

## INFORMATION SHEETS

This meeting we will have our Information Sheets on display from the library. There are various topics so have a look and see if anything is of interest. They are 50c each or 5 for \$2.00.

## RESEARCHING SYDNEY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

This informative publication, by Pauline Gibson may be of some interest to our new members. The price is \$2.50.

## HAVE YOU GOT YOUR SOCIETY MAGAZINE

There are a number of old Explorers' Tree magazines in the black concertina file in the family history section of Springwood Library. These will also be brought along on Friday, in the hope of *finding their owners*.

## THANKS DURING WORLD CUP

Our thanks go to Jean Nicholson for alerting us to the news that findmypast.com.uk were offering free access to all their records while England was playing in the World Cup Soccer Games. A number of members took advantage of this offer and we thank Jean for bringing this to our attention.

## DOWNLOADABLE NEWSLETTERS

**Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society** (Tasmania) newsletter is now online and can be downloaded from: <http://www.glamorganhistory.org.au/newsletter.htm>

**The Hawkesbury Family History Group** newsletters, both current and archived, can be found at <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/>

**Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations (BMACHO)** of which our society is a member. HERITAGE newsletters, both current and archived, can be found at

<http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/>

and of course our own **BMFHS** newsletters can be downloaded from our website and don't forget to check out Members' Interests, Convict Interests and the photo gallery while you are browsing

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

## COMING EVENTS

**Saturday, 10 July at 2.00 p.m.** at the Museum, Railway Station, Station Street, Mt Victoria - Mount Victoria and District Historical Society presents "The Osborne Ladies College Collection", to be officially opened by Dr Peter Rickwood. This will be a permanent exhibition.

Contact Jean Arthur on 4787 1210.

**Sunday, 11 July** – Open Day at Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum. Contact [emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au)

**Wednesday, 14 July** – Walk: Eastern Zig-Zag with Glenbrook & District Historical Society, Contact [pplinden@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pplinden@yahoo.com.au)

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**Wednesday, 14 July at 10.00 a.m.** – Hawkesbury Family History Group – meeting – guest speaker Mark St Leon, talking about the History of the Circus, at the Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor

**Wednesday, 14 July** – SAG – 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

"London Ancestors its easier than before" an update on what is available after updates from Ancestry.co.uk and FindMyPast.co.uk. Presented by Heather Garnsey. Bookings essential (02) 9247 3953, \$20 members & \$25 non-members.

**Friday, 16 July at 9.45 a.m.** – Springwood Historical Society – meeting – speaker Jim Lowe at the Frazer Memorial Church Hall, Macquarie Road, Springwood. Visitors welcome. Contact Dick Morony

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

**Wednesday, 21 July** – SAG – 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

"Forums and Mailing Lists". Sylvia Murphy will show you how to use and get the most out of these online resources. Bookings essential (02) 9247 3953, \$20 members & \$25 non-members

**Sunday, 25 July** – Open Day at Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum. Contact [emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au)

**Saturday, 31 July** – Mount Wilson and Mount Irvine Historical Society mid-year general meeting. Speaker is Associate Professor Ian Jack. Contact [westring@bigpond.com](mailto:westring@bigpond.com)

**Saturday, 7 August** – Blue Mountains Historical Society at Wentworth Falls – meeting – guest speaker Jan Barkley-Jack: Hawkesbury settlement revealed 1793-1802

**Sunday, 8 August** – Open day at Valley Heights Loco Depot again. Details above.

## WHO DID CHILDREN BELONG TO IN THE 1800's

Audrey King sent in this article from one of the Rootsweb mailing lists, in regard to the children of a widow in 1800's

- all children of a HUSBAND by a former marriage can be found to be listed on birth certificates of HIS second marriage. All the children belonged to the father, not the mother. In the 1800's if the father died and did not name a guardian, the mother had to join in the case to the Supreme Court, Equity jurisdiction, against males (often not related) in order to become guardian of her own children, it was not automatic.
- A widow had to seek the legal approval of her new husband, to continue to be guardian of her own children by her previous marriage. As these children were those of a previous husband, they would not appear on subsequent birth certificates as "issue of present marriage".
- In the 1800's children belonged to the father.

## CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS INFO ON CHILDREN FROM 1800's

One lady's story: "my own great grandmother was forced by Police (who threatened that she would be imprisoned, and her children placed in State care) to admit that her husband had brought the identified stolen goods into their household at Bet Bet Dunolly. When her husband received bail, he kicked her out of the house, made his brother legal guardian of his children and shot off to Tasmania where he had been born, and became a bushranger. She had no redress as the children were her husband's, not hers." Courtesy – Ada Ackerly

From Lynne Tocher – a reminder about the Land & Property Management Authority for maps, search the historical collection and heritage and conservation <http://www.baseline.nsw.gov.au/index.html>



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

DATE 7 July 2010

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### **JULY GENERAL MEETING**

The July General Meeting will be held this coming Friday, 7 July 2010 at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. This meeting will be a workshop Home Remedies – medical, household hints, etc. We will divide into groups with a convenor and scribe, so think of all those old remedies that were used to treat you and to clean the house.

**AUGUST** meeting will be Ken Goodlet, Historian. and Author.

### **OUTINGS**

**June:** The June outing to St Thomas' Anglican Church Mulgoa, Schoenstatt Chapel Mulgoa, The Rock Lookout over Nepean Gorge and Warragamba Dam was enjoyed by a small number of members.

**JULY:** A guided tour at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 29 July of **Susannah Place Museum**, which is located 5 – 10 minutes walk from Circular Quay. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Susannah Place provides an insight into the richness of community life that existed in The Rocks in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. As the tour is just an hour, members could take the opportunity to visit the State Library, State Records, Lands Department, etc.

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER:** July was to be an outing to the Lancer Barracks at Parramatta, but as they require numbers one month in advance, it has been decided to put this outing off till possibly September. August will be a combined tour with Blue Mountains Historical Society and will be a tour of Springwood.

### **NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK**

Runs from Saturday, 31 July through to Sunday, 8 August 2010. The Society is supporting National Family History Week by holding an exhibition or display in the Springwood Library and we hope to have two volunteers on duty each day the library is open.

### **FAMILY HISTORY SECTION OF THE SPRINGWOOD LIBRARY**

As part of the re-organisation of the family history section, all A5 booklets and pamphlets have been taken off the family history shelves and put in the white filing cabinet. At the moment they are not labelled and the catalogue is not available, so we apologise, but we had to make room on the shelves for books. The top drawer of the filing cabinet will be for Australia, NSW left hand side and other States right hand side. The next drawer down is for Overseas. Our apologies while this re-organisation is in process.

### **SEPTEMBER IVY MARKET CANTEEN**

There are still a few items that can be donated. We need two lettuce, 4 Lebanese cucumbers, 750g sliced ham, 750g sliced chicken and about 40 mixed cans of soft drink (they can be "no name"). Perishables can be brought in on the day of the September general meeting, which is one day before the canteen. I will have eskys available. We still require a couple of people to bake scones – we now require 6 dozen in addition to the 3 dozen from Pat Carruthers and 3 dozen from Jan Koperberg. Our roster for the day has been filled thank you.

### **EXCHANGE MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS**

Members are reminded that we receive a number of magazines and journals from other societies in Australia and Overseas during each month in exchange for our magazine, The Explorers' Tree. These publications are on a table before the meeting starts and at morning tea and can be borrowed. See Pixie Hallinan.