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COVID SHUTS US DOWN AGAIN!

Well just as our meetings were starting to become a regular event again, along  comes another lockdown. Unfortunately, that means that July's meeting will have to be cancelled.

However, there were to be a couple of items on the agenda that you may be very interested in.

- We have booked a street stall to coincide with Father's Day. It will be held just inside the church gates on Friday 3rd September from 8-12. We will need volunteers to 'man' the stall as well as donations to sell. These days, second-hand books are not so popular but old vinyl record albums or perhaps a clean-out of your old tools would be good. (Provided of course that they are in reasonable condition.) Baked goods and pot plants seem to consistently sell well. With a bit over 2 months to prepare, I'm sure you can come up with something for the stand and if not... well you might want to buy something. 
- We all know that Covid has played havoc with many businesses as well as the lives of those who have found themselves unemployed. Unfortunately, our Society is in the same boat. You would be aware from the Treasurer's Report that, financially, things are not going well for the Society. If you, or someone you know, is able to donate to the society it would be much appreciated. And hopefully, our Street Stall will help us out as well.
- If you know of someone who might be willing to appear as a guest speaker at little or no cost, please let us know about them. This would help to take the pressure of Ian who has been doing such a wonderful job presenting informative and interesting videos at the past few meetings.
- Apparently, there are still a few folk out there who have not given Ian their updated contact details. Even though our fees were carried over from last year, our membership details still need to be updated annually. Thank you to all have done so. The membership form is available from the bottom of the membership link on our website.

Next month's meeting: The next meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **13th August, 2021 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church in Springwood.

Blaxland Library

A very limited supply of our books is now on the shelves and available for perusing. Several more books have been kept at the homes of some of the Committee members. Ask Colin to see the list. You will need to pre-arrange with them to bring the book/s to the next Society meeting for you. We are looking into whether we can have volunteers at Blaxland and will let you know when we know.

Explorer's Tree Magazine

Thank you to the magazine crew for our latest edition. What a great read! Of course, that is because people took their courage in hand and sent Rhonda something to be included. Without your contributions, we wouldn't have a

magazine. There is still time to get something to Rhonda for our final magazine for 2021.
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Who Are We?

Please remember that you are all welcome to send me a brief piece to include here. (tanya2fbr@gmail.com).

Online Hints

From John Gordon

A list of convict ships' surgeons for NSW and VDL/Tasmania/WA has been added to Free Settler of Felon.

https://www.freesettlerorfelon.com/surgeon_superintendents.htm

Quote from the site:

'Interestingly there were some 'career ship surgeons' who travelled many times with several eight times or more, often to both colonies.

At least 17 surgeons did 5 trips, 2 did 6 trips, 3 did 7 trips.

Thomas Braidwood Wilson is memorable. He wrote all but his last surgeon's report in Latin! He did 8 trips as did 6 others.

Andrew Henderson managed 9 trips. He was the surgeon on board the York of 1829 and when some of the convicts managed to get into the spirits on board...

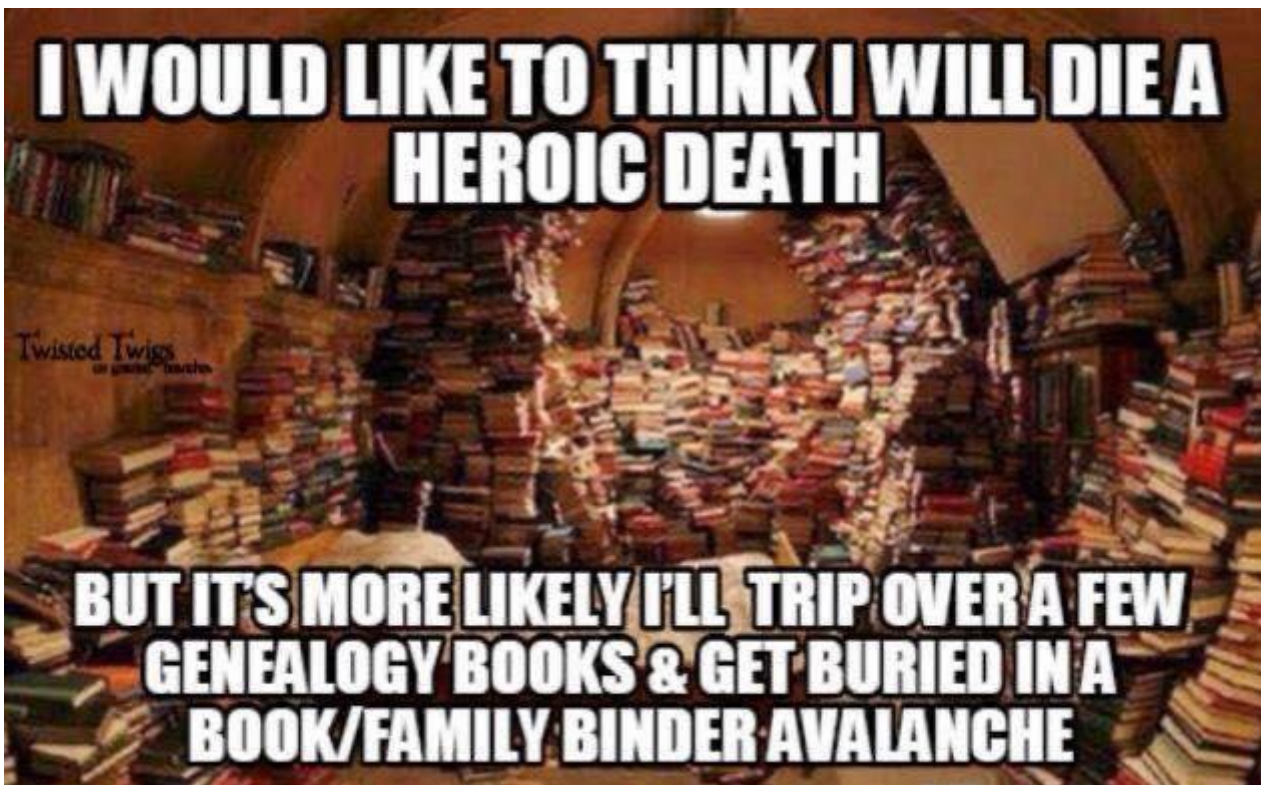
William Evans managed 10 trips and William McDowell scoops the pool with 12 trips...'

Highly recommended from Helen Allen

If you've been working on your family history for a while. Why not take it a step further and get a Diploma of Family History. <https://www.utas.edu.au/study/family-history>

This practical course will assist you in exploring your family's past and enable you to become more proficient and comfortable in a digital environment. One year minimum - 3 years maximum part-time study.

Just For Fun



Don't forget your face masks everyone. Tanya