



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

Newsletter

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Hello from Ian, writing the Newsletter again this month.

This month's meeting of the Family History Society for 2024 will be held on **Friday 12th April 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, right in the centre of town. Visitors are warmly welcome! Morning Tea will be served costing \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

This month's presentation will be given by **Merryl Foster**. Merryl, and husband Peter will be sharing their knowledge of the Nurses from Penrith who enlisted to serve in the Field Hospitals during World War 1. As well, they will present some ideas on researching family history online.

Membership Fees Annual fees are now due for 2024. \$50 for an individual or \$60 for a joint or family membership. If you are new to the Society, then get your membership form online from our website or Facebook page or pick one up from Ian at the meeting. Also, there is an additional postage fee if you prefer to have your 'Explorers' Tree magazine posted rather than picking it up at our meetings. Our mailing fee is \$15.

Our next fundraiser is fast approaching. Our **Mother's Day Stall** will be held Saturday 11th May. Please put the date in your calendars. We need helpers to set up, man the stall and clear up after. Of course, we also need donations so that we have saleable items. Some suggestions are pot plants, handmade items, baked goods (with a list of ingredients attached would be great).

Next month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **10 May 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. At this meeting **Bob Allan** will be presenting a talk on *The Halvorsen family and their yachts*.

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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 Explorers' 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 Explorers' 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.

Digital Journals & Newsletters Received - March 2024

New Zealand - FamNet eNewsletter March 2024
Goulburn District H & G Society - Argyle Bulletin No.99 Feb 2024
Society of Genealogists (UK) - Genealogists' Magazine Vol34 No9
Richmond Tweed FHS - The Cedar Log March 2024 No 159
BMACHO - Heritage Newsletter Issue 91 March-April 2024
GSQ Convict Connections - The Chronicle February 2024
Friends of Rookwood - R.I.P. Newsletter Vol29 No1 March 2024
Moruya & District HS - Journal Vol.26 No.1 March 2024
Ipswich Genealogical Society - Bremer Echoes Vol.42 No.1 Feb 24
Family History ACT - The Ancestral Searcher Vol.47 No.1 March 2024
Parramatta Female Factory Friends - Issue No.56 March-April 2024

Our Website <https://bmfhs.com>

This website is a WordPress site (for those of you interested) and hosted privately by us. The site is composed of static PAGES (giving details of our Society), a **home page** with the latest news and POSTS. These posts consist of items of interest (SAG, BMACHO, FindmyPast etc), copies of Newsletters to download, Membership forms etc to download and reports of Activities and a Gallery of photos. I try to update the website at least once per week, usually with new POSTS

Links to the Newcastle Family History Society Podcasts

<https://nfhs.org.au/podcasts/> and <https://nfhsit.podbean.com/> These are worthwhile listening to.

Five Genealogy "Crimes" You Should Forgive Yourself For

- Believing Common Myths
- Only Doing Direct Line Research
- Building Your Tree from DNA Matches
- Copying From Others' Trees
- Not Citing Sources

Five Common Genealogy Errors

1. Ages that Don't Add Up
2. Data Copied from Family Trees
3. Incorrect Record Indexes
4. Typos in Names or Dates
5. The Wrong Ancestor(s)

