



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WE WILL NOT SEE AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2010

**DECEMBER 2010 AND JANUARY 2011:** There will be no general meeting in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre in December 2010 or January 2011.

As most of you know, our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Mt Victoria at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 10 December 2010. We have 42 names on the list wishing to attend and we should have an enjoyable day. Ian Kendall is organising a "Famous Faces" quiz and Terry Flowers is organising a "Christmas Trivia" quiz and there will be prizes.

You can purchase raffle tickets in the Christmas raffle, which will be drawn before the end of the afternoon. If you win and you have journeyed by train, we will organise for your prize to be delivered to you, at a suitable time.

### FEBRUARY MEETING

As previously advised, the February meeting will be a **Brains Trust** format. We will be sending out a questionnaire with the January newsletter to get your feedback on what workshops and guest speakers you would like to see during 2011. You can bring the completed forms in to the February meeting.

### THE EXPLORERS TREE MAGAZINE

Audrey King is still looking for articles for *The Explorers' Tree* magazine, so if you have a story written or have a story in mind, put pen to paper, or fingers to the keys and send your stories to Audrey at [apk2777@gmail.com](mailto:apk2777@gmail.com)

### SEMINAR

The speakers are confirmed for our seminar to be held in the Springwood Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Road, Springwood on Saturday, 9 April 2010. This is two weeks before Easter. I will send a program out after Christmas. Please invite your friends and relatives to attend, as the seminar is not restricted to members of Blue Mountains Family History Society. Morning and afternoon teas and lunch will be provided in the booking fee.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal is due on 31 December 2010 for 2011. When you renew your membership, please fill in a Membership Renewal form, which can be downloaded from our website at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs/forms/membershipform2010.pdf>

or we will have forms available at the Christmas luncheon. You can either post to PO Box 97, Springwood, 2777 or pay the volunteers in the family history section of Springwood Library on Tuesday or Thursday, between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Renewals must be received at the very latest, by 31 March 2011, to retain membership.

### INDEXING

Joan Edwards is still indexing the exchange magazines and journals that come in, but there will be no new magazines and journals available now until the February general meeting.



## BMACHO

Joan Edwards has also compiled a separate index for the 2009 – 2010 copies of the Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations' newsletter *Heritage*. A laminated copy of the index will be placed in the BMACHO *Heritage* newsletter box on the family history shelf in Springwood Library.

## ONLINE NEWSLETTERS & MAILING LISTS

You can access **Hawkesbury Family History Groups newsletter** online at

<http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/November2010.html>

The Hawkesbury Family History Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor at 10.00 a.m. Visitors welcome. Donation payable on the day.

Subscribe to the Ancestry.com or Ancestry.com.au newsletters by logging on to the Ancestry website. You don't have to be currently subscribed to Ancestry to receive their newsletter.

Read the **Boer War Memorial newsletter** at

[http://www.bwm.org.au/documents/NSW\\_Newsletter\\_201011.pdf](http://www.bwm.org.au/documents/NSW_Newsletter_201011.pdf)

***Ticket of Leave e Newsletter*** – the Port Arthur newsletter. To subscribe, or to resubscribe at a changed email address, again, simply send an email from the email account you wish to add to [majordomo@lists.depha.tas.gov.au](mailto:majordomo@lists.depha.tas.gov.au), with 'subscribe port-arthur-newsletter' in the body.

**From the Tasmanian Convicts Rootsweb mailing list:**

Today's (25 Nov) Launceston Examiner Newspaper has a follow up story to the special they published on Tasmanian Convicts on 16th November. They are calling for readers to submit their convict ancestors' story for a special series to be published in January 2011. Email: [mail@examiner.com.au](mailto:mail@examiner.com.au)

**AFFHO Newsflash** A new edition of [The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc \(AFFHO\) newsletter](#) is now available online. This newsletter is released every quarter in March, June, September and December.

**The Milton Ulladulla Family History Society's** December Pigeon House Journal for December 2010 is available in pdf. Let me know if you would like a copy emailed to you.

## AUTHOR'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I have written & published some books & indexes of interest to your society & members & attach 2 brochures with information about the publications. Mt latest work is an index of publicans in Sydney & suburbs.

I am currently researching the earliest railway workers in NSW.

**Looking for information about the lives of the first 500 workers on NSW Railways. Most arrived in Sydney from England in 1853 on the ships *David McIvor* (1), *Maidstone* and *Herefordshire*.**

**Contact:** Elizabeth Hook, [e.v.hook1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:e.v.hook1@optusnet.com.au) phone (AH) 02 4656 1439 or [www.evhook.com](http://www.evhook.com)

## EVENTS

**Saturday, 11 December - Saturday 11 December (10.30am-12.30pm)**

[Sussex Online & Online Parish Clerks](#)

Rather than collecting information about one family, wherever that family might be located, Online Parish Clerks (OPC) are volunteers who collect and share genealogical information about a specific parish. Linda Bishop is OPC for Shipley in West Sussex. Linda will show some of the resources available for Sussex, including those of the OPC and also information held by the Sussex Family History Group, the Sussex Record Society, the Sussex Weald, West Sussex Past and more. Bookings Essential. \$20 (\$25 non-members). Tel: (02) 9247 3953 Fax: (02) 9241 4872

**Sunday, 12 December – Valley Heights Loco Depot**

**Museum:** Open Day: Special Christmas Open Day

Contact [emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au) or

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

New Australian series of *Who Do You Think You Are?* The third Australian series of *Who Do You Think You Are?* kicked off on Sunday night with Magda Szubanski. Five more episodes featuring prominent Australians will screen on SBS One throughout December and to celebrate, SAG is waiving its joining fee of \$20 for new members during this time. See the [SAG website](#) for more details. You can find out more about the series on the [series page](#) on the SBS website.



**Photographic Project - First Convict Settler Descendants:** Are you a descendant of a first convict settler? Would you like to take part in a photographic project? Mine Konacki is currently working towards a Masters of Documentary Photography at the University of Sydney. As part of the degree requirement, Mine is photographing direct descendants of first European convict settlers. Mine is looking for people who would like to take part in this photographic project.

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