

## COMING EVENTS

### Saturday, 13 March at 2.00 p.m.

Invitation to hear William Charles Wentworth's biographer, as Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisation's guest speaker, for their AGM at the Grandview Hotel, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls. Cost: A gold coin for afternoon tea. Bookings and enquiries: John Leary, OAM [johnanette@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnanette@optusnet.com.au) or 4758 8584

### Sunday, 14 March

Open Day at the Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum [emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au) or [atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)

### Friday, 19 March

Meeting of Springwood Historical Society [richardmorony@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardmorony@optusnet.com.au)

### From 8 – 20 March

Penrith City Library – Lower Lounge Area – no charge travelling exhibition from the State Library – The Governor Lachlan Macquarie 1810-1820 – Bicentennial of Macquarie's appointment as Governor and, on

### 19 March at 6.30 p.m.

Original materials on display

### Monday, 22 March

General Meeting of Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society [frank.holland@bigpond.com.au](mailto:frank.holland@bigpond.com.au)

### Saturday, 27 March

Foundation Day – Springwood. Stalls, Parade, Floats, Bands, Children's Rides, Farmyard animals and more - 9.00 a.m. till 4.00 p.m.

Macquarie Road will be closed from Raymond Road to the subway leading to Ferguson Road and the Police Station. You can enter Greenway Lane opposite the Oriental Hotel and parking is available around the back, but the main Northern carpark will not be available for parking. You can as an alternative, go down Raymond Road and park in the Southern carpark

### Sunday, 28 March

Open Day at the Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum [emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au) or [atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)

### Saturday, 3 April

Blue Mountains Historical Society Meeting. Speaker: Lyn Kelly: Thomas Whitley, Blue Mountains Historian. Contact: John Low at [grizzlybear3au@yahoo.com](mailto:grizzlybear3au@yahoo.com)

## COMING EVENTS, cont...

### Saturday, 17 April – 6.30 p.m.

"The Making of a Nation"

Celebrating 200 years of Governor Lachlan Macquarie The Lithgow & District Family History Society Inc is planning to celebrate this historic occasion with a Colonial Dinner at Club Lithgow (Lithgow Bowling Club). The Club will be decorated in Colonial Style and Colonial Dress would be appreciated. They will be having food in keeping with the era, soup & damper and roast dinner, and an Anniversary Cake. Entertainment by "Colonial Crew" with traditional Australian & Bush Music. Cost is \$40.00 a ticket. 6.30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and 7.00 p.m. dinner.

Phone 02 6355 7231 or 02 6353 1089 or email

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Amsterdam's Archives Online

History at the click of a mouse. Amsterdam City Archives presents its award-winning Archives Database: a wealth of digitised archival material, directly available online. Find your Dutch ancestors with the help of a straightforward search system and instructions in English. The Amsterdam burial registers have been added to the Archives Database. See the Amsterdam Archives at <http://stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl/english/home.en.html> or contact Mrs Clementine van Stiphout by email [cvanstiphout@stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl](mailto:cvanstiphout@stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl)

## FAMILY SEARCH RECORD PILOT

Go to <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

Go to 'Search', then in the drop down box go to 'Record Search Pilot', then underneath the search box 'browse our record collection', then click on the map of the country where you wish to find records, then you can select the records you want to check, put in the name you are researching and (most of the time) be surprised. You can look at digitised copies of the original records.

## IRISH WEBSITES

*Handy for Friday's Ireland Group*

Searchable website, with maps, for the Griffith's Valuation

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml>

This site shows some BMDs by Registration Districts

<http://www.from-ireland.net/gene/district.htm>

Famine Orphan Girl Ships to Australia

[http://www.irishfaminememorial.org/orphans/ships\\_nsw.htm#tops](http://www.irishfaminememorial.org/orphans/ships_nsw.htm#tops)

## NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

*A Most Suitable Place*

The Annual State Conference for 2010 will be hosted by the Shoalhaven Family History Society on 17, 18 and 19 September at Bomaderry Bowling Club, cnr Merroo & Cambewarra Road, Bomaderry, NSW, 2541. Registration forms will be available on Friday at the general meeting, but can also be downloaded in pdf from the Shoalhaven website, at [http://www.shoalhaven.net.au/fhsconference2010/conference\\_form.PDF](http://www.shoalhaven.net.au/fhsconference2010/conference_form.PDF) Early bird registration will apply to all registrations received before 1 July 2010. Full registration will include Friday evening gathering, all speaker sessions, morning, afternoon tea and lunch on Saturday and morning tea on Sunday. A history fair for the general public and registrants has been organised for the Friday, 17 September, from 10.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

DATE 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### Patrons

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### **MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

The March General Meeting will be held this coming Friday, 12 March at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. We will be having four special interest groups, i.e. England & Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Convicts. Each group will have a convenor and a scribe. Bring along your questions and join a group. Receive assistance, give assistance. We can all learn from one another.

### **ASSISTANCE AT MEETINGS**

When the society has a guest speaker, please turn off mobile phones or switch to 'silent'. Please leave questions till after the guest speaker has finished the presentation, unless the speaker requests otherwise.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS – REMINDER**

A reminder from Joan: Annual subscription renewals for the year January to December 2010 need to be paid by 31 March 2010, *at the latest* to keep your membership valid.

### **OUTING**

There will be a society outing on Thursday, 15 April to the Macquarie Exhibition at the Museum of Sydney, cnr Bridge & Phillip Streets, Sydney. 1810: Expanding Sydney. The train departs Springwood at 9.05 a.m. Cost \$10, or \$5 concession. Bring or buy your lunch. Meet Don Graham at Springwood Station or join the train in the second carriage. Pauline Hincksman will be taking down names of those intending to attend on Friday at the general meeting.

### **FOUNDATION DAY**

The society will be holding an information stall at the Foundation Day celebration in Springwood on Saturday, 27 March. Brian Meagher and John Arnold have volunteered to set up the stall and will be in Springwood early to make sure we are up and running by 9.00 a.m. Anyone wishing to help during the day is very welcome to do so.

### **PENRITH HISTORY CONFERENCE & NEPEAN FH FAIR**

Last weekend saw the Penrith History Conference on Saturday and the Nepean Family History Fair on Sunday. A few of our members attended the conference on the Saturday and the fair on the Sunday. Joan and Jan had two trade tables both days and sold a number of second-hand family history books and magazines and a number of our own publications.

### **CAN YOU HELP**

Joan asked me to pass this on: Frank O'Rourke of 30 Berne Crescent, Macgregor, ACT, 2615, Tel. 02 6254 3707 or Mob. 0409 443 106 is a 65 year old Canberra based Australian local history researcher / historian, presently undertaking an MA (Hons) thesis – *An Analysis of the NSW Second World War Soldier Settlement Scheme*. He would be grateful if you can assist. If you are aware of any soldier settlement estates, or any surviving soldier settlers, or their widows, or their initial offspring, please contact Frank.

### **MITCHELL LIBRARY CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

Help the Mitchell Library celebrate – check out the *ONE hundred* exhibition. 13 March – check out the library; 16 March – Inside OUT – backstage tours; 17 March – ONE hundred teacher preview evening. Check out the website.

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