

# VAFHO VOICE

VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY ORGANISATIONS

[www.vafho.org.au](http://www.vafho.org.au)

June 2015

Welcome to our Newsletter for June 2015; the committee are meeting every three months on a Saturday and discussing issues that arise in relation to family history at a State level; Please forward any issues you have that may affect all family history groups for discussion and possible solutions.

## VAFHO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: 17<sup>TH</sup> October 2015  
4.00 PM

WHERE: Seymour Club

ADDRESS: Seymour Club  
1 Elizabeth Street, Seymour

Don't miss this important meeting

## COME AND JOIN US AT OUR FAMILY HISTORY EXPO AT SEYMOUR

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015

**WHERE:** SEYMOUR CLUB

**TIME:** 10.00AM TILL 4.00PM

**COST:** \$15 PER PERSON (WHETHER EXHIBITOR OR GENERAL PUBLIC)

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** NEIL SMITH (MILITARY HISTORY), VICGUM,

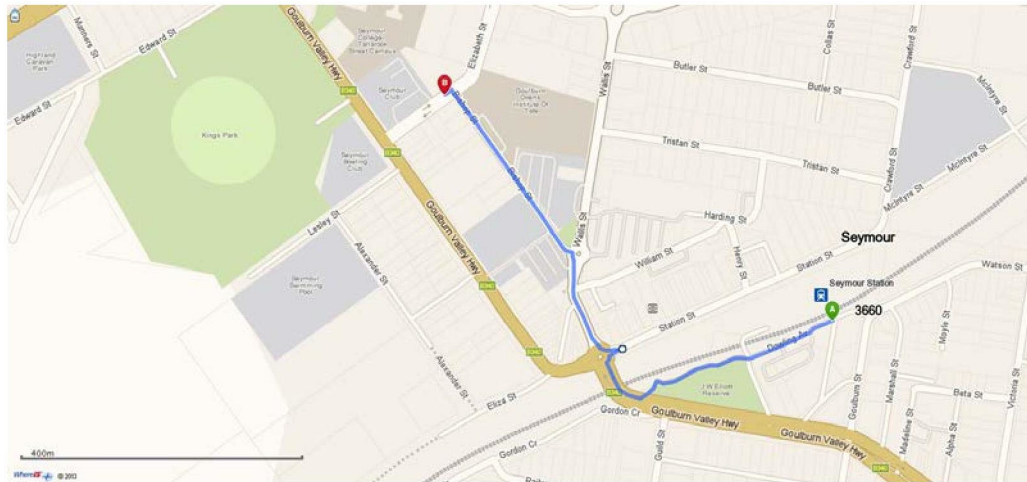
(More to Come)

**DISPLAY & TRADING TABLES:** Geelong Family History Group, First Fleet Fellowship, State Library Victoria, Descendants of Convicts Group, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Port Phillip Pioneers Group, Mostly Unsung, International Settlers Group & many more.

## **FAMILY HISTORY EXPO AT SEYMOUR**

**"TASTES OF GOULBURN"** will also be happening at Seymour that weekend, including wine tasting & food stalls in the main street. There will be plenty of things to see and do if your partner is not into Family History.

Our venue is only a 5 minute walk from the main street and Railway Station.



We are gearing up for a great day – please support us by letting your groups know – especially those North of Melbourne.



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

Changes to record limits for the Reading room - check the website

### **Battle to Farm**

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

See Provenance – current issue

For background information by Charlie Farrugia

[\*\*Battle to farm: excavating land files of the World War I Discharged Soldier Settler Scheme from within Closer Settlement files at Public Record Office Victoria\*\*](#)

- See more at:

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/publications/provenance#sthash.V5Cs0Syb.dpuf>



### **State Library of Victoria**

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

### **Family History at the State Library**

### **Change to Heritage Collections Reading Room opening hours**

The opening hours of SLV Heritage Collections Reading Room will change from 1 June 2015. The room will be open from 10am to 6pm daily, and until 9pm every Wednesday.

### **Family History Feast**

August 10; 10.00am – 4.00 pm

Cost Free

Enjoy free information sessions on a range of subjects, from Australian women in the war to soldier settlement in Victoria. Discover how Victorian government agencies can help family historians, and attend the annual Don Grant Memorial Lecture, organised by the Victorian Association of Family History Organisations (VAFHO).

Booking Essential Bookings **open 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - to book visit:

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-history-feast>

**Check out !!**

### **Family History Guides from the State Library of Victoria**

- [Aboriginal people and family history](#)
- [Adoption and Forgotten Australians](#)
- [Australian colonial forces and family history](#)
- [Australians in World War 1](#)
- [Early Australian census records](#)
- [Finding articles in newspapers](#)
- [Gold miners and mining](#)
- [Intercolonial and international exhibitions](#)
- [Maps for family history](#)
- [Performance in Victoria](#)
- [Picture research](#)
- [Publish your family history](#)
- [Researching your ancestors from the British Isles](#)
- [Researching your multicultural ancestors](#)
- [Researching your Victorian ancestors](#)
- [Ships and shipping](#)
- [Victorian immigration and emigration](#)
- [Victorian Sheriff's Office warrants](#)
- [What happened when](#)



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**Early bird event offer for genealogy/family history societies** - the National Institute of Genealogical Studies has a special offer for all genealogy/family history societies who enter an event into the NFHM web calendar before 30 June 2015. See the [Sponsors](#) page for details.

