

# NEWS AND INFORMATION UPDATE

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Our vision is

“To promote, foster and practise all aspects of genealogical study”

## AGM:

20th September was the AGM of our Society. 24 members attended. Everyone present enjoyed the day.

We said goodbye to a couple of Committee Members: Linda Patterson and Gail Wade. We acknowledged their service with Certificates of Appreciation. Elaine Alexander and Malcolm Swaine's service were also acknowledged.



Two motions were proposed, seconded and passed:

- 1: That fees would become due 1st October and need to be paid by 31st October.
- 2: The Committee would consist of eight (8) members including the Executive.

### Executive Committee members are:

Sue Viney - President,  
Allan Briggs - Vice President,  
Lesley Argaet - Secretary,  
Lynne Saunders - Treasurer

### Committee Members are:

Sophie Maddigan, Malcolm Swaine, Lynette Duguid, Elaine Alexander

Portfolios will be discussed and agreed at our November meeting.

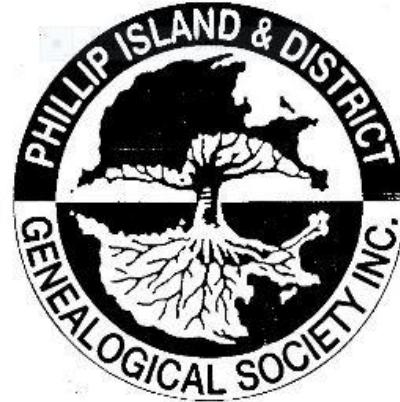
Thank you to everyone who helped set up the room for the AGM and clear up afterwards. Special thanks go to Lynette Duguid who provided afternoon tea - or should that be "feast"

**Note:** If paying your membership fee by internet banking:

our banking details are as follows: BSB 633 000 Account No: 141 216 838

If you want to put in a name of the account, try using PI&DGS. Reference will be your name.

**(Thank you to everyone who has already paid!!)**

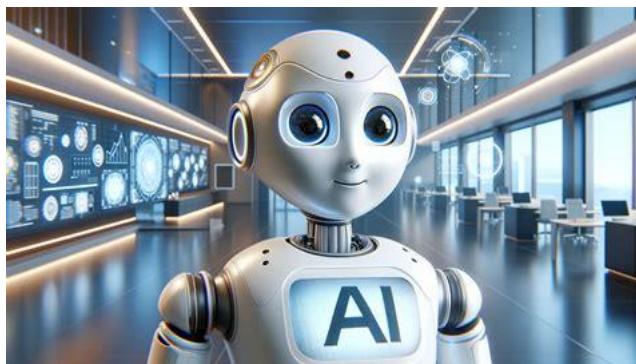


## Ancestry.com:

When using Ancestry.com on our computers, please ensure that any contacts you make with other users are directed back to your personal email address. For example, if you message someone about a shared ancestor, ask them to reply to your personal email, not the Society's address.

If you ask someone to reply it goes to the Society's general email, their response may be lost or misdirected, as we cannot identify the intended recipient.

Thank you for helping us keep communications clear!



AI is rapidly becoming part of our lives. We are fortunate to have a member who uses AI every day in not only her paid work, but also in her genealogy research. The good news is she has offered to run an Introduction to AI in February next year.

### **Getting Started with AI: Simple Tools for Curious Genealogists.**

In this introduction to AI, Jemma Kinnaird explores how artificial intelligence can become a helpful companion to traditional genealogy, supporting your research in fresh and creative ways. Rather than replacing family historians, AI acts like a research assistant, enhancing old photographs, suggesting new research leads, and helping to shape engaging family stories. Through the case study of Robert Knox, a Scottish migrant who arrived in Melbourne in 1841, Jemma demonstrates how AI can place personal histories within their wider social and historical contexts. By the end of the session, you'll have some simple, practical ideas for how AI can assist with your family history research, make it more enjoyable, and hopefully feel encouraged to give these tools a try in your own way.

**Check out the Island Vibe – we're on Page 11: <https://www.phillipislandvibe.com.au/new/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Issue-189-Oct-2025-Web.pdf>**

## Dates for your Calendar:

### **Cuppa and Chat**

When: 11th October

Where: Café Bazaar

158 Thompson Ave, Cowes

Time: 1.30 - 3.30pm

Buy Your Own Coffee and Cake

An opportunity to just catch up or discuss any research issues.

All welcome

We would love to have you come and join us for Coffee and Cake at the Café Bazaar on Saturday 11th October 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Come for a Chat or bring your research problem and let's see if the brains of the group can help you solve it.

Please be aware that parking is limited to an hour. There is some parking between the Café and Auto Pro, or it has been suggested parking behind Dimmeys

**6 December** San Remo Hotel – 12 noon – Christmas Break up – all members welcome. More details next month