforts over the years and wish Ian all the best with his additional role. Audrey remains Membership Secretary and Minutes Secretary.

## KATOOMBA LIBRARY

Members, who live up the Mountains, remember that you can book a volunteer for family history research at Katoomba Library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Ian Kendall is doing both days at the moment, until Joan is able to return. It is best to ring Ian and make a booking on **4758 7679**. Ian does ring the library the day before to enquire if anyone has made a booking, with the librarians, to see him on the next day.

## THE RYERSON INDEX MAILING LIST

"Google has scanned many issues of the SMH - generally to of each year - going through to the end of 1989.

TROVE is still the go-to site for pre-1956, because searching is better and the coverage is almost complete, but Google now helps to significantly fill the gap from 1956 to 1989. With a publication date from Ryerson, it is a doddle to find the notices in the Google scans, because you see a two-page spread as a thumbnail and it's very easy to identify the page with the notices on it before zooming.

I'll update the lookup page in a couple of days (as soon as I can generate a button for this site) but if you can't wait, you can go to

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgq8MC>

and start searching.

I don't know whether Google will continue scanning to fill the gaps in their coverage, but in any case, it is a major breakthrough to have another 8,000 or so issues of the SMH available.

The Age (Melbourne) is also there (click the "Browse all Newspapers" link in the top right corner for a list of all available papers), and there may be others. There are a great many other newspapers too."

## THE HUNTER VALLEY MAILING LIST

"Go to <http://www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources/> click on licensed resources. You need a NLA library card (free) to access Dublin Castle Records 1796 -1926 on page 31 and Irish Newspapers on p 63. British Parliamentary papers could keep you glued to the computer screen for ages.

They also have on open access ACT Electoral rolls 1916 -1967 and The Times Digital Archives and many other things

Ancestry also have the Times Digital Archives BUT that's on pay to view ..... It's free via the NLA"

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Valley Heights Loco Depot Heritage Museum** – Open

Days: Sunday 14 August and Sunday 28 August

[atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)

**Blue Mountains Historical Society** – Excursion to Lithgow Zig-Zag with Mark Langdon as guide on Wednesday 17 August

[bmhs@email.com](mailto:bmhs@email.com)

**Springwood Historical Society** – meeting Friday 19 August

[richardmorony@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardmorony@optusnet.com.au)

**Glenbrook & District Historical Society** – Walks and Talks – Dunn's sawmill site and dam Brookside Creek and Lennox Bridge

Doug: 02 4751 3275 or Tim: 02 4739 2384

**Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations (BMACHO)** – General meeting Friday 2 September at Woodford Academy at 10.00 am. Guest speaker Philip Hammon from Scenic Railway Katoomba. Presentation "Coal, Oil Shale, Engineers and Entrepreneurs".

Jan Koperberg: 02 4754 1544 or [j.koperberg@bigpond.com](mailto:j.koperberg@bigpond.com)

**Blue Mountains Historical Society** – Meeting Saturday 3 September – speaker Leonnie Knapman: Glen Davis

[bmhs@email.com](mailto:bmhs@email.com)

## Check these Upcoming Events at SAG

[Family Tree Maker Software User Group](#)

Saturday, 13 Aug 2011

[Library Orientation Tour](#)

Monday, 15 Aug 2011

[Ancestry - Hands On Workshop](#)

Friday, 19 Aug 2011

[Ancestry - Hands On Workshop - pm](#)

Friday, 19 Aug 2011

[SAG Spring Special - Breaking Down the Brickwalls](#)

Saturday, 20 Aug 2011

**Huguenot Society of Australia** – Australia Huguenot Conference will be held in Sydney on Saturday 3 September. A couple of lectures will be of particular interest to family history researchers:

"English Huguenot Roots" by Dr Robin Gwynn

"Researching Huguenot Family History in Australia"

by Robert Nash. Get details from their website at

<http://www.huguenotsaustralia.org.au>

## ONLINE NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES

**Don't forget** that the National Archives of Australia magazines *Memento* can only be viewed online, it no longer comes out in hard copy. View the latest edition at <http://yourmemento.naa.gov.au>

**Unlock the Past** newsletter. All the latest conferences, seminars, family history fairs, cruises, check out

[www.unlockthepast.com.au](http://www.unlockthepast.com.au)

**Ancestry** now have NSW Passenger DEPARTURE records 1896-1911 and Passenger Arrivals to Tasmania 1829 -1957 on line

**Living Heritage** newsletter [Living-heritage@bode.ris.environment.gov.au](mailto:Living-heritage@bode.ris.environment.gov.au)