



Victorian Association of Family
History Organisations Inc.

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With this news sheet, there are several other inclusions

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Message from our President, Jenny Harkness

In May an Information Evening was held to demonstrate the new software, which will be used to index the Victorian Wills and Probates. VAFHO member groups have been invited to participate, and so far, about 60 individuals have expressed interest. This is a wonderful response and will speed the process.

Some of you may be wondering how the project is progressing. Up to date, the Project brief has been completed and the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) team at PROV are currently digitising the original index volumes from the Probate Registry. When the images are complete they will be sent to Salt Lake City to be uploaded to the FamilySearch Indexing website ready for our volunteers to access. During this time, the software is also being fine-tuned. We will be the first project to use this exciting new method of indexing. Behind the scenes, much work has been going on and hopefully our enthusiastic team of volunteers should be able to commence work very soon.

AGM and Ninth Don Grant Family History Lecture-Saturday 29 October at the

Victorian Archives centre(PROV), Shiel Street, North Melbourne

Our Speaker is Dr Tanja Luckins, the author of *The Gates of Memory: Australian People's Experiences and Memories of Loss and the Great War (2004)*, which was Highly Commended in the 2004 Fellowship of Australian Writers/ National Literary Awards.

Her topic is - "Their Family Histories Live For Evermore: Remembering the Great War" which should be of interest to all family historians.

The Archives centre will be open all day. You can go early, do some research, attend the AGM and the lecture, and possibly do some more research before the afternoon is over. Please come along and enjoy this day with us.

This lecture is free. Bookings –contact the Secretary,
Di Christensen, dichris@labyrinth.net.au. Phone-03 9703 2985

Castlemaine Historical Society Inc are holding their History Awards for 2006

Further information can be found on their website-

www.castlemainehistoricalsociety.com or

Email- chsi@castlemainehistoricalsociety.com

Family and Local History Treasure Chest Saturday 19 -August 2006

This is an exciting new venture for VAFHO and we hope that all our member organisations will participate. We have a small dedicated committee working on this event and we are certain that those attending will enjoy the day.

There will be special attractions, lectures, information tables, showbags, consultants , displays, sales of new and old books, maps, postcards and prints and children's activities to allow parents to have a small break

COME AND HUNT FOR YOUR TREASURE

Further details will be displayed on our website, discussed at our AGM and sent in further issues of VAFHO Voice

Next State Conference-2007

Expressions of interest are invited from VAFHO members to host the next State Conference scheduled for 2007. To take advantage of the opportunity to publicise this event at the Darwin Congress, groups will need to make a decision and begin planning very soon.

Members of the VAFHO Committee can be spoken to or you could contact the Mildura and Wodonga groups for feedback from the Conferences that they have held, which were both very worthwhile experiences for all who attended

We cannot deny that much hard work is involved but it is worth it to your society

Please consider hosting this event and contact the Secretary if you have any queries.

11th Australasian Congress-Darwin-1-4 June, 2006

Planning for this event by the Northern Territorians has taken place over the past five years since the AFFHO AGM held during the Perth Congress in 2000 awarded the Congress to the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory.

Keep up to date by logging on to their website- www.octa4.net.au/genient

Or <http://members.iinet.net.au/~genient/index.htm>

National Family History Week-30 July-5 August, 2006

The government has made funding available for the retention of the 2006 census, which will be held on **Tuesday 8 August 2006.**

This is similar to the 2001 census where everybody had the opportunity to tick 'Yes' to a specific question

As yet we do not know what this question will be

To bring this to the attention of the public AFFHO is sponsoring a National Family History Week from 30 July to the 5 August, 2006

We hope that all family and local history organisations will hold an event during this week to publicise the census and show the the public how important this is.

VAFHO, as a member organisation of AFFHO, is supporting this week and hopes that all of our member organisations will participate.

Victorian events will be publicised on our website-

www.rootsweb.com/~ausvafho/index.html

National events will be publicised on the AFFHO website www.affho.org

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