

VAFHO VOICE

VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY ORGANISATIONS

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FEBRUARY 2013

President's Message from Jan Parker



Well the year is going very quickly and our conference is getting closer. The 8th VAFHO state conference is only two months away. The program has been fine-tuned and the registrations are flowing in. This should be a wonderful experience "Under The Southern Cross – A Goldfields Experience". The list of speakers is quite impressive.

We have looked at taking out Association insurance; this is quite expensive but very necessary in today's society. I hope that all member groups have this type of insurance. If your group is a member society of the GSV they offer this insurance as part of their package of insurances, I would recommend that all groups look at it.

VAFHO is making some inroads on opening up dialogue with the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages this should prove helpful to all concerned.

Could all groups please have their entries for the Frances Brown award in by the 15th March. It would be great if every group could make a submission, I am sure you all have members who have gone above and beyond in the name of family history.(see attached brochure for details)

Don't forget to mark 29th July in your diary for the annual Family History Feast. This year LT Col Neil Smith will be presenting the Don Grant Memorial Lecture.

As you can see it is a busy year ahead.

Regards
Jan Parker

Under the Southern Cross VAFHO
A GOLDFIELDS EXPERIENCE
CONFERENCE, BALLARAT, 4-5 MAY 2013
ballaratstar@gmail.com
VIPS VICTORIAN INTERPRETIVE PROJECTS

4 - 5 May 2013 Australian Catholic University, Ballarat, Vic

<http://vipsinc.wordpress.com>

Registration for Conference and Dinner

Early Bird Registration with discount	10/03/2013
Normal Registration	After 10/03/2013
Conference Dinner – limited attendance	ASAP
Registration for Exhibitors	15/03/2013
Frances Brown Awards applications (see attached brochure)	15/03/2013

Registration forms available at above website



Public Record Office Victoria

Victorian Archives Centre | 99 Shiel St | North Melbourne VIC 3051

<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>

Here are some events coming up that you might wish to mark in your calendars.

Shake Your Family Tree Day

On 16 April; we will be participating once again in the National Archives of Australia, **Shake Your Family Tree Day** at the Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street North Melbourne. There will again be a range of interesting speakers and presentations. The day is also free but bookings are essential. Please check naa.gov.au for details closer to the date.

40th Anniversary Open Day

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY AT OUR OPEN DAY.

On Saturday 20th April we are opening our doors to take you behind the scenes to show you the treats and treasures of Public Record Office Victoria as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations. A range of talks and information sessions will provide you with knowledge ready to start your next research project.

A series of tours will take you on adventures through the history of Victoria, from discovering our notorious criminal past through the records of Ned Kelly and Frederick Deeming, to exploring treasures of the archives through historical photographs and age-old records. You might even leave with a few tales of your own that will impress your friends over dinner conversation!

We will be holding a number of workshops and talks that will assist your own research such as setting up a digitisation workstation, learning how to care for your family treasures, researching your property, writing your family history and how to share your history online.

For further information, visit <http://prov.vic.gov.au/whats-on>

PROV - EVENTS CALENDAR **March – June 2013**

Date	Event	Date	Event
5 March	Introduction to PROV Collection	6 May	Researching Education Records
6 March	Volunteering @ PROV	7 May	Volunteering @ PROV
11 April	Researching Criminal Trial Briefs	21 May	Digging Deeper – Advanced research session
12 April	Volunteering @ PROV	6 June	Volunteering @ PROV
20 April	PROV Open Day	12 June	Introduction to PROV Collection
26 April	Reading 19th Century Handwriting	27 June	Researching Immigration Records

