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...tracing ancestors in Australia and beyond

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NEWS & EVENTS

FHC Wednesday Webinars

Zoom talk on Wednesday 15th May 2024

Time: 7.30pm.

After the War: The Lives of WW1 Queensland Nurses

The presentation will discuss 302 trained nurses who went to war (overseas) as Australian Army Nursing Service members. They had links to Queensland but were often born interstate, trained, or lived interstate after the war. The presentation follows the nurses' lives after discharge into various civilian roles or even marriage.

Presented by **Marg Doherty**, a Queensland-based genealogist



Grace Margaret Wilson



Rosemount Hospital after WW1

After retiring from a public service career in auditing and health, Marg Doherty returned to family history research, which she had been doing since her twenties. Also, since retiring, she completed a Graduate Diploma in Local, Family and Applied History and a Master of Philosophy researching Queensland's First World War nurses.

Marg was President of the Genealogical Society of Queensland for eight years, President of History Queensland for twelve years and the Secretary of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations from around 2014 until last year.

Non-members welcome. Cost \$10.00

Log into: <https://www.familyhistory.asn.au/layout.php?mod=aigswebinars&zw=1>

Link will be sent when payment is received

The link for FHC members will be emailed prior to the webinar



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The AGM for 2023 was held via Zoom on Wednesday 17th April. The introductory paragraphs are printed below. **The members of Council for 2024/2025** were announced by the Returning Officer, **Ken Briscoe. See Page 3**

Importantly, the year 2023 was the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, now operating under the business name of Family History Connections. This birthday was celebrated at our Annual Luncheon and Book Awards held in May at the Box Hill Golf Club.

As mentioned in the annual report last year, again membership numbers have fallen in 2023, despite the best efforts of Council to take every opportunity to publicise Family History Connections to the outside world. As income from subscriptions are our main source of funds, this makes it very difficult to maintain our resources. The Annual Financial Report, and the report from the Membership Secretary, both demonstrate clearly what difficulties we face in the next few years.

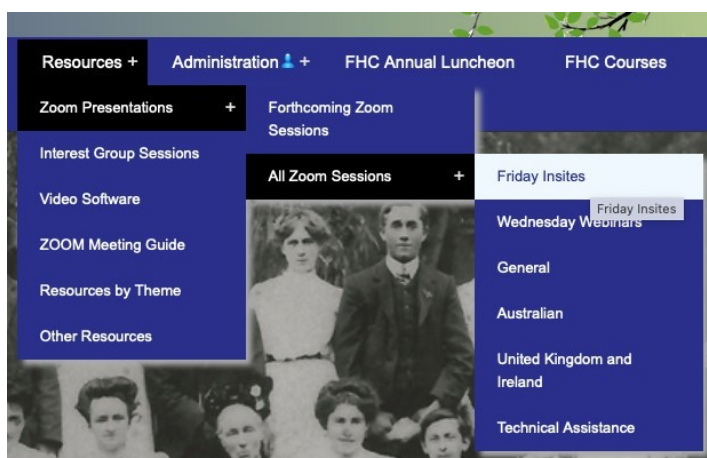
*Again this year, the Treasurer's astute investments in shares have added income throughout the year with dividend payments. I want to take this opportunity to make special mention about our retiring Treasurer, **Ron Grimes**. He has been in the honorary position since 2018. He has been a wonderful treasurer, both calm and wise. We thank him heartily for all that he has contributed in the six years he has served on Council as Treasurer.*

We welcome our new Treasurer, **Russ Wittick**, who was also our guest speaker at the AGM, humorously telling us about his adventurous working life. We hope he enjoys his 'new job' with us as our Honorary Treasurer.

Incredibly it has been 10 years since **Lesle Berry** started her Friday Insite talks. She has presented them live, then started them on Zoom during Covid and they have stayed that way since as they reach a wider membership. They are recorded so members can catch up with them at their leisure. They can be found in the Members' Area - familyhistory.asn.au

The latest is under **Friday Insites**, earlier ones are under their subjects. You never know what else you may find there! You will need to login with your membership number and postcode.

If you have trouble viewing the videos read the information found under Video Software in the first column below of this screen shot.



We thank Lesle very much for her time and hard work in presenting these talks over so many years. She is very knowledgeable, and puts a lot of work into her talks. They are extremely practical and helpful on all sorts of topics to do with family history research. She has soldiered on through several illnesses and we are so grateful for her commitment.

