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VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY ORGANISATIONS

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Welcome to our Newsletter for October 2014; the committee are meeting every second month and discussing issues that arise in relation to family history at a State level, any issues you have that may affect all family history groups can be forwarded for discussion and possible solutions.

VAFHO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: 25TH October 2014
2.00 PM

WHERE: Deniliquin Genealogy Muster

ADDRESS: Deniliquin RSL Club,
72 End Street Deniliquin NSW 2710

Don't miss this important meeting

President Jan Parker Report

Another year has passed and I still don't know where the time went, I have come to the end of my second year as President and I am enjoying the journey. VAFHO has had a quieter yet this year with no conference to organise, we have still made some achievements.

Early in the year our updated Rules of Association Were approved, this was no mean feat, thank you all concerned

During the year the State Library of Victoria (one of our member organisations), have made significant changes to the Genealogy section. These changes seem to have been embraced by the family history buffs who no longer have to go from the Genealogy Centre to the Newspapers centre for research as everything is in the one area.

The Public Records Office of Victoria have also been busy with more digital records becoming available all the time, the big hint there is to search within a series using surnames.

VAFHO was again part of Family History Feast sponsored by The State Library of Victoria on the 25th August with VAFHO committee member, Jenny Harkness presenting the Don Grant Memorial Lecture. This was very well received, thank Jenny for a job well done.

The VAFHO annual general meet will this year be held out of at state at The Deniliquin Genealogy Muster on Saturday 25th October at 2pm. Deniliquin are associate members of VAFHO and as a large number of VAFHO groups will be at the muster it was decided it was a great opportunity for VAFHO to go to the people.

I wish all members and groups the best for the next 12 months.



Public Record Office Victoria
 Victorian Archives Centre | 99 Shiel St | North Melbourne VIC 3051
<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>

Report from PROV

The most significant development in the last two months has been the completion of the digitisation project of the Children's (i.e Ward) Ward Registers that were originally published on the microfiche by the former Department of Health and Community Services. Effectively this means that:

- all of the records previously accessible on microfiche are now accessible online from the PROV website, and
- researchers can now search for individuals online by typing in a ward's name using the Search within a series option on the website.

Please note that it is no longer necessary to look at the AIGS Index to the microfiche copy of the registers in order to find a history.

This is by no means definitive and searching at regular intervals is a good idea as more records are being added

The below records have been transferred into the PROV collection and are now available for ordering and viewing in our North Melbourne reading room.

[VA 4204 Court of General Sessions, Melbourne \[1852-1968\]](#)
[VPRS 17020/P2](#) Criminal Presentments and Final Orders, Melbourne [1937-1938]

[VA 3752 Thiess Enviro Services](#)
[VPRS 17413 / P2](#) Water Course Level Height Measurement Files
[VPRS 17413 / P3](#) Water Course Level Height Measurement Files
[VPRS 17414 / P1](#) Water Course Discharge Measurement Notes
[VPRS 17414 / P2](#) Water Course Discharge Measurement Notes

Newly opened records within our collection for you to now search, order and view within our reading rooms.

VPRS	Series Title	Agency	# OF UNITS TO BE OPENED	DATE RANGE TO BE OPENED
VPRS 30/P0	Criminal Trial Briefs	VA 2550 – Office of Public Prosecutions (Known as Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from 1983-1995)	units 2749 – 2808	1938
VPRS 260/P0	Children's Court Register	VA 678 – Ballarat Courts	unit 3	1913 – Aug 1914
VPRS 264/P1	Capital Case Files	VA 2825 – Attorney-General's Department (previously known as the Law Department)	units 12 & 13	1937 – 1938
VPRS 283/P2	Divorce Case Files, Melbourne	VA 2549 – Supreme Court of Victoria	units 265 – 283	1938
VPRS 515/P0	Central Register of Male Prisoners	VA 1464 – Penal & Gaols Branch	unit 91	1937 – 1938
VPRS 521/P0	Register of Names, Particulars and Personal Descriptions of Prisoners Received	VA 863 – Pentridge Gaol	units 65 – 68	1937 – 1938
VPRS 526/P0	Index to Register of Prisoners Received	VA 863 – Pentridge Gaol	unit 7	1937 – 1938
VPRS 1792/P0	Children's Court Register	VA 590 – Richmond Courts	unit 7	March 1913 – Jan 1914
VPRS 1941/P0	Children's Court Register	VA 4101 – Prahran Courts	unit 4	Oct 1912 – Feb 1914
VPRS 2400/P9	General Correspondence Files	VA 724 – Victoria Police (including Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police)	unit 1	1938
VPRS 2473/P0	Children's Court Register	VA 442 – Oakleigh Courts	unit 1	1907 – 1914
VPRS 3524/P0	Criminal Trial Brief Register II	VA 2550 – Office of Public Prosecutions (Known as Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from 1983-1995)	unit 46	1938

