



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

Newsletter

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Next Committee Meeting: To be held at the home of Jan Koperberg. Friday, 24th April 2009, 14 Bunnal Avenue, Winmalee.

Next General Meeting: 10 am, Fri., May 2009 in the upstairs room, Civic Centre, Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

Guest Speaker: There will be no guest speaker for May we will use this time to work out strategies and ideas for getting our Special Interest Group/Groups off the ground.

Next Social Outing: 20th April 2009 will be a guided tour around Lawson led by, Helen Mollenhauer a long time Lawson resident and member of Blue Mountains Historical Society. Members need to provide own lunch but a reasonably priced Chinese meal can be obtained at Lawson Bowling Club for \$8.00. Travel by car pool meeting in Springwood Stn car park at 9.15am or if train travel preferred: **9.30am** from Springwood; **9.26am** from Katoomba to meet with Heather on Lawson Station at **10am**. The cost of the tour is \$5.00 pp - a donation to Mid Mountains History Society. Any queries contact **Don 4751 2991**.
Cost: **\$5.00**

WELCOME to the third meeting for 2009. Our last meeting was a workshop and the members who attended and a great time reminiscing over transport when they were young, how we got around and where we travelled. Anyone who did not attend the workshop and would like to contribute, the Society is compiling a folder of "Transport Memories". Please type your memories and bring them to the meeting or send them to The Secretary, PO Box 97 Springwood, 2777. They can also be emailed to the Secretary at jank@eftel.com.au.

John Low is our guest speaker today and his talk will be "Trials and Tribulations and the Mystery of Family Research".

Thought for the day: Beware of the Genealogy Bug; It's bite can be addictive.

Birthdays:

"Happy Birthday" to Zita Poynting and Margaret Chapman



Items of Interest to Members:

The last committee meeting was held at the home of Audrey King and the following items were discussed:

***Social Outing:** The social outing for May will be a trip to Kingswood Archives on the Thursday following our May meeting, **14th May**. Details for this trip will be in the May Newsletter. To make the most out of the outing it will be best to car pool thereby giving us plenty of time to do research. The June outing will be to the State/Mitchell Library in Macquarie Street, Sydney so the trip will be by train.

***Membership:** The Society now has 90 financial members.

***Local Area Information:** If you are looking for anything to do with the local areas look at the Library Catalogue to see if it is in Local Studies.

***Foundation Day:** Those members who volunteered on the day found it very worthwhile and once again quite a bit of interest was shown by the general public. Quite a few people indicated they would pay a visit to Springwood Library for some research help. Thank you to all members who attended on the day and in particular to Don & Brian who did all the heavy work setting up and dismantling the gazebo and all the heavy work.

***2009 Seminar:** After much discussion on the form that this year's Seminar is to take it has now been decided to make a slight change to the title, it is now "Currency Lass and Beyond". The committee feels that this title gives us more scope for guest speakers and that it is something that perhaps could be expanded on at next year's Seminar. A list of names of potential speakers has been drawn up and Jan is currently writing to see if these speakers are willing to attend. We should know by our next general meeting who will be our guest speakers.

***Items needed for raffle:** For those members new to the Society, twice a year the Society calls on members to donate something small towards the raffle for our Seminar and again towards the end of the year for our Christmas raffle. It need not be anything expensive and could be some unwanted gift you might have sitting at home. All items usually go into a basket and the winning ticket is drawn at our Seminar and again at our Christmas Social. All money received goes towards buying new resources to further our family history research. Could members please bring donations for our Seminar to our May and June meetings. Ideas for donations for the Seminar raffle are nice soap, powder, book, photo frame, wine, etc.

Diary Dates to remember:

Sat. 4th April-31st Oct, 2009 State Mine Heritage Park, Lithgow "Beneath the Southern Cross" Exhibition relating to Union Memorabilia

NSW & ACT State Conference hosted by Wyong Family History Group Inc **18th, 19th & 20th September, 2009**

"From Home to the Hinterland" Cost: Early Bird registration \$140.00 by 31.07.09 after that \$150.00. See Library for details or website
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswwfhg/

Interesting Websites:

*One-stop shop and research on NSW Convicts

<http://www.historyservices.com.au/>

* Ships Logs, Journals, Pictures & Passenger Ship Links Australia and New Zealand

<http://members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/shipslog.html#Passengers>

*Convict Women in Port Jackson

<http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/portjacksonwomen/>

*Parramatta Female Factory

<http://www.parragirls.org.au/index.html>

*German migration

<http://search.babylon.com/?q=Tatura%20Immigration%20%26%20Wartime%20Camps%20Museum&babsrc=home>

*Experiences of Partners of Ex-POWs of the Japanese

<http://www.awm.gov.au/journal/j28/j28-petr.asp>

*Penrith Library's photo database.

