

COMING EVENTS

From now till 28 February 2010 – Hawkesbury Library is hosting a small Macquarie Display from the State Library of NSW

Monday 15 February 2010 - [Orientation Tour](#)

A one hour orientation tour of SAG library at 379 Kent Street, 10.00 a.m. - find out how the library is set out and what services they offer there. Bookings Essential. Free - but a donation to their Building Appeal on the day would be appreciated. Phone SAG 02 9247 3953.

Thursday 18 February 2010 – Macquarie Presentation at 6.30 p.m. at Hawkesbury Library. Tracy Bradford Head of Manuscripts, State Library of NSW will provide a talk on Macquarie to coincide with the display. FREE event with light refreshments provided. Phone to book 4560 4466.

Saturday 20 February 2010 - [Helping Those in Need - Sydney Benevolent Asylum](#) – 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The Benevolent Asylum near present-day Central Railway was a place of refuge for the destitute, deserted and desperate citizens of Sydney. Single girls went there to give birth, deserted wives and children found temporary shelter within its walls, and thousands of ex-convicts passed through its doors. This session will look at the role of the Sydney Benevolent Asylum in providing welfare to those in need and highlight the marvellous records it created. Presenters: Heather Garnsey & Martyn Killion. Bookings Essential. SAG members \$20 (\$25 non-members). Phone SAG 02 9247 3953.

Tuesday 23 February 2010 - The National Archives of Australia is having an Open Day "Shake Your Family Tree", with talks and stalls, 9.30 a.m.-4:00pm – FREE. NAA 120 Miller Road, Chester Hill
Contact: National Archives of Australia
Phone: 9645 0110

Thursday 4 March 2010 – as mentioned earlier, our outing to the NSW Department of Lands in Sydney.

Saturday 6 March 2010 – Penrith City Council & Library's 2010 Makings of a City History Conference "Macquarie's Legacy" at Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Richard Bonyngue Theatre, 9.00 a.m. till 5.00 p.m. Cost \$30 includes conference, morning and afternoon teas and lunch – ring for a registration form 4732 7891 or call in to Penrith Library.

Sunday 7 March 2010 – Nepean Family History Fair in the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 9 March 2010 - Women's History Month 'Demeter's daughters: women's harvest history' Seminar with a number of speakers. Christine Yeats, from NSW State Records will be chairing the event, 10:30am-12:30pm
Customs House Library, Alfred Street, Circular Quay
Contact: Liz Wilson - City of Sydney Library
Phone: 9265 9102

COMING EVENTS...cont

Saturday 13 March 2010 – Invitation to hear William Charles Wentworth's biographer, Andrew Tink, as BMACHO's guest speaker for AGM at the Grandview Hotel, GWH, Wentworth Falls at 2.00 p.m. Gold coin for afternoon tea. Bookings & enquiries: John Leary, OAM 47588584 or johnanette@optusnet.com.au

BMACHO Calendar of Events – no room to list all for the month, please email me if you would like a copy forwarded to you – jank@eftel.com.au

NEWS

Fire at Inverell

Most of you will have heard that the Inverell & District Family History Group had a fire through their rented premises in the Byron Arcade building. Their research room was completely gutted and they have lost most of their archives, books, family histories, as well as various other records on paper and film, and their CD collection. Their computer, photo copier and cabinets can be replaced, but most records are lost. The Fire Brigade was able to salvage some files and index cards. About half of these are not much good, but they have been able to extract some details of items they can obtain again or names and addresses of people for whom they have done research. They would like to thank people who have sent emails, letters and phone calls in support. They have managed to rent new premises and in true country spirit, are picking up the pieces and starting over again.

