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# Newsletter

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**WELCOME** members to this month's meeting of the Family History Society.

Today's guest speaker Emeritus Professor, David Carment is giving a talk on his family entitled "The Sulmans in the Blue Mountains". The Sulman family first became associated with the Blue Mountains in the 19th century and with Woodford Academy in the early 20th century. Three of his family members - his great grandfather, the architect, town planner and patron of the arts, Sir John Sulman; his wife the community worker and photographer Annie, Lady Sulman and their son, his grandfather, the racing car driver, Tom Sulman - all contributed greatly to the life and culture of the Blue Mountains and all lived for long periods in the Blue Mountains, and this family connection continues through to the present. David Carment, who lives at Mosman, has himself had a very distinguished career

**Raffle today:** The Society recently purchased a research voucher from Turtle Consolidated Services, Transcription Agents, which is being raffled today at \$1.00 a ticket. Please see Ann Krasny if you would like to purchase a ticket or two.

**Next meeting:** The next general meeting of the Society will be held at the Presbyterian Hall, Macquarie Road, Springwood at **10am on 12 September 2014**. Our Treasurer, Ian Kendall will be giving a talk on Family DNA.

**Seminar 2015: STOP PRESS** the date for next year's Seminar "Lands of our Ancestors" to be held in the Presbyterian Hall, has been changed from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 as it could conflict with the Mothers' Day weekend when people may go out of town. The new date for your Diaries is **13 June 2015**.

The theme for our seminar concerns immigration to Australia, including past, modern and current immigration. We are hoping to have 5 speakers for the day. Speakers for the past and modern immigration are being canvassed from the State Archives and the National Archives. With regard to current immigration it is hoped to have a speaker with an educational background to present this talk. This takes care of 3 speakers.

For the last 2 speakers the committee thought it would be a good idea to refer to our members in order to find some ancestors with a background other than Celtic e.g. Greek, Danish, etc. To achieve this we would ask members attending today's meeting to write down on a piece of paper the country of origin of their ancestors (no names required) and put it in the suggestion box, from this the committee will endeavour to find 2 other guest speakers who may be of interest to our members.

To make the day more interesting and multicultural we will be suggesting that attendees may like to wear an article of clothing representing their ancestors' country of origin perhaps a scarf, hat, beret, etc.

Entertainment on the day: The committee is looking to find entertainers for the after lunch spot for little or no cost. The feelers are already out.

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**\*Mentoring:** Needing help with your research or you are able and willing to help someone else? Just add your name and place or places of interest to the list or approach anyone who may already be on the list with the same interests.

**\*The Explorers' Tree Magazine:** If you would like to submit an article for our last magazine for the year, your story will be required by the end of August.

**\*Late Renewals:** If you are late renewing for this year don't think you have missed out on this year's copies of The Explorers' Tree. See Ann Raaphorst, our Membership Secretary for back copies.

**\*Springwood Library:** A reminder that Springwood Library is closed from **4 Aug to 7 Sept 2014**.

**\*Interesting Article:** It has been suggested, when finding an interesting article in one of our magazines and in order to share this information with other members, a note referring to the article be placed in the suggestion box.

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

**\*Social Outings:** Following requests to resume the Society's outings Don Graham has submitted two proposed outings for August and September. Outings will be held monthly and rather than a set day will be held on random days in the third week of each month thereby enabling members to take advantage of one day that might suit them. Outings are as follows:

**Monday, 18 Aug** - Museum of Fire Penrith. A guided tour of 15 people would be \$7 pp, slightly less the same price or touring independently \$8pp. Cars and drivers will be required for this outing meeting at Springwood Station at 9am. Minimum \$5 per person to driver.

**Monday, 22 Sept** - St Mary's Cathedral Sydney preferably 10 people possibly 8. Guided tour \$5. As the tour starts at 10am it will be necessary to catch a train leaving Springwood at 8:04am. Members will find two sheets of paper on the table where Ann Raaphorst sits, one for each outing. Anyone interested in attending either outing could you please write down your name. In the case of the Museum of Fire could you please indicate whether you would be happy to drive or whether you need a lift, hopefully there will be enough cars to assist in this trip? If you have not been to the Museum of Fire before it is a very interesting Museum to visit.

## What's On:

**\*Woodford Academy** will be hosting paintings of the Woodford Academy & Grounds by renowned Woodford artist Michael Herron in the Grand Dining Room on its Open Days in August and September. The exhibition opens **Sat 16 Aug from 10am-4pm** and the artist will be giving a talk on that day from **2pm-3pm**.

Hazelbrook-Woodford Garden Festival Exhibition Dates - **Sat 13 Sept 10am-4pm, Sun 14 Sept 12pm-4pm; Sat 20 Sept 10am-4pm, Sun 21 Sept 12pm-4pm**.

Museum Entry, Exhibition and Talk: \$6 Concession/Child, \$4 (4-16yrs), Family \$15 (2 adults, 2 children)

**\*Eskbank House & Museum** cnr Inch & Bennet t Sts, Lithgow holding an exhibition in the Courtyard Gallery called "The McKenzie Exhibition" which is on loan from Chifley House and Education Centre. It tells the story of Elizabeth Chifley's family. Elizabeth was the wife of Ben Chifley, Prime Minister of Australia from 1945-1949. Entry fees \$5.90 Concession \$4.80 Child (5-17 yrs) \$2.70. When **2 Aug to 31 Aug 2014**.

**\*Lithgow Library Learning Centre Sat 16 Aug 2014 at 9.30am** - Family History at the Library. Guest speakers: Ray Christison; Mark Langdon; Tony Griffiths; Rod Leffley and Vicki Hartley.

**Saturday 6 Sept** - Exhibition: Lithgow and the Great War. Guest speakers Ray Christison; Naomi Parry; Mark Langdon and Tony Griffiths.

**\*Glenbrook & District Historical Society Saturday 23 Aug 2014 - 1.30pm** "Duck Hole-Glenbrook Creek". Old Roadway Construction and Railway Pump site. Ring Doug 4751 3275 or Tim 4739 2384.

**\*Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society - Saturday 23 Aug 2014**. The theme of this day is "Honouring Yesterday's Grandmothers". Guests are asked to write a story about their memories of one of their grandmothers, no more than a page. Also bring along a photo and item of grandma's if possible. Price \$25 **RSVP 16 Aug 2014** - bookings essential. Information contact Joy 4588 5867 or Carolynne 4576 0356.

**\*Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum** Open Days Sunday 10 and 24 Aug 2014.

**\*State Library of New South Wales** Exhibition - "Interrupted Lives" **5 Jul-21 Sept**. This is a wonderful exhibition on the soldiers in World War I displaying hundreds of photos of soldiers and personal diaries written by soldiers from all walks of life.

**Websites:** WWI 100 year anniversary - Discovering Anzacs <http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/>; Commonwealth War Graves Commission Web site lists 1.7 million service personnel from 23,000 cemeteries throughout the commonwealth.

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