

***Further Reminder** regarding the computers in the Family History area of Springwood Library. These computers, including the one belonging to the Library, are to be used for **one hour only** unless no one else is wanting to use them and should be vacated if and when someone does arrive.

***Reminder - Cake Stall: November 21st 2014** to be held in the grounds of the Presbyterian Church. As well as donations of cakes, jams, pickles - donations of books, DVDs and crafts will be welcome additions to the stall on the day.

***Explorers' Tree:** The last edition of the Explorers' Tree for this year is now ready and will be available at the October meeting.

Social Outings: Don Graham has now rescheduled the outing for a tour of St Mary's Cathedral for **Tuesday, 14th October 2014 at 10.30am**. Catching the **8.25am** train from Springwood **7.45am** from Katoomba, 2nd carriage. **Cost \$5.00** per head. If you are interested in attending please write your name on the Social Outing sheet.

BMACHO (Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations) it is well worth a visit to the BMACHO website apart from finding out what's on in the Blue Mountains and surrounding areas as mentioned in the last Newsletter, you can also download copies of Blue Mountains History Journals which contain some interesting stories. Visit www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/

"History Today" - One of our members, Elisabeth Wells, kindly forwarded information on which she felt was an interesting article in the magazine "History Today" for those members who might be interested - http://www.historytoday.com/tim-hitchcock/free-data-dead-people?mc_cid=4d390487d0&mc_eid=8f502740c9. **(Suggestions and information are always welcome.)**

Read in a recent Newsletter - Do you suffer from: ADGD (Attention Deficit Genealogy Disorder)? It's when you start researching one ancestor, but get distracted by another ancestor, which causes you to bounce around to different ancestors only to end up doing a lot of work with very little to show for it!

What's On: Scottish House Australia advise Blue Mountains Annual Social Sat 18th October Presbyterian Church Hall Macquarie Road, Springwood 7.00pm \$10 supper provided. Contact Bob phone 4757269z`4 or email bob.reyswood@yahoo.com.au

Emigration - If your ancestor emigrated to Australia from the 1850s set out below is an excerpt from "The immigrants guide to Australia 1853" - The following scale of weekly allowance for passengers going out under the arrangements and protection of the Family Colonisation Society may serve as a guide to others, and will be found, with some slight difference, to agree with the dietary of most vessels belonging to respectable shipowners: -

WEEKLY DIETARY SCALE FOR EACH ADULT

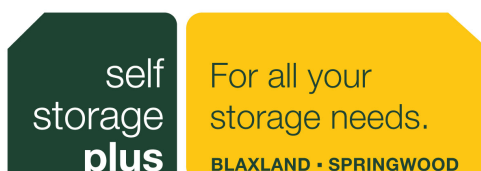
Per week:

Biscuit,.....	3 lb	Tea,.....	1 1/2oz.
Beef,.....	1/2 lb	Coffee,.....	2oz.
Pork,.....	1 lb	Sugar,.....	3/4lb.
Preserved Meat.....	1 lb	Treacle,.....	1/2lb.
Soup & Bouillion.....	1 lb	Butter.....	1/4lb.
Fish,.....	1/4 lb	Cheese,.....	1/4lb.
Flour,.....	3 1/2 lb	Oatmeal.....	2oz.
Raisins,.....	1/2 lb	Lime Juice.....	1 gill
Preserved Fruit.....	1/4 lb	Pickles,.....	1 gill
Suet,.....	6 oz.	Mustard.....	1/2 oz.
Pease,.....	2/3 of a pint	Salt,.....	2 oz.
Rice,.....	3/4 lb	Pepper,.....	1/2 oz.
Preserved Potatoes. 1/2 lb		Water5 gallons	1 quart
Carrots.	1/2 lb	" "infants	1gallon3qts

Women receive the same rations as men. Children between one and fourteen receive one-half. Children under one, no ration, except one quart of water daily. More can be found on this topic at: <http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/fh/passengerlists/1853ImmigrantsGuide.htm>

Queensland BDM website has been updated recently and reportedly the changes are very useful. If you have Queensland connections visit www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research.

Websites: Australian Cemeteries indexes cont'd - **Canberra Cemeteries** <http://www.canberracemeteries.com.au/grave-search/>; South **Australia** <http://www.familyhistorysa.info/births-marriages-deaths/cemeteries/burials.html>; **Tasmania** <http://www.ozgenonline.com/~riacaroline/Cemetery%20index.html>; **Newcastle King St** http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/72722/List_of_graves_and_inscriptions.pdf; **Other International cemeteries: Family Search Cemetery Inscriptions** <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1534449>; **Commonwealth war graves** <http://www.cwgc.org/>; **Anglo war deaths** <http://www.hagsoc.org.au/sagraves/index.php>; **Find a Grave** <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>; **Billion Dollar Graves** <http://billiongraves.com/>; Gravesecretshttp://headstones.weebly.com/; **Additionally,** Bathurst and Blayney historical groups have cemetery indexes available- **Other sites: Galway Emigrant Index - Emigrants to NSW & Qld only** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~maddenps/GALWAYEM.htm>; **Female Emigration to Australia 1830s** <http://www.rushen.com.au/index.html>





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WELCOME members to this month's meeting of the Family History Society. We especially welcome our newest member, Carol Malafant and hope that her family history will grow in leaps and bounds.

Last meeting: Ian Kendall gave a very interesting talk on DNA and relating it to family history research. His talk engendered much interest and many questions by the members who were present.

There is no guest speaker at today's meeting instead we hope that members will have brought along all their "brick walls" in the hope that collectively some, if not all, will be solved.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Society to be held on **14th November** will be the Society's Annual General Meeting. It will be held in Presbyterian Hall, Macquarie Road, Springwood. There will be no guest speaker at this meeting.

AGM: At this year's AGM our President, Audrey King, will not be standing for re-election due to her husband's ill health so the Society will be looking for a new President. All positions are available as always. Most of the current committee members have been long standing members of the Society so it is hoped this year some of our newer members will nominate to become either the President or a committee member. New members come with new ideas and these are always welcome. Being a committee member is not an onerous task. Committee meetings are held once a month, on the fourth Friday of each month. These meetings are held in the small room behind the Presbyterian Hall in Springwood. It is not essential that you attend each meeting, so long as there is a quorum the meeting can proceed - half the committee members plus 1.

Items of Interest to Members: The committee met on **26th September** last and held discussions on the following items:

New Projector: It would appear that the recent problem concerning incompatibility with our guest speaker's laptop and our projector has been resolved - unclear instructions on the machine. There is no need for the Society to purchase a new laptop as mentioned in last month's Newsletter.

Library volunteers: Unfortunately two of our library volunteers have had to withdraw for personal reasons, leaving it difficult to have two members on duty every Tuesday and Thursday. Any member who may be interested in volunteering at the library and would like to go on the list should see Brian Meagher.

Springwood Library: Due to changes that have been made at Springwood Library the Society's area now has less room and one less computer.

Christmas Party: Could those members who are attending the Christmas Party at the Wentworth Falls Hotel on the **12th December 2014** please pay the cost of this dinner at the October meeting. The cost is \$30.00. Any members with special dietary needs could you please advise Lynne Tocher.