***Coming up at the end of May is our Annual Luncheon.** We have a very exciting guest speaker this year **Alice Garner**, daughter of the famous Australian writer Helen Garner, and an author and researcher in her own right.

Unfortunately, for the first time in fifty years there will be no Alexander Henderson or Don Grant awards presented. The numbers of entrants were considered not sufficient in number to judge. However, we will present the second **Kate Press Award** for the best article published in The Genealogist in 2023. I am sure the other two awards will be back next year.

Why not make up a table with your friends and enjoy the guest speaker and the good food, and beautiful views of the golf course, at the Box Hill Golf Club. Perhaps it could be an opportunity for those book clubbers amongst us to enjoy an outing together.

***(Please see pages 5 and 6 for full details).**

Gail White

F.H.C. COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2024 / 2025

PRESIDENT	Gail White
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Secrets, Shocks and Traditions to treasure: new 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Eight new prominent Australian personalities trek across the globe to delve into the mystery of their ancestral pasts in a brand-new season of **Who Do You Think You Are?**, which returns to SBS and SBS on Demand on Tuesday, 7 May at 7.30pm.

In the newest season, **Manu Feildel**, **Miranda Otto** and **Pat Rafter** join the cast of the much-loved genealogy series, following in the footsteps of their ancestors, to understand the global and personal events that shaped their family history. They are joined by **Kathy Lette**, **Wayne Blair**, **Melissa Doyle**, **Stephen Curry** and **Heather Ewart**.

Trekking to isolated parts of Australia, Norway, the United Kingdom, the USA, New Zealand, and France, they unearth secrets and stories that profoundly change their understanding of their own family, and ultimately their sense of self. Our celebrities delve into a history that is deeply personal yet has universal reverberations.

A SNIPPET

MISCELLANEOUS

On the 2nd of July last, the wife of **John Charlesworth**, who keeps the Cross Keys Inn at Bolsover, in Derbyshire, was safely delivered of three children. The good woman continued in tolerable health for ten days when she was delivered of a fourth child, and she was on the 22nd July seized in labour for the third time and brought two more children into the world. These six children, although very small, were perfectly well formed, four are dead, but a boy and a girl, with the mother, are likely to live.



The British Chronicle - 1772

This slightly horrifying article was found on a cd on our computer network, produced by the Derbyshire Family History Society and called *Derbyshire medley: lists of people from newspapers, court records and various other documentary sources*.

FRIDAY ZOOM CLASSES

Our popular Zoom talks presented by **Lesle Berry** are back again for 2024.

Friday 17 May at 10:00am

“The Genealogist and My Heritage for F.H.C. Members”.

FHC Zoom Administrator is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86509356582>

Meeting ID: 865 0935 6582

STARTING OUT CLASSES

Classes are conducted in the Resource Centre. The classes provide a comprehensive introduction to family history, resources, organizing material and where to find information.

These classes are free and open to members and non-members. Two classes are run on consecutive weeks and are of about two-hours duration.

Our next classes will be held on:

Sunday 26 May - 1.00pm - 3.00pm
and

Sunday 2 June - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Bookings are essential

Please contact the FHC Office on 9877 3789

or email: info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

TOUR OF FHC RESOURCE CENTRE

Tours of Family History Connections Resource Centre are conducted on the **2nd Saturday of each month.**

These tours are free and are for new members so they become familiar with what's available and where to locate books, fiches & films, etc

The next tour will be held on: **Saturday 11 May at 9.00am.**

Bookings are essential.

Phone the Office: 9877 3789

Email: info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

RESEARCH AND LOOK UP SERVICE

There are four services available:

1. **Research** (minimum of two hours);
2. **Look Ups** (see form via Website for details);
3. **One on One Assistance in the Resource Centre** (maximum two hours) and
4. **Data Entry** (Applicants must provide Editor's rights to Researcher)

Full details and rates are available on the FHC Website or on the forms in the Resource Centre

Special Offer for Regional, Interstate & International Members.

As many members are unable to visit FHC Resource Centre to access the records, a special research offer is available.

Each financial regional member is entitled to two hours of free research each calendar year.

Any other research above this would be chargeable.

Please note your request must be submitted prior to 31st October each year.

