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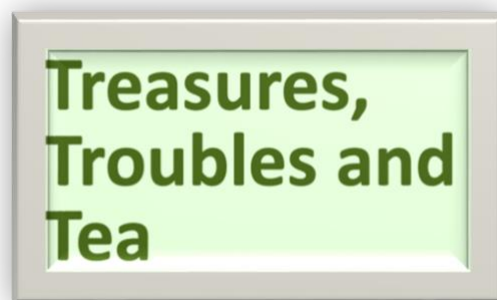
Our vision is "To promote, foster and practise all aspects of genealogical study".

Welcome to New Member Anne Dickinson

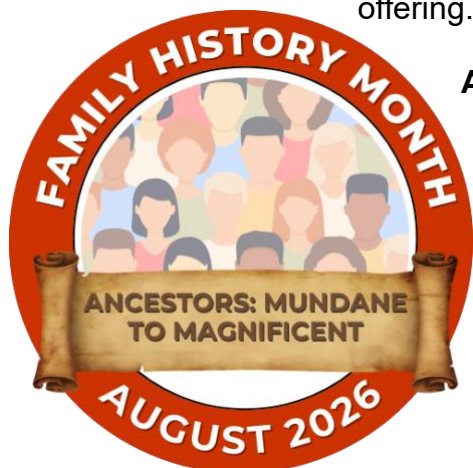
Hi Everyone!

Looking forward to our afternoon tea at the RSL this coming Saturday – 11th July 2-4pm. Bring along your treasured heirloom, a treasured friend or if you have a problem, let's see if the "experts" can help you solve it.

We've booked the Terrace at the RSL, and we are assured we will be warm and cosy. Afternoon tea can be purchased from their kitchen.



August is Family History Month, and we are still in the planning stages as to what we will be offering.



Ancestors: Mundane to Magnificent. Do you have a convict, hero, thief etc that you have found in your research? Can you write a story about it? If you don't feel confident, you could provide us with the info and we will work with you to produce the story.

An incentive for the best story – how about two hours free commissioned research????

Send your story to sueviney@icloud.com or piadgs@outlook.com

Did you know that in order to put on some of the workshops, we apply for community grants – from Bendigo Bank, the Bass Coast Shire Council etc. Sophie Maddigan is our Grants Officer, and she is always on the lookout for a grant that we can apply for that will ultimately benefit our Society.

This year she has successfully applied for grants for our DNA workshop, also for TROVE. As part of these applications, she has also secured funding for our teardrop banners, printing of flyers advertising the event, publicity in the **Advertiser** and for our latest acquisition - a pull up banner. The **Thank You Morning Tea** for our Roster Volunteers was another grant Sophie successfully applied for.

At the moment she is looking for a grant to enable us to replace our two aging laptop computers. At the TROVE workshop, we had to use Elaine Alexander's personal laptop.

These grants benefit more than just our Society. We have previously used grants to digitise early Phillip Island newspapers and hope to do more. These would be available on TROVE and can be used by researchers locally and world-wide.

Duty Rosters

"On Duty"



Do you want to do some family research but don't quite have the motivation or access to the many websites available?

Then how about becoming a volunteer to utilise those (*free*) resources and also provide a service to fellow members and public.

All it takes is three hours once a month or even bi-monthly?

We are continuing to rely on a small core group and at times it involves a bit of juggling to cover our days.

The procedures are not onerous and you will receive guidance and training required. And best of all.... It is a great time to do your own research.

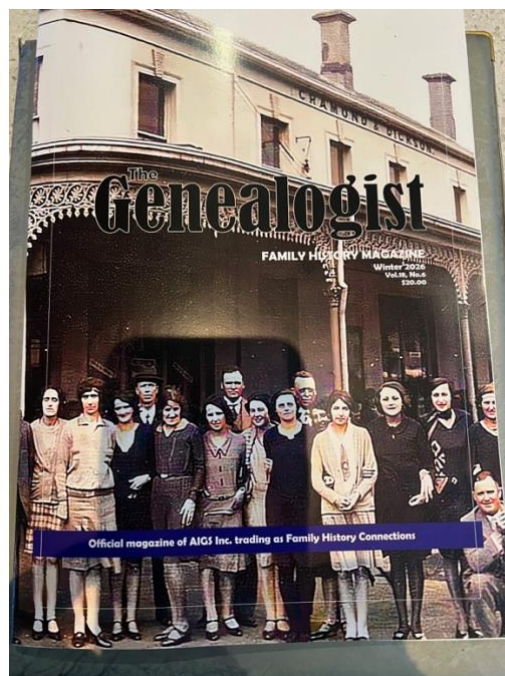
Allan Briggs (0418 145 889) or allanbriggs1@outlook.com, would love to hear from you.

Have you been following our stories in the ***Phillip Island Vibe magazine***? We are very grateful to Denni Slorach who is the owner and editor of ***The Vibe***. The magazine is available from many outlets around Cowes and it is also available on-line: <https://www.phillipislandvibe.com.au>

This month's edition has an article written by Elaine Alexander and next month there is an article written by member Jenni Dixon.

DID YOU KNOW? When you are reading the newsletter on-line, and you come across a blue/coloured link, if you double click on it, it will take you to that website, or in the case of an email address, it should open your email app ready to respond.

The latest edition of the *Genealogist* can be found in our library. This edition has quite a few stories which I found quite interesting.





A Bit of History about US! Recently Wonthaggi Family History Group celebrated its 35th birthday – which got the Committee to thinking.. Life Member Jan Andrews was able to point us in the right direction: the following is from **Reflections August 2021**:

HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY TO US!

The first meeting to form the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society was held in the Phillip Island Library in June 1991 and the group was incorporated on 14 October 1991. Unfortunately, the list of those present has 'disappeared', but Stuart Thomas was elected as acting chairman, and Yvonne Hancock as acting secretary / treasurer until elections could be held.

We initially met monthly in the library on a Saturday – Yvonne was the librarian – and had the use of two microfiche readers and very basic Victorian microfiche (not indexed) whenever the library was open. A third microfiche reader was lent to the group. Unfortunately this caused the library to be evacuated when it burst into flames!

The first edition of 'Reflections' was published in June 1992.

In 1996 we moved into the former Welfare Officers' rooms adjacent to the library, and in 1998, just prior to her death, Yvonne Hancock gave us our first computer, scanner and printer.

In 2013, when one of the external walls of our rooms was deemed unsafe, we moved to our current rooms. (Note: one of the reasons we had to move from the kindergarten to our present home, was another external wall with a huge crack in it...history repeating itself??)

A lot has changed in 30 years!

At the recent Committee Meeting held on the 3rd July, we talked about how we can celebrate. It was decided that the main celebration should be held NEXT year, our 36th birthday. We've been given a USB stick with photos taken over the years. If you have any thoughts or memorabilia about our Society, please let me know (sueviney@icloud.com) or piadgs@outlook.com

Dates for your Calendar:

11 th July	Treasures, Troubles and Tea	RSL Terrace	2-4pm
August	To be advised – Family History Month		
19 th September	AGM	Newhaven Hall	2-4pm
10 th October	To be advised – FTM workshop?	Newhaven Hall	2-4pm