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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be held this coming Friday, 8 October 2010 at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. This meeting will be a workshop "Australian Eating Habits/Foods in our Lifetime". We will divide into three groups with three leaders and three scribes. The leaders will be Terry Flowers, Audrey King and Rosemary Phillips and the scribes will be John Arnold, Pauline Hincksman and Jan Koperberg.

OUTING FOR OCTOBER

The October outing will be a tour of historic Richmond on Thursday, 14 October 2010. Transport will be by carpooling. Meet in the Northern car park of Springwood Railway Station at 9.15 a.m. You can still put your name down to attend, at the general meeting on Friday.

November outing will be the last one for the year and will be a trip from Parramatta by ferry to Circular Quay and then a second ferry to Watson's Bay for lunch and probable tour of the Macquarie Lighthouse.

September outing to the Parramatta Lancer Barracks was very enjoyable. Have a look at the photographs on our website, taken by Pauline Hincksman and skilfully loaded onto the website by Ian Kendall.

SPRINGWOOD IVY MARKET CANTEEN

A big thank you to all those who donated items, baked for the day and worked on the Canteen on the day. A special thank you to Pauline Hincksman for her advice, support, help with signs, making our aprons, donating items and baking. Another special thanks to Graham Devrell who washed up all morning, emptied bins and made sure everything was tidy and clean. Carolyn Clark did a wonderful job of walking around the hall taking orders from stallholders who were not able to leave their stalls and this boosted our sales. Many people stayed all morning, including Pauline Gibson, who made sandwiches along with many other helpers. We have decided to run the Springwood Ivy Market Canteen alternate years, as a fundraiser, alternating with our Seminar.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE AT BOMADERRY

The State Conference this year was held at Bomaderry, hosted by Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc on 17,18 and 19 September. The Friday was a family history fair and the Saturday and Sunday were conference days. Blue Mountains Family History Society had a trade tables on all three days. See the photo of Joan Edwards and Jan Koperberg on the October edition cover of The Explorers' Tree magazine. Suzanne Voytas arrived back from overseas on Thursday, 16 September and was selling her book "Elizabeth 1828" on our trade table on Friday, 17 September. That's stamina for you!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

You can put your name down on the list for the Christmas Party up until the November meeting, but if you know you want to go, why not put it down now (if you have not already done so). We will be holding our Christmas Party at the Imperial Hotel at Mt Victoria on Friday, 10 December 2010 at 12.00 for 12.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will not be asking for donations for the Christmas raffle this year, due to the fact that members have recently donated for the Springwood Ivy Market. We will still have a raffle. We will not have a food hamper, but have a number of other prizes.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

Tickets will be sold for 3 for \$2.00 or 8 for \$5.00.

We will have raffle tickets for sale for the Christmas raffle at the October and November general meetings and then again at the Christmas Party and the prizes will be drawn on the day of the Christmas Party. We have many nice prizes and as they are heavy to carry upstairs to each meeting, they will be a surprise, a bit like a lucky dip!! A few hints, we have a Chinese Warrior statue (compliments of Pauline Gibson) and a Whiskey Decanter and glasses (compliments of Suzanne Voytas), just to name a couple (donated previously & not used).

E-newsletters – there are many societies and organisations who no longer send out hard copies of their newsletters and from time to time I will give links to them, as they become available. Although you can access these newsletters on websites, you can also go on a mailing list for most of them. Here are a few and I will list the rest on the bottom of this page:

Society of Australian Genealogists -

<http://www.sag.org.au/subscribe-to-our-newsletter.html>

NSW State Records newsletter NOW&THEN

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/now-then-enewsletter>

National Archives of Australia news@archives

<http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/publications/news/index.aspx>

The **Memento** magazine from NAA will no longer be sent out in hard copy, but will be available online at

<http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/publications/memento/index.aspx>

All websites active at the time of publishing the newsletter. Please let me know if you have any difficulty.

NOMINATION FORMS FOR THE AGM

These have been emailed to those with email addresses and posted to those who only have postal addresses.

You can nominate more than one person or you can put yourself up for nomination, but only one nomination to each form please.

INFORMATION SHEETS

We have a couple of new Information Sheets, so I will bring all the Information Sheets to the general meeting. They will be on sale – 50c each or 5 for \$2.00.

NEW – Biographical Database of Australia (BDA)

A Non profit Project

Main aims – 1. To collect data on any person who came to, or visited Australia, and all indigenous persons who are recorded, from the earliest times of the navigators to the present day. The subject must be deceased.

BDA database, cont....

2. To provide a meaningful index to the Biographical Database of Australia, free of charge, on the Internet and to provide detailed biographical information to the user for a fee.

3. To encourage individuals and organisations to submit material that can be added.

Presented at the NSW & ACT State Conference at Bomaderry in September 2010 by Malcolm Sainty and Carol Baxter

www.BDA-online.org.au (in 2011)

FREE Microfiche Reader. Anyone who would like a microfiche reader to use at home, please contact me 47541544. Nola Jamsek has one, in very good condition, that she no longer requires.

EVENTS

Saturday, 30 October, 9.30am-4.00pm - Camden Area Family History Society Inc is holding a seminar “People and Places of Camden and Beyond”. Registration form on the noticeboard in the library. Photocopy the form for registration.

Sunday, 10 Oct; 24 Oct are open days at the Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum

emullet@bigpond.net.au

Sunday 10 Oct; 17 Oct; 24 Oct are open days at the Turkish Bath Museum at Mount Wilson

westring@bigpond.com

Sat 16 and Sun 17 Oct “Ten Tunnels Celebrations”

Lithgow Tourism Robert.Park@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Poster on the noticeboard in the library

Sat 23 Oct “Tarella” Open Day: Fuschia Show with Fuschia Club of NSW, Blue Mountains Historical Society bmhs@email.com

Sat 23 Oct Walk – Glenbrook & District Historical Society, PO Box 143, Glenbrook, 2773

Sat 6 Nov Blue Mountains Historical Society meeting
Speaker – Neil Blewitt: My time at the Court of St James

SAG events have a look at the Society of Australian Genealogists website for coming events, I cannot fit them all in here for the coming month. If you have not got a computer, use the computer in the family history section of Springwood Library and if you are not sure of access, ask a volunteer.

<http://www.sag.org.au/courses/list-of-coming-events.html>

HAVE A GOOD MONTH

E-Newsletters

BMACHO's newsletter HERITAGE http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/html/news_events.html

Hawkesbury Family History Group <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/newsletters.html>

Kurrajong-Comleroy Hist Society's newsletter MILLSTONE <http://www.kurrajonghistory.org.au/pages/millstone.html>

National Boer War Memorial Association <http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Newsletters.asp>

Founders & Survivors (project at the Universities of Tasmania, Melbourne, Flinders, New South Wales and the Australian National University) newsletter CHAINLETTER <http://www.foundersandsurvivors.org/>

Port Arthur Historic Sites newsletter Ticket of Leave E-News <http://www.portarthur.org.au/index.aspx?base=3957>