(A Regional Member is defined as one who lives more than 100km from the Resource Centre).

Enquiries: E-mail:

research@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

or by mail to:

**Research Coordinator, Family History Connections,
P.O. Box 2010, Forest Hill Victoria. 3131**



**2024
Annual Lunch
with Guest Speaker
Alice Garner**

Sunday 26th May
Box Hill Golf Club

Dr Alice GARNER is an historian and performer based at the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Education. Her historical research has ranged from 19th-century French history based on archival research to Australian 20th-century educational, cultural and labour history drawing on oral history.

Her 2001 PhD in French History from the University of Melbourne led to its publication with Cornell University Press. She was then commissioned to write a memoir of her undergraduate years, *The Student Chronicles* (MUP, 2006). More recently, she co-authored *Academic Ambassadors, Pacific Allies: Australia, America and the Fulbright Program* (Manchester University Press, 2019) with Diane KIRBY.

Alice is an experienced oral historian, and currently volunteers as President of Oral History Victoria. She has used oral history to research educational exchange, union education, workplace mentoring and biography. Some of her oral history interviews are held in National Library of Australia collections. She is currently researching the life and times of Mavis ROBERTSON AM (1930-2015) for an audio documentary series and was awarded an ANU Australian Studies Institute fellowship in 2022 to consult ROBERTSON's papers, and a National Library Fellowship in 2023 to draw on their rich oral history holdings.

Alice has worked as an actor since childhood, and is probably best known for her roles in *Love and Other Catastrophes*, *SeaChange* and *Secret Life of Us*. She recently performed as her ancestor Fanny FINCH in the historical play,

**Alice will talk
about oral history
practice, drawing
on her experience
recording long
whole-of-life and
shorter project-
based interviews.**

Finding Fanny Finch, recognised in the 2021 Victorian Community History Awards and turned into a podcast on ABC RN's History Listen. She also plays cello in the alt-country trio Sunshine Tip, which just released its debut EP 'We were the endlings'.

**She will explore approaches to
interviewing, how to ensure good
quality audio recordings, and
offer some ideas for preserving
and presenting oral history.**

For reservations and further details, please contact the Office Manager (Mon – Wed) during office hours or by email to info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

Dr Alice Garner | Continuing, Vocational and Educational Policy (CVEP) Research Hub | Melbourne Graduate School of Education

See page 6 for Details of Luncheon and Booking Form



ANNUAL LUNCHEON 2024 – BOOKING FORM

WHEN **SUNDAY, 26TH MAY 2024**
WHAT TIME **12.00 PM FOR A 12.30 START**
WHERE **BOX HILL GOLF CLUB, 202 STATION STREET, BOX HILL.**
COST **\$55 PER HEAD PLUS DRINKS AT YOUR OWN COST**

SPEAKER Alice Garner is a researcher, teacher and performer currently based at the University of Melbourne’s Graduate School of Education. **Alice will talk about oral history practice, drawing on her experience recording long whole-of-life and shorter project-based interviews. She will explore approaches to interviewing, how to ensure good quality audio recordings, and offer some ideas for preserving and presenting oral history.**

AWARDS Presentation to the winner of the 2024 **Kate Press Award**

PAYMENT For catering purposes the last date for booking is **15th May 2024**.
Bookings cannot be accepted without full payment after this date.
 Maximum of 8 per table. Please fill in details below. Receipts will be forwarded if requested. Payment can be made by Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard only) **OR**
 Online via the Members Area (members only)

TABLE ORGANISER NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 MEMBER NO.: _____ (if applicable)
 Please enter names of people attending below, noting any food allergies that need to be advised to the chef. (Use the back of the form if necessary).

The following people would like to be seated together:

1.....2.....
 3.....4.....
 5.....6.....
 7.....8.....

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Receipt No. _____

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FINDING YOUR AUSTRALIAN FAMILY

FAMILY HISTORY COURSE – Finding Your Australian Family – Beyond the Basics

Do you need a refresher course on researching Australian records? Perhaps you are just starting out or would like to dig deeper into some new avenues of inquiry.

Following successful courses in 2021 and 2022, we are pleased to offer this course again in 2024 with **up to 20 places** available.

