

NEWS AND INFORMATION UPDATE

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

Welcome to New Member Ian Cairns

Our last Committee meeting (Friday 4th September) was taken up mainly preparing for the Annual General Meeting.

By now you should have received all the paperwork for our AGM which is to be held on 19th September, 2pm at the Newhaven Hall. Thank you to Malcolm Swaine who coordinated everything. If you haven't received the paperwork, please let me know. (0419 665 862 – Sue Viney)

We look forward to seeing you on the day. We are going to have a trip down Memory Lane – a photo display of past events

If you have any questions etc, please give me a ring



The position of Secretary has been resolved. It was decided to split the position – Minutes Secretary and Admin Secretary. Pauline Scoble has volunteered to be the Minutes Secretary and Malcolm Swaine will be the Admin Secretary.

August was Family History Month and we had six Society researchers at Berninneit Library helping 11 visitors to either start on the fascinating journey of discovering Family History or seeking help with their brick wall. There was actually a waiting list for our services. A big thank you to the Berninneit Library Staff for their help in putting on this event.

The Beginners Class with David Rathgen at Corinella and District Community Centre went very well and we have received very positive feedback from the participants. The Community Centre is very keen for us to continue to be a presence on their Term programs. Ultimately there are financial benefits to both the Community Centre and to our Society in running these classes.

In October, with the aid of a special grant from the Bass Coast Shire Council, we will be running a Seniors Month Ancestor Discovery session with Elaine Alexander and David Rathgan.

Later next year we can look forward to David running a session on how to write up your story!

What Facilities do we have at the Newhaven Hall?



On each of our three desktop computers, PIADGS has full subscriptions to: Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.com.au

We also have access to FamilySearch.org, as well as our own website (piadgs.org.au). There are also several links to other websites

You want to print out your findings? .. well, we have the printer to do that. Forgot your USB stick? .. we have them available, at cost, as well

Always on duty is a Volunteer ready and willing to help you.

Our Facebook page is another tool. We are always adding tips and suggestions.

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In our library you will find the latest editions of Ancestor and Genealogist magazines.

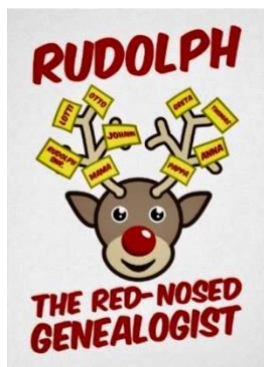


WANTED: Roster Volunteer to cover the fourth Thursday of each month.

Hours: 1pm to 4pm

If you would like to volunteer or want more information please contact Allan on 0418 145 889

Hint for the month:



FAMILY HISTORY TIP

Revisit Previously Searched Records

Are you regularly checking for updates? Genealogical sites regularly release updates to databases as more records are transcribed. It is a good idea to go back and see if any of the record sets or databases you have previously search have been updated. You never know this time you might find your ancestor has been added.

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Date for your diary:

5th December – San Remo Hotel – 12-3pm

Christmas Breakup Lunch