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VPRS 3581/P0	Children's Court Register	VA 745 – Ballarat East Courts	unit 3	Aug 1912 – Jul 1914
VPRS 3848/P0	Master Patient Index Cards	VA 901 – Alfred Hospital	units 90 – 96	1937 – 1938
VPRS 4527/P0	Ward Registers	VA 475 – Chief Secretary's Department	units 105 – 110	Dec 1913 – Nov 1914
VPRS 5334/P1	Divorce Cause Books	VA 2549 – Supreme Court of Victoria	unit 7	Dec 1936 – May 1938
VPRS 5335/P4	Index to Divorce Cause Books	VA 2549 – Supreme Court of Victoria	unit 2	1933 – 1938
VPRS 6063/P1	Children's Court Registers	VA 2303 – Fitzroy Courts	units 6 – 7	June 1913 – Aug 1914
VPRS 7440/P2	Head Attendant's Daily Report Books – Male Department	VA 2840 – Kew Mental Hospital	unit 10	July 1937 – 1938
VPRS 7477/P1	Register of Applicants for Permanent Positions	VA 2865 – Department of Mental Hygiene	unit 3	1920 – 1938
VPRS 7534/P1	Applications for Admissions and Licences for Belmont and Glen Holme and Other Papers	VA 2865 – Department of Mental Hygiene	unit 1	1910 – 1938
VPRS 7680/P1	Register of Patients	VA 2840 – Kew (Asylum 1871-1905; Hospital for the Insane 1905-1934; Mental Hospital 1934-c.1970's; Mental/Psychiatric Hospital c.1970's-1988)	unit 12	1928 – May 1938
VPRS 7692/P1	Head Nurse's Daily Report Book – Female Wards	VA 2840 – Kew Mental Hospital	unit 19	Oct 1937 – Oct 1938
VPRS 7856/P1	Bound Circulated Photographs and Criminal Offences of Convicted Persons	VA 2967 – South Australia Police Department	units 36 – 37	Nov 1937 – Nov 1938
VPRS 8714/P1	Children's Court Registers	VA 2638 – Cheltenham Courts	unit 1	Oct 1907 – June 1914
VPRS 9303/P1	Dockets [Offender Histories]	VA 724 – Victoria Police (including Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police)	units 131 – 148	1938
VPRS 10263/T2	Workers Compensation Agreements, Awards and Determinations	VA 686 – Public Record Office [also known as Public Record Office Victoria from c.1996]	units 1 – 71	1973
VPRS 12739/P1	Tramway Employees Record Cards	VA 2694 – Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	units 51 – 53	1957 – 1958
VPRS 13531/P1	Accident Compensation Claim Register, Claims Branch	VA 2876 – Victorian Railways	unit 17	1957 – 1958
VPRS 13531/P3	Accident Compensation Claim Register, Claims Branch	VA 2876 – Victorian Railways	unit 1	1952 – 1958
VPRS 15746/P1	Minutes, State Film Centre Council	VA 2325 – State Film Centre	units 1 – 3	1984 – 1997
VPRS 16484/P1	Board Minutes	VA 1350 – Physiotherapists Registration Board of Victoria (I) (previously known as Masseurs Registration Board of Victoria 1923-1978)	unit 2	Sept 1960 – June 1963

- See more at: http://prov.vic.gov.au/?page_id=589#sthash.HX7CN2h2.dpuf

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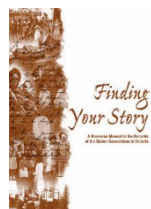
On 1 October, 2014, the [Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka \(MADE\)](#) in Ballarat will publicly display the giant 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition.