Participants will receive course notes via email, with a fortnight to work through the resources. **Fortnightly Zoom sessions** will be held on **Tuesday nights at 7.30pm** and will last around an hour. These sessions are not compulsory however they are a great way to connect with other participants to share successes and seek advice to jump over hurdles!

You will be guided through online and FHC Resource Centre sources to trace your own family back to the first arrivals on Australia's shores over the last 200 years. Along the way you should discover some fascinating (and surprising) details about your ancestors!

Course Information:

- The course consists of five parts, each one to be released on a fortnightly basis.
- There are five Zoom sessions with an Introductory Zoom session on **Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm** then four more sessions every fortnight until **30 July**

- The Course Co-ordinator is Darralyn Cusack with assistance from the experienced researcher Wendy Eldridge.
- **The cost of the course is \$50 for members and \$100 for non-members.**

To make a booking, access the Course details on our Members' Area under FHC Courses and follow the instructions for payment and registration.

Need more information? Contact Darralyn at membership@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

Here are some comments from previous participants:

- *Guidance notes were very helpful as they gave a variety of sources for information.*
- *Really enjoyed the insights/tips provided by the other members of the course.*
- *The structured approach to following through on all aspects of an ancestor from birth/baptism, marriage, life – living and working- to death/burial was worthwhile.*
- *Thanks for an excellent and very informative course, I would highly recommend this course.*

RITCHIES' GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

We are hoping to reinstate FHC into the above program to raise funds to go towards buying resources.

We are looking for ten or more members or friends of FHC who currently shop at Ritchies or would like to obtain a loyalty card to shop at Ritchies.

We would also welcome interested FHC members or friends who would like to participate by **nominating our group** as the recipient of the loyalty program.

Please call the office: 9877 3789 or **email responses to Susan:**

media@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

to show an expression of interest and indicate whether you have a card or would like to apply for a card.

Susan Hurley
Media Manager

DIRECTORIES

Our latest release contains over 10 million new individuals recorded in directories from the first two decades of the 20th Century. This virtual book shelf stacked with volumes from the early 1900s to 1929 includes publications from all over the United Kingdom and Ireland.

These directories are filled with listings of people, their addresses and details of the places they lived in. Other directories list businesses and offer a fascinating glimpse into ancestors from this time.

Directories are packed with listings of people and businesses, offering a fascinating glimpse into a bygone era. Imagine discovering the street address of your great-grandfather's bakery, learning where your great-grandmother practised her dressmaking trade from, or even unearthing the names of your ancestors' neighbours.

TheGenealogist is free for Members on computers in the F.H.C. Resource Centre.



NEW TO FINDMYPAST

BRITAIN, ROYAL AND IMPERIAL CALENDARS 1767-1973

If you have ancestors who worked in the civil service or other state institutions between 1767 and 1973, these Calendars may provide you with more information.

You can now *browse* images of 207 [Royal and Imperial Calendars](#), which are exclusive to Findmypast. This new browse function allows you to search by year, and access images for each page, including the detailed indexes at the beginning which help you to navigate the book.

Spanning over two centuries, these catalogs provide a detailed snapshot of life in Britain at different points in history.

As each book's index indicates, the information detailed includes the members of the Royal Households, the High Commissioners in London, the Cabinet, the Treasury, and the names of all those employed in Public Departments. While the details included vary over the years, all of the catalogs list the names of people who worked for state agencies and institutions.

DURHAM BAPTISMS

12,656 records have been added to the Durham Baptisms collection. These new records cover 11 parishes in Northumberland and Durham, spanning from 1560 to 1847. These parishes are:

- Barnard Castle, St Mary
- Bothral, St Andrew
- Earsdon, St Alban
- Edlingham, St John the Baptist
- Esh Laude, St Michael RC
- Gainford, St Mary
- Grindon, St Thomas A Beckett
- Newcastle-upon-Tyne, St John the Baptist
- Rochester, BirdhopeCraig Presbyterian
- Tynemouth, Christ Church
- Whitburn, St Mary

Findmypast is free for Members on computers in the F.H.C. Resource Centre.

National Archives: Faroe Islands jumper uncovered 200 years on

BBC News, 2 March 2024.

By Graeme Satchell and Michael Shiels McNamee



Packages seized by the Royal Navy during conflict in Europe and brought back to the UK more than 200 years ago have been opened for the first time.

Shipped from Tórshavn on 20 August 1807, the jumper was accompanied by a note from carpenter Niels C Winther, written in Danish.

