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Welcome once again to another month of family history. I have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful family time I have experienced recently. Despite this era of modern communication when a call or video chat is possible, there is nothing quite like being physically in the presence of loved ones. Fortunately, it was a wedding and not a funeral that brought so many of us together. Knowing how much pleasure it gave me, I hope each of you have had some special family time as well.

A couple of items from the committee meeting might be of interest to you. We were discussing fundraising and the subject of a conference or themed morning tea was raised once again. Ian made the point that our street stalls were actually more successful in raising funds as we don't have any outgoing costs. So it makes sense to focus on those for a while even if conferences and morning teas are more interesting. As a consequence, we are planning for **another street stall on 11 October.**

Another regular discussion point was the topic of monthly talks and what to do for next year. It was suggested that as this year has focussed primarily on people's personal research, perhaps next year we could try for more "How to" topics. So, if there is a research skill or topic that you would like to know more about, please let a Committee member know so we can try to add it to our agenda.

Thank you to Tanya Kirk for presenting her family research last month despite all the technical hiccups. People certainly found the huge family tree chart interesting.

This month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday 11th July 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 Ann Krasny on the "Blackfriars School".

Trade table - Our trade table will be operating, 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

Quite a few of our books still need labels on the spines. If you have some free time of a Thursday morning perhaps you could duck in to the Library while our volunteers are there and attach a few 'Not For Loan' stickers.

August is Family History Month and we will be having a display, talks, and a Q&A. The Executive generally conduct the talks but we will need volunteers to assist with everything else. Dates (to be confirmed) are: Tuesday to Thursday mornings of the 5th, 6th and 7th August from 10-12 and Saturday 9th August from 10-12am and 2-4pm

Explorer's Tree Magazine

If you have something to contribute to upcoming issues of The Explorers' Tree magazines please send your work in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. j.koperberg@bigpond.com for upcoming". 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 **8th August 2025 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. The guest speaker will be Christine Yeats – "Hear Your House Speak Through The Records".

Upcoming Events:

Street Stall – 11 October 2025. This date depends on booking availability. The alternative date is Sept 13.

August – Family History Month. There are so many conferences, workshops etc being advertised that we are spoiled for choice. And of course there is also our own display at Springwood Library.

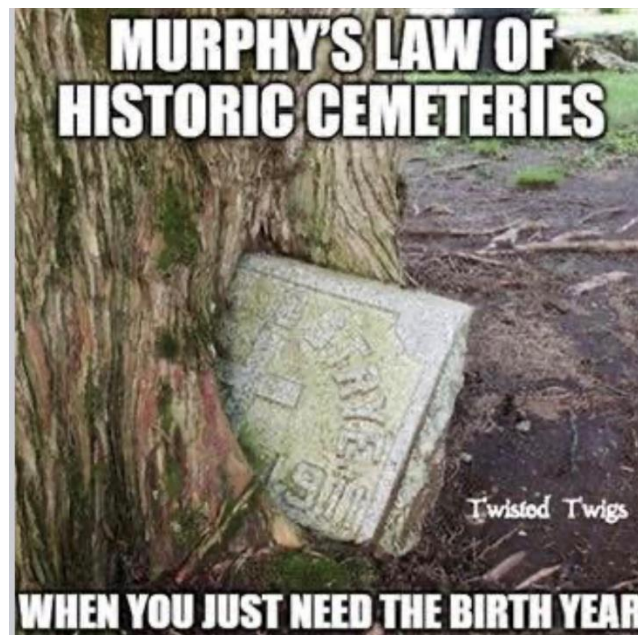
Research Tips

Metropolitan Memorial Parks – this is a self-funding business that has been formed to manage Crown Lands that hold cemeteries within the Sydney urban area. The Search feature on the site covers all the cemeteries it manages. Cemeteries that are now under the banner of this business are: Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, Field of Mars Cemetery, Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery, Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Rookwood General Cemetery and Crematorium, Sandgate Cemetery, and Woronora Memorial Park.

<https://www.metropolitanmemorialparks.com.au/find-a-loved-one>

Wiki Tree – This is a free genealogy website that allows users to research and to contribute to family trees while building and collaborating on a singular worldwide family tree within the same system. (Similar to Family Search but not run by Latter Day Saints). The site hosts a community page that provides collaborative assistance on a wealth of topic areas. Just ask and someone will know the answer. <https://www.wikitree.com/>

Just for Fun



See you Friday.
Tanya