That year [1891], a band of extraordinary women set out to prove to the Victorian Parliament that women should have the right to vote. Led by early women's rights activists like Isabella Goldstein and her daughter

[Vida](#), they spent six weeks traveling by train and foot collecting signatures from across the state. - See more at:

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/blog-only/worlds-largest-petition-of-19th-century-back-in-ballarat#sthash.VVrNIHTJ.dpuf>

A handy addition to your library resources



Finding Your Story

Resource Manual to the Records of the Stolen Generations in Victoria

- See more at:

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/publications/finding-your-story#sthash.yhCcXpGw.dpuf>



State Library of Victoria

To check out **What's on at the State Library** <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on>

Report from State Library of Victoria

1. Eleventh annual *Family History Feast*

The eleventh *Feast* was held on Monday 25 August 2014 during *National Family History Month* and was once again hosted by the Library. The theme was "multicultural genealogy". More than 190 people attended and feedback was very positive. The twelfth *Feast* is scheduled for August 2015 on the theme "World War 1". Videocasts and podcasts of the talks given in 2014 will begin appearing shortly on the Library website.

2. New Family History online research guide

To coincide with the 2014 *Feast* Ann Copeland from the Family History Team published a new guide *Researching your overseas ancestors* which focuses on researching ancestors that emigrated to Australia from countries other than the UK. A *Researching your British ancestor guide* will be published by the end of this year.

3. *Finding Families* public training session

Following the completion of the review of all Library public training the first session of *Finding Families* for the year was held on Tuesday 9 September. The October and November sessions are almost booked out.

4. Family History & Newspaper Room

The Room has now been operating for almost six months and continues to work well. Public feedback on the whole has generally been positive.



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Early Bird Registrations for Congress2015 close at the end of October. This is going to be a great event with excellent speakers, plenty of opportunity to network, an extensive family history fair, not to be missed social events and friends and partner tours to occupy anyone not attending Congress itself. See the website www.congress2015.org.au

AFFHO AGM will be held during Congress2015 and the AGM papers and nomination forms for will be sent out well in advance.



From **AIGS**

Address: AIGS Library
 1/41 Railway Road, Blackburn

ENTER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BOOK NOW FOR THE ALEXANDER HENDERSON AND DON GRANT AWARDS

If you have published a family history book and would like more information about the criteria for the judging of the Awards and an entry form, go to the website www.aigs.org.au. Entries close for the 2014 Awards on 30 November 2014.



The latest publication by the AIGS, *'For God King and Country, They Answered the Call: a Salute to the Blackburn, Mitcham, Nunawading and Vermont Volunteers'* by Shirley Devery, has now been released!

It's available for purchase from the AIGS Library for only \$20.00. Please ring the Office on 9877 3789 for postage costs.

BYGONE DAYS - Items from the Bygone Days Collection

October 25th & 26th 2014, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm



This is a rare opportunity to see a special display of beautiful Victorian women's clothing together with a number of domestic items from the period 1830-1905.

Three opulent evening dresses of this elegant era will showcase how much attention ladies paid to their evening attire, and one room will feature a display of three vibrant blue bustle dresses.

Please indicate on which day you plan to attend, and whether morning or afternoon. Because this display will be held in a private house, location details will only be provided on registration.

Bookings are **essential** – ph. (03) 9877 3789 or e-mail info@aigs.org.au to book your place.

Cost for AIGS members: \$15; Non-members: \$20
Children (under 14) by gold coin donation.



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<http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/home/family+history/>

Death indexes 1986-1988 now available

For the first time indexes for deaths occurring between 1986 and 1988 are [now available to search](#). Family historians will also benefit from enhanced information relating to deaths 1921 – 1965 and 1983 – 1988. This project would not have been possible without the diligent and consistent work by our fabulous volunteers. Thanks, on behalf of the Victorian community.

The Historical index has entries relating to:

- births in Victoria from 1853 to 1912
- marriages in Victoria from 1853 to 1942
- deaths in Victoria from 1853 to 1988
- church baptisms, marriages and burials in Victoria from 1836 to 1853.

See last VAFHO issue for details



Re-release of Edwardian Index CD-ROM

The **Edwardian Index** is now available to purchase [online](#), and the good news is, prices for CD-ROMs have reduced to \$40.

There is also a limited stock of **Australia's Army War Dead** DVD-ROMS available to clear at \$40.

- See more at: <http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/utility/about+us/news+archive/re-release+of+edwardian+index+cd-rom#sthash.rx2HQJCM.dpuf>



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Deniliquin Genealogy Muster

**Friday 24th & Saturday 25th October 2014.
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At Deniliquin RSL Club 72 End Street Deniliquin

Stalls are free including 2 participants entry.

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