



# Reflections

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

All meetings are held at our rooms, 56 Chapel St., Cowes

**Wednesday 17 August** at 2 p.m. **Webcast afternoon.**

### **Freeman and Guild Records of London and Ireland**

You are invited to join us to watch a (GSV) webcast by **Linley Hooper**.

Linley Hooper explains what a Freeman is as well as the distinction between the Freedom of a Livery Company or Guild and the Freedom of a City. She covers how Freeman status was achieved and the reasons why this status was sought. Indentures are also explained.

Linley gives a practical guide with reference to relevant books and websites.

There is no charge for this get together. Tea and coffee will be available.

## **Saturday 17 September Annual General Meeting**

**12.30 pm BARBEQUE LUNCH.** Salads, bread, tea & coffee provided. BYO meat and alcohol / soft drink.

### **2 pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It's that time of year again, when we ask all members to have a say in deciding who will run the family history group for the next year. If you want to influence the direction that our group takes into the future, come along and vote for the people who you think will do the best job – or stand for election yourself. There are vacancies on the committee for 2016/17.

As with all our functions where catering is involved, we need some idea of the number of people attending the BBQ lunch prior to the AGM.

Please RSVP to < [piadgs@gmail.com](mailto:piadgs@gmail.com) > subject: 'BBQ', by Wednesday 14 September to assist with catering.

## **Saturday 1 October 2016 Family Tree Maker User Group**

1.15pm for 1.30pm start – 4pm

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### **IGA COWES**

Anyone shopping at the IGA Grocery store in Cowes, please give our **Shopper Number 595** and all credits will go to the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc. It would be most appreciated by the Committee if you could spare a few points.

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I found this article while researching Horatio Beauchamp, the Beauchamp of 'Beauchamp and Rocke', who was a selector of land on Phillip Island in 1868. There were several letters in the papers commenting on the incompetence of the fire brigade. The premises, which covered half an acre between Collins Street and Flinders Lane, were completely gutted.

### **Ab Origine.**

**WE** are told that if the hose had been applied at the Collins-street end of Messrs. BEAUCHAMP and ROCKE'S premises on Tuesday, the fire would have been extinguished with comparatively little loss; further, that if sixteen men instead of eight had managed the hose, the fire would have been promptly got under; further, that if a larger number of policemen had been present, the crowd might have been kept back, and the hose could have been more readily applied. We are further warranted in believing that if a large bucketful of water had been applied at the point where the fire originated, and at the moment of its commencement, it might never have spread at all; further, that if the fire had never broken out it never could have spread; further, that if there had been nothing inflammable in the store, no application of heat could have made it burn; further, that if the store had never been built, it never could have been consumed; further, that if Melbourne had never been founded, the store would never have been destroyed; and lastly, that if Australia had never been discovered, this calamity would have been certainly prevented. From all which it would appear that the real author of the fire was that early navigator of the sixteenth century who first informed the world of the existence of the Great South Land; and we therefore strongly advise the offices in which Messrs. BEAUCHAMP and ROCKE are insured to send in their account to the descendants of the navigator, and, if necessary, sue them in the Supreme or other convenient court.

Punch (Melbourne). Thursday 22 February 1866

Seafaring has always been a perilous occupation. The sea is unpredictable and merciless, and should not be treated disrespectfully.

One of the most important duties lies in the loading of a vessel to ensure the correct weight and position of the cargo. Overweight and imbalance can prove fatal, especially in stormy weather. For years, however, this was neglected, with the consequent loss of life and vessel. Ship owners were always ready to take a chance, mainly because labour was cheap, and it seldom mattered that life was put at risk.

Even as late as the early nineteenth century, seamen were regarded as the lowest class of citizen. Life on board ship was extremely hard, the hours were long, the food appalling and, invariably, men's lives were imperilled by too much cargo aboard.

The parliament of the great seafaring state, Venice, had earlier made a law against overloading. A line was painted on the side of each vessel, and it was forbidden to have the vessel go lower than the mark.

The law was a good one, but it was flouted by ship owners until a man called Samuel Plimsoll had a new law passed in England in 1876. He had spent years caring for seamen, and was determined to have ships made safer and more hospitable. His law, called the Merchant Shipping Act, ensured that a series of load-lines were painted on every vessel that sailed under the British Merchant naval flag, the Red Duster. These lines were aptly called Plimsoll lines after the man who was known as "the sailors' friend".

Rev. Dr. David M. Owen in the (English) Womens Weekly. 12 July 1986

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## CLOUD COMPUTING

2 July 2016

The presentation by Bernie and Sue on cloud computing was well attended. There is clearly a lot to learn and share. It is very pleasing that PIADGS has such a wide range of knowledge in house that can be passed on to other members.




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## FAMILY TREE MAKERS USERS GROUP 6 August 2016

Thank you to Doug Elms for taking over the leadership of the group for this session at very short notice.

Doug notified the group that the new release of FTM by Mckiev should be available soon. Mckiev want to get the update right before its release. Hopefully by our next user group meeting the new release will be out and we can talk through any changes.

Doug also spoke about the importance of backing up data using an external hard drive.



After showing how to use the charts available in FTM currently, we also explored Charting Companion which will be a new plug-in option available in the new Mckiev version of FTM. Doug set some homework for the members – to produce a family chart for the next meeting.




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Can a first cousin, once removed, return?  
A family reunion is an effective form of birth control

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## COULD THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR RESEARCH?

