

NEWS AND INFORMATION UPDATE

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



Happy Mother's Day to all our members! Hope the mums amongst us are spoilt rotten... My son, who lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, rang yesterday (1st May) to wish me Happy Mother's Day... at least he remembered.

We had quite a lively Committee Meeting on Friday. Malcolm Swaine was appointed as "Deputy" – this means he can take the place of a committee member who is absent (other than President who already has a deputy)– e.g. our Treasurer is overseas at the moment.

Final planning has gone into our **Trove** event, happening on the 9th May. I, for one, am very excited. I have found Trove to be quite frustrating at times – for instance, I enter **Simon Sweet** looking for any references to this gentleman, and the result is any one named **Simon** and lots of articles containing the word "**sweet**".



Trena Ronnfeldt is our guest speaker. She is currently the Library and Resource Manager with the Genealogical Society of Victoria and has great experience with Trove. Trena is going to share with us the best and simplest way of researching using TROVE.

Just What IS TROVE I hear you ask: Trove is the place to explore all things Australian.

It is a single point of entry to a treasure trove of artefacts, curiosities and stories from Australia's cultural, community and research institutions.

On Trove you can find more than 14 billion digital items on any topic. (website: <https://trove.nla.gov.au>)

Trove connects you to digital collections from our hundreds of Trove Partners across Australia, including libraries, museums, galleries, the media, government and community organisations and more.

There is so much available, so much to find out.

So, if you haven't registered yet, please email piadgs@outlook.com and tell us you are coming!

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: 14 people attended this enjoyable afternoon at the RSL– we moved the furniture around (we did put it back) and we settled down to questions and answers and the more serious business of tea and scones!



At our committee meeting on Friday, Malcolm presented the proposed new Strategic Plan. **What is a Strategic plan:** A long term plan stating our mission, values and goals and the steps to achieve these. This is an important part of our Society and the team – Malcolm Swaine, Elaine Alexander, Allan Briggs and Lyn Saunders are to be congratulated on their work so far. This is still a work in progress, but should you like to read the Plan, please let us know. Send an email to piadgs@outlook.com requesting a copy and Lyn will oblige.

Volunteer Week is May 18-24 May, celebrating the valuable contribution of volunteers. Bring friends along to see us at Expo.

Wednesday May 20th there is a **Volunteer Expo** at Berninnet, 9am to 12.00. Look for our stall. We are also hoping to celebrate our Roster Volunteers by applying for a special grant of \$100.

Our **Beginners Class** starts on Monday 11th May. David Rathgan will be running this with assistance from Allan Briggs. Classes are kept small and run from our room at the Newhaven Hall. If the date doesn't suit, please let us know. David is willing to run a class at a different time. (Note: there is a small charge for this class)



August is **Family History Month**, and we are looking to celebrate that by holding a gathering – more details to come once the Committee has finalised plans.

FUTURE EVENTS: We hope to have another social family treasures afternoon – watch this space!