**Online Genealogy/Family History Societies Giveaway Prize Draw** - all genealogy/family history societies that enter an event into the NFHM web calendar automatically go into the prize draw. Events can be entered any time from now until August.

**Online Individuals Giveaway Prize Draw** - Individuals wanting to enter the prize draw must send an email to [info@familyhistorymonth.org.au](mailto:info@familyhistorymonth.org.au) giving their name, postcode and which prize or prizes they want to try and win. They will then be entered into the draw for each of the prizes they nominate.

### **IS YOUR EVENT ENTERED?**

#### **AFFO publication**

The Australasian really useful information leaflet [is now available](#).

This is an initiative of the UK based Federation of Family History Societies in association with the Australian Federation of Family History Organisations and the Society of Australian Genealogists.

#### **HINT:**

**Order some copies from AFFO and add to your getting started pack for new members**

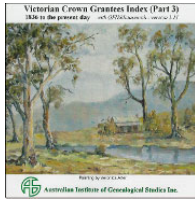
**A really great resource**



From **AIGS**

**Address:** AIGS Library  
1/41 Railway Road, Blackburn  
<http://www.aigs.org.au/>

**NEW CD AVAILABLE NOW!**



The latest publication by the AIGS,

*'VICTORIAN CROWN GRANTEES INDEX, Part 3'*

has now been released for use on Windows PCs.

It's available for purchase from the AIGS Library for only \$99.00 plus \$5.00 postage. This CD contains 164,000 names from 701 parishes in

Victoria who were the first buyers or selectors of land from the Crown.

To order, please ring the Office on 9877 3789 or [send an email](#) .

**New in the Library**

**NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS OF PERSONAL NOTICES FROM VICTORIAN COUNTRY AREAS FROM 1988**

containing hundreds of birth, death and marriage notices as well as funeral and law notices.

They were painstakingly collected and preserved by an AIGS member, Rosemary Hayes, from about 1988 when the family was planning to hold a reunion, and they continue into the early 1990s. The clippings are mainly from country Victoria and cover a large area, particularly the Central and Western Districts, but also some other districts.

**(Editor note: wonderful resources** West Gippsland Society Warragul have scrapbooks of local papers back to 1890's – dates except for 60's, 70's & 80's to present)

**Library of the Religious Society of Friends**



The Friends Ambulance Unit was set up by Quakers during World War I. The personnel records from this service are now available to search online. <http://fau.quaker.org.uk/>



**BIRTHS DEATHS & MARRIAGES**

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

From 1 July 2015 there will be changes to fees and to the Melbourne Customer Service Centre hours.

The new opening hours will be 8am – 4pm. These new hours will allow more people to visit before work.

**Search your family history**

You can search two online indexes, the Historical index and the Marine index. Your search results will give a summary of details held in our birth, marriage or death registers. Once you find the details you want, you can get a copy of the original register record in the form of an [uncertified image](#)

[Purchase an uncertified image online](#)

When you purchase an uncertified image online you will receive an Image Collection Reference Number (ICRN or Image Reference Number). You can use the ICRN to download your image(s) directly to your computer.

Use the indexes in your library to obtain the information before purchasing for records up to 1985 (Death). A .99 cent per page applies for searching up to year 1988 deaths.

## TROVE

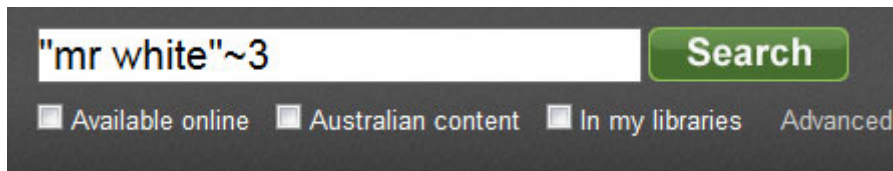
**NLA Blogs – a great place to start;**  
<http://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/trove>

**Looking for additions for your newsletters and help for your members**

### **Making the most of Trove: meet the tilde, '~'**

Hopefully by now you're familiar with the wonders of Trove for family and local history research. History comes alive through over one million family notices, articles and advertisements. Are you making the most of Trove? Do you want to search for a common but you're getting too many results? Here's a tip which will help.

The tilde is a symbol on your keyboard which you can get to by holding down the shift key and pressing the grave accent (to the left of the number 1). This is how you can tell Trove how close together the words you're searching for should be. Say you have a common surname like White, Black or County? Try this search: add a title, Mr or Mrs, and the surname in inverted commas and then add the tilde and a number immediately after that. Here's how it would look in Trove:



This tells Trove to look for the words 'mr' and 'white' within three words of one another. This will increase your chances of finding your ancestors. Experiment with this search and see what you find.

**You can find more search tips like this in Trove's Help Centre:**

<http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/using-trove/finding-things/power-searching>

### **See the help section for the How's and Why's of Correcting Text**

[Correcting text](#) – join the crowd and fix OCR errors

Trove searches across the electronically translated text. Much of this text has not been translated accurately due to the poor quality of old newspapers. By correcting the electronically translated text, Trove is immediately able to retrieve better search results for users. Corrections should be made to match the text that was originally published (without formatting).

**HINT: be careful of this it is addictive and can use up those never to be recovered life hours, but it is helpful to others and good fun!!**

### **Genealogical Society of Victoria**

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

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- findmypast Special Offer for Members
- Great education opportunities many free for Members
- New Series – a talk and then a follow up workshop to explore resources of topic in the library current topic – Tasmanian research with Meg Bate
  
- Online index for Members

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