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JULY GENERAL MEETING

The July General Meeting will be held this Friday 8 July 2011 at 10.00 am in the Upper Hall of the Springwood Civic Centre. During the General Meeting, Ian Kendall will give a short talk on the advantages and uses of the four Index books, indexed by Joan Edwards since 2003. Joan indexes the exchange magazines and journals that we receive from other societies before they are brought to the general meeting, and the library, for borrowing. An index is then published every two years. Don't forget to visit the table with the exchange magazines, you might be surprised at what you find!!

Our Guest Speaker this Friday is Beth Matthews from Parramatta. Beth will be talking about the Parramatta Female Factory and her research for the travelling exhibition 'Convict Women Transported'.

August General Meeting – The August General Meeting will be a 'How to....' session and Ben Clark from the State Library of NSW, will be speaking about unearthing the hidden wealth found within the Australian Joint Copying Project or AJCP.

OUTINGS

Norma Thorburn of St Marys, cancelled the July outing due to bad weather the day before, after the outing had been postponed earlier in the month, for the same reason. We will get our St Marys township tour one day.

JULY OUTING

The July outing will be a visit to the Power House Museum on Thursday 21 July. This is the Thursday week after the general meeting, so as to avoid the school holiday rush. Details will be announced at the general meeting.

AUGUST OUTING

The August outing will be a visit to Parliament House Macquarie Street Sydney on Thursday 25 August. This is also the Thursday week after the general meeting, as this is when Parliament is sitting. Once again, details will be announced at the general meeting.

There will be a form available to show intention to attend one or both outings and this will be on the table near the staircase.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FHS STATE CONFERENCE

Early bird registration is still available up until 15 July for those wishing to attend the State Conference at Inverell in September. Visit the Inverell District Family History Group website and download a program or registration form
http://www.inverellfamilyhistory.org.au/2011_conference.htm

Don't forget that Census night will be held on Tuesday 9 August 2011 and Australians will again have the choice to have their personal information stored for 99 years.

Make your mark for history....

say YES to question 60 on the Census on 9 August 2011

THE EXPLORERS' TREE

There are still magazines to be collected from the black concertina file on the ARK cabinet at the back of the family history section. Please collect yours, if you are financial. If not financial, please see Audrey King.

STATE LIBRARY – CHECK BEFORE VISITING

Please note if intending to visit the State Library of NSW for research in July. The Mitchell Library collection will have limited access from Monday 6 June to late July. This is due to the upgrading of fire sprinkler systems in the Mitchell stack storage areas, and some Mitchell Library items will not be available for use at different times. Before visiting or requesting an item please check <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/usisng/contact/index.html>

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

Shell-shocked: Australia After Armistice

11 July – 23 September 2011

Monday to Friday, 10am – 4pm

\$5.00 entry fee, but free entry for Veterans, war widows and their families, and school groups

Venue: Historic Female Orphan School Gallery

Building EZ University of Western Sydney

Cnr James Ruse Dr and Victoria Rd, Rydalmere

More information is available at

http://www.whitlam.org/the_program/exhibition_shell-shocked

LOCAL EVENTS

Saturday 9 July – “Walks and Talks”

Cattle rustlers yard, campsite and caves

Glenbrook & District Historical Society

Doug 02 4751 3275 or Tim 02 4739 2384

Sunday 10 July and Sunday 24 July –

Open Days at Valley Heights Loco Depot

Museum atmuseum@optusnet.com.au

Friday 15 July – meeting Springwood Historical Society. Guest speaker Dick Adams: NSW Mounted Police

richardmorony@optusnet.com.au

Saturday 16 July – Mid-year General Meeting of the Mt Wilson & Mt Irvine Historical Society Inc at the Mt Wilson Village Hall, The Avenue, Mt Wilson – morning tea, general meeting, guest speaker and lunch. Gold coin donation

For Catering purposes please ring either Mary Reynolds 4756 2006, Helen Cardy 9871 3661, Florence Smart 9416 1957 or email westring@bigpond.com

LOCAL EVENTS, cont.

Thursday 28 July – Dinner: Guest speaker: Steve Rawling AM. Kurrangong-Comleroy Historical Society
frank.holland@bigpond.com.au

Saturday 30 July – “Walks and Talks”

Lapstone construction railway 1910, etc

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e-NEWSLETTERS

The following two newsletters are available in .pdf, let me know if you want a copy emailed –

- Kiama Family History Centre *Khanterintee*
- Genealogy Sunshine Coast *Kin Trace*

The following are e-newsletters that you can subscribe to:

Federation of Australian Historical Societies

e-newsletter, check out how to subscribe at

www.history.org.au

Now and Then the newsletter of State Records of NSW
subscribe by emailing srecords@records.nsw.gov.au

Roots Ireland.ie The Irish Family History Foundation
subscribe by emailing enquiries@rootsireland.ie

Joan Edwards has forwarded the following information, picked up whilst reading and indexing exchange magazines and journals:

1. From *Progenitor*, the Northern Territory magazine: “The cheapest way to have your family tree traced is to stand for public office”.
2. The free online surname website, maintained by Graham Jaunay has been updated. Search or add your surname interests at <http://onlinenames.net.au/>.

Have you put your surnames of interest on ‘Members’ Interests’ on the Blue Mountains Family History Society website? Check out the Members’ Interests at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfs/mem_int/index.htm and download a form or pick up a form from the library. They are in the Volunteers’ Box on top of the white filing cabinet.

Why not use this facility made available to you by your society.

You can also have your ‘Convict Interests’ added to the website
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfs/mem_int/convicts.htm

WEBSITES TO TRY

<http://pericles.ipaustralia.gov.au/ols/auspat/> The Australian government has put online a new database that lists patent applications going back as far as 1904

<http://www.workhouses.org.uk/> from Don Graham. I think we might have posted this one before.

<https://www.deceasedonline.com/servlet/GSDOSearch> Central Database UK burials and cremations

<http://www.obits.com.au/> Funeral Notices, Death Notices and Obituaries for Australia

I have checked that all the above are correctly posted and they are active at the time of writing this newsletter.