



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October meeting will be held this coming Friday 14 October 2011 at 10.00 am in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre, Springwood. The October workshop will be a 'How to' session, a presentation by three of our members on writing your family history. The assembly will divide into three groups. The presenters will have different approaches to writing family history and I will say here, but I can be corrected on Friday by any of the presenters:

1. Joan Edwards will present:

Writing **without** the masses of facts being organised

2. Audrey King will present:

**Organising** all your bits of paper, photos, research etc before writing

3. Ian Kendall will present:

What can be put in a **detailed study of one person?**

As each group will receive a different presentation, it might be a good idea to repeat the presentations next year, so that you can follow up with the same presenter, or switch to another presenter.

*The history of the world is not complete until it includes yours – LaRae Kerr*

## November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on 11 November 2011 at 10.00 am. We will have the general meeting first, a minute's silence at 11.00 am for Remembrance Day (or Armistice Day) and the AGM at 11.05 am. This will be the last meeting for the year and probably the last meeting in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre.

## December Christmas luncheon

We will be holding our Christmas luncheon at The Blue Mountains Hotel, Lawson (across from the railway station). There will be a form available at the meeting on Friday, so that you can indicate if you wish to attend. The lunch has to be paid for in advance and the cost is \$20 for a two course meal (buffet first course) and alternate sweet + tea or coffee. You can pay the treasurer at the meeting on Friday or at the latest, at the November meeting. We can only book, after the November meeting, those members who have paid.

## OUTINGS

The September outing to Old Government House, Parramatta was very enjoyable and educational. Some members went to Parramatta Heritage Centre after lunch to view their exhibit or to do research in Local Studies.

## OCTOBER OUTING

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011:** On Sale! Shops and Shopping, Shopping in Sydney since the First Fleet! Free Exhibition at the New Look State Library  
Catch the Katoomba 8.26 am, Springwood 9.06 train to arrive at Central at 10.30 am. Take City Circle train to St James. Bring or buy lunch.

## NOVEMBER OUTING

Will be to the Research Rooms of Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Family History Group at Gordon on 17 November. Travel can either be by train or car-pooling. A number of people have already indicated they would like to go by train, but it will be an early start if going by public transport, probably the 7.30 am train from Springwood. **Ku-ring-gai** will give a tour of their premises, allow research and provide lunch.

## BOOK STALL AT WINMALEE SHOPS

A reminder that we are holding a bookstall at the Winmalee Shopping Centre on Friday and Saturday 18 and 19 November. If you are able to help, for an hour or two, either day, please put your name down on the sheet on the table at the back of the hall.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

If you would like to donate an item for the Christmas Hamper, please bring along to the meeting on Friday or at the latest, the November meeting. Any other items that you think might make a nice raffle prize, are also very welcome.

## FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out the Blue Mountains Family History Society page on Facebook.

**Google** now has "+ You", which is another social network, have a look

## DONATION TO THE SOCIETY

Hazel Magann (recently awarded OAM), author of "Ironbark and his branches" (about the Lawson family) has donated a copy of her publication to BMFHS and this will be accessioned shortly.

## WORKSHOP LAND RECORDS

This is the last reminder for the Land Records Workshop, organised by BMACHO, to be held at the Hobby's Reach Research Centre, Wentworth Falls on Sunday 16 October at 1.30 pm. Ring Jan 4754 1544, if you wish to attend.

## BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORY JOURNAL

Issue 2 is available for download online at <http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/journal.html>

## NSW & ACT ASSOC STATE CONFERENCE

Our society had a successful trade table at the State Conference at Inverell. We sold over \$700 worth of publications (some publications still on invoice). Next year the State Conference will be held at "Tradies" at Gympie, hosted by Botany Bay Family History Society. This is closer to home, think about attending, it is a wonderful weekend of information and camaraderie. The dates are 14 to 16 September 2012. Check out the 2012 Conference website for information <http://www.conference2012.org.au/>

**AFFHO** – 13<sup>th</sup> Australian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry will be held in Adelaide 2012. For Congress Registration and Information, check out the AFFHO website <http://www.affho.org/>

**SAG** – check out upcoming events at <http://www.sag.org.au/check-our-events.html>

## INTERNET

**Ancestry** – Has a number of new items. Check out Ancestry.com (Library Edition) on any of the BMCC library computers. Scroll down to the bottom of Ancestry's front page, to where it says "What's Happening at Ancestry.com and check it out.

**Heritage Parramatta** – [www.heritageparramatta.org](http://www.heritageparramatta.org) - new website for new group trying to save not only the Parramatta Female Factory site, but also the Old Kings School, Parramatta Gaol, Roman Catholic Orphanage. Federal and State Members of Parliament have become involved, in an effort to bring people together to protect and promote the riverside heritage sites.

**New Irish Records online** - [www.IrishGenealogy.ie](http://www.IrishGenealogy.ie) and [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie) - thanks Suzanne Voytas

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Friday 21 October** – Andy Macqueen to give a talk on Frederick D'Arcy at Springwood Historical Society email [richardmorony@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardmorony@optusnet.com.au)

**Friday 21 October** – Opening of "Back to Kurrajong Exhibition". Contact Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society, Carol Roberts [cjr5711@bigpond.com](mailto:cjr5711@bigpond.com)

**Saturday 22 October** – Glenbrook & District Historical Society, "Walks & Talks" **Glenbrook** Discovery Heritage Walk. Contact Doug 02 4751 3275 or Tim 02 4739 2384

**Saturday 22 October** – Blue Mountains Historical Society – Fuschia Show and "Tarella" Cottage Open Day. Contact [bmhs@email.com](mailto:bmhs@email.com)

**Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October** – Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society – "Scare Crow": photographic exhibition.

Contact – Carol Roberts [cjr5711@bigpond.com](mailto:cjr5711@bigpond.com)

**Sunday 23 October** – Open Day at Valley Heights Loco Depot. Contact [atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)

**Saturday and Sunday 29 & 30 October** – Blue Mountains Historical Society – Tarella Cottage – Open Gardens Scheme and Museum.

Contact [bmhs@email.com](mailto:bmhs@email.com)

**Saturday 5 November** – Blue Mountains Historical Society – Meeting: Dr Ian Hoskins: Sydney Harbour.

Contact [bmhs@email.com](mailto:bmhs@email.com)

## OTHER EVENTS

**Saturday 22 October 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

Open Day at "The Manse" The Avenue, Mt Druitt, home of Mt Druitt Historical Society Inc

Sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas, 2<sup>nd</sup> handbooks, bric-a-brac, various stalls, tour of The Manse (gold coin donation)

Parramatta Historian, Judith Dunn will be special guest speaker. Her talk is titled "The Unknown Pioneer" and will commence at 1.15 pm for a 1.30 pm start. Cost \$5 and bookings essential. Contact Hazel Magann on 02 8807 0169 before 17 October and pay in advance to Mt Druitt Historical Society, PO Box 3055, Mt Druitt Village, 2770.

## Explore Lithgow's fascinating mining history

Guided tours of the Lithgow State Coal Mine site containing the largest and most comprehensive collection of coalmining artefacts.

**Opening Times:** Weekends, School & Public Holidays 12 noon to 4.00 pm

**Booked Tours** – available at any time by prior arrangement.

Lithgow State Mine Heritage Park

State Mine Gully Road (off Atkinson St) Lithgow

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