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Well the world keeps turning and it looks like this year of bushfires, floods and COVID might finally see a hopeful end with a steady amount of rain, few to no new cases, the possibility of a vaccine in the near future and the state borders opening. I for one am heartily thankful.

Despite our lack of Society meetings, there is still news. Probably the most surprising is that we still have a society. However, that cannot be guaranteed. Yvonne and her husband are planning to move to the South Coast in the near future. Without a President our society cannot exist. We rather desperately need someone to step forward and take up the baton. Please consider doing so. I think our society is worth continuing and I hope you do too.

Thank you to all those who responded regarding a meeting at Buttenshaw Park. Our Executive team got together via the phone recently to decide

Christmas Picnic

whether to have a Christmas Picnic there or not. In short, it's a go!☺



Date: Friday 11th December 2020;

Time: about 11am.

Where: near the tennis courts, off Churchill Drive, below the swimming Centre.

Other: - People to bring their own food, Thermos or drink, and chair or rug to sit on. Those who have a card table, or some other folding table could bring that too.



- We will have to observe the distance protocols, keep a list of names, wear masks, use hand sanitiser etc.

Note: If you are needing a lift, I am available. Tanya (email: tanya2fbr@gmail.com)

Community and Facilities Planning are meeting with Blue Mountains City Council to develop a strategic plan, for the future use of the 9 cemeteries owned by Council in the LGA. These include: Mount Irvine, Mount Victoria, Megalong Valley, Blackheath, Springwood, Katoomba, Lawson, Wentworth Falls and Faulconbridge cemeteries.

They are asking us to be involved in the development of the strategy and to provide the consultant team with insight into:

- The role our organisation has provided to date with reference to the cemeteries

- What is significant about each site
- Previous restoration, protection or other works
- What is working well or can be improved (functionally, design, operationally, environmentally etc)
- Aspects for consideration in future planning
- Other input

If you can contribute in any way please inform the Executive asap.

Library News

The Executive team hope to meet up with Vicki sometime before the end of the month to discuss the opening up of the Family History Section of the Library, so that we can get Rosters made up etc.

Explorer's Tree Magazine

When the Executive meet with Vicki at the end of November, they will decide whether to have our Awards presented at the Xmas Picnic or at our first meeting in February.

Next year's first issue of Explorer's Tree will need some content. Have you sent something to Rhonda yet?

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Online Research

Trove

Are you like me and still finding the changes in Trove difficult? Way back in Jun when they made all the changes, they put out this 'How To' video. Does it help you?

<https://youtu.be/aykJojiO3Vk>

A hint from Robert Gardner on Facebook is also:

Part of the trick when searching trove (or even Google for that matter), is to identify the unique words or locations that relate to your search.

For example searching for my great great great grandmother using Mrs Field/Fields was not so helpful until I added unique info to the search. Like that she was Aboriginal, worked for the Salvation Army, and lived to the age of 112 years.

And sometimes you just have to do hundreds of searches with minor spelling mistakes to get what info you seek.

MyHeritage v Ancestry

I've been using MyHeritage for many years but its becoming far too expensive (they charge for records that I know are free to search eg Family Search) and I find it very USA-centric. Most of the records I need seem to be available free online or through Ancestry which I also have a much less expensive account with. So I recently decided to move my digital family tree (with more than 5000 people) from MyHeritage to Ancestry. What a nightmare! I used a GEDcom file but the transfer did not go smoothly. The 2 different companies really don't like each other. I'm now slowly attempting to adjust all the citations for each person. Does anyone know of a better way?

Just for Fun



See you at Buttenshaw.