

**Sandwich Board:** The sandwich board which was suggested we place out the front during our general meetings to advertise our Society, was discussed. The text the committee thought appropriate for the board was decided on and emailed to Ann Krasny. We are now waiting to hear from Ann on the cost before ordering it.

**Delegate needed:** If there is any member who is attending the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies' Annual Conference, which is being held at Orange over the weekend of 22-24<sup>th</sup> September 2017, who would be happy to act as the Blue Mountains Family History Society's Delegate, could you please see or contact Yvonne. The Delegate's position involves attending the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies' AGM, with voting rights, on the Saturday afternoon at 4.00 pm. The AGM is followed by a Forum and the delegate can provide information or ask questions. This is where you hear what is proposed for the coming year and who has applied to hold next year's conference. You will be provided with an information pack either before the conference or from the secretary's desk at the conference.

**Christmas Raffle:** It was decided that this year's raffle would be a Christmas hamper to be drawn at our Christmas Party. We will be asking members, if they would kindly donate an item for our basket, either bringing it to the September or October meeting. Suggested ideas: chocolates, nuts, serviettes, etc. So that we don't double up on items could members please indicate on the sheet of paper which will be left at the table where Ian sits, what they might like to donate. Thank you.

**Family History Month:** As you are no doubt aware this month is Family History Month. It was discussed at the committee meeting that Colin approach the Library to see whether we could place the Society's banner in the Library and also arrange for a display. Colin did this and it was agreed that our sign could go in a prominent position along with a display. This has since been attended to and our banner and a small display has been put up.

**Social Outing:** There is still no date for the proposed social outing for a tour of the ABC premises.

**Sale Table: Reminder** - Don't forget our sale table. Anything you would like to offer for sale, bring it along. Only one rule; if it doesn't sell, please take it home again. Our July table made \$17.50.

**July raffle:** The July raffle of the wooden cheeseboard with knives stored inside and the pretty little Villeroy & Boch dish will be drawn at today's meeting. If you ...

haven't bought a ticket yet they are \$1.

**The Explorers' Tree:** At last month's members' meeting it was discussed that Rhonda would draw up a questionnaire relating to members' experiences in their family research. These questions and answers would then be used in The Explorers' Tree as a filler for when Rhonda is short of articles. The members present thought this was a good idea. Rhonda will prepare a batch of questionnaires and those members who are interested are welcome to take one home and either email it to Rhonda or return it next meeting. Rhonda's email address is [rwflowers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rwflowers@optusnet.com.au).

**Research request – Eliza Johnson (nee Bartle [nee Alderman])** Born in 1832, Somerset, moved to Springwood early 1900s. References include "Evansdale" and "The Cot". Please let Ian know if you can help with any knowledge of this person.

### What's on - Upcoming events:

#### Woodford Academy Exhibition -

The Woodford Academy, 'Ephemeral Threads' a collaborative sensory and tactile exhibition by Academy 'Artist in Residence' floral artist **Edith Pass** & Blue Mountains photographer **Jennifer Leahy**. This current exhibition finishes on **Saturday 19 August, 2017**. Museum Entry & Exhibition Adults \$6, Concession/Child \$4, Family \$15. Guided Tours \$2 pp.

**Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah – Exhibition Art from the Birds: Nests & Bowers** until **Sun, 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, Visitor Centre 9.30am-4.30pm.

**Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum** - Open Days, **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 22<sup>nd</sup> August & 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017**.

**Glenbrook & District Historical Society** – Walk, Faulconbridge Steam Sawmill and incline railway – **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**. Contact Doug Knowles 4751 3275.

**Hawkesbury Historical Society** – Meeting, **24<sup>th</sup> August 2017**, Speakers, Ian Jack and Jan Barking-Jack: More Tales of St Matthews.

**Blue Mountains Historical Society**, 99 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls, History Centre, **Grounds and Gardening Day**, BBQ to follow, **Saturday, 12 August 2017, 9-12 midday** volunteers welcome, **Tarella Open Day, Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**.

**Interesting Websites:** Centre for Indigenous Family History Studies: <http://www.cifhs.com>; Milton Ulladulla History Website: <http://www.ulladulla.info/history>; Searching for a grave [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), photos of graves worldwide, if found, photos obtainable; International Committee of the Red Cross [www.grandguerre.icrc.org](http://www.grandguerre.icrc.org), archived postcards, letters, photos from WWI.



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

# Newsletter

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**WELCOME** to all our members and any visitors we might have. What an interesting meeting we had last month when Vicki Wilson told us of her experiences as an apprentice wig maker and then a fully-fledged wig maker with her own business. Vicki had also brought along some of the tools of the trade which were very interesting.

**Today's Guest Speaker:** As we have not managed to secure a guest speaker for this meeting today will be "**Claim a Convict Day**". Any member with a convict or convicts in their family tree and who would like to talk about him/her are invited to tell the members. You might like to mention what they were convicted of, how they were transported, where they ended up and, if known, their life once they were freed. You need only talk for a few minutes on each convict, hopefully no member will have 20 convicts as Ian has.

**September meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> September 2017** in the small hall directly behind the Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Road, Springwood commencing at **10am** and finishing at around 12 noon.

**Guest Speaker for September meeting:** Currently there is no guest speaker for the September meeting but the committee is waiting on replies from various sources. Members will be advised by email once we have an acceptance of a guest speaker.

**Committee Meeting:** The committee met on the **28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** with the following matters discussed:

**September Seminar:** "Settling the Blue Mountains". As we now have our full complement of speakers for our Seminar, the format for the program and application form was discussed and settled on. This has since been prepared and emailed to our members and local Societies who may be interested.

**Catering:** With our Seminar is fast approaching we need to finalize the catering details, as well as needing volunteers to help with the setting up and the dismantling of the hall at the end of the day. Yvonne has prepared some sheets which can be found where Caroline and Ian sit, for members to indicate what they would like to provide for morning tea and how they would like to help in a voluntary capacity on the day, such as setting out tables and chairs, helping in the kitchen, clearing away at the end of the day, etc. Cakes and other delicacies left over from morning tea will be used at lunch time.

**Raffle for Seminar:** There is still no raffle prize for the Seminar. Perhaps there is a member or members who have something of interest and worthy as a prize they would like to donate for a raffle, if so, please see Yvonne or any other member of the committee at this month's meeting or contact Yvonne by email [whywrite@dodo.com.au](mailto:whywrite@dodo.com.au).

**Christmas Party:** With the year now half over it was decided it was time to organize our end of year Christmas Party which will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**, our normal general meeting date. It was unanimously agreed that everyone has enjoyed the last few years at the Grandview Hotel at Wentworth Falls. Yvonne said that she would look into booking the same venue and what this year's cost will be.