



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September General Meeting will be held on Friday 9 September 2011 at 10.00 am in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre, Springwood. The guest speaker will be John Low, Historian, former BMCC Local Studies Librarian and the title of his presentation will be "Forgotten Diggers of WW1".

October General Meeting – our October General Meeting will be a workshop on the various ways of writing your family history, preceded by a short presentation by Ian Kendall on how to use the BMFHS Index books, compiled by Joan Edwards.

OUTINGS

Last month was an outing to History House, the home of the Royal Australian Historical Society in the morning and State Parliament House in the afternoon. Only four members were able to attend. Due to this, the tour guide cancelled the Parliament House tour, as four was below the minimum number required for a tour. Thankfully Roza Sage came to the rescue and took the four members on a tour. A number of people who had previously indicated they would attend, did not attend. Not all notified Don Graham of their inability to attend. If you put your name down and you are unable to attend, PLEASE notify Don Graham 4751 2991.

SEPTEMBER OUTING

The September outing is a tour of Old Government House, Parramatta. If you have not already indicated, and you wish to attend, please put your name and contact details down on the form on the Treasurer's table. This outing will be on Thursday 22 September (two weeks after the general meeting).

BOOK STALL AT WINMALEE SHOPPING CENTRE

We will be holding a second-hand bookstall at the Winmalee Shopping Centre on Friday 18 November and Saturday 19 November. If you are able to assist any time during the two days, please put your name down on the list on the back table.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Friday 9 December

We have been obtaining quotations from various venues for our Christmas lunch and it looks like we will probably be going to The Blue Mountains Hotel, Lawson (opposite the Lawson Railway Station). They are offering a buffet menu for mains, consisting of turkey, roast pork with applesauce and glazed leg ham, roast vegetables (kumara, pumpkin, potato), carrot and zucchini, potato salad and fresh garden salad, followed by alternate table service of desserts, instant coffee and tea. If you want "fancy" coffees, you can order at an extra cost. A list will be available at the next three general meetings, but you must pay ahead, and by the November meeting at the very latest.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We would like to be able to sell tickets in our Christmas raffle on the bookstall in November. If you have any items you would like to donate towards a Christmas hamper or other items that could be used as raffle prizes, please bring them along to the September, October or November meetings.

FACEBOOK – Thank you Ian

Blue Mountains Family History Society now has its own Facebook page.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Blue-Mountains-Family-History-Society-Inc/148922978528279>

DONATION OF RESOURCES: Thank you to Lynne Tocher and Colin Brest for the donation of resources to our library.

COURTESY IN THE LIBRARY

This is a reminder that on the two guaranteed volunteer days in the library, Tuesday and Thursday, PC1 the BMCC Internet computer is to only be booked for half hour sessions. Please make your booking at the appropriate time on the booking sheet. If no one else books to use the computer at the end of the session, you may continue for another half hour. Outside guaranteed volunteer days, PC1 can be booked for one-hour sessions.

PLEASE no eating over the keyboards of any of the computers.

THE CITY OF SYDNEY ASSESSMENT BOOKS

On 14 June 2011, The City of Sydney Assessment Books on-line search facility changed. Now there is a new on-line catalogue - you can now search the whole catalogue with a key word search - so you no longer have to know where they lived or work out the Ward.

<http://www3.photosau.com/CosRates/scripts/home.asp>

GERMAN TRANSLATION

Ann Krasny finds that she has a number of documents in German. She bought a German dictionary and has been guided to translation on the web, but is looking for help please: mwkrasny@bigpond.com

BMACHO WORKSHOPS

"Gentle Art of Preparing Grant Applications". A free seminar to be given by Barrie Reynolds, BMACHO Grants Officer. To be held on Tuesday 4 October 2011 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at Hobby's Reach, Blue Mountains Historical Society Prior registration essential.

Phone/email Barrie Reynolds, 4757 4725;

barrie.r@bigpond.net.au

Land Records Workshop. How to search the cadastral records online. A presentation by Lesley Muir on Sunday 16 October 2011 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Gold coin donation. RSVP Jan Koperberg, 4754 1544;

j.koperberg@bigpond.com

UNLOCK THE PAST EVENTS

2nd History & Genealogy Cruise, New Zealand to Australia 21 November to 5 December 2011, eight port stops in between, featuring Irish, Scottish and Google your Family Tree themes, along with a varied general interest program. Phone 1800 007 987

I know people who went on the first cruise, who thought they would attend a few lectures and relax the rest of the time. They found they did not want to miss out on anything and attended all that was offered.

cont...1942 – 2012 War Comes to Australia – WWII – 70th anniversary tour 17 – 22 February 2012, for six days and five nights travel to various museums and important historical sites in Darwin and South of Darwin, as well as participate in the town's celebrations on 19 February.

Bookings and information updates, visit

www.unlockthepast.com.au/Darwin2012

INVITATION TO RYDE DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON AND BOOK LAUNCH

of "Women of Ryde: not just Granny Smith" by Associate Professor Carol Liston.

North Ryde Golf Club, North Ryde

Sunday 6 November 2011, 12.00 for 12.30 pm

Enquiries: Email: rydehistory@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

There are a number of lectures between now and our October meeting. View online at

<http://www.sag.org.au/check-our-events.html>

Also on this page are Full Day Seminars, Weekend Seminars, Hands-On Workshops and Courses for Beginners, all available for a small fee to non-members.

For **members only** there are Library Orientation Tours and Webinars. There is talk of the Webinars being made available at a later date, to non-members, but this is only talk at the moment, so don't take my word for it.

LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday 11 and 25 September and 9 October – Open Days at Valley Heights Loco Depot, Tusculum Road, Valley Heights. Contact atmuseum@optusnet.com.au

Thursday 8 September – book launch at the Lithgow State Mine Heritage Park, Lithgow "A Light in the Vale" by Ray Christison at 10.00 am. Contact Ray at highground@swiftdsl.com.au

Friday 16 September – Springwood Historical Society meeting at 10.00 am in the Frazer Memorial Presbyterian Church Hall, Springwood.

Saturday 24 September – Glenbrook & District Historical Society, "Walks and Talks", Glenbrook Lagoon Precinct. Contact Doug on 4751 3275 or Tim on 4739 2384

Saturday 1 October – Blue Mountains Historical Society, at 10.00 am, guest speaker Professor Jill Rowe: Miles Franklin. Contact bmhs@email.com

DON'T FORGET –

Our general meeting and guest speaker John Low on Friday 9 September 2011.

HAWKESBURY: Latest Hawkesbury Crier or to contribute articles history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Hawkesbury Family History Group News, latest, <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/August2011.html>

TROVE; HAWKESBURY NEWSPAPERS TITLES - now online

You may also be interested to know that a number of Hawkesbury newspaper titles have recently been digitised by the Hawkesbury Library Service and are being released through TROVE over the coming weeks as part of the Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program. Developed by the National Library of Australia, TROVE provides free online access to digitised Australian historic newspapers. Access to the historical newspapers is via <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> and the local newspapers now appearing are:

Australian, Windsor, Richmond & Hawkesbury Advertiser 1873 – 1899, Hawkesbury Chronicle & Farmers Advocate 1881 – 1888, Hawkesbury Courier & Agricultural & General Advertiser 1844 – 1846, Hawkesbury Advocate 1899 – 1900

Hawkesbury Herald 1902 – 1945, Windsor & Richmond Gazette 1888 – 1920, Windsor Express & Richmond Advertiser 1843 – 1844