



## Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

# Newsletter

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### **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

The September General Meeting will be held this coming Friday, 10 September 2010 at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. This meeting will be a Special Interest Group discussion and the subject will be "Why did our family/ancestors migrate to Australia?" We will divide into three groups and the leaders will be Terry Flowers, Ian Kendall and Audrey King. Bring your information and photos, ask questions and answer questions.

### **BOB HOWARD AWARD**

Lorraine Stacker, Penrith City Library has chosen the winner of the 2009 Bob Howard Award and this will be announced during the general meeting.

### **OUTING FOR SEPTEMBER**

Don Graham has received confirmation from the Dept of Defence for a group from our society to attend the Lancer Barracks on Thursday, 16 September. The group will leave for Parramatta on the 9.06 a.m. train from Springwood, and will be seated in the second carriage upstairs. (for those getting on the train further up the Mountains). If you have not put your name down and wish to go, please do so at the general meeting on Friday.

**October outing** will be a tour of Richmond - form available at general meeting

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

We have been able to book the dining room at the Imperial Hotel, Mt Victoria for Friday, 10 December 2010, 12.00 for 12.30 p.m., for our Christmas get together.

We have established that we will be able to have a two-course meal for between \$20 and \$25 per head. If you wish to catch the train that day, and are unable to walk up the hill, we can arrange to collect you from the Mt Victoria Railway Station. Alternatively, members have offered to drive and take other members with them. Can you please put your name down on the list on the treasurer/secretary's table, to indicate your intentions?

### **NOTES FROM HOME REMEDIES WORKSHOP**

Can any outstanding group or individual notes or photos for this workshop, please be emailed to Audrey King at [apk2777@gmail.com](mailto:apk2777@gmail.com) or handed in to Audrey at the general meeting. All notes need to be presented to Audrey by Friday, 10 September.

### **SPRINGWOOD IVY MARKET CANTEEN**

All those who have offered to donate, bake and be on the roster on the day, have been reminded by email and we would like to thank you all for your generosity. A special thank you to Pauline Hincksman for her advice, laminated menus and for the aprons that she made, so that we all look uniform and professional.

### **ELIZABETH 1828 – SUZANNE VOYTAS**

Suzanne Voytas is in Ireland and launched her book Elizabeth 1828 at the Cork City Gaol on 28 August. At the same time Christina Henri is in Ireland with the Convict Bonnets overseas tour (Roses from the Heart project). See Suzanne's website [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~elizabeth1828/elizabeth1828\\_in\\_dex.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~elizabeth1828/elizabeth1828_in_dex.htm)

I did not realise that so many of the people researching females on the Elizabeth 1828 are either members of our society or people we know. They include Lynne Tocher, Gwen Freer, Vicki Wilson, Perry McIntyre and Suzanne Voytas. Suzanne returns to Australia on 16 September and is driving to Shoalhaven for the State Conference on 17 September, where her book will be available for sale.

## SWOOD LIBRARY NAT FAMILY HIST WEEK

A thank you has been received from the Lower Mountains Coordinator of BMCC Libraries Springwood for the effort provided by our society during National Family History Week. Once again thank you to all those who participated. In future we will consider advertising, in addition to the BMCC Libraries.

## WARRIMOO VILLAGE GREEN

In the Blue Mountains Life June/July 2010 magazine is an article caught my attention: "Warrimoo Voices – The Oral History of Warrimoo". Evelyn Richardson and Kate Matthew have set up a research project under the auspices of the Warrimoo Village Green organisation and I will give a link to their website next month. Evelyn or Evie is a member of our society. (Website down at the moment).

## BMACHO Blue Mountains History Journal

See the Blue Mountains History Journal inaugural issue online at <http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/> You can also view past *HERITAGE* newsletters. Anyone who would like to go on the regular mailing list for the *HERITAGE* newsletter, please let me know by emailing [jank@eftel.com.au](mailto:jank@eftel.com.au)

## HISTORY WEEK

4 – 12 September is History week and many libraries have displays and welcome your visit. There are displays at Lithgow, Penrith and Hawkesbury City Libraries. Most of the displays will be available till the end of September. Or check the History Council of NSW website for other events.

**DON'T FORGET** to visit the Governor Lachlan Macquarie Exhibition at the Parramatta Heritage Centre. Free loop bus from the station. Maybe there will be time after the visit to the Lancer Barracks on 16 September.

