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Hello again from the newsletter desk. Winter temperatures have made themselves felt lately haven't they. Fortunately, that means its the perfect weather to snuggle indoors and unravel a bit more of your family tree puzzle. Happy sleuthing☺

As you would be aware, our Street Stall fundraiser was postponed due to poor weather. Thank you to all those who prepared donations. Fortunately, we now have a new date so your donations will not go to waste. The new date is Saturday 13th July from 8am-1pm. If you have more donations they can be brought directly to the stall or left at the meeting on Friday 12th. Some suggestions are pot plants, handmade items, baked goods (with a list of ingredients attached would be great). It would be helpful if items were already labeled and priced.

Please put the new date in your calendars and share the news with friends, family and social media.

This month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday 14th June 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 Steve Ford. His topic for the presentation is Early Colonial Musicians.

Membership for 2024 is \$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 'Explorer' magazine posted rather than picking it up at our meetings. Our mailing fee is \$15.

Returning Society Members – have you completed your annual membership form? If you have not already done so this year, would you please get your form to Ian as soon as possible. Thanks.

Trade table - Our trade table will be operating again, 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

A quick reminder that our Society does not have our own computers set up at Springwood Library. We have Library computers in the Family History area reserved for Thursdays from 10am-1pm. You are still able to use all Library computers at other times, but you have to book them at the Library counter. A special thank you to those who regularly volunteer to help researchers on Thursdays and to Helen for keeping the roster going.

Explorer's Tree Magazine

Send your work in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. j.koperberg@bigpond.com for upcoming issues of "The

Explorer's Tree". Remember to include references and sources if they come with the article.

Next month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **12th July 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. The guest speaker will be Helen Allan – 'Ideas for Writing Your Family History'.

Upcoming Events:

July 13th: Our Society's Street Stall in Springwood.

Research Tips

Virtual War Memorial: I know that most of you are aware of the war records that available to you through the National Archives of Australia and The War Memorial. However, the Virtual War Memorial is now properly established. It is not only searchable, but you can also add to the information. If you have a family member who fought for Australia, then you can add information from your research to their honour wall.

<https://vwma.org.au/>

Digitising old photos: Sometimes the only way to get a copy of an old photo is to photograph it again. If you are using your phone or tablet, then using the free app Google Photo Scan can be very helpful. It leads you step by step through eliminating problems like glare, scratches etc as you take the photo. This means that your new image is the best that you can get.

Just for Fun



See you Friday.
Tanya