



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

Newsletter

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Next Committee Meeting: To be held **August 28th, 2009** at the home of Jan Koperberg, 14 Bunnal Avenue, Winmalee.

Next General Meeting: 10 am, Fri., 11th September, 2009 in the upstairs room, Civic Centre, Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

Guest Speaker for September: There will be no guest speaker this month instead there will be a workshop on shopping habits/facilities in the period 1930's-to 1970's.

Next Social Outing: Tour of Historic Windsor and Regional Museum. Cost approx \$5.00. Car pooling - meet **9.30 am** Springwood Railway northern car park. Guided tour of Windsor. Bring lunch or eat at Windsor Shops. Tour Regional Library.

September 17th Social outing will be guided tours of Camden Historical Museum and Wollondilly Heritage Centre Cost \$5. Further information regarding this outing will be in the September Newsletter.

Membership: The Society now has 102 financial members.

WELCOME to the seventh meeting for 2009. At our last meeting Ian showed members how to do family research on the internet and the pitfalls you might come across. He also stressed that the internet is a useful tool but that it is also necessary to seek proof of any data found and to be aware that not everyone is as careful of our data as we are.

Today we have Ken Black talking to us about Morse code.

Thought for the day: If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help.

Birthdays:



Happy Birthday wishes to Alison Tissington

Items of Interest to Members:

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

***Publishing:** Joan advised that it is expected that the revised Vol. 1 of the BM Cemetery Transcripts will be finished within the next few weeks and that hopefully the Mt York cemetery book will be published in time for the State Conference at Wyong in September.

***Last Social Outing:** On July 16 a group of 6 attended the guided tour of the Museum of Fire, considered the best of its type in Australia. Prior to the tour Don Graham presented a helmet that he had been given by the Fire Chief of North Greece, West Monroe County, New York. The guide, Alan, an experienced Winmalee RFS fire-fighter was able to give an overview of the Mountains brigades and provide an excellent commentary on the exhibits. The evolution of fire-fighting from early C19 to the present day was illustrated by 35 displayed appliances. Another 85 units are on site undergoing refurbishment.

After lunch, Lorraine Stacker generously gave over two hours of her time to explain the organisation of the superb Local History Room at Penrith Library and displayed, among other items, early maps of the Hawkesbury Region and more recent maps illustrating the development of the area. Both sites were shown to be worthy destinations. The Library is of particular interest to those who have antecedents living in the area.

***Special Interest Groups:** Last Wednesday, 5th August 2009 saw the first of four meetings of the Special Interest Groups to be held at Lawson Bowling Club. There were between 25-30 members in attendance, England/Wales led the first group after which there was a break for morning tea. Following on from morning tea was the Irish group and then a break for lunch. Quite a few members ordered lunch from the Chinese Restaurant attached to the Club and enjoyed a reasonably priced meal for only \$7.50. Everyone came together at 1.30pm for the Scottish group, the day finishing around 2.30pm. There was a lot of input from various members into each of the groups and those members new to the Society seemed to benefit from the day. One thing that came out of the meeting is a request that a tour of the Kingswood State Archives and its holdings, rather than a research day, be organised to give new members an idea of what can be found there. This will be organised in the not too distant future.

Diary Dates to remember:

Sat.1st Aug-13th Sept. 2009: Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Vessels of Hope symbolising the economic and social contribution made by convict women to the foundation of Australia - Exhibition of Bonnets by Christina Henri and Diaspora Mapping migration in textiles reflecting Jill Kinneer's personal experience of migration from Scotland to Australia.

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 by 31.0709 after that \$150.00. See Library for details or website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswwfhg/

17th Oct. 2009 Annual Family Picnic Day for the descendants of John & Mary Hollands of the Sutton Forest area - Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Berrima BYO lunch, morning tea provided. Contact: Allan Shephard, 4774 0405 alshep@pnc.com.au

August 2009-January 2010. Liverpool Regional Museum presents Thomas Moore (1792-1840) 'The King of Liverpool' Exhibition, At the Museum, Hume Highway, Liverpool, Tues to Sat 10am-1pm. & 2.00-4.00pm

Latest Library Acquisitions now on the shelves:

Joan Reese Collection (26 items)

**Norfolk Island 1788-1813: the people and their families.*

James Hugh Donohoe

**History of Port Macquarie* - Hastings District Historical Society

**Index to the microform collection of the Society of Australian Genealogists* as at January 1990 Compiled by Joanna Armour Richards, Heather E. Garnsey, Angela Phippen

