



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

Newsletter

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Next Committee Meeting: To be held July 24, 2009 at the home of Audrey King, 67 Linksvie Rd, Springwood

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

Guest Speaker for August: Ken Black will be talking to us about Morse code at this meeting.

Next Social Outing: The next outing, on **July 16, 2009** will be to the Museum of Fire at Penrith The entry fee is \$8.00, \$7.50 for seniors. Meeting at **9.30** am Springwood Railway northern car park Don and Jan will drive. Guided tour of Museum of Fire 10.30 - **12.00**. Bring lunch or eat at Penrith Plaza. Tour of Penrith Library by Lorraine Stacker (FH Librarian) including Family History Resources commences at 1.30. You are welcome to research after the tour

August Outing: Tour of Historic Windsor and Regional Museum. Cost approx \$8.00. 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

WELCOME to the sixth meeting for 2009. Our June meeting was extremely interesting when Chris Gorman came and spoke to us about his time in Antarctica and showed us his slides. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed both his talk and slides. Today Ian will be showing us how to do our family history research on the Internet and the pit falls that await us. While the Internet is a useful tool it is not the be all and end all.

Thought for the day: When you search for ancestors you find great friends.

Birthdays:



Happy Birthday to our members Don Graham, Ian Kendall, Jean O'Brien and Pauline Gibson.

Items of Interest to Members:

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

***Special Interest Groups:** The date and place for our special interest groups has now been arranged. The first get together will be on Wednesday, 5th August 2009 and the venue is the Lawson Bowling Club commencing at 10.15am. As you are aware we will be holding all groups on the one day. Further details as to these groups will be worked out at today's meeting. Participants are asked to donate a gold coin.

***Membership:** The Society now has 100 financial members.

***Last Social Outing:** Only 4 members of the Society visited the State & Mitchell Libraries. Although few in number those who attended enjoyed the day both as to the social aspect and their research.

***Seminar:** As mentioned in the last Newsletter everything has been organised for our big day - all we need now are people to fill the seats. The cost for the day including morning and afternoon tea and lunch is \$25.00. As well as having the benefit of listening to some interesting speakers the after dinner entertainment will be bush poetry.

***Raffle:** Tickets for the raffle to be drawn at our August Seminar will go on sale today. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes. Thank you to all the members who donated items for the raffle and lucky draw prizes, it is very much appreciated.

***Volunteers:** Today there will be a list of jobs requiring volunteers to help with numerous tasks on the day on the Treasurer's table. If you feel able to assist in any way please put your name on the list - thank you.

Diary Dates to remember:

Sun. 12th & 26th July 2009 Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum.

Fri. 17th July, 2009 Springwood Historical Society meeting

Sun. 19th July 2009: Open Day Turkish Bath Museum, Mt Wilson

Sat. 1st August 2009: Blue Mountains Historical Society meeting. Speaker: Lynne Kelly, Thomas Whitely.

August 1st-31st 2009 Fernbrook Garden, Queen Street, Kurrajong Heights "**Brush by Brush**" Exhibition Exhibition by foremost Botanical Artists at Fernbrook Garden. Also stroll in the woodland garden. For information: Ph 02 4567 7330

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

Latest Library Acquisitions now on the shelves:**CDs**

Title: Convicts of the Australian Agricultural Company 1825-1850

Title: Whittaker's Almanac 1879

Title: Bathurst Advocate & Bathurst Free Press Newspaper Index 1848-1849 - Rod & Wendy Gow

Title: Blayney & Surrounding Cemeteries Transcriptions of Headstones - Blayney Shire Local & Family History Group Inc.

Books

Title: Index to Family History Journals and Magazines 2007-2008 Compiled by Joan Edwards for Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

Title: Lithgow State Coal Mine: A pictorial history - Ray Christison 2009

Title: Clarion Clippings: Items of local interest: Clipped from the Lithgow Clarion Newspaper Established 1932, Published every Tuesday & Saturday Afternoon - Lithgow & District Family History Society Inc. 2008

13 Volumes December 1941 through to December 1942

Title: Partial Index to the Forbes History Book - Forbes Family History Group Inc.

Title: Hill End Histories & Tambaroora Tales Volume 1 - Lorraine Purcell & Members of the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group 2009

Title: NSW Government Gazette - **18 Volumes** January-December, 1972; 1973 January-September; 1974 January-December; 1975 January-September; 1976 January-December.

Some Irish websites:

Leitrim-Roscommon

<http://www.leitrim-roscommon.com/index.shtml>

Clare County Library

<http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/genealogy/genealog.htm>

Irish Family History Society

<http://homepage.eircom.net/~ifhs/>

Findmypast: Latest news from Findmypast is that Welsh Counties are now on 1911 Census.

More Items of Interest to members:

Publishing: Joan reported that Mt Wilson, Mt Irvine and Mt Victoria cemeteries have now been checked and she is awaiting the verification numbers from the BMCC. When finalised it will be on sale in the library at \$15. Joan and her granddaughter have updated Mt York, a separate book, and it too is awaiting verification numbers. The Katoomba RC cemetery book is next to be updated.

Ancestry.com.au: These images are now on Ancestry CONVICT DEATHS, NSW ASSISTED AND UNASSISTED PASSENGERS ARRIVED, CONVICT MUSTERS, 1841 CENSUS ABSTRACTS, 1828 CENSUS, HISTORICAL ELECTORAL ROLLS 1842-1864, CONVICTS APPLICATIONS TO MARRY, CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZATION, CERTIFICATES OF FREEDOM, OUTWARD PASSENGERS 1816-1825, CONDITIONAL PARDONS, POLICE GAZETTES Visit Ancestry at the Library.

Snippets: What's in a name? Surname "Turnbull" The founding father of the Turnbells was William of Rule. During the Scottish Wars of Independence, William was rewarded for an unusual act of bravery. According to legend, William was attending Robert the Bruce in Stirling when he noticed a wounded bull bearing down on the king. With no time to draw a weapon, William leapt into its path and seized the bull by its horns, twisting it off balance to bring it to the ground. Robert the Bruce was so grateful that he changed William's name from Rule to Turnbull to make a permanent record of his loyal service. He was also given a grant of lands. Around this time the family adopted the motto "I saved the king" and had a bull's head incorporated into their crest. From then on the surname "Rule" can be seen to decline in records and the name "Turnbull" to become more frequent. (Taken from The Scots Magazine, July 2009 issue). To search for the meaning of a surname visit: <http://www.searchforancestors.com/surnames/origin/t/> or Last Name Meanings <http://www.last-names.net/>

Interesting Websites:

An excellent précis of the history of Galway for family historians can be found at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlgal/index.html>

Scottish Clans and Septs:

<http://www.scottishwebcamslive.com/clans.htm>

State Library of Tasmania Family History portal:

<http://www.statelibrary.tas.gov.au/familyhistory>

How to use Google to your best advantage for doing searches:

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html>

Lost Cousins:

<http://www.lostcousins.com/>

New Aussie content website for genealogists:

<http://www.familytreeoz.com/>

<http://www.nls.uk/maps/atlas/thomson/index.html>

The Balkham Hills Shire Library Service began in 2007 to consolidate the names of earlier residents of The Hills Shire who served in The Boer Wars, World War 1 and World War 2.

http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pTL_nnPnJxc1LZAvttrdb0Jw&gid=0

Turnbull Clan with links

<http://turnbulleclan.com/main/links.htm>

Australia, Ships and Convicts

<http://www.danbyrnes.com.au/blackheath/ships.htm>