"My wife sends her regards, thank you for the pudding rice. She sends your fiancé this sweater and hopes that it is not displeasing to her," it reads.

Until now, their contents had been hidden away in the National Archives. A jumper, knitted in vibrant colour and in a Faroese style, was found among a huge stash of letters.

The parcels were finally opened on Thursday by a team of experts, observed by two academics from the Faroe Islands: Professor Erling Isholm, from the University of the Faroe Islands, and Margretha Nónklett, head of ethnology at the Faroes' National Museum.

It comes as part of [the Prized Papers Project](#), a decades-long effort to unearth and make accessible archival items in the UK and Germany. It involves the digitisation of thousands of letters seized by the Royal Navy between the 17th and 19th centuries.

Professor Isholm explained that the Anne-Marie was "one of two [vessels] owned by the Danish king, who monopolised all trade to and from the islands".

The jumper was part of the cargo on board the Anne-Marie ship, which set sail for Denmark from the Faroe Islands in 1807 - with its crew having no idea a war was about to start. It was targeted by the HMS Defence off the coast of Norway on 2 September, during the second Battle of Copenhagen.

Other clothing recovered from the ship and put on display include a sample of fine women's knee-length woollen stockings and fabric samples.

The Royal Navy was planning to destroy the Danish fleet harboured in Copenhagen, to stop it falling into the hands of Napoleon.

As was customary for the time the Anne-Marie's cargo - or prize - was confiscated, along with its mail box.



Women's knee-length stockings were also discovered among the ship's cargo

The letters on board the ship would have counted for about a quarter of the annual communication between the Faroe Islands and Denmark during the period.

Forty-nine thousand pairs of woollen stockings, eight tons of dried fish, ten barrels of feathers, and a parcel sent by a local carpenter to Mr Ladsen of Copenhagen had sat unopened in the archives for more than 200 years.

Paper rix-dollars were also found among the letters, with a wad of them wrapped around 18 silver coins. The jumper will now be preserved. The hope is it can be displayed in the Faroe Islands at some point in the future.

The Genealogist's Quest

As an experiment, I asked AI to make me a black and white cartoon with a genealogist looking at a book with a ghostly apparition behind asking, "Why do you want to know that? – etc" I then saw that it had made some text about it so I downloaded that as well. Have attached a couple of the end results for you to see. Ha Ha

Kind regards
Viv Martin

The dimly lit room was a relic of forgotten memories, its timeworn walls held secrets and were adorned with faded portraits of ancestors long gone. Cobwebs clung to the ceiling, their delicate strands shimmering like forgotten dreams and there, on the cluttered table, a single candle flickered. Its feeble flame danced, casting elongated shadows across the room.

The genealogist extraordinaire, Professor Elias Thorne, sat hunched over a massive tome, tracing the intricate branches of his family tree. His gnarled fingers followed the inked lines, connecting births, deaths, and secrets buried in the annals of time. The pages whispered tales of lost kingdoms, forbidden love, and forgotten magic.

The ghostly figure, a spectre with hollow eyes and a tattered cloak, lingered behind him. Its presence was both unsettling and oddly comforting. It had appeared one stormy night, materializing from the shadows like a forgotten whisper. Professor Thorne had grown accustomed to its company, though he knew not its purpose.

The ghostly figure leaned over Thorne's shoulder, its hollow eyes fixed on the book. "Why do you persist, Professor?" the ghost murmured, its voice echoing through the room. "Why unravel the threads of your lineage? What do you want to know that for?" it murmured, its voice echoing through time.

Thorne glanced at the figure, its form flickering like a candle in the wind. "Answers," he replied, his voice gravelly from years of poring over ancient manuscripts. "I seek the truth—the hidden stories that shaped our family. Why did my great-grandfather vanish during the Great War? Thorne whispered back, his breath mingling with the candle's smoke. What secrets lie hidden within these pages?"

Thorne's gnarled fingers trembled as he turned another page. The candle's glow wavered, revealing names etched in faded ink: **Isabella Hawthorne, vanished during the Great War; Lucian Thorne, lost at sea; Evelyn Blackwood, whispered to have wielded ancient spells.**

The ghost leaned closer, its breath icy against Thorne's neck. "Answers can be dangerous," it warned. "Some truths are better left buried."

