Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

Our next meeting of the Family History Society is on **Friday, 13 November 2026 at 10am** in the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Road, Springwood. Members and visitors will be warmly welcomed. Morning tea is available for $2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Society's AGM
The meeting will determine if our Society can continue for another year. All Office Bearer and Committee positions will become vacant and await volunteers to fill them. Please speak to a current committee member to submit your nomination.

Membership Fees
Next year's annual fees can be prepaid if that suits you. $50 for an individual or $60 for a joint or family membership. Remember that you will also need to complete your annual membership form which is available 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 'Explorers' Tree' magazine posted. Our mailing fee is $15.

Trade table
Our trade table will be operating again this month, so please donate any unwanted good quality items to the table display. To purchase items, please drop some cash in the Society's moneybox, then take it. Remember that if your donated items don't sell, you'll need to take them home.

Woodford Academy Open Day
On 17 October, the Society had an information table at the Open Day. Ian gave a presentation on the BMFHS. It was an enjoyable opportunity to promote the Blue Mountains Family History Society and those attending had 'a wonderful day with a great family history talk'.



Photo: Ian Kendall and Ann Krasny at Woodford Academy Open day.

The Explorers' Tree
The latest issue of *The Explorers' Tree* was available at the October meeting, and it has been sent to those who prefer it posted.

Jan Koperberg has been Editor of the Society's journal for some years and has, during that time, edited excellent editions. In Jan's own words, 'I originally took it on for 12 months, but that grew! I've been happy doing the editing, but it is time to hand it on.'

Consequently, we need a new editor. **The next edition will be March 2027**. The task of Editor has been the compiling and editing of the journal, distribution to members and mailing out copies to members who have chosen a mailed copy and to other family history groups who share their newsletters and journals with us. A digital copy of the journal is also sent to those family history groups who prefer this.

The layout and contact with the printer have been done by John Arnold. Printed copies are then mailed to the Editor for distribution.

These tasks are onerous. They could be split up:
1. Collation and editing;
2. Distribution and mailing; and
3. Distribution of digital copies by email

This could be carried out by a team effort or other suggestions are welcome. Options were discussed at the October General Meeting. Please give serious consideration to being part of proud history of *The Explorers' Tree.*

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

End-of-year lunch
The Society's last meeting for 2026 has been booked for **Friday, 11 December** for 12 noon at the Alexandra Hotel in Leura. The hotel is located within walking distance of Leura Railway Station which makes it accessible via public transport. If travelling by car, parking is available adjacent to the venue.

To view the a-la-carte menu: https://alexandrahotel.com.au/dining/

The room, kindly booked by Helen, holds up to 50, so partners are welcome. Final numbers are required by the hotel so please **advise Helen by 3 December if you are attending and how many**. hfraserallan@gmail.com