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Hello everyone,

Our next meeting of the Family History Society is on **Friday, 10 April, 2026 at 10am** in the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Road, Springwood.

New members and visitors will be warmly welcomed. This month's talk will be given by Vivianne Byrnes on "*How to Breathe Life into Your Family History*".

Vivianne wrote a monograph entitled *The Family History of Florence and Herbert Fitzpatrick and Elvina Noonan*. This traces the efforts of Herbert and Florence Fitzpatrick who tried to develop the Pittwater area of NSW Australia. This is the story of how this family were connected to the beautiful Pittwater area of Sydney, NSW.

Pictures and photos of Vivianne's research will be available for viewing. She'd appreciate no food or drinks in that area.

Prior to the talk, morning tea will be available for \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Trade table

Our trade table will be operating again this month, so please 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'll need to take them home.

Street stall

The next street stall to be held in front of the Presbyterian Church is confirmed for **Saturday 2 May** just in time for Mothers' Day on 10 May. Please start to set aside contributions.

July meeting: advance notice

The meeting on **10 July 2026** will be **Brick wall discussion mini-groups**. Please advise Tanya at the April or May meeting or email her tanya2fbr@gmail.com if you have specialty knowledge in areas of interest or your brick wall questions. Tanya has kindly offered to collate the questions and set up mini-group discussion areas.

Library news

Our volunteers are available to assist with your family history research:
Springwood Library on Thursdays from 10am to 1pm;
and

Katoomba Library on the second and fourth Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon.

The Explorers' Tree magazine

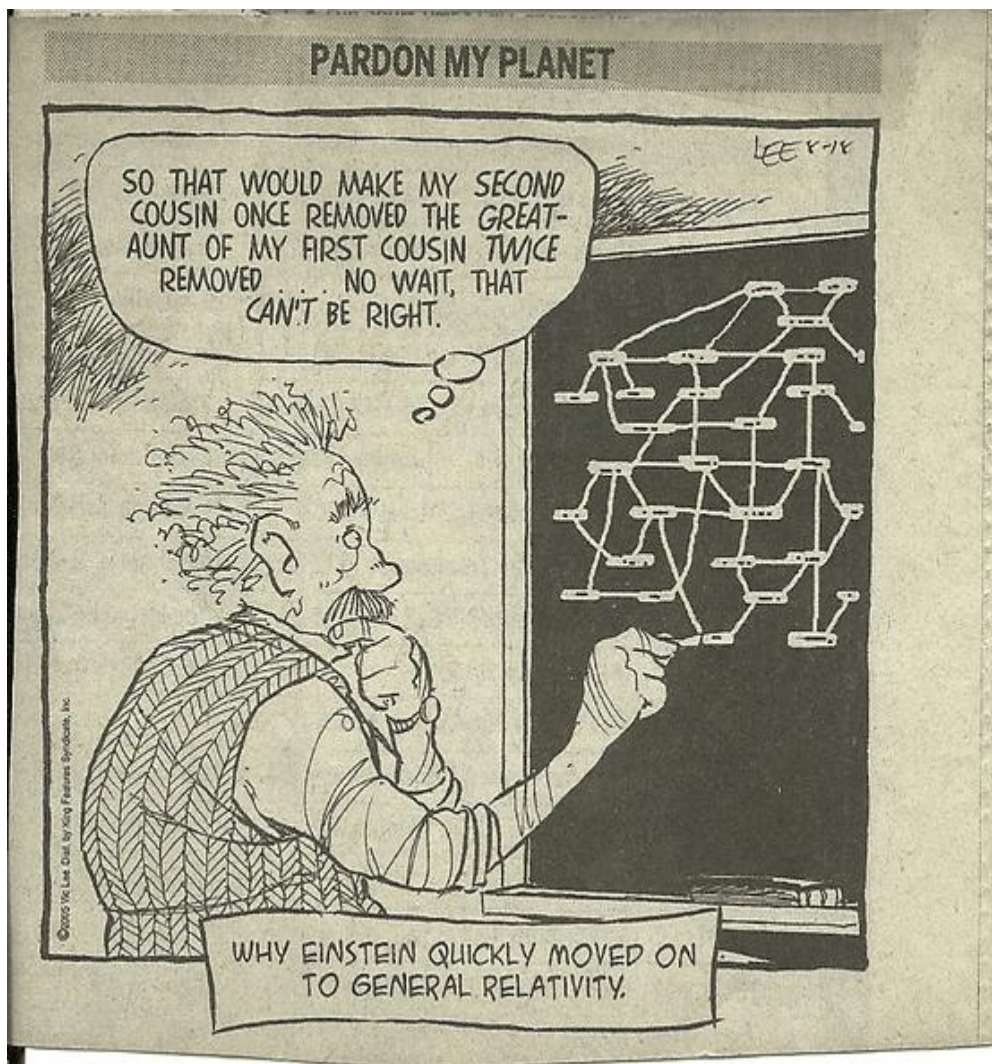
Our Society's magazine is excellent! And it's all thanks to you. The first issue for 2026 was available at the March meeting or has been posted.

Please keep those articles and stories coming in. Send your work, in Word format with attached images in jpg format, to Jan Koperberg j.koperberg@bigpond.com AND please include your references and sources.

Society audit

The Society's inventory has now been updated.

And to wrap up this month's Newsletter:



<https://familyhistorydaily.com/family-history/genealogy-humor-10-finds-that-made-us-laugh-out-loud/#:~:text=There's%20a%20lot%20of%20hilarious,made%20us%20laugh%20the%20loudest.>

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