

# ECHUCA-MOAMA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

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### **EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE INSTEAD OF THE USUAL AUGUST GENERAL MEETING:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August we are off to Melbourne on the train. We will visit the Seafarer's Mission and the Immigration Museum.**

Train leaves Echuca at 7am Arrives Melbourne at 10.30am - Leaving Melb 5.15pm arriving back in Echuca about 8.30pm. (You MUST book your own seats - don't forget to use your free travel vouchers. Suggest you get your train ticket a week before and please check train times when booking your travel).

A tour plus lunch (2 courses) at THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS will cost \$25.00 per head. Please have correct money on the day.

Tour of IMMIGRATION MUSEUM following at 1.30pm. - Admission is Free for concession holders. (\$12.00 non concession)

**Please RSVP to Helen TODAY phone 5859 0348**

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

**WORK DAY:** The next one will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 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.



(Scenes from our AGM luncheon at Moama on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July)

### **DUTY PERSONS – Open time is 11am to 3pm. Members on Duty in August are:**

- Fri 31 Jul Anita Bartlett Wendy Hicks
- Mon 3 Aug Helen Hastie Judy McCartney
- Fri 7 Aug Helen Bennett Anita Bartlett
- Mon 10 Aug Lorraine Johnson Judy Campbell
- Fri 14 Aug Judy McCleary Barbara Goldsmith
- Mon 17 Aug Lorraine Haines Marie McDonald
- Fri 21 Aug John Howe Wendy Hicks
- **Sat 22 August – Seafarer's Mission and the Immigration Museum Excursion**
- Mon 24 Aug Barbara Goldsmith Judy McCartney
- Fri 28 Aug Anita Bartlett Pearl Collins
- Mon 31 Aug Shirley Durrant Ruth O'Connor
- Fri 4 Sep Helen Bennett Wilma Gamble

**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.**

Please consider becoming a library volunteer at our Research Centre. It is a great facility, so take the opportunity to learn about our resources and how to make use of them while helping others.

### **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.



**(14 members were presented certificates of appreciation for long service at the AGM)**

### **ON THE WEB**

**EMFHG Website** – Have you looked at our new look website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~emhist/> Please advise us of any updates or corrections. We welcome suggestions from members of any additional features you would like to see added.

**English Slave Owners** – (From Gumnet Mailing List) - This extraordinary story was in the Guardian recently:

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/12/british-history-slavery-buried-scale-revealed>

In 1834, the UK Government paid compensation to 46,000 slave owners as slavery was abolished. It was 40% of government expenditure that year, the equivalent of GBP16b today.

The register of recipients has been in the archives all this time, and is now being converted to an free online database by University College London, at <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/> .

So this register has a snapshot of \*every\* slave owner as of August 1834, and there are some surprises there. Read the Guardian article if you're interested.

Cheers Paul Foxworthy”

Welsh Newspapers Online is free to use at [welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home](http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home)

**FreeReg2** site provides free searches of baptism, marriage and burial records transcribed from registers in England, Scotland and Wales from 1538 <[freereg2.freereg.org.uk](http://freereg2.freereg.org.uk)>

**50 Free Genealogy Sites to Search** <http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-free-genealogy-sites/>

### **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.

**Annual Subscriptions: WERE DUE ON 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:emfhg9@hotmail.com)

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