Australiana Pioneer Village Saved

The Hawkesbury Gazette of 3 February announced that the Australiana Pioneer Village is back in community hands after a shock back flip by a number of Hawkesbury Councillors. See

<http://www.hawkesburygazette.com.au/news/local/news/general/australiana-pioneer-village-saved/1741520.aspx>

Photo Restoring

We have had an email from Marilyn Windle of Mal's Photo Restoring, introducing herself and offering her services. She can be contacted on 02 9835 1452, or mobile 0401 234 098. Her email address is malsphotorestoring@hotmail.com

Tasmanian Books

Irene Schaffer advises that there is a new book shop at 248 Elizabeth Street, Hobart that stocks just Tassie Books. See www.justtassiebooks.com

Websites in exchange magazines

Joan Edwards advises that there are many websites to use for research mentioned every month in the exchange magazines. If you have not been borrowing the magazines, have a look at them this month. Of course there is much, much more than websites in the exchange magazines, they are packed with information and stories.

Genealogical Photography of Tasmania – Headstones of Tasmania CD's at the online shop. Very reasonably priced at <http://www.genphotography.com.au/page4.htm>

WEB SITES

Workhouses in counties in England. There is loads of information at <http://www.workhouses.org.uk>

Convict Ships Medical Journals 1816-1867. The index on this website has been compiled by Grahame Thom to assist researchers to access medical journals that have been copied as part of the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP). Although there are lists on the UK National Archives web site and the NSW State Records web site, Grahame's list makes it easier to pick up information by entering the ship's name in a search engine. Research tips are located at the end of the page. See <http://mc2.vicnet.au/home/grthom/web/medjour.html>

Free credits from Scotlands People. You can obtain 30 free credits again at the moment through the following link <http://www.ancestralscotland.com/roots/> I don't know how long this will last. Try ASAP.



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

Newsletter

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FEBRUARY – THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING FOR 2010

The February General Meeting is this coming Friday, 12 February at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. Our Guest Speaker will be Helen Dickinson, Land Research Specialist

OUTINGS

There will be no organised outing for February, but the first outing for the year will be before the March General Meeting, on Thursday, 4 March. Following up our talk by Helen Dickinson, Pauline Gibson has arranged a tour of the DPI holdings at the NSW Department of Lands in Sydney, with Helen. The cost of the tour will be \$20 and our group will travel to Sydney by train, meeting Helen at 11.00 a.m. Pauline will have a sheet ready, at the general meeting, to take down names of those members interested in attending. Pauline is organising this tour, as Don Graham will be away.

LIBRARY

A plan to re-organise the Family History Section of Springwood Library was submitted to the committee by Ian Kendall and Joan Edwards. This was accepted by the committee and the re-arrangement and cataloguing will be undertaken by Ian and Joan. More on this as the work progresses.

Borrowing: The committee has decided that there will be no borrowing from the FH section, other than magazines. Joan has indexed over 70 exchange magazines since the November 2009 meeting and they will be available for borrowing at the meeting on Friday, and after that, in the FH section of Springwood Library.

DONATION OF FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

The society will have two trade tables at the Penrith History Conference and the Nepean Family History Fair on Saturday and Sunday 6 and 7 March. As well as having our own publications for sale, we intend selling second hand family history books and magazines. If anyone has any unwanted **family history** books or magazines and wish to donate, please ring Jan on 4754 1544 or Joan on 4757 2317 and we can arrange collection.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Thank you to Don Graham and Brian Meagher for setting up the stall at 6.30 a.m. on Australia Day. We had quite a number of enquiries which resulted in members of the public attending the FH section of Springwood Library and the SIG at Lawson. Ann Deverell helped us pack up at 3.00 p.m. under extremely hot, humid conditions.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2010 – AUDREY CUMMINS OAM

Audrey Cummins has for more than 40 years, dedicated her life to what she professes to be a “labour of love” – the pipe organ. This dedication to music and her contribution to community has earned Audrey an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the 2010 Awards. There was a very nice photo of Audrey in the BM Gazette on 27 January 2010. Congratulations Audrey.

MEMENTO

Audrey King asked me to mention “Memento”, a free publication of the National Archives of Australia. It is published twice annually. As they say “Your story, our history”. It has very interesting articles and you can subscribe and have it posted to you or you can read online. To subscribe, either ring 02 6212 3609 or email mentosub@naa.gov.au You can also subscribe to their e-newsletter at naa.gov.au

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