



# Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

## Newsletter

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### **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

The September General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Friday 14 September 2012 in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Road, Springwood. The meeting will be followed after morning tea with "Show and Tell". Bring along anything you would like to show, in relation to your family history or family history research and talk for no more than 5 – 10 minutes.

**OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING** will be followed by a presentation on the use of the National Library's Trove and Australian Newspapers, by Ian Kendall.

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING** will be followed by the AGM after morning tea. After the AGM we are going to have an early lunch, as a "break up" party for those who will not be able to attend the December Christmas luncheon (venue still to be confirmed). If you would like to have lunch after the November meetings, please bring a plate of food and we will share and you will have the opportunity to catch up with one another.

### **NOVEMBER AGM**

Notice of meeting and Nomination Forms have been circulated by email and posted to those without email addresses. Please think about nominating for the committee, even if it is only for one year.

### **SEPTEMBER OUTING**

The September outing will be to Rouse Hill Farm and on the way back a visit to the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. This will be on Thursday 27 September 2012 and transport will be by carpooling. Pauline Hincksman will have the sheet available at the meeting for those wishing to attend.

The newsletter is early this month, because I will be attending the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies' State Conference and will be away from Thursday afternoon till Sunday afternoon, along with Joan Edwards and Suzanne Voytas.

Pauline Hincksman will probably have information on the October outing at the meeting on Friday and most probably will have a form available for those wishing to attend.

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

Terry Flowers is still looking for Library Volunteers, so if you feel you can work as a guaranteed volunteer one day a month, please see Terry or email him, with your availability [thflowers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:thflowers@optusnet.com.au)

### **SANDGATE CEMETERY**

Now online <http://www.sandgatecemetery.org.au/>

### **STATE RECORDS NEWS**

#### [New Index to Child Care and Protection](#)

This index combines four indexes into one easy search: Mittagong Farmhome for Boys (1907-1921); Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children (1852-1915); Orphan schools records (1817-1886) and the new index to Industrial schools records (1867-1942).

## VALE JOYCE RYERSON

This information was posted on the Hunter Valley and Sydney Rootsweb Mailing Lists by the Administrator, Marg M after an email from John Graham from the Ryerson Index

Joyce Ryerson passed away last Thursday, August 30th, aged 95. Some of you may not be aware of the influence that Joyce had on the Index that bears her name. At the May 1999 meeting of the Sydney DPS, Joyce offered to give the DPS "some SMH death notices" which she had saved, so that they could index them for Ryerson. The "some" turned out to be an almost complete run from 1986 to 1999. At this time they were not back-indexing any papers, so Joyce's gift gave them the impetus to get to where they are today.

Joyce has left a legacy to many of us in company with the Sydney Dead Persons Society, who named the Ryerson Index after her because of her huge collection of Sydney Morning Herald Death Notices stashed away in a laundry cupboard. This Index is used by family historians world-wide, some daily, some not quite so often, but few have not ever used this index.

**RYERSON INDEX** <http://www.ryersonindex.org/>  
Ryerson Index now have the files for the few missing SMH days in December 1962. That means that the Index to the Death and Funeral Notices from the SMH are now complete from 1951 to 2011. Ryerson have linked up with Trove, so every death notice ever published in the SMH is now accessible, either via Trove or Ryerson. They are also making so much progress on the rest of the SMH that they can see the day in the not-to-distant future when the SMH will be completely indexed. Almost certainly within the next 5 years. They have completed 1831-1915, except for a few days missing from Trove which are being chased up with Fairfax archives. There are people working on the period 1916-1921, and 1947-1950.

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Sunday 23 September and Sunday 14 October** – Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum Open Day.  
Contact – [atmuseum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:atmuseum@optusnet.com.au)

**Monday 24 Sept to 27 Oct** – Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum: Special Exhibition to mark Small Arms Factory Centenary.  
Contact – [lithgowsafmuseum@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lithgowsafmuseum@ozemail.com.au)

**Saturday 29 September** – Glenbrook & District Historical Society – walk Glenbrook Lagoon Precinct  
Contact – Doug Knowles 4751 3275 or Tim Miers 4739 2384

## LOCAL EVENTS, cont....

**Saturday 29 September** – Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum: Official opening of exhibition and cutting of Centenary Cake. Contact LSAFM  
[lithgowsafmuseum@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lithgowsafmuseum@ozemail.com.au)

**Monday 1 October to Sunday 28 October** – Everglades Leura Art Exhibition: Leo Robba, Rhett Brewer, Tim Allen, Michael Herron  
Contact: [everglades@nationaltrust.com.au](mailto:everglades@nationaltrust.com.au)

**Saturday 20 October** – BMACHO Blue Mountains History Conference at The Carrington 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Cost \$50 (morning & aft tea and lunch provided) "Colonial Society and Beyond"

Opening Address – Dr Ian Jack

Speakers:

- Paul Ashton, Professor of Public History UTS "The Early Years of the Colony"
- Silas Clifford-Smith, Heritage horticulturist & historian "Nature & Role of Gardens in the Early Settlement Period"
- Glynis Jones, Curator Fashion & Dress, Powerhouse Museum "Colonial Dress"
- Jill Roe, Professor Emerita "Miles Franklin & her Mates"
- Paul Innes, "The Carrington – a return to the era of grace, elegance & charm"
- Jim Low – musician and local historian

Contact Jan Koperberg for a registration form by phoning 02 4754 1544 or emailing [j.koperberg@bigpond.com](mailto:j.koperberg@bigpond.com)  
You can pay by cheque, money order or direct deposit.

## Double Anniversary at Hartley Historic Site

Hartley Historic Site celebrates a Double Anniversary. Back to Hartley – 28 October 2012. A full day of fun and festivities for the whole family. This year is particularly important, as the event will also mark the 40th anniversary of the gazettal of Hartley Historic Site and the 175th anniversary of the construction of the Mortimer Lewis designed Courthouse. "Back to Hartley" will be at Hartley Historic Site, Old Bathurst Road, Hartley NSW 2790 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from 9am – 3 pm. For further information please contact Hartley Historic Site, NPWS on PH. 6355 2117

**Sunday 11 November** – Lithgow & District Family History Society invite you to attend the official launch of their War Hero's Project to be held on Remembrance Day at Club Lithgow at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. Guest speaker Joe Elkus, recollections of the WWII midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour. Afternoon tea will follow – cost \$10.00. RSVP by 29 October to Helen Taylor 02 6355 7231.

## e-NEWSLETTERS

**Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society's** *The Millstone* Sept-Oct 2012 is available in .pdf format.

**Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations** newsletter "Heritage" Sept-Oct 2012 issue available in .pdf. Let me know if you want a copy of either of these newsletters.

**Society of Australian Genealogists'** newsletter - <http://www.sag.org.au/subscribe-to-our-newsletter.html>

**National Boer War Memorial Association's** newsletter - <http://www.bwm.org.au/site/Newsletters.asp>