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Welcome to Winter folks. I'm huddled over the heater as I type this and hoping that you are all coping well with the cold. I'm very glad that the church invested in those heaters for the hall last year, so Friday's meeting won't be as cold as some in the past have been.

Lately I've been reflecting a lot on the reason why I started off my Family History research so many years ago with a focus on my father's family. Certainly, I've been glad to know about it but as time has passed, and society has changed, more and more, I've been looking to understand the women. Do you find you have done the same? How have you traced those almost invisible people? What hints could you share with us? Should that be a topic for a future meeting?

Thank you to Michele Corin for last month's excellent presentation regarding "The Secret Suburb". Who would have guessed there was so much to know about Lapstone ©.

This month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on Friday 13th June 2025 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 Tanya Kirk on the Kirk Family in the Blue Mountains.

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

July will be one of those uncommon months that contain 5 Thursdays instead of the more usual 4. If you can manage an extra volunteer week, would you please let Helen know.

Explorer's Tree Magazine

Send your work in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. <u>j.koperberg@bigpond.com</u> 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 11th July 2025 at 10am in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. The guest speaker will be Ann Krasny on the "Blackfriars School".

Upcoming Events:

Ian has sent through quite a few flyers recently regarding upcoming events. There's so much to choose from.

If you are interested in being part of a zoom session for the NSW&ACT FHS Conference, would you please mention it to a Committee Member.

Research Tips

I'm familiar with the need to check for floods, fire and droughts when researching ancestors in Australia. But what are some issues that might have affected your ancestors in other countries? Knowing something about the political history of the time seems to be the most obvious. Political and religious persecution as well as war and famine seem to have been the major motivating factors causing many of my ancestors to migrate.

Wikipedia is an excellent way to get started. But another terrific place to find information is through Facebook pages that are specific to a country or region.

Just for Fun



See you Friday. Tanya

RAHS - eNewsletter 8 June 2025

Digital Journals & Newsletters Received - May 2025

New Zealand Family History Network - FamNet May 2025
RAHS - eNewsletter 8 May 2025
Glenbrook & District Historical Society - Glenbrook Points Newsletter April-May 2025
Young & District FHG - The Lambing Flat Leader Vol.47 No.2 May 2025
Botany Bay FHS - The Endeavour No.161 December 2024
Botany Bay FHS - The Endeavour No.162 March 2025
Inverell District FHG - Voices from the past No.141 April 2025
Swan Hill (Vic) G & HS - Mallee Roots No.161 May 2025
Parramatta Female Factory Friends - Newsletter No.63 May-Jun 2025

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New Zealand Family History Network - FamNet June 2025
Coffs Harbour District FHS - Genie Allergy Issue 118 June 2025
Colo Shire FHG - Family Ties No.56 Vol.10 Issue.3 June-July 2025
Goulburn District H & G Society - Argyle Bulletin No.104 May 2025
Manning Wallamba FHS Inc Taree - The Fig Tree Issue.174 May 2025
Genealogical Soc Gladstone Dist (QLD) - Time Line Issue.147 Vol.28 No.1 May 2025
Moruya & District HS - Journal Vol.27 No.2 June 2025
Federation of Australian Historical Societies - Newsletter No.58 June 2025
Genealogical Soc of Queensland - Colonists & Convicts Chronicle June 2025
Beg Valley Genealogy Society - The Valley Genealogist Vol.40 No.2 June 2025