**Guilty, no chattels, to be hanged: the story of Ann Forbes, First Fleet Convict* - Ian Forster

**Catholics of New South Wales 1788-1820 and their families* - James Hugh Donohoe

**Places, names and their origins within the city of Penrith*

Penrith City Library Historical Series No. 1

**Voyage of the ship Friendship from Cork to Botany Bay 1799-1800* - Edited by Col Graham, Percy McIntyre and Anne Maree Whitaker

**Change and challenge: a history of the Municipality of Canterbury NSW* - F.A.Larcombe, Canterbury Council

**Australia's most notorious convicts* - Barbara Malpass Edwards

**Eastwood House: a brief history* - Bernard Giuliani

**English parish register transcripts* - Ed NJ Vine Hall

**Stroll through St. Peter's Churchyard* - Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society

**Catholic records index* - Compiled by Liz Vincent

**German research directory* - Compiled and edited by Carol Wardale & Margaret Jenner

**Bennelong: first notable aboriginal* - Royal Australian Historical Society

**Index to Descent Volumes 1-18 1961-1988* - Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists

**Parish registers in Australia* - Compiled & published by Nick Vine Hall

**Comboyne: chronicles of the early days* - Rod & Wendy Gow

**Landsdowne: chronicles of the early days* - Rod & Wendy Gow

More Items of Interest to members:

Seminar: As you all know our annual Seminar was held last Saturday, 8th August, and what a wonderful day it turned out to be. The weather, though a little chilly in the shade, was perfect; there was a good attendance of about 50 people; the guest speakers were extremely interesting. Helen Sider the guest speaker on Immigration, won the hearts of all who were there with her simple philosophies on life; Rachel Hollis from Kingswood State Records gave a very informative talk as did Joe Elkus with his comparisons of women in war, comparing women who were only allowed to carry out nursing duties in the Boer War to the Army career woman of today. Our own Joan, Ian and Suzanne were also excellent in their roles as presenters. The food on the day met with everyone's approval and the members who worked in the kitchen and behind the scenes did an excellent job. The Society thanks all the members who volunteered their services to help make the day the great success it was, including those members who gave donations towards the raffles and lucky door prizes and those members, though not attending the Seminar, who turned up on the day to help out. A big "thank you" is due to our Secretary, Jan Koperberg, who not only worked tirelessly throughout the months leading up to the Seminar but who also drove on Friday afternoon to the Northern Beaches to collect our elderly guest speaker, Helen Sider, and hosted her that evening.

Interesting Websites:

*Families in British India Society (FIBIS) website www.fibis.org includes over half a million entries of Europeans or Anglo-Indians who lived or saw civil or military service in India.

*The Newcastle district of New South Wales, 1860-1900 <http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/5007>

*New South Wales under Governor Brisbane, 1821-1825 <http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/1989>

*The Rocks and Sydney ; Society, Culture and Material Life 1788 - c1830 - <http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/405>

*The Female and Male Orphan Schools in New South Wales, 1801-1850 - <http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/2474>

Dublin Heritage <http://www.dublinheritage.ie/>

The Irish Family History Foundation

<http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com/search.php>

Free Scottish Site - Scotland BDM Exchange, not a lot of names yet - to get a result try searching only on the surname and leave everything else as is <http://www.sctbdm.com/index.php>

More Library Acquisitions now on the shelves:

*Moreton Bay Penal Settlement 1824-1839

Compiled by Mamie O'Keefe

*Name directories of Moreton Bay region for years 1850-51, 1852-53, 1854-55 - Compiled by Marianne Eastgate

*Bundaberg and District Pioneers: a biographical index to 1901 Bundaberg Genealogical Association Inc.

*Pictorial history of the Wyong Shire Volume Two and Pictorial history of the Wyong Shire Volume Three - Edward Stinson

*Katoomba & Leura Advertisers - Blue Mountains Tourist Bureau Publications 1905 - Indexed by Joan Edwards

*Index to Lithgow Clarion Clippings - December 1941-December 1942 - Compiled by Joan Edwards

*Historical Records of Australia (2 CDS) - Series 1 Volumes 1-26 Gould Genealogy.

As you can see our Librarian, Rhonda, has been very busy. "Thank you Rhonda".