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WELCOME members and any visitors to today's meeting of the Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc. Our guest speaker today is Margot Riley from the State Library. Margot's topic will be: Identifying photographs; Photography and Fashions.

Any member who may have an original photo which they would like Margot to date, please bring it along to the meeting.

Last meeting Ian filled in admirably when Margot was unable to attend. The members were very interested in hearing about his 19 convict ancestors and in particular of George Kendall, Matthew James Everingham, William Shipman Baxter and Thomas Radburn (Swing Rioter). "Thank you Ian"

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Society will be held on Friday, **10th June, 2016** commencing at **10am** in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Macquarie Road, Springwood.

Guest speaker for June meeting: Greg Clancy will be the guest speaker at this meeting. His topic sounds very intriguing - Hitler's Lost Spy who appears to have had a connection with the Blue Mountains.

Committee Meeting: The members of the committee met on Friday, **22nd April** and the following was discussed:

The Explorers' Tree Magazine: As Rhonda and Terry will be away until early July, members will not receive their June copy of the Explorers' Tree until they return in time for the July meeting. The committee felt that the members would understand if they received their magazine a month later. "Happy travelling Rhonda and Terry"

Coolgardie and Bob Howard Awards: As Rhonda and Terry will be away until July we are hoping that Vicki Edmunds, the Springwood Librarian, will be available to present these Awards at our August meeting. Yvonne is following the matter up.

High Tea: Our President, Yvonne, has things in hand for our exciting High Tea. So far we have almost 40 people attending which is a very pleasing and manageable number. Thank you all those members who offered to supply China for the day. For those members who are supplying China or table cloths could you please bring them to Friday's meeting and Yvonne will take care of them.

In relation to the stories and/or photos that members are contributing on the day if you could possibly email the photos to Ian prior to Saturday or put them on a memory stick and hand to Ian at the meeting, Ian would like to have the photos running throughout the afternoon. For the purposes of the book Ian would also need to have an electronic copy of your story. For those members not on the internet a hard copy of your story can be given to Ian along with a photo and these can be scanned.

Raffle: Raffle tickets will be sold today and at the High Tea - one raffle for the incredible rug by crocheted by John Gordon, the other raffle is for the set of 4 Aynsley cups and saucers in the delightful "Pembroke" pattern donated by our member Lynne Tocher, (**Correction** last Newsletter mentioned 6 cups and saucers, it was actually only 4). Tickets for both raffles have been priced at **\$2.00** each.

Membership: Carolyn, our membership Secretary, has advised that we now have 61 members.

Social Outings: The first social outing was held on Thursday, 21st April 2016. Eight people attended the tour of the Penrith Museum of Printing and found it a very enlightening experience. Those who attended learned some interesting facts hitherto unknown about the world of printing and looked at some wonderful pieces of man's ingenuity. The tour ended with all the members enjoying lunch together at the Penrith Paceway.

The second social outing - three members made their way to the State Library for the free exhibition. "Imagine a City" 200 years of public architecture in NSW - a fascinating collection. A beautiful day for a picnic lunch in the Botanical Gardens followed by part of the "Walk with me" guided tour, as suggested, taking in various buildings that had been featured in the exhibition; taking a look at the new atrium at the Conservatorium of NSW. This is worth visiting for the displays of the site's history and archaeology. In the main foyer the floor is cut away to reveal the remains of convict built drains and roadways. A very enjoyable day.

"Thank you Ann for organizing the outing".

The next outing will be on **Tuesday 14th June**. A walk around Mt Victoria Historic Village and lunch at the Imperial Hotel. Taking the 9.37am train from Springwood. Depending on numbers we may be able to arrange a tour of the Mt Victoria and District Historical Society Museum. For more information, contact Ann Krasny (h) 47 541746

What's on:

Parramatta & District Historical Society Inc 19th May, 2016 Talk on Governor Bourke at Hambledon Cottage, 63 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Gold Coin Donation.

Some coming events at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor

Tour: Rediscover the Old Morgue & Hospital Precinct Fri. 20th May 11am-noon and Sat. 21st May 11am-noon. Free.

Walking/Driving Tour: McGraths Hill & Pitt Town Cemeteries, Sat. 28th May 10.11.45am. Free.

All you need to know about Historical Newspapers, Tues. 24th May 6.30-8.30pm. Cost **\$10.** Bookings essential for all events **4560 4460.**

Fund Raising Table: A reminder that if any members have any unwanted items they are willing to pass on to the Society, can they bring them along to our general meetings for sale on the day. Anything not sold will go towards a future garage sale. It need only be one item at a time. Remember - "One man's trash is another man's treasure". We made \$5.00 at the last meeting, it all adds up.

Sydney Jewish Museum - 148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst. Anyone who may have read the book Anne Frank's Diary may be interested in a temporary exhibition the Museum is holding entitled Anne Frank - A History for Today. It runs until 30th September 2016 and it is well worth a visit.

Early Emigration to Australia: While many of our members have convict ancestors, there are many whose ancestors emigrated to Australia in the hope of finding a better life. There were the first class passengers, the second class passengers and those passengers in steerage. Below is a list of Rules and Regulations for passengers travelling on the Great Britain in 1854, these no doubt would have been similar on most ships with emigrants on board.

Rules and Regulations

1. That the after lower cabin be devoted exclusively to the use of passengers sleeping therein.
2. That it be imperative on all parties to take their meals either at the first or second mess as it may happen to be their turn, and to have their regular places at table, which places are to be preserved to them.
3. That any person found smoking below, be immediately reported to the officer on the watch.
4. That any person being drunk and disorderly shall have his name given to the Barman, who is to supply him with nothing more for the remainder of the voyage. The Members of the Committee to do all in their power to restrain him, and to confine him to his own room.
5. All singing, card playing and other amusements calculated to disturb the peace of the night to cease at 10pm.
6. All cabins to be cleaned twice a week - and weather permitting, all bedding to be aired on deck once a week.
7. All slops to be emptied twice a week and oftener if necessary.

Website: For members who may have Jersey Island heritage visit <http://www.jerseyheritage.org/family-history> and <http://catalogue.jerseyheritage.org/>; For finding new genealogy sites online Genealogy InTime Magazine www.genealogyintime.com; Dating old Photographs <http://www.cartes.freeuk.com/time/date.htm>

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