<http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/index.asp?id=3462>

*Scottish Parish of Holyroodhouse or Canongate Register of Marriages 1564-1800

http://www.scotsfind.org/canongate_access/canongate.pdf

*Scottish Family Heritage

<http://www.scottishfamilyheritage.co.uk/lists.shtm>

*Archives Ireland

<http://www.archives.ie/>

*Check out Immigration Bridge Australia

<http://www.immigrationbridge.com.au/>

Important Message regarding Society's Website: Could all members please give Joan their "Members Interests" again as changes had to be made to the website. Any questions regarding this please see Joan at today's meeting or contact her on **4757 2317**.

More Items of Interest to members:

***Special Interest Groups:** More detailed planning for these special interest groups will be worked out at our May workshop, but tentative plans envisage a number of all-day meetings at a central and inexpensive venue (eg Lawson Bowling Club). These meetings would be split into 90 minute or so sessions to deal with the four main topics of interest shown in the questionnaire filled in at our last general meeting -Australia, England, Scotland and Ireland. Those interested could attend one or more session(s) depending on interests. The sessions would be open to all, not just society members. Hopefully one will be held in Blackheath to cater for people in the upper Mountains.

***Last Social Outing:** Only 5 members of the Society attended this outing at "Hobbys Reach" the home of the Historical Society, which was rather disappointing. Those members who did attend really enjoyed the day. First they were taken on a tour of "Tarella", the original house, built in the latter part of the 19th century, as a holiday house, and then gradually added onto and completed to it's present state in 1920. Part of the McLaughlin family used it as a permanent residence. Beryl McLaughlin, one of the first women graduates of Sydney University, lived in the house until her death, aged 100, in 1988. The very small bedroom in the house even had a walk-in wardrobe (of sorts!). The kitchen had been "modernised" inside the house and the most modern thing there was an aluminium sink. The original kitchen was outside the cottage, which used to be the case to prevent the house burning down in the event of a fire while cooking. After morning tea they were taken into a newer building, still in the grounds of "Tarella", known as "Hobbys Reach" and this building housed a lovely meeting room, with theatre seats from the "Troadero" in Katoomba, a kitchen and serving space for meals etc and at the other end, a lovely research room. Photos had been laid out on all the very large tables for our perusal (but left there from a weekend of visitors). There are also many well-organised filing cabinets of interesting subjects - a query about a particular subject could be found almost immediately. "Thank you" Rosemary for your contribution to the Newsletter. Any member who wishes to write something for the Newsletter please email Pauline on p_gibson@ozemail.com.au.

***Snippets:** With Anzac Day fast approaching a snippet of information on Australia's Greatest General, Sir John Monash. He invented the Blitzkrieg; was knighted on the battlefield by King George V; that his methods were studied by German staff officers between the two world wars and that he is now regarded as the only general of creative originality produced in WWI. More Information: <http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/biogs/A100533b.htm>

Latest Library Acquisitions now on the shelves:

Books: *Camden General Cemetery Index Cawdor Road Camden NSW - Camden Area Family History Society

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*Camden Catholic Cemetery Cawdor Road Camden NSW - Camden Area Family History Society Inc.

*Guide to New South Wales State Archives relating to Convicts and Convict Administration - State Records

*Female convicts assigned to Port Macquarie from Parramatta Female Factory 9th February 1833-27th March 1833 - Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society Inc.

*Burials in the Grafton District 1850-1896

*Shopkeepers and shoppers: a social history of retailing in New South Wales from 1788 - Frances Pollon

*Memory of a Nation - National Archives of Australia

*Bicentennial: an Australian mosaic and 1788 diary - Harry Gordon

*Braidwood & district post office & people: chronicle of events of Royal Mail & tabloid of people who formed our mail service - Roslyn Maddrell "Garlyn" Braidwood NSW

CDs: *Index to police returns NSW (Includes some Brisbane & Port Phillip records)

State Records of NSW - Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen

*Registers of prison staff 1860-1923 New South Wales [19/10554-555] NRS 1837

State Records NSW - Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen

*Commissions of peace (JP's Volume 1 1865-1915) SRO NSW [7/6997]-[7/7044] NRS 13629

State Records NSW - Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen