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Please send Form & Payment to:

VAFHO

PO Box 10

Glen Waverley 3150

**Do you have any special needs?**

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We plan a ***Bring and Brag Display*** (fully supervised). A Prize will be awarded to the most interesting presentation of your Family History – be it as Craft, Embroidery, Tapestry, Cross Stitch, Calligraphy, Photo Collage, Scrapbook, published Family History, created Family Tree etc...

**Bring your *Brag* along and enter – be a part of this unique display**

7<sup>th</sup> VICTORIAN FAMILY HISTORY STATE CONFERENCE

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The  
7th Victorian  
Family History State Conference

# THE BORDER AND BEYOND

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010

CLUBMULWALA

YARRAWONGA - VICTORIA

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Victorian Association of Family History Organisations  
Yarrowonga Family History Group

The organising committee of the 7<sup>h</sup> Victorian Family History State Conference takes pleasure in inviting you to the Conference –

***The Border and Beyond.***

Jointly hosted by VAFHO and Yarrowonga Family History Group.

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

**The Conference**

Delegates may attend the full conference, or register for Saturday Only. Early Bird Registrations will be available for full registrations only.

**Full Registration**

- 2 Workshops on Friday
- 5 sessions on Saturday - 3 Sessions on Sunday
- Social Evening Friday - Conference Dinner Saturday
- Morning tea, afternoon tea & lunch on Saturday
- Morning tea & Lunch on Sunday
- Access to the many trade displays
- Conference Papers

**One Day Registration – Saturday Only**

- Attendance at 5 sessions on Saturday
- Morning tea, Afternoon tea & Lunch
- Access to the many trade displays
- The Conference Dinner is NOT included but can be booked and paid for on registration

**Conference Workshops**

There will be four workshops, from which you can choose two, for participants to take part in on Friday afternoon. There will also be a Beginners Workshop for attendees new to Family History.

**Confirmations**

Confirmation of your payment will be acknowledged in writing. A receipt detailing payment, session choices etc. will be issued.

**Social Functions**

**Friday Evening:** Meet and Greet, Official Opening and Supper

**Saturday Evening:** Conference Dinner and Guest speaker. To be held at Clubmulwala. This evening will include the presentation of the Frances Brown Award for excellence to Family History in Victoria.

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Registration Form			
Day	Session	Choice 1	Choice 2
Friday	Beginners		////////////////////
	A		
	B		
Saturday	C		////////////////////
	D		
	E		
	F		
	G		
	Sunday	H	
I			
J			////////////////////

Registration	Cost	Total
<b>Full Registration</b>	\$ 245.00	_____
Early Bird by 28/2/2010	\$ 225.00	_____
<b>Saturday Only</b>	\$ 100.00	_____
Partners & Additional Persons - Social Evening	\$ 30.00	_____
“ “ Conf. Dinner	\$ 50.00	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	=====

<b>FRIDAY 28TH MAY 2010</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Workshop 1</b>	<b>Workshop 2</b>
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Beginners	////////////////////////////////////
A	1.30pm - 3.00pm	A1: Organising a Family Reunion	A2: Allan Murrin Preserving Photos
	3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
B	3.30pm – 5.00pm	B1: FamilySearch Indexing	B2: Beryl O’Gorman Creating FH
	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Social Evening	
<b>SATURDAY 29TH MAY 2010</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Stream 1</b>	<b>Stream 2</b>
C	9.00am - 10.00am	C1: Jennifer Higgins	////////////////////////////////////
	10.00am - 10.30am	Morning Tea	
D	10.30am - 11.30am	D1: FamilySearch	D2: Charlie Farrugia
E	11.45am - 12.45pm	E1: Lt.Col. Neil Smith	E2: Shauna Hicks
	12.45pm - 1.45pm	Lunch	
F	1.45pm - 2.45pm	F1: David Thomson	F2: Alan Phillips
G	3.00pm – 4.00pm	G1: Jenny Carter	G2: Geoff Doherty
	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
	4.30pm – 5.00pm	VAFHO Meeting	
	7.30pm	Gala Dinner - Guest Speaker - Awards	
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Stream 1</b>	<b>Stream 2</b>
H	9.00am – 10.00am	H1: Dr. Val Noone	H2: Mark Brennan
	10.00am – 10.30am	Morning Tea	
I	10.30am - 11.30am	I1: Tim Hogan	I2: Sylvia Murphy
J	11.30pm - 12.30pm	J1: Shauna Hicks	////////////////////////////////////
	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Closing Items	
	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Lunch	

### **Cancellation**

Cancellation of registration should be received in writing to the Conference Convenor by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to obtain a full refund. After 15<sup>th</sup> April no refund will be given. As an alternative your registration may be transferred to another person. The Convenor must be notified of this by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

### **Accommodation**

Yarrowonga-Mulwala Visitor Information Centre has a range of accommodation that can be booked, these places are available for viewing on their web page – [www.yarrowongamulwala.com.au](http://www.yarrowongamulwala.com.au) or phone 1800 062 260

### **Registration on Arrival**

Registration will commence at 12 noon on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> May and resume at 8.00am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### **Trade Displays – Friday and Saturday Only**

There will be a large variety of trade displays at the Conference. Please avail yourself of the opportunities to support the people who support us.

### **Special Needs**

To make your conference more enjoyable, participants who may have special physical or dietary requirements are requested to put these in writing when registering.

### **Local Activities available for accompanying family or friends or for your extended stay in Yarrowonga/Mulwala.**

Winery tour – sample the local wines

Lake Cruise- Take a cruise on one of our boats while enjoying a nice lunch

Visit our Pioneer Museum – brings back memories

Enjoy some peaceful fishing or a game of golf

Why not take a scenic flight over our beautiful town

These are just some of the attractions for partners to enjoy or why not stay an extra day or two and enjoy them yourself.

## **CONFERENCE SPEAKER INFORMATION**

**C1. Jennifer Higgins – Plug into the National Library of Australia.** This talk will demonstrate how recent innovations in National Library Services and resources can take the family historian beyond the borders of traditional library research.

**D1. FamilySearch Representative - What's New at FamilySearch.** The digitising, indexing and online publishing of the 2.4 million rolls of microfilm held by FamilySearch is progressing rapidly. Millions of records are being placed online for free access every week. FamilySearch is also partnering with other family history organisations.

**D2. Charlie Farrugia – Convicted & Neglected: Researching Victorian Wards of the State 1864 – 1960 at PROV.** The Public Records Office of Victoria holds records relating to Victorian children who were placed under State care since the proclamation of the Neglected and Criminal Childrens Act 1864. This talk will reveal the records created by the Victorian Government, identify those available for public inspection, describe the information contained within and explain how to access them.

**E1. Lt.Col. Neil Smith AM – Reflections on our ANZAC Heritage.** Provides an overview of the many periods of conflict in which Australians have been involved and highlights the extent of sacrifice with individual examples/ Postulates why conflict continues & the need for family historians & all Australians to remember the Anzac heritage & to pursue & promote knowledge of their military ancestors.

**E2. Shauna Hicks – Online Sources for Queensland Family History.** This paper looks at online resources to trace ancestors without having to travel to QLD. Archives, Libraries, Genealogical & Local Historical Societies, and Local Government resources will be covered.

**F1. David Thomson - Exploring the many records from “scotlandspeople.gov.uk”** This presentation will show you how to surf this site which will lead you to many other sources, other than births, marriages & deaths for the family historian. Just a few of these include, Military records, Highland Clearances, Mining Accidents, Court Record Indexes, Scottish Terminology, abbreviations in Scottish Testaments and many more.

**F2. Alan Phillips – New Directions in Digital Archives.** An overview of some of the main digitising projects in Australia. Also an introduction to the exciting new Genseek and other emerging online developments.

**G1. Jenny Carter – Were they pushed or were they pulled** – Why people left for greener pastures. People left their families for many reasons-never to be seen again. Some went looking for work, some for a better life and others were on the run. Today's many indexes gives us a greater chance of finding these missing people-if we can recognise their names.

**G2. Geoff Doherty – Where in the world is Joseph Dunn? A family saga of loss and more loss.** Joseph Dunn can be, as far as it is able to be currently determined, considered a successful man. He was trained as an engineer, was married & had four children by 1899. Was well travelled, he had several patents to do with the distilling process registered in his name, & he appeared to be reasonably well off. Yet in 1899 he gave all this up, & became a fugitive – when he ran off to Mexico with a barmaid he met in Bundaberg! This is an interesting detective exercise.

**H1. Dr. Val Noone. Life & Progress in Victoria's Border Regions, 1895: Michael Davitt's views.** This talk will point out relevant insights for family historians to be gained from a study of Michael Davitt's 1895 travels through SA, VIC and southern NSW. It sheds light on the local families and touches on patterns of migration from Victoria into the Riverina during the 1800s.

**H2. Mark Brennan. Shaking your Family Tree - Online Resources at NAA.** Mark will discuss what you can expect to find in the National Archives collection on Immigration in 20<sup>th</sup> Century and explain the means by which you can enable access.

**I1. Tim Hogan. Reading the News at Home: Online Access to Victorian Newspapers.** The SLV has begun to digitise a range of Victorian rural and suburban newspapers which will be freely available online. Tim will explain how this will compliment the existing Australian Newspaper Digitisation Program coordinated by the NLA.

**I2. Sylvia Murphy – “Nabobs, Sahibs & Boxwallahs” – Europeans in India 1600-1947.** This paper gives an introduction to the millions of British and other Europeans who lived and worked in India and territories once controlled by the English East India Company and from 1859, the British Raj. It refutes any idea that ancestors in India must have been in the Army.

**J1. Shauna Hicks – Family History on the Cheap – Tips & Tricks.** Family history can be an expensive and time consuming past time. This paper explores how to locate useful information for family history quickly and cheaply. It looks at various ways of discovering information in a wide variety of sources without spending money. Tips and Tricks can be found in archives, family/local history groups, social networking sites, commercial websites and Google. Covers Australian & British records

## **WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

**Beginning Family History.**– Family History is a personal hobby; we all take a slightly different journey in our research, but we all begin in the same way, using the same resources. **Jenny Carter** will show you the way.

**A1. Organising a Family Reunion.** Bringing family together to meet and share in your research before or after a published book can be so worthwhile. This workshop will suggest ideas and ways to best organize this event.

**A2. Allan Murrin - Organizing & Preserving Photos & Documents.** Worried about how to protect your precious photos and documents? Find the way to overcome the boxes and albums of photos and documents and save time. This session will show how *Heritage Collector* software can better manage your photos and documents and prepare a slide show for a celebration event or CD etc.

**B1. FamilySearch Indexing.** Volunteers from all over the world are helping to index the millions of microform records held by FamilySearch who then provide free searchable databases for everyone to use. Find out how you can assist.

**B2. Beryl O'Gorman – Creating a Family History for your grandchildren.** In this age of technology there are many ways of passing on a family history to children and grandchildren. Writing a book is but one of the options. In this workshop we will explore some of the different ways that we can create a family history and enjoy the process, even involving the grandchildren along the way.