



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The June General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Friday 8 June 2012 in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Road, Springwood. We will be holding a workshop this meeting and Joan Edwards, Ian Kendall and Audrey King will give presentations on Caring for your Family History. Each presenter will have a scribe – Pauline Hincksman, John Arnold and Jan Koperberg. As well as the three presenters, information and hints from those in the group will be welcome. We will make the combined notes available to our members ASAP after the meeting.

At our July meeting we will have a guest speaker, Lorraine Turtle (wife of Laurie) from Turtle Consolidated Industries and she will talk about "Revisiting those BDM records: A practical talk for both the beginner or the advanced researcher." You will find out how your BDMs can lead to further research.

JUNE OUTING

Don Graham has booked a guided tour of Berrima Historical Museum and Harper's Mansion, Berrima for Thursday 14 June. Departure from Springwood will be at 8.00 am from the northern parking lot at Springwood Railway Station (the 15 minute parking). Cost will be \$10.00 plus petrol money (probably \$10.00 for those not driving). Don says the museum is arranged thematically and has wonderful exhibits relating to the internment of German internees at Berrima. There will be an outing sheet passed around the meeting on Friday.

JULY AND AUGUST

Don has outings organised for both July and August, but is waiting on confirmation.

THE EXPLORERS' TREE MAGAZINE

The June issue of *The Explorers' Tree* magazine will be available at the Friday meeting for those members who do not have their magazine mailed out. We will also have the black concertina file with back issues for those who have not picked up their past issues. The concertina file will be back in the library after the meeting.

ORIENTATION IN THE FAMILY HISTORY SECTION

Orientation has commenced in the Family History Section of Springwood Library and you are welcome to put your name on the list that will be circulated at the meeting. Most members who have attended feel that it is helpful and makes them realise the amount of resources available to them and how easily accessible they have become.

SECOND-HAND BOOKS

We will have second-hand books available for purchase on the table just inside the hall on most general meeting days. These books are being sold for 50c each and it is a good way to pick up "reading" and a good way for those who have donated, to recycle.

CLOSURE OF STATE RECORDS IN THE CITY

The Globe Street research rooms of State Records will close doors on Friday 29 June 2012. Check out their new website at <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/> State Records has released a Request For Tender for third parties to digitise the series of Will Books, 1800 – 1984, and make them available to the public online.

NEW ON ANCESTRY UK

Ancestry UK now has England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966 on line.

NEW ON FINDMYPAST

Westminster records are available on FindMyPast.

MEMENTO-MORI

www.memento-mori.co.uk

This website consists of searchable online indices containing names, ages, dates of death and places of burial in many locations in Central Scotland. (Women are listed by both maiden and married surnames). The indices include both pre-1855 and post-1855 gravestones, many of which have been previously transcribed in the 'Pre-1855 Monumental Inscriptions' series of publications by Mitchell.

HAWKESBURY EVENT

Carol Liston will focus on "Accessing Land Title Records" - at the next Hawkesbury Family History Group meeting. This will be a very informative session where researchers can find out how to gain access to fantastic resources about land in NSW. Meeting will be held Wednesday 13 June 10am-12 noon at Hawkesbury Library Service 300 George Street Windsor and is FREE! Enquiries phone 4560 4466 or email history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWS

is available at <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/newsletters.html>

LIVERPOOL EVENT

Liverpool Genealogy Society is holding a seminar on Saturday 28 July 2012 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Speakers:

Angela Phippen 'Wise Directories'

Alison Spencer 'Silk Postcards'

David Longfield 'Publishing Your Family History'

Keith Smith 'Boer War'

Cost \$25.00 includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea at St Luke's Church Hall, Northumberland Street, Liverpool.

Please send cheque, cash or money order for \$25.00 with a stamped addressed envelope to LGS, PO Box 830, Liverpool, 2170.

BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORY CONFERENCE

BMACHO will be holding the Blue Mountains History Conference at The Carrington, on 20 October 2012. Registration forms available soon. More info contact Jan Koperberg j.koperberg@bigpond.com or 4754 1544.

CORNISH CULTURAL CELEBRATION

26, 27 AND 28 October 2012

Venues Shoalhaven University Campus and Worrigeer House. Please see the brochure and booking form (which can be photocopied, on the notice board in the family history section of Springwood Library).

LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday 10 June, 24 June and 8 July: Open Days Valley Heights Loco Depot Heritage Museum. Contact by email atmuseum@optusnet.com.au

Friday 15 June: Springwood Historical Society – speaker Peter Finlay. Contact by email richardmorony@optusnet.com.au

Saturday 16 June: Glenbrook & District Historical Society – Walk: Eastern Zig-Zag, Knapsack Viaduct and old mineshaft. Contact Doug Knowles 4751 3275 or Tim Miers 4739 2384.

Saturday 14 July: BMACHO General Meeting at Hobby's Reach, 99 – 101 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls at 2.00 pm. Speaker – Gay Hendriksen – topic *Walking with the Women – sharing the journeys of convict women from trial and transportation to life in the female factories*. Join us for the short meeting and afternoon tea. RSVP Jan Koperberg j.koperberg@bigpond.com or 4754 1544.

Check out the following e-Newsletters:

NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOC

Monumentally

Speaking

– <http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Newsletters.asp>

STATE RECORDS

Now and Then –

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au>

The following newsletters are available in .pdf form and I can forward to anyone interested:

BLUE MOUNTAINS ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS INC

Heritage for May/June or view on the BMACHO website

COWRA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Eagle Tales

And of course, our own newsletter is available by email, by download from our website, at the general meeting or in the family history section of Springwood Library after the general meeting.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES INC

Theme: *Endeavour Resolution Adventure Discovery*

The NSW & ACT Association State Conference will be hosted by Botany Bay Family History Society this year and will be held the weekend of 14 – 16 September 2012 at Tradies, Gympie. The Friday will be an EXPO with trade tables and workshops, Friday evening will be "meet and greet", Saturday will be the start of the Conference, Saturday night the Conference Dinner and Sunday will be the last day of the Conference. If you have never been to a State Conference before, please consider attending this one, so close to home. You can attend one day, two days or the whole conference. See list of speakers and registration form at www.conference2012.org.au Early bird registration – save money – book before 15 July 2012. Please at least have a look at their website.