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WELCOME to this month's meeting of the Society. At last month's meeting Vicki Edmunds, the Blue Mountains Council Librarian, presented two of our members with the Bob Howard Award which is awarded for the best researched article, the other is the Coolgardie Safe Award, which is awarded for the best article that does not fit the criteria of the Bob Howard Award but is worth preserving and is a breath of fresh air. Jennie Hall received the Bob Howard Award and Lynne Tocher received the Coolgardie Safe Award. Congratulations Jennie and Lynne.

Following the presentation our guest speaker, Ken Goodlet entertained us with the tale of a highway robbery which took place at the top of Victoria Pass in the early 1800s. He then followed this with some stories from his latest book "Blue Mountains Journeys" relating some history of the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Dhurug tribe; stories of Matthew Everingham a First Fleet Convict; of James Hunter who drove the first Cobb & Co coach from Bathurst to Sydney and of Gregory Blaxland before he led the historic crossing of the Blue Mountains.

Today's guest speaker is Kaye Vernon from Teapot Genealogy. The topic encompasses the Skibereen Famine Cemetery and plight of children in the 19th Century.

Next meeting: This will be held at 10am on the 9th August 2013 in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Macquarie Road, Springwood. Our guest speaker will be Lorraine Purcell who is involved with the Hill End Historical Society.

Items of Interest to Members:

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter State Records NSW is planning an Open Day at the Western Sydney Records Centre for Friday 30 August 2013, 10am-4pm. The theme is Transport. As well as a number of guest speakers, the Open Day will include tours of the facility, conservation clinics, small exhibitions, and a 'treasures of the archives' display. There will also be a display of vintage military vehicles.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that if the members were happy to do this, we would go down to Kingswood in a group. It would be by car pool giving members without transport but who would like to attend the opportunity to go. There will be a sheet of paper on the Treasurer's table for interested members indicate their interest in attending and to write whether they could drive or would require transport. Our usual meeting place for this type of outing is around in the Springwood Station carpark.

It was also decided at the last committee meeting to hold this year's Christmas Party at the Lawson Hotel. This venue proved to be very popular with the majority of members when it was held there in 2011. It also has the benefit of being across the road from Lawson Station for those who don't drive or would prefer not to. A tentative booking has been made for the second Friday in December, 13th December 2013. The cost will be \$25.00 and the menu will be the same as in 2011. Buffet with meat and baked vegetables, dessert, bread rolls, tea and coffee. While December seems a long way off could members indicate whether they would like to attend so that the booking can be confirmed.

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Bob Howard Award & Coolgardie Safe Award:

The Society wishes to thank Pauline Hincksman for doing such a wonderful job in designing, printing and laminating the certificates for these Awards. Also, the shields have now been engraved with this year's winners' names and hanging in the library.

Any member can be a recipient of either of these Awards by submitting an article to the Explorers' Tree and see where it takes you.

Freebie: Audrey has 2 double packs of unopened inks for a Canon printer. If anyone can use them (PG -40 and CL-4) they are available FREE! Her new Canon printer unfortunately uses a different cartridge.

Family History Month:

This year Family History Week has been extended to include all of August. The Society has been approached by Springwood Library for a way the Society and the Library could work together to promote family history. Pauline Hincksman has contacted the Library and advised that the Society would like to take advantage of the offer. Pauline has advised that the Society would be happy to have a static display in the library as well as hold orientation sessions in the Family History section of the library.

As the promotion is over the whole of August. Pauline has suggested that orientation sessions be held two days a week as well as on two Saturdays during August. To make the most of the nominated days and providing there are the numbers there could be two sessions each day. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the suggested days at the moment but this is subject to agreement with the Library. Pauline and Alison Tissington will be organising the necessary volunteers.

As there will not be another Newsletter until the second week in August members will be emailed once the final arrangements are known should any member want to attend an orientation session. For those members not on email there will be information to be found in the library.

Photos : There are some very good sites to visit on the internet where you can see photos of places connected with your ancestors. For pictures of English villages, churches, castles, history etc

<http://www.picturesofengland.com/>; for pictures of Ireland and much more visit <http://www.irelandpictures.net/> and for pictures of Scotland and much more visit <http://www.scotlandphotos.net/>

What's on in Family History:

Orange City Library: Oral History Experience

Weekend – Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age. Saturday 3rd August 2013 9.30am-4.30pm and **Sunday 4th August** 9.30am-1pm at the West Room next door to Orange Library, 147 Byng Street, Orange. Bookings essential. Cost \$95.00 includes morning, afternoon tea, lunch and resource booklet on Saturday and morning tea Sunday. Enquiries: Jasmine Vidler 6393 8125 or 6393 8132 Email jvidler@orange.nsw.gov.au. For pictures and more of the Blue Mountains and surrounding area visit

http://www.flickr.com/people/blue_mountains_library_-_local_studies/

The 29th Annual NSW & ACT Family History Conference Canberra. 20th-22nd September 2013. Full registration

includes attendance at all Conference sessions, morning, afternoon tea and lunch on Saturday and morning tea and lunch on Sunday. The cost of full registration is \$165. Saturday only registration is \$90 and Sunday only is \$75. Website for all information:

<http://www.conference2013.org.au/conference-2013/program/>.

Springwood RSL Sub-Branch Community Evening, 8th August 2013, Springwood Sports Club 81 Macquarie Road Springwood 7pm for 7.30pm

The sub branch members invite you to a community evening. We hope to have a great social event with the service, ex-service and local community. **Agenda:** Chris Appleton - A short talk about Amiens 8th August 1918. **Speakers** Peter Jones - Vietnam – Navy - Fleet Air Arm; Glenn Daly – Vietnam - Army - Movement Control; Geoff Raymond - Vietnam - Air Force - Helicopter Medic; Pip Glasson - East Timor - Air Force; Chris Appleton - Iraq - Army - (Now Director of Australian War Graves Commission); Sam Duncan - South Sudan - Air Force. Supper including tea & coffee. Your chance to speak face to face with these people. Admission \$5 to cover supper. Dress: Smart casual. Drinks at your own expense.

RSVP by 5th August 2013 Jim McKinnon, 4754 1858. 0418 645 024. iim.mckinnon@det.nsw.edu.au

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