*Hi Rosie*

*I don't know if you heard, but Grandma died last week, so I'm back in Australia. I thought I'd only be here for two weeks, but it could be longer – Dad is going to need so much help clearing out Grandma's house.*

*It seems while I've been away she turned into a genealogical 'nut' – there is stuff everywhere and she turned the spare bedroom into a 'study' – computer, shelves of books and files, filing cabinets full of scraps of paper.*

*We've made a start. Dad has stripped the hard drive on the computer, and the external hard drive, ready for the garage sale we are going to have to have. It is going to take forever to shred all the paper in the files, but I've started. What doesn't get done can go straight into the recycling bin. There are at least 50 photos of old dead people. I'll have to use white-out to cover the names on the back of many of them. Hopefully they'll fetch something on E-Bay . . .*

A fictional email – but it could happen. Have you ever thought about what will happen to all your family research after your death?

### My Genealogical Will For Preserving My Family History

#### Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament:

To my spouse, children and/or heirs, guardian, administrator or executor:

Upon my death, it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes but is not limited to books, paper and/or computer files, notebooks, correspondence, audio/visual items, photographs, and documents, for a period of two years.

During this two-year period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Parties to contact regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but are not limited to:

Name	Address	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

In the event that you find no one to accept these materials, please contact the institutions listed below, in order, and determine if they will accept part or all of my genealogical materials.

Institution Name	Address (Contact Person)	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please remember that my family history studies consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my strong desire that the product of these efforts be preserved and allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____	Witness _____
Date _____	Date _____

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## NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

Bird, Carmel (ed.)	Stolen children. Their stories
Evans, L. & Nicholls, P.	Convicts and colonial society 1788-1868
Jones, Colin	Ferries on the Yarra
Niall, B. & Britain, I. (ed.)	Oxford book of Australian schooldays

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## MORE FREE INTERNET SITES

International Red Cross Archives

<http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/icrc-archives/index.jsp>

Scotland - Ordnance Survey Town plans 1847-1895

<http://sites.scran.ac.uk/townplans/townplans.html>

U.K. surname listing and place name gazetteers

<http://uk-surnames.com/>

Great Britain : Network Rail's Virtual Archive

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/virtualarchive>

Police Gazette of Western Australia 1876-1900

[http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/e-resources/police\\_gazettes](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/e-resources/police_gazettes)

Western Australia: Outback family history (includes Boulder Cemetery records with some photos)

<http://www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au/>

New on 'The Genealogist'

Greater London burial index

Kent wills & probate indexes

Norfolk parish records

Sussex burials

New on 'Ancestry'

Netherlands death index 1795-1965

Netherlands birth index 1787-1915

Netherlands civil marriage index 1795-1950

'The Genealogist' and 'Ancestry' are available on our computers

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### GENEAPALOOZA



PHILLIP ISLAND IN THE NEWS – 100 years ago

Commonwealth of  
Australia.

WAR SERVICE.

LATEST DATES FOR ENLISTMENT.

ALL PREVIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS and NOTICES CANCELLED.

3rd MILITARY DISTRICT.

Under the Defence Act, Part IV., all Male inhabitants of Australia (excepting those who are exempt from service in the Defence Force), who have resided therein for six months and are British Subjects and are between the ages of eighteen and sixty years shall, in time of War, be liable to enlist and serve in the Citizen Forces.

In time of War it shall be lawful for the Governor-General, by proclamation, to call upon all persons liable to enlist and serve as prescribed.

A Proclamation having been duly issued under the Act, dated 29th September, 1916, calling upon—

All men who on the second day of October, 1916, are of the age of twenty-one years and upwards and under thirty-five years, who are unmarried or widowers without children,

to enlist and serve as required. PERSONS LIABLE are hereby required to report at the place mentioned at the hour and date shown opposite the letters with which their Surnames begin, as follows :—

WONTHAGGI AND DISTRICT.

Anderson, Archie's Creek, Blackwood Forest, Dalyston, Dudley, Glen Alvie, Glen Forbes, Glen Forbes South, Hicksborough, Kilcunda, Ryanston, St. Clair, Wonthaggi, Woolamai.

A to K, October 9, 1916, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

L to R, October 10, 1916, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

S to Z, October 11, 1916, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

At Government Hall, Wonthaggi.

SAN REMO AND DISTRICT.

Bass, Bass Valley, Corinella, and San Remo.

A to Z: October 12, 1916, 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

At Shire Hall, San Remo.

COWES AND DISTRICT.

Cowes, Newhaven, Phillip, Ventnor, Fairhaven, Tankerton.

A to Z, October 13, 1916, 9.45 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., at Cowes Public Hall.

Those at Newhaven who can find it more convenient to go to San Remo on October 12, may do so.

O. L. OLDEN, Captain.

Military Registrar, Flinders Military Sub-district.

Korumburra, 30th, Sept., 1916.

The Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser  
6 October 1916

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/?q=%20>

WAR NEWS A LA MODE From The Argus. 15 August 1914

"Oriels" special edition; published at 5 p.m. Price 1d. — "A report from a reliable source states that four young men made a raid on 'The Admiralty' (E. Stiggins, licensee) last night, and sank 16 German lagers in five minutes. It is said that none of the young men were injured.

"Oriels" extra special edition; published at 8 p.m. Price 3d. — "The first landlord of the Admiralty has issued a denial of the statement that a party of four young men sank 16 German lagers last night. The only craft clearing port were two French cruisers, Crème de Menthe and Grand Marnier"

"Oriels" extraordinary edition; published at 10 p.m. Price 6d. — "Fierce fighting took place in the vicinity of the Town Hall, Collins street, during last night. Trooper O'Shaughnessy's charger, 'Carbine II,' lost eight hairs from his tail in a rearguard action with an infuriated lady, who accused him of trespassing on her feet, which she said were both neutral. Reumour's correspondent at West Footscray asserts that several exploded sausage skins have been discovered floating on the surface of the Saltwater River. It is supposed that the Germans have met with a naval disaster.

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