

# Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

# Newsletter

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Tanya Kirk

Hello from the newsletter desk and thank you again to Ian for his excellent newsletters in my absence. Since my return I've been continuing my research journey and I have to say that Stephen Ford's presentation at last month's meeting has been a huge help. Since then, I have been able to access a previously inaccessible treasure trove of resources on the HLRV of NSW Land Registry Services. I hope you also found his information helpful.

Our upcoming meeting combines with our Annual General Meeting. That means Committee Member elections well as planning for 2024. Please bring your ideas and suggestions along to be considered.



December is coming and with it comes our Christmas get-together. Please come along and join us for a meal at: -

> The Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls Date: Friday 8 December 2023 Time: 12 midday Cost: \$65 per person Partners welcome.

To confirm numbers, payment can be made to Ian at the November meeting.

It is with much regret that I report the sudden passing of Richard Thomas, one of our newest members, on the 19th October 2023. His friendly enthusiasm and ideas will be sadly missed. Vale Richard

This Month's Meeting will be held on Friday 10th November, 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.

This will be the final meeting for the year... although we do have a Christmas lunch in December  $\circ$ 

**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**

There are definite holes in our volunteer roster! 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 Helen for your organization.

If you or someone you know needs some Family History research help, we are at Springwood on Thursday mornings to assist. Alternatively, if Katoomba is easier for you, Ian will be volunteering there on the first and third Thursdays of each month between 10am and 12 midday.

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#### The Explorer's Tree Magazine

Our Society's magazine is excellent! And it's all thanks to you. Please keep those articles and stories coming in. Remember to send your work, in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. j.koperberg@bigpond.com AND... include your references and sources.

Next year's first meeting of the Family History Society will be held on 9th February, 2024 at 10am in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. As an introductory session for the year, member's are asked to participate in a show and tell themed "My Life In A Shoebox". Help us get to know you in less than 10 mins with small bits and pieces that fit in a shoebox.

### Digital Journals & Newsletters Received - October 2023

FamNet NZ - FamNet eNewsletter October 2023 Botany Bay FHS - The Endeavour 156 Sept 2023 Caloundra FHS - E-Clipper No 122 Sept 2023 Colo Shire FHG - Family Ties Oct-Nov 2023 No 46 Parramatta Female Factory Friends - Newsletter 53 Oct 2023 Yass Historical Society - Yandoo No 67 Sept 2023 Dubbo & District FHS - Newsletter No.68 Oct 2023 Bega Valley Genealogy Journal - October 2023

#### **Research Tips**

From Helen: I had a look at "Libby" one of the eResources on the BMCC library website. These are some of the titles they have "for free" as long as you are a member of the library & can remember your password. Magazines, current and scroll to previous issues

- -Family Tree UK, many issues
- Family Tree Magazine, many issues
- -Who Do You Think You Are, many issues
- -The Essential Guide to Family History, one issue, by "Who Do You Think You Are"
- -Photo Restoration, one issue

#### Books

- -Genealogy for Dummies
- -Researching your Family History Online for Dummies
- -Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques
- -101 Brickwall Busters by Family Tree Editors
- -Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records (plus many, many other books in the "Tracing Your \_\_\_ Ancestors" series-Criminal/Legal/Canal/Hugeunot)
  - -They have more genealogy/family history books, as well as fiction, non-fiction, children's and audio books

#### **Just for Fun**



Thanks to Alison for this one

