

ECHUCA-MOAMA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

A Genealogical Society and Research Library

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MEETING: Saturday 18th July at 1.30pm – It's our 35th Annual General Meeting - the meeting will be preceded by a winter warming BYO casserole luncheon at 12 noon. Please let Rosemary Fraser (5482 1130) know what food you will be bringing i.e. soup or casserole for luncheon or cake, slice etc. for afternoon tea. This is our mid-winter feast!

Venue: Senior Citizens room, Martin Street Community Centre, Moama.

Time: 12 noon for lunch – 1.30pm for the meeting.

Annual Subscriptions: ARE DUE ON 1st JULY Please use the attached renewal form for the 2015-2016 year. Thank you to those members who have already paid.

Online Deposit: To pay your subs online by Direct Deposit use the following details:

- Westpac **BSB: 033-621**
- **Account: 330126**
- Account Name: **Echuca Moama Family History Group Online Deposits.**

You must fill in the renewal form and drop it into our FH Research Centre or scan it and email it to emfhg9@hotmail.com

WORK DAY: The next one will be on **Tuesday 21st July from 10am**. If you have an hour or more to spare between 10am and 3pm, please come along and join the team. It is not all computer work.

HEATERS: Two new Ceramic Oscillating Tower heaters have been installed in our FH research room, to make things somewhat warmer during the winter months. **Come in and feel the warmth!**

EMFHG POLO SHIRTS & JACKETS:

- Polo shirts \$30.00; are blue with white trim, good quality material with the group logo in white script.
- Long-sleeved Jackets \$45 each; JB brand in royal blue, code no. 3JF, incl. Club logo.

They are available from **NU-Manz** in Hare Street. Just drop in and try for size and they will be ordered in.

A WARNING: There will not be a meeting in August – instead on 15th August we are off to Melbourne on the train. We will visit the Seafarer's Mission and the Immigration Museum. (See the notice below)

DUTY PERSONS – Open time is 11am to 3pm. Duty persons for this month are:

- Fri 3 Jul Helen Hastie Wendy Hicks
- Mon 6 Jul Barbara Goldsmith Judy Campbell
- Fri 10 Jul Helen Bennett Shirley Durrant
- Mon 13 Jul Lorraine Johnson Judy McCartney
- Fri 17 Jul Barbara Goldsmith Wilma Gamble

❖ Sat 18 July – 35th Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

- Mon 20 Jul Judy McCleary Ruth O'Connor
- Fri 24 Jul John Howe Pearl Collins
- Mon 27 Jul Lorraine Haines Marie McDonald
- Fri 31 Jul Anita Bartlett Wendy Hicks
- Mon 3 Aug Helen Hastie Judy McCartney

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND ON YOUR ROSTERED DAY (OR GOING ON HOLIDAYS), PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE YOUR SHIFT COVERED BY CONTACTING ANOTHER VOLUNTEER

A.S.A.P. TO GIVE PLENTY OF NOTICE IF POSSIBLE. PLEASE CONTACT WILMA GAMBLE ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY.

MEMBERS, PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER AT OUR RESEARCH CENTRE. A GREAT FACILITY AND A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR RESOURCES TO USE FOR YOUR OWN RESEARCH.

ON THE WEB

South American Brits Database: <http://sabrits.co.uk/Home.html> a site for British genealogists interested in South America. The transcriber started to record data from the Roots South America emigration mailing list in November 1998 initially, and had only 500 names. This has grown into a database of 26,000 people all of whom have spent part of their lives in South America.

Divorce: Use TROVE (free access to many Australian newspapers) to find divorces. Using a search criteria of divorce and the surname can bring up full reports of the entire court case and judgement.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

BDM Revival: Old DOS based genealogy programs and Digger disks can now continue be used on your new Windows 7 and Windows 8 computers. There is a new program available which you can down-load for \$19.99 that will allow you to continue to use them. It's called BDM Revival and has been written specifically for this purpose. [http:// www.peppermintfence.com/BDMRevival.htm](http://www.peppermintfence.com/BDMRevival.htm)

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE: The genealogy website GenTeam has added some 400 new collections. Some highlights include citizen rolls from Bratislava, a marriage index for Vienna (starting in 1542), an index of Catholic baptisms in Vienna and Jewish indices of Prague for the years 1784 to 1804. The website currently has over 11 million records from Austria and surrounding countries. It covers most of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. The website is in English. Access is free upon registration. It is definitely worth checking out if you have ancestors from the region. <http://www.genteam.eu/>

National Library of Australia – Library Card To find out how the system works, watch the video at <http://www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources/> and to apply for a library card go to <http://www.nla.gov.au/getalibrarycard/>

List of Institutions/homes in Australia <http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/homes.htm>

Port Phillip District and Victorian Settlers indexes

<http://members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/PPDindex.html>

Usage of the computer network in the Family History Rooms and the Internet

In the last two months there have been problems on Computer 3 on the network with unsolicited advertising that has been interrupting internet sites. It appears that someone using that computer had inadvertently turned off the Trend Micro internet security and we had to download and install a Malware detection program to fix up the problems. 1000+ viruses and spyware programs were found. We are recommending that when anyone using the computers is asked to update a program that you **do not install** any updates. **You can either click on a box that says update later or just click on the X in the right hand top corner of the update reminder box.**

Often these updates contain programs that are hidden from view and during the update process you have ticked boxes that endorse down loading another program along with one you are already installing. Please do not download any updates or turn off the internet security. It has taken about five hours to fix the problem on one computer and we have to pay for this and it is not a good use of members' funds.

One final tip: If you are ever asked to install a website called ask.com please avoid this site as it will continually present you with advertisements and ruin your internet browsing.

John Howe

Assistant Secretary

**COME ON A TRAIN TRIP
TO VISIT
THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS & IMMIGRATION
MUSEUM**

Saturday 15 August 2015

Train leaves Echuca at 7am Arrives Melbourne at 10-30 am.

**Leaving Melb 5-15 pm arriving back in Echuca about 8-30
pm.**

**You MUST book your own seats - don't forget to use your
free travel vouchers. Suggest you get your train ticket a week
before.**

Please check train times when booking your travel.

**A tour plus lunch (2 courses) at THE MISSION TO
SEAFARERS will cost \$25 per head. Please have correct
money on the day.**

Tour of IMMIGRATION MUSEUM following at 1 - 30 pm.

**Admission is Free for concession holders. (\$12 non
concession)**

Please give names to Helen by Saturday 18 July - at AGM

Or phone 5859 0348

*** Note that this trip is being held in place of our General
Meeting.**