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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be held this Friday, 12 October 2012, in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Road, Springwood at 10.00 am. The meeting will be followed by a presentation by Ian Kendall on the use of the National Library of Australia's *Trove* – how to get the best results

NOVEMBER MEETING

In November, we will have the General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting after morning tea on Friday, 9 November, starting 10.00 am. After the AGM those who wish to stay for a light lunch are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. This will be an opportunity for those who are unable to attend our Christmas lunch, to catch up with fellow researchers.

Please remember – all nominations for the new committee are to be with the secretary by 11.00 am on Friday, 2 November 2012.

DECEMBER MEETING

We will be holding our Christmas luncheon on Friday, 14 December 2012 in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, at 12.00 noon. Lunch will be catered and the cost will be \$25 a head. You can pay Ian at the meeting on Friday or at the November meeting. The closing date for bookings will be the November meeting. Or, you can post a cheque to PO Box 97 Springwood 2777.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have not discussed a Christmas raffle, but if you would like a raffle at the Christmas luncheon, please bring an item for a Christmas Hamper or other item suitable for raffling to the next two meetings, or leave items in the family history section of the Springwood Library.

FAMILY HISTORY & HISTORICAL SOCIETIES FORUM

The above forum will be held in the Blue Mountains this time. Members of societies and organisations from Western Sydney, and beyond, get together to report on upcoming events and projects. This forum will be held in the small hall of the Springwood Presbyterian Church at 10.00 am on Saturday next, 13 October 2012. Catering has been arranged for a light lunch and there is no entry fee. I can email an agenda, if required. You are welcome to attend, but please either email me j.koperberg@bigpond.com or phone me 02 4754 1544.

OCTOBER OUTING

The October outing is to the Jewish Museum at 148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst on Monday 15 October, with the guided tour starting at 1.00 pm. The cost is \$10 and will be payable to Blue Mountains Historical Society (as this is a combined guided tour of both societies). Train times to be advised. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet on Friday.

BMACHO BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORY CONFERENCE

There are still vacancies for the conference to be held at The Carrington, Katoomba on Saturday, 20 October 2012. Please contact me if you would like a program j.koperberg@bigpond.com or 02 4754 1544.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Please see Terry Flowers at the meeting, if you would like to volunteer.

IRISH RECORDS

The Irish Government has invested some resources into digitising the microfilms of various parish registers of various denominations for a selected number of areas. You can download an image of the relevant page of the register without charge. The fruits of their labours are available for free at: www.irishgenealogy.ie

2,750,000 Church records of Baptism, Marriage and Death available to view free of charge. Coverage: Counties Carlow, Cork, Kerry and Dublin City.

Roots Ireland www.rootsireland.ie is a pay site with NO access to the original records but covers most of Ireland (Republic and Northern).

The National Archives of Ireland (Republic counterpart of PRONI) have a large collection of links at: <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy1/genealogy-websites/>

They have their own guide at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/family-history-introduction.aspx>

Finally, familysearch.org (the Mormons) are building a wiki and have lots of links and advice (not just familysearch sources and indexes). You might like to start at their "Quick Research Links - Ireland" page: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Quick_Research_Links_-_Ireland

Acknowledgement: *Courtesy of a posting on the HHHV Rootsweb list.*

VINTAGE FAIR

The Blue Mountains Grammar school at Wentworth Falls is hosting their first vintage fair on the 13 October 2012. There will be three catwalk events organised by Charlotte Smith from the Darnell Collection and Claudia Chan Shaw from Collectors will be a special guest. In addition, there will be picnic races, vintage stalls and a vintage car display.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday, 14 October

Open Day: Valley Heights Loco Museum, Tusculum Road, Valley Heights

Cocktails at Everglades – Ring Sue Partridge, National Trust on 4739 3003

Saturday, 20 October and Sunday 21 October

Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum Centenary **workshops and talks**. Contact the Museum at lithgowsafmuseum@ozemail.com.au

Saturday, 27 October

Walk: Glenbrook Discovery Heritage Walk with Glenbrook & District Historical Society. Phone Doug Knowles on 4751 3275 or Tim Miers on 4739 2384.

Sunday, 28 October

Open Day at Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum.

"Back to Hartley" at Hartley Historic site. Phone National Parks & Wildlife Service 02 6355 2117.

THREE PLACES TO GO FOR RESEARCH IN SYDNEY (three of many)

Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG)

SAG has been helping people trace family history for over 80 years. Located in the Sydney CBD, they have a world-class library and manuscript collection, much of which is unique. They run an active program of lectures, workshops, seminars and tours, have a shop selling books, charts and software and can give advice on all aspects of genealogy. They look forward to helping you uncover your family's history.

Check out their events:

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

They have events open to members and visitors.

National Archives of Australia

The National Archives collection mainly documents Australian Government activities since Federation in 1901. Most of our records are files of documents, but their collection includes posters, plans, films, sound recordings, videotapes, digital records and many photographs.

Under the Archives Act 1983, most Commonwealth records are available for public access once they enter the open access period.

Visit NAA online <http://www.naa.gov.au/> or visit their reading room at Chester Hill.

RAHS History House

The Royal Australian Historical Society is a voluntary organisation founded in Sydney in 1901 to encourage Australians to understand more about their history. You can visit the RAHS at History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney. Check their website

<http://www.rahs.org.au/>

Let me know if you would like to receive any of the following newsletters in .pdf:

Taree Family History Society *Valley of the Waters*

Cowra Family History Group *Eagle Tales*

Use the provided links for these newsletters:

Dubbo & District Family History Society <http://dubbofamilyhistory.org.au/media/Newsletter%20Oct%202012.pdf>

State Records of NSW <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/now-then-enevletter/now-and-then-58-october-2012>