



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

As we do not have a January general meeting, we will be posting this newsletter out to those without email addresses, and putting copies in the family history section of Springwood Library.

EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

Unfortunately, we are seeing horrific floods and devastation in Queensland, floods in Northern WA and fires in Southern WA. It will take a long time for people affected to get back on their feet and get over the loss of life and property.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to Ian Kendall and Terry Flowers for providing the entertainment at the Christmas lunch held at the Imperial Hotel at Mt Victoria. The Famous Faces and Christmas Trivia Quiz was a hit and got the brains working. As usual, a lot of people knew faces and could not put names to them, including myself ☺

SURVEY

We are requesting members to fill in a survey, which will be sent out as an attachment, with the newsletter, to seek your preferences for general meetings. The committee decided to alternate workshops and speakers for the meetings during the coming year. You may have other ideas, so please feel free to give your input. Email the completed survey to me jank@eftel.com.au, post to PO Box 97, Springwood, 2777 or hand in at the February general meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Get ready for the *Brains Trust*. Have your questions ready. Don't forget, if the panel cannot answer any question, and someone in the audience can, they are very welcome to stand up and give the answer.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be back in the family history section of Springwood Library in February on guaranteed days and Terry Flowers will organise the roster before the end of January. Anyone wishing to volunteer one Tuesday or Thursday a month, from 10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m. is welcome to contact Terry by phone 4758 9559 or email thflowers@optusnet.com.au. Don't worry if you have not volunteered in the past, Terry can put you on with an experienced volunteer, to help you gain experience.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION AND INDEXING

The society is now subscribing to Early Edition 19th Century News & Genealogy, Australia 1800 to 1899, published by Tasmanian Genealogy Services. We received the first edition and Joan Edwards has kindly indexed the publication, with an index pasted in the back. This will go on the library shelf next week.

Joan has also indexed the Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations (BMACHO) *Heritage* newsletters 2009 - 2010 and the laminated index will go in the magazine holding box for BMACHO. If you would like to read the current January/February *Heritage* newsletter, you can do so on the BMACHO website in a few days <http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/index.html> or I can email you a copy in .pdf. Also let me know if you would like a copy of the December 2010 Hawkesbury Crier emailed to you, also in .pdf.

IRISH WATTLE AND INSIDE HISTORY

Irish Wattle is a publishing hub for information on Irish convicts transported to New South Wales, Australia. You are invited to come and find your ancestor!

Cass Mercer and her mother Barbara Hall are passionate about their Irish research. They advise that they are in the process of developing phase two of their website and soon hope to have more information online that genealogists can access. **They are delighted to have the support of [Dublin City Library](#) and [Tourism Ireland](#) as they embark on their exciting new projects.**

I have only recently become aware of Irish Wattle, "Exploring Australia's Irish Ancestry", after subscribing to the new *Inside History* magazine. Visit their website <http://irishwattle.com/> and/or their blog and see the update on the Parramatta Female Factory <http://irishwattle.blogspot.com/>

VALE EDGAR PENZIG

Edgar Penzig, former Blue Mountains resident, former avid letter writer to the Blue Mountains Gazette, bushranging historian and author passed away peacefully in Tasmania in late November. Someone commented to me that "that was probably the only peaceful thing that Edgar ever did". He was well known for stirring people into writing letters in answer to those penned by himself.

VALE HEATHER MOLLENHAUER

Well known Blue Mountains historian, author and community worker, Heather Mollenhauer, passed away on 12 December. Heather worked as a volunteer for both Blue Mountains and Mid-Mountains Historical Societies and Blue Mountains Conservation Society and was a great bush walker. Heather took many groups on informative historical walking tours of Lawson. She will be missed by many.

ADVERTISEMENT

This may help one of our members. Audrey King finds she has been left with two combination packs of genuine Canon ink (40 & 41 pack, i.e. black and colour) as her printer died. The combo pack sells for \$72.95 at Office Works and Audrey is prepared to sell each pack for \$50 (2/3 of the price). Anyone interested, ring Audrey on 4754 1491 or email apk2777@gmail.com

NEWS FROM STATE RECORDS NSW

175 Anniversary of the arrival of the ship *John Barry*. The 17th January 2011 marks the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the convict ship John Barry. Kaye Vernon is publishing a book on the convicts who were on the ship and would like to make contact with descendants of these convicts. Henry Ponchard, Kaye's Gt Gt Grandfather was assigned to James McArthur. If you are connected to the John Barry please contact Kaye Vernon at kaye@teapotgenealogy.com or phone 0419 624 673.

CONT....News from State Records NSW

The latest index, Publican's Licences 1830 - 1861 <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/publicans-licences> Search by hotel, name or place

UPCOMING TALKS AND TOUR

At the Society of Australian Genealogists, Christine Yeats will talk about Police, court and gaol records covering the later 19th and early 20th century.

22 January 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. at Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, Sydney. Phone: 02 9241 4872

Getting to know Archives Investigator. This seminar will take participants on an exploration of Archives Investigator, looking at how you can make the most of State Records' on-line archives information and access system. This seminar is limited to 15 participants.

Presenter: Christine Yeats on 16 February, 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., includes morning tea. . At the Western Sydney Research Centre Conference Room, Phone 02 9673 1788. Cost: Free

AUSTRALIAN PIONEER VILLAGE, Wilberforce

will be open to the public again on Australia Day, 26 January 2011. Go along, take your grandchildren. See the flyer on the noticeboard in the FH Section of Springwood Library.

HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST

Convict Sydney: At the World Heritage listed Hyde Park Barracks. Learn about the forced transportation of convicts, their daily lives and how they built the colony. Wander the streets of 1820s Sydney on their giant map, try on a set of leg-irons, lie in a convict hammock, look for your relatives on the convict database and discover intriguing stories of some of the 50,000 convicts who passed through the barracks between 1819 and 1848

AT: HYDE PARK BARRACKS MUSEUM

Queens Square, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Open daily 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

T 02 8239 2311 www.hht.net.au

An Edwardian Summer: At the Museum of Sydney

Arthur Wigram Allen's exquisite photographs document the Edwardian years in Sydney. Images of bush picnics, the first surf bathing, celebrities, pageants and house interiors, as well as a rich selection of toys, fashion, jewellery and artworks reveal a time of optimism and new-found freedoms.

AT: MUSEUM OF SYDNEY

Corner Bridge & Phillip Streets, Sydney

Open daily 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

T 02 9251 5988 www.hht.net.au

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<http://femalefactoryprecinctactiongroup.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/savethefemalefactory/0/2>

TASMANIA ONLINE

FOUNDERS AND SURVIVORS newsletter re Tasmanian Convicts -

http://foundersandsurvivors.org/sites/default/files/FAS_Newsletter_06_Dec_2010_small.pdf

TWO MORE SERIES HAVE BEEN DIGITISED AND ARE ONLINE AT ARCHIVES OF TASMANIA

CON45/1/1 Alphabetical Registers of Applications for Indulgences

<http://search.archives.tas.gov.au/default.aspx?detail=1&type=I&id=CON45/1/1>

and CON45/1/2

<http://search.archives.tas.gov.au/default.aspx?detail=1&type=I&id=CON45/1/2>