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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

This is the first General Meeting for 2011 and will be held this coming Friday, 9 February 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. After the general meeting we will be having a **Brains Trust** panel of three – Ian Kendall, Suzanne Voytas and Glenis Geldard. Think of any family history question you would like answered and if the panel cannot answer, then we will seek an answer from the floor. (Three or more heads are better than one).

March general meeting there will be a speaker, Terry Nunan, co-author of St Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Albion Park, talking about the research for his book.

FEBRUARY OUTING

Don Graham is organising a visit to Vacluse House, for Thursday, 17 February.

The group will probably catch the 9.06 a.m. train from Springwood, usually travelling in the second carriage. Details will be available at the general meeting and Pauline Hincksman will leave a form on the table near the stairwell.

SURVEY FORMS

If you have filled in the survey form made available with the January newsletter, in regard to guest speakers and workshops, please bring it with you.

UPCOMING BMFHS EVENTS

Springwood Foundation Day

We will be holding an information stall in Springwood on Foundation Day, Saturday, 2 April 2011. This will be in the usual position, which now will be outside the *Turning Page* bookshop, now that they have moved to the Northern side of Macquarie Road. Anyone wishing to help on the day is welcome. We don't usually make up a roster; members come and go during the day

Seminar

Our seminar will be held on Saturday, 9 April 2011 in the large hall at the Springwood Baptist Church, 313 Macquarie Road, Springwood. We will be asking for volunteers for various jobs at the March general meeting. We have sent out a program/registration form for the seminar and you can pay the treasurer at the general meeting or you can post your payment to PO Box 97, Springwood, 2777. The fee for the day, which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea has been kept at \$25.00. To enable us to do this, we are asking members if they would bake a cake or slice for the morning and afternoon teas. Bar cakes and slices are good, because it is easy to cut them into portions. There will be a form available on the table, along with the Outing Form and newsletters. You can download a program/registration form from our website, at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfs/forms/seminar_2011_program.pdf

Raffle tickets for the seminar will be available at the Feb/March/April general meetings. There will be a number of prizes and holders of winning tickets will be able to choose their own prize.

Lucky door prize – there will be a draw for a lucky door prize at the seminar and the prize will be a mini basket of Easter eggs (our seminar being two weeks before Easter)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal is due for the year 2011. After 31 March 2011 if you have not paid, you will be unfinancial. Please pay Audrey at the general meeting or you can pay volunteers in the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, or you can post to PO Box 97, Springwood, 2777. Please fill in a membership renewal form, available in the library, from Audrey at a general meeting or by downloading from our website, along with other forms.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Terry is looking for library volunteers for Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can volunteer in the library one day a month. If you have not volunteered previously, you will be placed with an existing volunteer, who can give you a guided tour of the library and the resources. Working as a volunteer is good experience and helps with your own research.

BMACHO Hands-On Workshop – BMACHO are running a workshop on Wednesday, 23 February at 10.00 a.m. in the small Frazer Memorial Presbyterian Church hall, Springwood on PowerPoint presentation and use of the BMACHO laptop and projector. Please email jank@eftel.com.au or ring 02 4754 1544 to register for this free workshop.

PENRITH HISTORY CONFERENCE

The Makings of a City: Landlords and Tenants

The conference will be held on Saturday, 12 March 2011 in the Bonyngue Concert Hall in the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre (next to the Civic Centre on High Street) between 9 am & 5 pm, with registration commencing at 8.30 am. The cost of the conference is \$40 per person. This includes your conference pack, coffee and tea on arrival, lunch and morning and afternoon tea. Email: lstack@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 4732 7886 for a registration form.

NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Will be held on Sunday, 13 March 2011 in the Penrith Library from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and entry will be by way of gold coin donation. There will be stalls from NSW family history societies and many short talks during the day on a variety of family history subjects. For more information, contact the NFHS secretary at secretary@nepeanfhs.org.au or check their website http://www.nepeanfhs.org.au/attachments/family_history_fair_2011.pdf

BMACHO Heritage newsletter. If you wish to go on the mailing list, email John Leary johnnanette@optusnet.com.au or newsletters can be viewed on the website at http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/html/news_events.html

EVERINGHAM FAMILY NEWS

Ian Kendall is a descendant of Matthew James Everingham and forwarded the January newsletter, following the successful Everingham Christmas Lunch

Reunion – There will be an Everingham Family Reunion to be held on **Sunday, 6 March 2011**, celebrating the Foundation of their family by the marriage of Matthew James Everingham & Elizabeth Rimes on 13 March 1791 (220 years ago). Celebrations will commemorate the Bi-Centenary of the birth of Matthew and Elizabeth's daughter, Maria, born on 6 August 1811.

Where – Parramatta Park, Pavilion Flat Area 23, commencing at 10.30 am. For further information please contact Anne O'Sullivan 02 9326 3290 or Rhonda Pilkington 02 9716 8991

ROSE COTTAGE BI CENTENNIAL

CELEBRATION – will be held 20 March 2011, 10 am till 4 pm at Rose Cottage, Rose Street, Wilberforce. Entry fee – donation. Great entertainment, morning tea and lunch will be available for bring a picnic. Raffle and merchandise. Bring your chairs and join the Rose family descendants while they celebrate the 200th anniversary of Rose Cottage. Also the Australian Pioneer Village is open to the public every Sunday and is situated next door to Rose Cottage.

FRIENDS OF OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE - NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA

Monthly Ghost Nights at Old Government House

These are held on the third Friday of the month. Cost: Adults \$30 National Trust members \$27. This includes a tour of Old Government House by candlelight, ghostly tales and supper. The night starts at 7.30 pm and finishes approx 10.30pm. Bookings are essential and can be made on 02 9635 8149

BMACHO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you wish to know the opening days for the Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum or the Turkish Bath Museum at Mt Wilson, email Jan jank@eftel.com.au

RESEARCH OFFICER

Audrey King received this email from a grateful researcher in Germany (and he was not charged the research fee): I found the Sturm family - at long last - in New Zealand. Please read the attached report. My heartfelt thanks once again for your help. Who could know that the family moved on, in 1973, from Leura to New Zealand? We did the only successful kind of research in such a case: keep trying, until all options are exhausted. It has taken two years only. **So never give up – that elusive ancestor or relative is waiting to be found.**

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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS AND NEWS

The Figtree, newsletter of the Manning Wallamba Family History Society is available on their website at www.manningwallambafhs.com.au

Eagle Tales the first issue for 2011, of the e-newsletter of the Cowra Family History Group is available in pdf. I can send to you as an attachment, if you are interested. Request from Jan jank@eftel.com.au

Naval-History.net – As the centenary of World War 1 approaches, Naval-History.net is concentrating on this important period in World History. Their motto – *Knowledge not shared is lost*. As family historians we are well aware of the truth in this statement.

SAG-E Newsletter – get the newsletter at www.sag.org.au for news and events.