# The Surf Coast Family History Group

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#### The Surf Coast Family History Group

c/o P. O. Box 98 Anglesea 3230

## The Society is Housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

#### **Library and Research Facilities**

Tuesday 10.00am — 12.00pm or until 2.00pm on request

#### Meetings

The 2nd Thursday of the Month commencing at 10am at the Historical Society Museum McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

#### **Visitors Welcome**

#### enquiries:

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#### **Forthcoming Meetings**

August 14th Meeting: John Parsons "It is a small World"

September 11th Meeting: Pam Jennings "Land Records"

October 9th Meeting: AGM

November 13th Meeting: Tom & Libby Luke on Cornish Ancestry

> Dec 11th Meeting: Xmas Break Up Please bring a plate

Please submit topics of interest

#### The New Committee Members 2007-2008

**Chairperson Secretary** 

Treasurer Librarian

**Committee Member Committee Member** 

**Newsletter Editor/ Vice Chairperson** 

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#### Members Story by Yvonne Schneider

In January this year my mother, Phyllis Annie Elizabeth Holman nee Palmer, celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born on 24-01-1908 in Penarth, Wales.



Her father Ernest Clifford Palmer was born on 14-06-1886 in Cadoxton, Wales and her mother Florence May Bryant was born on 12-09-1884 in Bristol, England. They were married in Penarth on 17-04-1906.

Her parents emigrated to Australia when she was five years old. Her father came out on the Schamhorst in 1912 and his wife and two children followed a year later. My mother's brother Clifford Vivian (Viv) caught scarlet fever on the voyage and died in quarantine in Adelaide. He was only three years old.

Mum was brought up in Adelaide but moved to Melbourne when she married my father, Frederick Graham Holman, on 27th August, 1931. My dad was born in Korrumburra on 22-08-1906 but the family moved to South Australia when he was a child.

Fred and Phyllis had five daughters, Shirley, Pamela, Yvonne, Wendy and Briony. When the family had grown up and Fred retired they spent a lot of time traveling around Australia.

It was only after Fred died in 1997 that Phyllis had an urge to go back to her roots. At ninety five years of age she went overseas to Wales to see where she was born.

She visited Barry, where Eileen Court, her cousin on the Bryant side of the family lived. She also went to Taunton where Ivy Fletcher, the cousin closest in age to her lived. Ivy is eight years younger than Phyllis and on the Palmer side of the family.

Our family tree shows ancestors of both my maternal grandparents, Palmers, Brocks, Bryants and Wilkins all living in Wales or adjacent counties. Cards from these cousins and their families came on her birthday.



Five Generations: Seated - Phyllis, Yvonne & Tahlia Standing - Danielle & Penny

#### HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY TO THE SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

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Pat found a core group of people keen to have records available for research in Anglesea.

The group first met at the Anglesea Community House and formed a committee.



Pat chaired the Committee and it was decided to approach the Historical society to see if the newly formed group could use their facilities.

It was agreed and the Anglesea Family History became a sub-group to the Anglesea Historical Society. As the Anglesea Family History Group was the only family history group in the Shire, it was decided to rename the group The Surf Coast Family History Group.

The facilities are used by people throughout the area.



Research rooms are open on Tuesdays from 10.00 am to Noon and at other times by arrangement. Support is available for beginners and monthly meetings are held with interesting guest speakers.



A bio-monthly newsletter brings people up to date with the latest Acquisitions and news.

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#### Cont..... Ninth Birthday Celebrations.

The Surf Coast Shire Family History Group holds numerous records

Listed are only some of the records available at Anglesea:

#### Victoria

- Victorian Pioneer Index 1836-1888 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Victorian Federation Index 1889-1901 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Victorian Edwardian Index 1902-1913 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Victorian Great War Index 1914-1920 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Victorian Deaths 1921-1985
- Victorian Marriages 1921-1942
- Victorian Immigration 1852-1879
- Victorian Marine Births, Deaths, Marriages 1853-1920
- Victorian Probate Indexes

#### NSW

- NSW Pioneer 1788-1888 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- NSW Federation 1889-1918 Births, Deaths, Marriages
- NSW Between the Wars 1919-1945
- NSW Early Muster Records

#### **Oueensland**

• Queensland Pioneer Index 1829-1889

#### Tasmania

- Tasmania Pioneer Index 1803-1899
- Tasmanian Federation Index 1900-1930 Births, Deaths, Marriages

The Surf Coast Family History Group have many records that are not listed, we are also set up with Internet facilities for members who need it to help widen their research. We have members who are on duty to help and guide people who need help with their research.



## Genes Reunited A useful tool that helps with research

# Did you know one of the most popular Genealogical Web Sites Is Genes Reunited

Genes Reunited was launched in 2003 as a sister-site to the Internet phenomenon Friends Reunited. Since then it has grown to become the UK's largest family-tree website. It marked a revolution in genealogy and ancestry by combining them with Internet social-networking. Members become 'cyber detectives', building their family tree by posting it on the site and investigating which ancestors they share with other members. It currently has over seven million members worldwide and over 500 million names listed. One new name is added to the site every single second.

It is **free** to register with Genes Reunited. You can build your family tree, use the search facilities to find possible matches to your family name, add notes against relations in your tree and receive emails from other members and reply to these emails. Also, if you already have experience in researching your family history you can import your GEDCOM file on to your Genes Reunited family tree.

If you choose to upgrade to full membership it costs \$19.95 for 6 months. You will have the ability to contact other members from your search results, link up to view other members' trees when they invite you to do so, post photos on your family

tree and add messages to the message boards.

The cost of the upgrade does **NOT** include credits for the records section. These have to be purchased separately. You do not have to be upgraded to buy credits. It is not necessary to buy Credits to find and make contacts.

If you upload your family tree, it gives you possible "Hot matches" and by clicking on the links you can send a message to that person. It is that easy.



This is a great site to join and you are more than likely to find someone researching one or more of your lines. It does have a few problems like most sites.

Check first to see if it is ok with living people in your family before uploading your tree. It can cause some upset if you do it without asking first.

When you view the numbers of people that use Genes Reunited, it makes you ask the question, why would so many use it? It is a great tool.

#### **New Acquisitions**

CD's: Phillimore's Marriage Index for Kent NSW 1828 Muster Rolls

**Books: Victorian Immigration Remittance Book A to Z of Australian Towns and Cities by Robert Wilson** 

#### Reminder!

It is our Annual General Meeting
On the 9th October 10.00 am
Are you interested in joining our Committee?
Nomination forms are available at the Historical Society
It is most rewarding to help and support your
Family History Group.



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For Sale: Schools of the Surf Coast Shire Anglesea to Wurdi Bolue

Surf Coast Cemetery Records on CD

Contact: Norma Morrison Phone: 52 616239

#### Research!

Do your research in the comfort of your own home

We have Microfiche Readers for Hire \$5 per week with the Victorian Pioneer index

Please enquire: Pat 52 896686

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