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MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be held on Friday 11 May 2012 in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Road Springwood at 10.00 am. Our guest speaker this month will be Tony Larnach-Jones, Chairman NSW of the National Boer War Memorial Association, who will give a presentation on the Boer War and the efforts of the association to raise funds for the National Boer War Memorial in Canberra.

Our June meeting will be a workshop titled "Caring for Your Family History". We will break into three groups with three presenters – Joan Edwards, Ian Kendall and Audrey King. There will be scribes taking notes and the notes taken in all three groups will be made available to members.

OUTING MAY

The outing in May will be a guided tour of historic St Patricks RC Church at 20 Grosvenor St, The Rocks. (Sorry, I thought we were going to St Mary's Cathedral). Monday 21 May at 10.00 am morning tea and 10.30 am tour (they only do tours on 1st & 3rd Mondays each month). Cost \$2. Catch the train that leaves Springwood at 8.01 am and change at Parramatta (same platform) for the city train at 9.01 am to Wynyard. 302 metre walk via York Street to Grosvenor Street.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Don't forget to submit your Members' Interests to Joan Edwards, using the blank form available on the Blue Mountains Family History Society website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs/forms/membersinterestresearchform2012.pdf>, or collect a form at the general meeting, along with the form for Convict Interests.

INDEX TO EXCHANGE MAGAZINES

If you have not used the Index to Exchange Magazines, now four volumes, you should do so. Check your family surnames, places your family lived, their occupations and anything else you can think of, in the Index. You could be surprised. The four volumes are in a black magazine holder in the "World" section of the family history books at Springwood Library (because the items indexed refer to World Wide items). Joan Edwards now has the Index available on her iPad, which she brings to general meetings. Ask her to show you how to use the Index.

YESTERDAYS JOURNEY ON ROOTSWEB

For those with English ancestors the Yesterdays site has been updated with hundreds more names of persons from the British Isles. Latest batch includes school admissions, registers for several Derby and Eckington schools. In addition Wills and Settlement Examinations have been added. These records are updated on a regular basis.

Link below, if it fails "Google" Yesterdays Journey.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~spire/Yesterday/index.htm>

COMPUTER UPGRADE – COMPUTER GOING FREE

The Acer computer that was the only BMFHS computer in the family history section of Springwood Library has been replaced with a new computer. If anyone would like the old computer (all the old files have been removed) please let me know at the general meeting or j.koperberg@bigpond.com or phone 0247541544.

TITANIC RECORDS ON ANCESTRY

The story of the *Titanic* has been told many times, but there still remains a great mystery and many myths about the ship. The *Titanic* Collection contains records that allow you to discover more about the people on board.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*, Ancestry is giving you free access to over 9,000 *Titanic* records until 31 May 2012.

Search the [Outward Passenger List](#) for the names, ages and occupations of those who bought the highly sought after tickets. You can also find out about the staff on board using our [Crew Records](#).

NAVAL-HISTORY.NET

Royal Australian Navy ships and Australian Waters, World War 1 period. The log books are now available of (1) HMS ECLIPSE, escorting HMA Submarines AE.1 and 2 out to Colombo in 1914 (<http://www.naval-history.net/OWShips-WW1-05Eclipse.htm>), (2) HMAS SYDNEY escorting them on to Australia (formatted but not edited, at <http://www.naval-history.net/OWShips-WW1-06Sydney.htm>) and (3) HMS TORCH in South Pacific waters in 1914(<http://www.naval-history.net/OWShips-WW1-18Torch.htm>). They all make fascinating reading. More unedited Australian ships are available - destroyer HMAS Warrego sailing from UK to Australia in 1919, and others are to follow as you can see at <http://www.naval-history.net/OWShips-LogBooksWW1.htm>.

For anyone interested in transcribing the log books or editing them, please go to <http://www.oldweather.org/>

INVITATION FROM BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Blue Mountains Historical Society has invited the family history society members to their June talk, which will be given by David Carment, President of the Royal Australian Historical Society. His topic is *An Unfinished Journey: Searching for Violet Inglis 1903 – 1939*. Morning tea is available from 10 am and the meeting begins at 10.30 am on Saturday 2 June at Hobby's Reach, 99-101 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls. Lunch is available after the meeting if anyone wishes to stay and enjoy hot soup.

SAG – check out the Society of Australian Genealogists **news and events** on their website at www.sag.org.au Subscribe to their newsletter.

Taree Family History Society newsletter available in pdf form. Let me know if you want a copy.

Kiama Family History Centre newsletter available in pdf or Word Doc. Let me know if you want a copy.

EVENTS

Friday 18 May – Springwood Historical Society
meeting – Speaker David Carment, email richardmorony@optusnet.com.au

Saturday 26 May – Glenbrook & District Historical Society – Walk: Duck Hole; Glenbrook Creek.
Ring Doug Knowles 4751 3275 or Tim Miers 4739 2384.

Sunday 27 May – Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum
Open Day at Tusculum Road, Valley Heights.
Contact atmuseum@optusnet.com.au

Saturday 2 June – Blue Mountains Historical Society
as advised earlier – invitation issued to BMFHS.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FHS

The State Conference this year is being hosted by Botany Bay Family History Society and will be held at “Tradies” Club at Gympie 14 – 16 September. The Friday is an EXPO and the conference will be held on the Saturday and Sunday. Have a look at the Conference 2012 website, send an expression of interest, so that you receive a newsletter with updates on the conference - <http://www.conference2012.org.au/>
Registrations are now open and if you register before 15 July, you save \$25.00.

BLUE MOUNTAINS ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS INC (BMACHO)

Will be holding the Blue Mountains History Conference on Saturday 20 October 2012 at The Carrington, Katoomba. Registration will be available soon.

BMACHO

Will also be holding a General Meeting on Saturday 14 July and the guest speaker will be Gay Hendriksen and the focus of the talk will be *Walking with the Women - sharing the journeys of convict women from trial and transportation to life in the female factories*. More about location and time of meeting in the next newsletter.

John Gordon sent the following:

Mick and Paddy are reading headstones in a nearby cemetery. Paddy says ‘Crikey! There’s a bloke here who was 152!’ Paddy says ‘What’s his name?’ Mick replies ‘Miles, from London.’

Haven’t seen any that old yet at Katoomba cemetery!!!
...but there are holes under some of the graves deep enough for ‘a quick escape to China!’

Hawkesbury Family History Group News available

<http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/April2012.html>

American Civil War Veterans buried in our area – access to free library of books

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Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc

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Founders and Survivors Newsletter

http://foundersandsurvivors.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/10_2012APR_large.pdf or Newsletter no. 10, small version

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