



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The March General Meeting will be held this Friday 11 March 2011 in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre at Springwood at 10.00 a.m. Terry Nunan, co-author with his wife Wendy, of the St Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Albion Park book, which we have recently purchased, to add to our resources in the FH section of Springwood Library.

**April General Meeting** will be an opportunity for members to speak briefly, (no more than 10 minutes), from their chair position, about something interesting and/or helpful that they have found in their family history research. This, like the *Brains Trust* may help others in their search for stories to put 'the meat on the bones'.

### MARCH OUTING

The March outing will be to Elizabeth Farm Cottage, Parramatta on Thursday 17 March. We will be catching the 9.06am train from Springwood. Entry fee is \$6. The tour takes 1 to 1 1/2 hours, so take your lunch or buy in Parramatta. There will be a sheet available on Friday for those wishing to attend

**February outing** – those who were able to go had a very enjoyable day visiting Vacluse House. We had an excellent guide from Historic Houses Trust and Vacluse House was opened, on the day, for our tour (so – no crowds).

**Don't forget to have a look at the photos taken on outings, which Ian Kendall has loaded onto our website:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs>

### ASSISTANCE IN WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

It is not always easy to organise all those "bits" of paper lying around the office that form part of your family history research. Joan Edwards has offered to take small groups, that is 4 to 5 at a time to give assistance and advice on writing your family history. This will take place in a couple of months when we know the number of members interested in taking part. Venue, date and time will be organised, in due course. Please let Joan know if you would like to participate.

### PUBLISHING

Joan Edwards has finished indexing the 2009 – 2010 exchange magazines and we will launch the publication at the Penrith History Conference on Saturday. A copy of the publication will be accessioned and made available to members in the FH section of Springwood Library.

### PURCHASES

We have a number of new purchases, most still to be accessioned. They include Terry and Wendy Nunan's *St Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Albion Park*; *We Will Remember Them, Men of the Merrylands Memorials*; *Convict Lives – Women at Cascades Female Factory*; *Kyogle Cemetery*; *They Were More Than Just Gold Diggers – The Chinese of Murrumburrah and surrounding districts 1860s – 1960s*; *Remembering the Past – The Women's Pioneer Society of Australasia Inc.*

### MEMBERSHIP

To retain continuity of your membership, please fill in a subscription renewal form and pay your fee by **31 March 2011** at the very latest. You can pay Audrey King on Friday and if you have not got a form, Audrey can supply. It is important for Audrey to have a form each year with your payment, to ensure your details are kept up to date.

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We have two new library volunteers. They are David Harris and Jean O'Brien. Welcome to both David and Jean. I am sure you will both find that volunteering in the library helps you with your own research. Anyone else wishing to volunteer, please see Terry Flowers.

## THE EXPLORERS' TREE

Our March magazine will be available at the meeting on Friday, for those who do not pay for postage. Please see John Arnold on the Secretary/Treasurer's table near the staircase. The magazines will be in alphabetical order. Please collect from John.

## SEMINAR

The BMFHS seminar will be held on **Saturday 9 April 2011** and you can pay to register for the seminar at the meeting on Friday. John Arnold will be accepting and receipting registrations.

**Can you bake a cake or a slice for the morning tea or afternoon tea at the seminar?** If so, please put your name on the list on the back table. Some people have already placed their names on the list from last meeting.

**Mini Easter Egg basket** – if you are unable to bake for the seminar, would you like to donate an Easter egg, chocolate, chocolate biscuits or something suitable for the Mini Easter Egg basket that will be made up by Pauline Hinckman for the lucky door prize at the seminar? **If so, please bring with you on FRIDAY.** April will be too late, as the April meeting is the day before the seminar.

**List for helpers on Saturday 9 April** – there will be a list on the back table for helpers for the day of the seminar. Please have a look and see if you are able to help during the day.

**Raffle tickets** are available for the seminar raffle and can be purchased 3 for \$2 or 8 for \$5 from the back table

## SECOND HAND BOOKS

BMFHS has a number of second-hand books for sale. We will be putting them out for sale at the Penrith History Conference and the Nepean Family History Fair on the weekend, but we are offering our members first chance of purchase. They are too heavy to carry up the stairs to the meeting room, so after the general meeting on Friday, if anyone wishes to have a look at what is available, you can do so in the boot of Joan Edwards' car, which will be parked outside the Springwood Neighbourhood Centre. Prices will be marked and receipts will only be issued if you require a receipt.

### Thanks to Joan Edwards:

Paperhangers are about the only men who succeed in business by going to the wall. *Tas Mail* 19.7.1890

## WEBSITES

For those with Scottish ancestors <http://www.nls.uk>

Have a look at the Springwood Historians' new blog at <http://springwoodhistorians.blogspot.com/> VERY GOOD

## e-NEWSLETTERS

Let me know if you would like a copy of any of the following e-newsletters sent to you in .pdf format:

**Cowra Family History Group's** March newsletter "Eagle Tales"

**BMACHO's** March/April newsletter "Heritage"

**Boer War Memorial NSW** Newsletter 9, view at <http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Newsletters.asp>

## EVENTS

### PENRITH HISTORY CONFERENCE AND NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

BMFHS will have trade tables at the Penrith History Conference on Saturday 12 March 2011 and at the Nepean Family History Fair on Sunday 13 March 2011. If you are attending either/both of these days, please come and see Joan and Jan on the trade tables

### FOUNDATION DAY

BMFHS will have an information stall on the main street of Springwood for Foundation Day on Saturday 2 April 2011. Don Graham and Brian Meagher will be setting up the stall early on the Saturday morning and we will have our publications and information available to the general public from 9.00am till about 3.00pm on the day

### Lithgow & District Family History Society

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration luncheon on Sunday 13 March. Email [ldfhs@lisp.com.au](mailto:ldfhs@lisp.com.au)

### Springwood Historical Society

Meeting Friday 18 March.

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

**BMACHO AGM** Saturday 19 March at 2.00pm Everglades, Leura. Phone 47541544 or email [jank@eftel.com.au](mailto:jank@eftel.com.au)

### Mt Wilson & Mt Irvine Historical Society

Open Day Sunday 20 March at the Turkish Bath Museum, Mt Wilson. Email [westring@bigpond.com](mailto:westring@bigpond.com)

### Thomas & Jane Rose Family Society Inc

Rose Cottage Bi Centennial Celebration on 20 March, 10.00am till 4pm at Rose Cottage, Rose Street, Wilberforce

### Glenbrook & District Historical Society

Saturday 26 March, "Walks and Talks". The Mountain Murders: Lee Weller's grave. Phone Doug 02 4751 3275 or Tim on 4739 2384

### Valley Heights Loco Depot Heritage Museum

Open Day Sunday 27 March. Email [atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)

### Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society

General Meeting: Speaker Andy McQueen on Monday 28 March. Email [frank.holland@bigpond.com.au](mailto:frank.holland@bigpond.com.au)

### Society of Australian Genealogists

Have a look at the SAG upcoming events on their website [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au) and subscribe to their e-SAG newsletter to keep informed.