

NEWS AND INFORMATION UPDATE

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

AI and Your Family History – 14th Feb at the Newhaven Hall.

Nearly 50 people attended the AI Workshop, with people coming from far and wide, including Leongatha and Warragul. Conducted by our member Jemma Kinnaird, it was a very informative session on the meaning of AI, how we can use it in our research, and she explained in layman’s terms. The feedback from attendees has been extremely positive and the live case studies / examples presented by Gemma really illustrated how AI can help in our research. Hats off to Jemma for a very worthwhile and riveting session.

Sincere thanks to the Committee (and friends) for their efforts in promoting the event, organising the hall kitchen/supper and generally running the afternoon.



DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE



Cuppa and Chat

When: Sat 18th April

Where: RSL Thompson Ave, Cowes

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Buy your own tea, coffee, cake, etc

Going down a rabbit hole? Don't know where to go to next? Just want to chat about your research or share your discoveries with like-minded people.?

This is a real opportunity to catch up socially

RSVP by Thursday 16 April to Lyn

piadgs@outlook.com

New Members

PIADGS welcomes **Pauline Markowski** to the group.

Duty Rosters



Can you help and spare three hours once a month?

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

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

You don't have to be a committee member. You will receive training on how to operate the computers etc. It is not onerous and best of all.... It is possible

to do your own research!

The bottom line is if we cannot cover the sessions we will have to close for that day.

Just a note, at this stage PIADGS rooms will be open on the Easter Thursday and Tuesday.



Following on from the success of the recent AI Seminar our next information session will be on Trove. Trove is a collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of Partner organisations around Australia. Trove provides the ability to explore amazing collections from Australian libraries, universities, museums, galleries, archives, digital copies of newspapers, Government Gazettes, maps, magazines and newsletters. It's free and available online all day, every day. <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Information session to be held at **Newhaven Hall** on **Sat May 9th** – See attached flyer for further details



What is Trove? How to Search Trove?

Looking for evidence of a family myth, birth, death, or a photo of an ancestor?

TROVE, part of the National Library, is an Australian online research database including images, diaries, newspapers, documents etc. It contains a wealth of information on Australian families e.g. birth, death and marriage announcements, legal notices, plus sporting or social events in their local communities.

Learn how to research and uncover your family's secrets using the FREE online Trove site at the information session organised by the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society [PIADGS].

Newhaven Hall

23 Cleeland Road, Newhaven

9th May 2026

2 – 4pm



Speaker – Trena Ronnfeldt, Genealogical Society of Victoria Library Manager. Trena has worked at the National Library of Australia where she coordinated TROVE programs.

Members \$5, Non-members \$10

All welcome

Afternoon tea provided

RSVP piadgs@outlook.com by Wednesday 6 May