PROV

40th Anniversary OPEN DAY PLANNER

Saturday 20 April 2013

Time	Event
10 - 10.15 am	Official opening - Meet Justine Heazlewood , Keeper & Director, Public Record Office Victoria
10 am - 4 pm	'My History' photo booth - Tell us what your history means to you by taking a photo in our photo booth
10 am - 4 pm	40th anniversary exhibition - Take a moment and enjoy our special exhibition celebrating 40 years of collecting
10.15 - 11 am	Treasures of the Keeper - Listen to resident archival expert, Charlie Farrugia discuss the treasures of our collection
10.15 - 11 am	PRESENTATION: Caring for your family archives – Join staff from the Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation and learn how to care for your treasures. Bring in items from your collection to receive expert advice.
10.15 - 11.15 am	TOUR: Treasures of the Archives - Come behind the scenes at the Victorian Archives Centre and discover treats and treasures.
10.30 - 10.50am	Curation of the PROV 40th Exhibition - Meet the curator of the exhibition and let him share his secrets on how to prepare a successful exhibition
10.45 - 11.45 am	TOUR: Discover the Archives (for the hearing impaired) - Join staff member, Andy Joyce, on an Auslan interpreted tour of the archives
11 am - 12 noon	TOUR: Behind the Scenes - Take tour behind the closed doors of Public Record Office Victoria
11.15 am-12 noon	Melbourne's Criminal History - Hear journalist and author Russell Robinson discuss the secrets to finding grim crims within the collection
11.15 am-12 noon	How to set up a digitisation workstation - Join digital record expert Daniel Wilksch and learn how to set up your own workstation to share your records online.
11.30 am-12.30pm	TOUR: Ned's Battle - Discover the journey of Ned Kelly through historical records.
12.15 - 1 pm	Transcribing the Archives - Assist us to make access to historical records easier online by transcribing the archives.
1 - 2 pm	Researching Your Family History - Discover how to find out your past in this information session
1 - 2 pm	TOUR: Historic photographs - Explore historic photographs in our collection and enjoy a visual history of our past.
1.15 - 2 pm	PRESENTATION: Caring for your family archives – Join staff from the Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation and learn how to care for your treasures. Bring in items from your collection to receive expert advice.
1.30 - 2.30 pm	TOUR: Behind the Scenes - Take tour behind the closed doors of Public Record Office Victoria
2 - 3 pm	TOUR: Discover the Archives (for the hearing impaired) – Join staff member, Andy Joyce, on an Auslan interpreted tour of the archives
2.15 - 3 pm	Wills and Probate, Shipping Lists and Inquest Records - Learn how to research our collection using a range of important records to get you started
2.30 - 2.50 pm	Curation of the PROV 40th Exhibition - Meet the curator of the exhibition and let him share his secrets on how to prepare a successful exhibition
2.45 - 3.45 pm	TOUR: Steaming Deeming - Discover the notorious criminal William Deeming through historic archival materials
2.15 - 3 pm	Old records, new ways: Using primary source material online - Let us show you how you can use primary source materials for your studies or family history research and see what records are already online that you can view from your chair.
3.15 - 4.15 pm	Researching Your Property - Explore the history of your home through fascinating records in our collection
3.15 - 4 pm	Picture perfect pixels: Reviving your family photos - Learn how to bring the best out of your historical photos using current technology

From the Cornish Association
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Looking for Adventure?



