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Hello from the Newsletter desk. Tanya is having a well-deserved holiday away from the Mountains and the Newsletter, so I, Ian K, will be your editor for the next couple of months. Please forward to me any items for inclusion in future Newsletter.

This Month's Meeting will be held on **Friday 8th September 2023 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. Visitors warmly welcome! Morning Tea will be served costing \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Springwood Library librarian Vicki Edmunds will attend the meeting to present the Society's Literary Awards for articles published in the Society's journal 'The Explorers' Tree'. The Bob Howard and Coolgardie Safe awards are presented each year.

We will begin the meeting with a short business session; Vicki Edmunds will present the awards and give her report at 10:30am; followed by morning tea. After morning tea will be an open discussion session for members to seek assistance with their research or to share with members their recent research successes.

We have been hoping to get **Steven Ford** to come and speak at one of our meetings this year. He has now confirmed that he will be presenting at our **October** meeting. Steven has worked on several episodes of "*Who Do You Think You Are*" and will talk about some of his work with the program. However, he will mainly be talking about conducting research on NSW Land Records.

In the Society's June newsletter, we indicated that the Committee had been discussing raising the **membership fees**. This idea was then presented at the June meeting. After much discussion, the members voted to increase the fees to \$50 for an individual and \$60 for a couple. The new prices will need to be approved at our Annual General Meeting in November before being implemented.

Our hard-working **Secretary, Helen** reported:

We had a beautiful morning for our stall and had a variety of interesting items to sell. Ruth's grapefruit marmalade sold out very quickly!

We had 3 prizes for the raffle (wine, wine, and more wine).

1st prize-Phil (present at the draw)

2nd prize-Helen Allan (I was not involved in the draw, honest).

3rd Prize-R. Brown (Jan delivered her prize)

The raffle made \$35.10, and the stall \$237.50, so a total of \$272.60.

We had a good turnout of society members to help. Many thanks to the spouses who helped with the set-up & pack down of tables etc or delivered goods.

Trade table - Our trade will be operating again this month, so you can donate any unwanted good quality items to the table display. If something from the table catches your fancy, please drop some cash in the Society's moneybox for the item, then take it. Remember that if your donated items don't sell, you will need to take them home again.

Library News

Can you help? Helen would really appreciate having some new volunteers at the Library. Even if you can only manage a one-off session, it would be very helpful. Thank you to Helen for organizing the Volunteer's roster. It's good to know that we are back up and running in Springwood. If you or someone you know needs some Family History research help, we are there on Thursday mornings to assist.

The Explorer's Tree Magazine

A big thank you to the members who often contribute to our magazine. Remember though that the magazine is there for all members. If it's been a long time, or you haven't ever sent something in, why not take this opportunity to submit a piece. "The Explorer's Tree" magazine always needs more items. Please send your stories, in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. j.koperberg@bigpond.com Remember to include references and sources if they come with the article. Our next Issue is at the printer and will be available at our October meeting. As the proof-reader I can assure you it is well worth reading. Many thanks to Jan and John.

Next month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **13th October 2023 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. Presenter as previous mentioned will be Steven Ford whose topic is 'NSW Land Records.'

Digital Journals & Newsletters Received - August 2023

Burwood - Ancestree Vol 36 No 2 Sept 2023

Parramatta Female Factory Friends - Newsletter 52

History Goulburn - Argyle Bulletin No 97

Society of Genealogists (UK) - Genealogists Magazine 2023-09

Cool Shire Family History Group - Family Ties - Aug/Sep 2023 - No 45

NSWACT Association of FHS - Newsletter Aug 2023

Glenbrook & District Historical Society - Glenbrook Points - Aug/Sep 2023

Wyang Family History Group - NSW/ACT 2023 Conference Newsletter No 10

Friends of Rookwood - RIP Newsletter Vol 28 Sept 2023

RAHS - Newsletter 24 Aug 2023

Camden Area Family History Society - Camden Calling - May 2022, Nov 2022, May 2023

BMACHO - Heritage Newsletter Issue 88 Sept-Oct 2023

Federation of Australian Historical Societies. - eBulletin No. 28 Aug 2023

Swan Hill (Vic) - Mallee Roots Aug 2023

These journals and newsletter as well as hundreds of others will soon be available in the Family History Research Centre in Springwood Library on a removeable hard drive.

1 September to 30 October 10.00am to 4.00pm	Everglades Flower Fest	Everglades House & Gardens	Book via Eventbrite where possible
Saturday 9 September	History Walk – Glenbrook Discovery Heritage Walk	Glenbrook & District Historical Society	Bookings essential – Phone Doug on 0414 154 695
Sunday 10 September	Museum Open Day	Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum	publicity@valleyheightsrailmuseum.info
Friday 15 September	General Meeting and Presentation	Springwood Historical Society	rtmorony@gmail.com
Saturday 16 September	Garden Celebration 10.00am to 4.00pm	Woodford Academy	woodfordacademy@gmail.com
Wednesday 20 September	Excursion: The Three Hartleys	Blue Mountains Historical Society	bmhs@bluemountainshistory.com Attn. Chris Webber or phone Chris on 0424 720 676
Saturday 23 September	History Walk – Warrimoo Lookout	Glenbrook & District Historical Society	Bookings essential – Phone Doug on 0414 154 695
Sunday 24 September	Open Day – Tarella Cottage and Research Centre	Blue Mountains Historical Society	bmhs@bluemountainshistory.com
Sunday 24 September	Museum Open Day	Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum	publicity@valleyheightsrailmuseum.info