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A WELCOME to our member and any visitors we might have today.

Last meeting, we welcomed two visitors, hopefully they found the meeting interesting. While we didn't have an official guest speaker Ian again gave us an interesting talk on hints and tips regarding research which generated a lot of interest and some members' tips as well.

Guest Speaker today: Alison Wishart, Archivist, from the State Library will be giving a talk on the taking of oral history and the methods and techniques that can be applied. This is now becoming an integral part of family history as many of our relatives are ageing and it is necessary to obtain their stories before it's too late for them to remember details.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **13th April 2018 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church.

April Guest Speaker: Fred Gooch will be our guest speaker and his talk will be about Old Government House.

The Committee on Friday 23rd February 2018 as discussed the following:

Street Stall: It has been confirmed with the Presbyterian Church that the Society will be able to hold a stall on **Friday, 16th March** either in the driveway of the Church or on the grassed area in front of the Church. While there are still some unsold items from a previous garage sale being held in our storage unit, more items are welcome. If members have anything they wish to contribute e.g. bric-a-brac, CDs, DVDs, Records, these can either be brought to the March meeting or brought to the stall on the day.

We had quite a few enquiries from customers at our last street stall as to whether we had any cakes, which we hadn't, perhaps those cooks amongst you would be prepared to donate some cakes, jams, pickles etc. which could be brought to the stall on the day.

High Tea: The hall at Christ Church, the Anglican Church on the Great Western Highway, Springwood, has been secured for our High Tea to be held on **19th May 2018**. Thanks to Trish Brown, a Church member, we are able to hire the hall at a reduced rate of \$50 plus electricity, a cost of \$104.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the topic is "A Wedding". For those who wish to write a story for the book to be produced by Ian, it can be a story of a wedding from your family history with a photo or photos, if you have any. The wedding you choose might have been an unusual wedding; a comedy of errors might have occurred, or even your own wedding, the choice is yours. Articles should be **no longer** than an A4 page but can be shorter. As with the last High Tea, if you would like to, you can personally present it to the audience on the day. Ian will again produce a booklet of your stories and these will be offered for sale. Those members not wishing to provide a story may just wish to come along and enjoy the delicious food and be entertained with the stories that are presented.

High Tea continued:

Stories can be emailed to Ian with photos, if available, when they are ready so Ian can commence preparation of the book.

Yvonne will form a committee of interested members to work out the day's catering and we will again be requiring donations of cakes and delicacies from those cooks amongst you who would be willing to provide something.

As this is our major fund raiser for the year, it is proposed to charge \$30 for the High Tea and copies of the Wedding Book will be \$10.

Member's fees reminder: Membership fees are now due. Fees for single membership - \$30.00; \$40.00 per couple plus \$7.50 for postage of The Explorers' Tree if required. Membership of the Society lapses on the 31st March which means that non-members will be unable to borrow any of the magazines on display at our meetings.

The Explorers' Tree: The first edition of The Explorers' Tree for 2018 will be available at today's meeting.

Rhonda is always looking for articles for The Explorers' Tree. These can be emailed to Rhonda at rwflowers@optusnet.com.au.

The Librarian, Vicki Edmunds, has now read through last year's editions of The Explorers' Tree and has chosen the winners for the Bob Howard Award and the Coolgardie Safe Award along with a Highly Commended in each category. The Society is currently organising a suitable meeting date for Vicki to present the Awards.

Raffles - Tickets for our first raffle for 2018 will be on sale at today's meeting and will be drawn at our May meeting.

If any member has an item they would like to offer for our future raffles could you please let Yvonne or one of the committee know.

Trade table - Having a New Year clean out? A reminder of our ongoing trade table.

Springwood Library - Ian's talk on Family History in Springwood Library entitled "The Joys and Perils of Family History" was well received by those who attended last Thursday, 1st March. The talk generated

quite a bit of discussion amongst the participants.

Research Enquiries.

Further to the request Ian received from someone looking for **Lyn Fuller** who was last known to live at 100 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls which was mentioned in last month's Newsletter. Alison Tissington was able to assist with this. "Thank you Alison".

Book - "Broken Hill Streets" - This book, all about the streets in Broken Hill, has been recently published by Dennis Aartsen who has kindly given a copy to our Society, this has been placed in the Library for any member with an interest in that area.

What's On:

* **Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah**, Exhibition: Standing up Alive, Saturday 17th March to 13th May 2018.

* **Glenbrook & District Historical Society**, Walk: The Descent to the West (Mt York), Saturday, 24th March, 2018. Contact: Doug Knowles 4751 3275.

* **National Trust of Australia: Macquarie Open Day** - 24th March 2018, 10.30am-2.30pm. 3397 O'Connell Road, O'Connell (near Bathurst). The restored homestead at "Macquarie" will be open for viewing and a plaque unveiled to commemorate the restoration of the two-storey Convict Barracks (circa 1820-1822) at 11am. Refreshments will be available. Entry fee: \$10pp (concessions for families, children and seniors). Proceeds to Bathurst Community Op Shop. RSVP, 7th March 2018 for catering purposes, Bonny 0405 442 025 or Paul 0405 442 026.

Items of Interest:

Discovery in Thompson Square, Windsor: Simply Priceless Discovery. A National Treasure was uncovered at Thompson Square, Windsor during excavation works for a new bridge across the Hawkesbury River to replace the existing bridge constructed in 1874. Archaeologists engaged by the Roads and Maritime Services recently uncovered two sections of box drains deep underground thought to be brick barrel drains dating back to the very earliest of our European and colonial settlement - 1812-16.

Researching Immigration from 1922: Anyone entering Australia after 1922 can be found on the National Archives of Australia website www.naa.gov.au

Websites: Family Tree Templates - <https://www.familytreetemplates.net/>; **5 Minute History:** www.fiveminutehistory.com
Genealogy Forms <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms/>; Making a family history photo book
- <https://www.digitalphotos101.com/blog/creating-family-tree-heritage-or-genealogy-photo-book/>; Storing documents
Safely - <https://www.budgetdirect.com.au/blog/how-to-keep-important-documents-safe.html>