## EVENTS

**Sun 12 Sept** Valley Heights Loco Depot Open Day  
[emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au)

**Sun 12 Sept** Turkish Bath Museum, Mt Wilson Open Day  
[westring@bigpond.au](mailto:westring@bigpond.au)

**Mon 13 Sept** Hazelbrook Assoc Gen Meeting 7 – 9.00 p.m. Hazelbrook Bowling Club. Hear some exciting things happening in Hazelbrook and hear Eugene Stockton, local anthropologist and historian talk about the geology of Sydney Rock that is now visible after recent road works.

**Fri 17 Sept** Springwood Historical Society meeting, speaker Peter Rickwood  
[richardmorony@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardmorony@optusnet.com.au)

**Fri to Sun, 17 – 19 Sept** NSW & ACT Assoc of Fam History Society's Annual Conference at Shoalhaven  
<http://www.shoalhaven.net.au/fhsconference2010/>

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**Sat 18 Sept** "Tarella" Open Day: Military Memorabilia, Blue Mountains Historical Society [bmhs@email.com](mailto:bmhs@email.com)

**Sun 19 Sept** Open Day Turkish Bath Museum Mount Wilson  
[westring@bigpond.com](mailto:westring@bigpond.com)

**Mon 20 Sept** Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society AGM speaker Jan Barkley Jack  
[frank.holland@bigpond.com.au](mailto:frank.holland@bigpond.com.au)

**Sat 25 Sept** Glenbrook & District Historical Society Walk: Lapstone Construction Railway (1910) and east portal of Lapstone Tunnel (1892) PO Box 143, Glenbrook, 2773

**Sat 9 Oct** SAG event - Australia and Great Britain and the Great War at Richmond Villa 120 Kent St, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Morning and afternoon tea provided, BYO lunch. \$50 members and \$60 non-members  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL 02 9247 3953

**Oct 23 and 24** Royal Australian Historical Society Annual Conference, at the Richmond Club. Program available <http://www.rahs.org.au/> under news & events

**Sun 26 Sept** Valley Heights Loco Depot Open Day  
[emullet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emullet@bigpond.net.au)

**Sun 26 Sept** Turkish Bath Museum, Mt Wilson, Open Day  
[westring@bigpond.com](mailto:westring@bigpond.com)

**Sat 2 Oct** Blue Mountains Historical Society, speaker Andrew Tink: William Charles Wentworth  
John Low [grizzlybear3au@yahoo.com](mailto:grizzlybear3au@yahoo.com)

**Sun 3 Oct** Turkish Bath Museum, Mt Wilson, Open Day  
[westring@bigpond.com](mailto:westring@bigpond.com)

**Fri 8 Oct** Our society general meeting – Workshop: Food/meals – changes

**DON'T FORGET The Ten Tunnels Celebrations** coming up 16 and 17 October, supported by Lithgow City Tourism. Email [Robert.Park@lithgow.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Robert.Park@lithgow.nsw.gov.au)

**Oct, Sat 30 and Sun 31** SAG event - Lost in the Internet 2010 in the Dixon Room Mitchell Library, Macquarie St 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. \$95 Members and \$115 Non-members

## INTERNET NEWS

**Ancestry UK** have now loaded a searchable index to English wills. See <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=1904>

**Interesting website for those interested in London research**

1690 – 1800, Crime, Poverty and Social Policy in the Metropolis

<http://www.londonlives.org/>

**For the newest genealogy sites on the Internet**, have a look at the following website, Genealogy in Time, for overseas newspapers and much, much more. Even if you don't have a computer at home, check this out in the family history section of Springwood Library

[http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/newest\\_genealogy\\_records\\_on\\_the\\_internet.html](http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/newest_genealogy_records_on_the_internet.html)

## WEBSITES

Here are the balance of the Irish websites submitted by Don Graham, after he attended a seminar at Nepean Family History Society, where Ray Thorburn was the speaker:

[www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk)

[www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)

[www.ulsterancestry.com](http://www.ulsterancestry.com)

[www.belb.org.uk](http://www.belb.org.uk)

[www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)

[www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

[www.osi.ie](http://www.osi.ie)

[www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)

[www.irishnewsarchive.com](http://www.irishnewsarchive.com)

[www.irish-roots.ie](http://www.irish-roots.ie)

Hope some of you are able to make use of some of these websites. We know that the web is only a tool to finding some guides to what we are looking for, and that only 2% of everything available is loaded onto the Internet, but it all helps.