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Hello everyone,

Our next meeting of the Family History Society is on **Friday, 8 May, 2026 at 10am** in the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Road, Springwood.

Members and visitors will be warmly welcomed. This month's talk will be an online presentation given by Damian Gleeson, *Irish bigamy: new insights into colonial New South Wales*.

Morning tea is 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 street stall was held in front of the Presbyterian Church on **Saturday 2 May** just in time for Mothers' Day on 10 May. The weather was perfect and thank you to all who helped make it a successful day.

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.

Ancestry®

Helen contacted Jason at Ancestry® requesting a presentation. Whilst presentations aren't currently available, he suggested the following for members:

'I've recently started supporting a new series of videos from *Talking Family History* on YouTube. Hosted by Michelle Patient and Fiona Brooker, the weekly series covers Ancestry news, tips, and features. The videos are free to watch, and each month they release a longer episode (30+ minutes) designed for viewing in a society setting. It might be something worth trying with your group?'

Michelle & Fiona are both from NZ and are very knowledgeable & approachable.

Donation

Kate Doyle has kindly donated a framed picture of the Grose Valley. The black frame measures about 35" x 25". The link provides more information on the subject:

<https://ehive.com/collections/5338/objects/587920/valley-of-the-grose>

The beautiful item will be raffled later in the year.



To wrap up this month's Newsletter



<https://familyhistorydaily.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/I-see-dead-people-genealogy-meme.jpg>

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