**CORNISH ASSOCIATION
 OF VICTORIA**

<p style="text-align: center;">OVERLAND GOLD <i>To The Victorian Goldfields in the 1850's</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORNISH CONVOY 27-30 May 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A guided self-drive tour following early 1850's overland routes from South Australia to Victoria</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE JOURNEY INVOLVED ...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DISCOVER WHERE THE EARLY TRACKS HAVE BECOME OUR MODERN ROADS - AND WHERE THEY HAVE NOT ...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Convoy leaves Kadina Monday 27 May 2013 Approx 6 hrs travel per day with regular stops No fee, but participants meet own costs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR DETAILS OF ROUTES SEE OVERLAND GOLD ... D-I-Y TRAVEL GUIDE http://www.cornishvic.org.au/overlandgold/diy-travel.shtml</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enquiries and Registration: Moira Drew, Project Coordinator Email: overlandgold@cornishvic.org.au Ph: 03 9525 9083 / 0438 117 717</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In late 1851, when news of major gold finds in the Forest Creek / Mount Alexander (Castlemaine) area began to circulate, a 'rush' resulted which then extended to Sandhurst (Bendigo).</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>As well as those who travelled by ship via Melbourne, a significant number of travellers made their way overland from SOUTH AUSTRALIA - a journey of approximately 460 miles (740 kms) from ADELAIDE. Depending on the route taken, the method of travel and difficulties encountered, it could take up to 10 weeks.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>How did they travel? Did they walk? How did they find the way? How many were involved? How many people are descended from those who made this journey?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The objective of the Overland Gold project is to increase knowledge of this significant overland migration through a web-based information resource and forum for information exchange ...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit us at www.cornishvic.org.au/overlandgold</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR CONTACT: MOIRA DREW - Project Coordinator Email: overlandgold@cornishvic.org.au Phone: 03 9525 9083</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OVERLAND GOLD is being undertaken in conjunction with the Cornish Association of Victoria which gratefully acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund and the Public Record Office of Victoria</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>
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You can find them at: **Oakleigh Baptist Church Hall**, which is situated at the corner of Warrigal Road and Moorookyle Avenue, Oakleigh. (Melway Ref. Map 69 E10)

Some of the Resources available at Cornish Association

<p>GENEALOGICAL RECORDS: Held in printed form, microfiche, microfilm and on CD</p> <p>CORNWALL RECORDS include: Baptisms. Parish & Non Conformist Churches Marriages " " " Burials " " " Monumental Inscriptions Wills & Probates Census 1841 to 1891 Enumerators Returns & Indexes Family Histories. Biographies & Charts IGI for Cornwall Gazetteers & Directories Maps. Ancient, Parish, Topographical & Modern Accession lists & misc. publications</p>	<p>Information Resource Centre Hours :</p> <p>2nd Tuesday in month 10.00 am - 2.00 pm (BYO lunch)</p> <p>3rd Saturday in month (Meeting Day) 10.00 am to 1.00 pm (BYO lunch)</p> <p>4th Monday in month 10.00 am - 2.00 pm (BYO lunch) Work Day - Research by appointment with the Secretary</p> <p>January – Information Resource Centre Closed</p>
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Deniliquin Genealogy Society
 Inc.
 P.O. Box 144 Deniliquin N. S. W. 2710

FAMILY TREE MAKER WORKSHOP

Doug Elms and John Donaldson from Vic Gum will run the workshop for the Deniliquin Genealogy Society Inc.

PLACE ▶ **DENILIQVIN RSL**
 End Street Deniliquin NSW

DATE ▶ **SUNDAY 21ST APRIL**

TIME ▶ **9.30 am - 4 pm**

COSTS ▶ **MEMBERS \$15**
NON MEMBERS \$25

This price includes workshop, morning and afternoon tea.
 Due to club restrictions on catering, lunch can be purchased at the club.

BOOKINGS ▶ **Deniliquin Library Napier St Deniliquin**
Payment to be made upon booking

Other Information ▶ There will be power available. If participants have any queries they would like solved please let us know so that these can be addressed within the workshop.
 There will be an hour for questions and problem solving

CONTACTS ▶ Val 03 5881 3980 Bev 03 5881 2035
 Carol 03 5881 4314 Betty 03 5881 6138

Report from Deniliquin

Deniliquin Genealogy Muster

**Friday 12th & Saturday 13th
 October 2012**

A very successful weekend

The Genealogy Muster started with a Meet & Greet on Thursday evening 5.30pm. This certainly started the muster off with a bang with approximately 50 guests and members attending. The Mayor Lindsay Renwick, our library

Manager Kim Tattam and President DGS gave short speeches of welcome. The evening was very relaxed and enjoyed by all who attended.

The exhibitor's tables were well attended and enjoyed by all as were the presentations by our speakers – all of which were fully booked.

Many people travelled a long way for the event either as exhibitors, speakers or just to enjoy.

VAFHO had a presence as well – some photos to tell the story.





