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

Welcome to New Member Graeme Balks

Treasures, Troubles and Tea:

20 of us enjoyed afternoon tea at the RSL on the 11th July. A couple of "treasured" friends also joined us and everyone had some "treasured" items to show and share.



(Thank you to Lynne Saunders for making and donating this lovely knee rug) – Our Lucky Winner was Colleen Johnston!)



It's Family History Month! Ancestors, Mundane to Magnificent!

This month the celebrations will continue – Monday August 10th we welcomed 11 curious attendees to a session at the Berninnet Library. Two searchers came from Inverloch! Six experienced researchers from PIADGS guided the participants - some starting their journey, others wanting help in solving a particular problem.

Thank you to the Library staff for their help organizing this event.

A huge thank you too, to Allan, Lynne S, Gail, Wilma, Elaine (and me??)



Beginners Classes

We were recently asked to run classes at Corinella Community Centre . David Rathgen has five students, possibly six, in his Beginners Class to be held at Corinella Community Centre on the 14th August. Exciting!!



September 19th is our AGM. The Committee has opted to have a trip down "Memory Lane". Our Librarian, Gail, recently discovered a USB stick with loads and loads of photos and newspaper clippings. These will feature at our AGM.

There will of course be a memorable afternoon tea to share! So please put the date in your calendars and we look forward to seeing you on the day!



September will also be the start of planning for our **36th birthday year** – culminating in a celebration October 2027.

A bit of History..... Reflections No. 118, August 2021 – by Jan Andrews:

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.

A lot has changed in 30 years! (Note: history repeats itself – one of the reasons we had to move from the kindergarten – the end wall of the building CRACKED rather dramatically and was deemed unsafe by the Council Inspector!)



Have you ever wondered how our Society works? Do you want to be a part of helping to form our future?

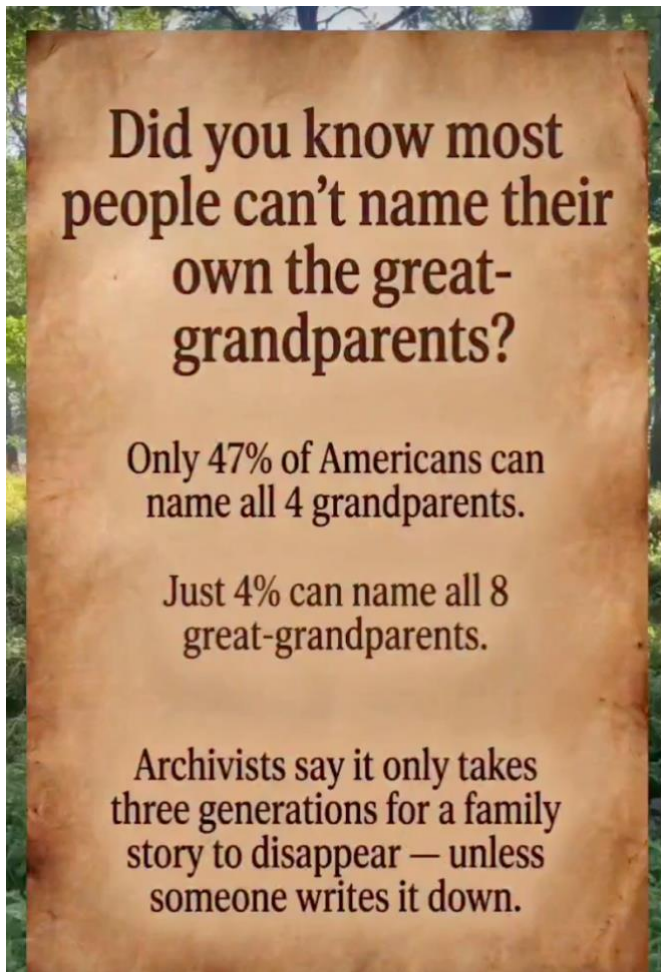
We are a committee of eight people, each with different portfolios and together we manage the operation of the Society.

A vacancy for Secretary will open in our eight-member committee at the AGM in September.

The role of Secretary is a vital and important part of the committee.

Without a secretary we cannot operate.

If you are interested and want more details, please contact Sue Viney at 0419 665 862



Have you been following our stories in the Phillip Island Vibe magazine.... I came across this post on Facebook the other day – how important is it, that we share our information and stories.

Yes , it is American, but I think it applies to everyone anywhere in the World!!

We are always looking for stories to include in The Vibe. We are happy to help you write YOUR story if you need assistance.

In the August issue, you will find a story written by Jenni Dixon – she wrote that in collaboration with me – Sue Viney, and she was very pleased with the outcome.

The Vibe is available online – at no charge:

<https://www.phillipislandvibe.com.au>

Jenni's story is on Page 11

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