"But I must know," Thorne insisted. "My bloodline carries whispers of forgotten magic, lost kingdoms, and forbidden love. I am but a custodian of these tales."

The room seemed to sigh, its timeworn floorboards creaking in sympathy. Cobwebs clung to the ceiling, their delicate strands shimmering like forgotten dreams. The ghost's eyes held ancient sorrow—a longing that transcended mortality. "Listen, Professor," the ghost said, its voice fading into the shadows. "The past is a labyrinth. Each step reveals more twists, more enigmas. The ghost's laughter echoed—a sound both mournful and mischievous. "Answers can unravel more than threads," it warned. Some doors should remain locked."

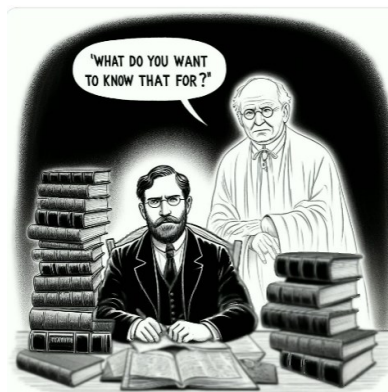
Thorne's heart raced. "And what if I find a key?" he challenged. "What if our lineage holds the answers to mysteries beyond imagination?"

The ghost's laughter echoed—a hollow sound that sent shivers down Thorne's spine. "Then beware," it whispered. "For some truths unravel the very fabric of reality."

As the storm raged outside, Thorne turned back to the book. The inked pages held promises and perils, and he wondered if he was a seeker or a fool but Thorne was a seeker, driven by curiosity and the ache of lineage. He leaned closer to the flickering flame, tracing the lines of his ancestors. The ghost watched, its form fading into the darkness, leaving only one lingering question:

"What do you want to know that for?"

And so, the genealogist continued his quest, unravelling the past, heedless of the consequences. For in the dance between ancestry and destiny, he would discover more than mere names and dates—he would unearth the essence of his existence.





WANDERING THE WEB

With Marianne Redfern

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The Hastings and Rother Family History Society has been dissolved and is now part of the Sussex Family History Society.

<https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/Directory> - this is the site for the Katamatite Historical Society and Museum. This local history collection includes a growing photographic collection of World War I and World War II veterans. The mud-brick building houses photos and documents, including cemetery records and memorabilia relating to local history; a shed containing farm implements and machinery, and an old jail containing documents relating to its history. **Found when visiting the area.**

<https://www.wendishheritage.org.au> – this society aims to collect, preserve and document Wendish and German family history, culture and heritage in Australia. See the list of Wends who emigrated from Europe to Australia in the 19th Century. Learn about the traditional customs and beliefs of the Wends of Lusatia. **From 'Wendish News' in the Resource Centre.**

<https://www.brunyhistory.com> – the History Room was established in 1997 as a community resource – providing a central repository for the Bruny Island History Collection. Since 1988, local history research has been ongoing. Sources include field excursions, member research and oral history from Bruny Island families. The History room is an ideal place to begin your research. **Found on a recent visit.**

<https://www.malteselivingabroad.gov.mt> – the Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. (GSV) published articles in their December issue on Maltese immigration and on finding Maltese ancestors. Since 2019, a retired Maltese Consul has been putting together monthly e-newsletters which are very up to date. **From a recent copy of 'Ancestor'.**

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/page/school-registers> - this site features the National School Registers 1870-1914. This is exclusive to Find My Past. The collection of school records includes admission registers and log-books from over 1,500 schools across England and Wales. You might find essential information for your family tree including the name of the pupils, their parents and addresses. **From an old copy of 'Who Do You Think You Are'.**

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/articles/world-records> - reveal your ancestor through school and university register books from 1264-1930, plus many other records from America, Australia and the United Kingdom. **From an old copy of 'Who Do You Think You Are'.**

<https://www.monumentaustralia.org.au> – the Monument Australia website is a historical and educational research site which records the public monuments and memorials in all Australian states and Territories under various themes. These public monuments and memorials were erected by a public desire to commemorate people and events. Over 40,914 monuments have been photographed and recorded. **From a recent addition of 'Ancestor'.**

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive> - this site gives you Monash Health Records for a number of hospitals and other health institutions. Go to the drop- down box under 'created by' to access records from a number of institutions. The records date back to 1874 and reveal the histories of these establishments, their staff and patients. **From a recent edition of 'Ancestor'.**

FAMILY HISTORY & INTEREST GROUPS

Bendigo F.H.G: Meets 3rd Saturday of the month.

