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Wishing all our members a HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT 2014. For those members attending today's Christmas party we hope you have an enjoyable time.

As you are all aware the November meeting was the Society's AGM and there are now some new faces on the committee due to the retirement of Joan Edwards, Pauline Hincksman, Pixie Hallinen and Alison Tissington all of whom did a great job in their various capacities. Pauline and Alison will still be involved in the Library while not actively participating on the committee. The new committee members are Brian Meagher and Lynne Tocher who is our new Vice-President. Yvonne Stewart who stepped into the breach this year as Secretary is happy to do so again but only if we can find someone who will be the Minutes Secretary. As well, we are still a few members short of the desired number for the committee, any members who feels they would like to volunteer for the committee would be made most welcome.

Next meeting: The next general meeting of the Society will be held at the Presbyterian Hall, Macquarie Road, Springwood at **10am on 14th February 2014**. The guest speaker for that meeting will be Joy Ware sharing her book "Altnachree: An Irish castle, a family and a man with a passion".

Items of Interest to Members:

The new committee met on the 22nd November 2013 and have already had some new ideas on how to proceed in 2014.

* A research afternoon for members following a general meeting. Members could bring their lunch after which help will be given with a view to increasing your research skills. Due to quite a number of events happening next year though this day will be sometime later in the year.

* A monthly suggestion box or ideas from members. (Anonymous)

* A sausage sizzle to be held at Bunnings Valley Heights.

* Another stall for later in the year.

* Possible resurrection of interesting social outings.

Member's fees:

It was passed at the AGM that member's fees for 2014 be increased. The new membership fees are now \$30.00 for single membership and \$40.00 per couple.

Raffle:

Tickets for the raffle of the watercolour painting donated by Pat Carruthers will still be on sale today and will be drawn during the Christmas Party.

November Stall:

Despite the rain our stall did very well making \$508.85 on the day. For those members who helped it was a chance to get to know one another better. "Thank you" to the helpers, "thank you" to all those members who contributed items of plants, food, nic nacs, books, etc. and "thank you" also to those members who visited during the morning and purchased something. The books and nic nacs that weren't sold were donated to the Salvation Army Store in Springwood. Other items that were too good to donate and would make good Christmas gifts will be on sale at the Christmas Party.

LDS Family History Centre Emu Plains will be open for research only by appointment as of 27th January 2014 9am-1pm Tues or 7pm-8:45pm Wed. To arrange an appointment email au_emuplains@ldsmail.net. The Centre will be closed from 18.12.2013-27.01.2014.

Library: There will be no volunteers on Library duty from Friday 13th December until the first week in February 2014.

Some Websites to help fill in your holidays should you feel like doing some family history:

City of Sydney – Online resources

Sands Sydney Directory

<http://photosau.com.au/CosSands/scripts/home.asp>

Newtown Project

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/search-our-collections/the-newtown-project>

Past in Print Project

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/search-our-collections/past-in-print-project>

Assessment Books 1845-1948

<http://photosau.com.au/CosRates/scripts/home.asp>

Cyndi's list of Genealogy Sites on the Internet

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Digging up your Roots in Wales

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/wales.html>

Family History and the British Army in Australia

<http://www.diggerhistory.info/pages-reference/family.htm>

Dictionary of Victorian London

<http://www.victorianlondon.org/>

Free UK BMD Search

<http://www.freebmd.org.uk/>

Greville's Post Office Direction 1872

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hcastle/grevilles/grevilles.html>

Hawkesbury on the Net – Hawkesbury Family History Group – current and archived Newsletters available containing websites

<http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/November2013.html>

Free On-line names search

<http://www.onlinenames.net.au/>

Researching your Scottish Family History

<http://www.scotland-inverness.co.uk/gene-faq.htm>

National Library of Scotland – Map Images

<http://maps.nls.uk/>

War Memorials in Australia

<http://www.msk.id.au/memorials2/>

Register of War Memorials in NSW

<http://www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au/>

Department of Veterans' Affairs

http://www.dva.gov.au/COMMEMS_OAWG/OAWG/WAR_MEMORIALS/Pages/index.aspx

Ahoy – Max's Web Log – Naval, Maritime, Australia History and more

<http://ahoy.tk-jk.net/macslg/ConvictShips.html>

Australian Genealogy Links

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/australia/>

Australian Periodical Publications 1840-1845

<http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/datebrws.html>

Queensland Cemetery Records

<http://www.interment.net/aus/qld/>

Charles Booth Online Archive - Charles Booth and the survey into life and labour in London (1886-1903)

<http://booth.lse.ac.uk/>

British History Online

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/default.aspx>

Convict Trail – Caring for the Great North Road

<http://greatnorthroad.com.au/visit-the-convict-trail>

The Ryerson Index to Death Notices and Obituaries in Australian Newspapers commencing 1813 (limited numbers for earlier years) to September 2013

<http://www.ryersonindex.org/>



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