State Library
of Victoria

Family History Feast 2013: a date for your diary

The **10th annual Family History Feast** is going to be held on **Monday 5 August 2013**, from 10am - 4pm (times to be confirmed) at the State Library of Victoria during **National Family History Week 2013**.

The Feast is a day of information sessions for family historians hosted by the State Library of Victoria in collaboration with National Archives of Australia (Victorian Office), Public Record Office Victoria, Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Immigration Museum and the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations. Free but bookings are essential.

Bookings open 17 June 2013 and are preferred online through Public Record Office Victoria at: <https://register.eventarc.com/11767/family-history-feast>

or by telephone on (03) 9348 5609 Monday to Friday 10am - 4:30pm.

Check the State Library website (slv.vic.gov.au) closer to the event for program information.



The State Library of Victoria is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its iconic dome with a year of special events, programs and exhibitions from 14 November 2012 to 14 November 2013.

Since its opening on 14 November 1913, the magnificent domed reading room (now known as the La Trobe Reading Room) has been the heart of this great institution. Designed by architects Bates, Peebles & Smart and built by JW and DA Swanson at a cost of £66,914, the dome was constructed from reinforced concrete, brick and glass, and measures 34.75 metres in both diameter and height.

Originally commissioned for the Library's 50th anniversary, and envisaged as a crowning glory to the city's intellectual and artistic centre, the dome symbolised the making of a new world – socially, politically and creatively. Over the past century, it has inspired generations of writers, artists, researchers, students and visitors. More than a remarkable architectural accomplishment, it represents all that the Library has to offer the world: a vast collection, expert staff, a place to connect with the community, and a source of ideas, learning and pleasure.

Two key exhibitions will underpin the Dome Centenary year.

Enchanted dome: the Library and imagination (until 14 July 2013) features representations of the dome in art and literature from the 1950s to today.

Free, secular and democratic: building the Public Library 1853–1913

(31 May 2013 – 2 February 2014) explores the ideals of liberalism and enlightenment that founded the creation of this extraordinary and enduring civic institution.

Learn more and share your dome story at www.dome100.com.au

What's on around the Groups

DANDENONG COMMUNITY CEMETERY OPEN DAY

11.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday, 16 February 2013 - Kirkham Road, Dandenong 3175

5 mini tours: 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15 Each tour runs for 20 minutes.

BBQ Lunch Devonshire tea, Presentations and Activities

For more detail please contact Frances, Friends of Dandenong Cemeteries on 0411 399 449 or email friends.of.dandenong.cemeteries@hotmail.com

from:

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West Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc.

21st -24th March at the Lardner Field Days under the Baw Baw Shire Banner

Presenting a interactive Vignette of Pioneers and Settlers of Warragul & District whose photos were displayed on an honor board presented by the Warragul Progress Association to then Warragul Shire in November 1911 and still displayed in the Old Shire Hall Warragul.

www.westgippslandgenealogy.com

AIGS

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc 1/41 Railway Road Blackburn VIC 3130

Seminar - Choosing a Family History Program

Sunday 24 March 2013, 1.30 - 5pm



Presenters: Doug Elms, John Donaldson, Peter Moore

Family Tree Maker presentation, 1.30-3pm

Legacy presentation, 3.30-5pm

Come along and see which program will suit your needs.



New Interest Group for 2013

Early Victoria & Tasmania Interest Group

(first Saturday of the month, 10.30am)

Contact Marion Taylor - Email: martay@optusnet.com.au

Many other AIGS interest Group meeting details are on their website

<http://www.aigs.org.au/>

FamilySearch

https://familysearch.org/learn/whats_new

New and Improved Search

We're working to improve search in many ways. Along with the indexes you've always loved, we've added images for millions of records. When you use search, you'll see the best results first. The new preview feature lets you easily see what information is in the record. *Copied from website 28/02/2013*



Let other groups know what you are doing - contribute to VAFHO VOICE next issue closure date for articles 18/05/2013 email: faye.wggs@westnet.com.au