Venue: Bendigo Goldfields Library, Ground Floor, 255 Hargreaves St., Bendigo.

Talk: **8th May at 1pm - 2pm** “*Treasured Records of Your Ancestors*” - *Speaker: Rita Hull*

Next meeting: **18th May at 2pm**

Contact: bendigogen@familyhistoryconnections.org.au

DNA Interest Group: Meets 4th Tuesday of the month (**ZOOM MEETINGS ONLY**)

Next meeting: **28th May at 7.30pm**

Early Victoria & Tasmania: Meets on 1st Saturday of each month

Next Meeting: **4th May at 10.00am.** “*A Special Invitation - Colonial Music*”.

Speaker: Dr. Rosemary Richards with Clara & David Adams.

Venue: Blackburn RSL, 2 Diggers Way, Blackburn and **Zoom**

Contact: Bronwen Bennett: bronwen@usec.com.au

Ireland: Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday via Zoom

Next Meeting: **8th May at 2.00pm** “*Irish Newspapers*”

Editor: Vicki Box: victoriabox39@gmail.com or victoriabox@icloud.com

London & Home Counties: Meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month

Venue: F.H.C. Resource Centre & **Zoom.**

Next Meeting: **14th May at 1.30pm**

Scotland: Meets on **2nd Thursday**

Venue: F.H.C. Resource Centre and **Zoom**

Next meeting: **9th May at 7.30pm**

Contacts: Merrin: questeve@optusnet.com.au

Kristee Grosvenor: kmgrosvenor1@gmail.com

South West England: Meets on 2nd Friday of each Month

Venue: F.H.C. Resource Centre and **Zoom.**

Next meeting: **10th May at 1.30pm**

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Northern Counties

Meets on 3rd Friday of each month

Venue: F.H.C. Resource Centre.

Next Meeting: **17th May at 12.00pm.** (*Bring Lunch*)

Write Now

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month

Venue: F.H.C. Resource Centre

Next meeting: **7th May at 10.30am**

Contact for Interest Groups (unless stated):

info@familyhistoryconnections.org.au



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May 4 10.00am Early Victoria and Tasmania Interest Group - Meeting - Blackburn RSL, 2 Diggers Way, Blackburn and **Zoom**
- May 7 10.30am Write Now Discussion Group
- May 8 1.00pm Bendigo FHG - Meeting - Bendigo Goldfields Library, Ground Floor, 255 Hargreaves St., Bendigo. **“Treasured Records of Your Ancestors” - Speaker: Rita Hull**
- May 8 2.00pm Ireland Interest Group - Meeting - F.H.C. Resource Centre and **Zoom**
- May 9 7.30pm Scotland Interest Group - Meeting via **Zoom**
- May 10 1.30pm South West England Interest Group - Meeting, FHC Resource Centre and **Zoom**
- May 11 9.00am Tour of FHC Resource Centre. (see p.4)**
- May 14 1.30pm London & Home Counties - Meeting - FHC Resource Centre & Zoom
- May 15 7.30pm Zoom Talk**
“After the War: The Lives of WW1 Queensland Nurses (see p. 1)
- May 17 10.00am Friday Zoom Class presented by Lesle Berry**
“The Genealogist and My Heritage for F.H.C. Members (see p. 4)
- May 17 12.00pm Northern Counties - Meeting - FHC Resource Centre. *(Bring Lunch)*
- May 18 2.00pm Bendigo FHG - Meeting - Bendigo Goldfields Library, Ground Floor, 255 Hargreaves St., Bendigo.
- May 26 12.00pm ANNUAL LUNCHEON - Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station St., Box Hill**
“Oral History” - Speaker: Alice Garner. (see pp. 5 & 6)
- May 26 1.00pm Starting Out Class - Session 1 (see p.4)**
- May 28 7.30pm DNA Interest Group - Meeting via **Zoom**
- May 5 1.00pm Starting Out Class - Session 2, FHC Resource Centre. (see p.4)**
- Jun 4 7.30 pm Zoom Class**
“Finding your Australian Family - Introduction” (see p.7)

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