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PRESIDENT'S PATER :

We are all settling in to 1988 and our program for the year is becoming organised.

This year we are planning for some of our members to speak for a short time on an item or character discovered during research.

At our February meeting I spoke about our recent trip to Perth where Lyn and I spent time searching records to find family of my Uncle James who lived there in the early 1900's. I am pleased to report we are now corresponding with his Great-Grandson.

The March meeting was Julie Stevens' turn. She kept us entertained with photographs and stories from her recent visit to the United Kingdom. Maybe we will have to call her Julie "Mc Stevens" she was so impressed by the people and scenery of Scotland. Julie is moving to Melbourne shortly and we wish her well in her new job.

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TRIP TO PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE - LAVERTON :

Ian McGown is organising a bus trip to Laverton on Wednesday 4th May. A 12-seater bus has been booked and the cost will be approximately \$15 per head.

Final details will be arranged to-night.

NOTE : Take a cut lunch as there is nowhere in the area to buy anything.

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BARINGA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISPLAY:

On Saturday 19th March, we held a display at the Baringa Fete. Although our position was a little out of the way and we didn't speak to as many people as we would have liked, some valuable lessons were learnt.

It has been suggested that some form of display, portable and easy to set up, be put together so that when a similar occasion arises we can arrange to participate with a minimum effort, also at short notice.

Many thanks to Sandra and Ian McGown for their efforts and our members who attended.

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GENEALOGY ON GIPPSLAND F.M. RADIO :

Dawn Cowley has commenced a monthly session on 3GCR-FM Radio.

She can be heard on the third Saturday morning each month at 11.15 a.m.

Dawn would welcome telephone calls during the program on 34 3444 or letters, 27 Shanahan Pde., Newborough, 3825. so an answer can be prepared.

COINCIDENCES :

Sandra Mc Gown

Trips abroad can bring about surprises. One amazing coincidence occurred on our last visit to Scotland.

This was our second visit to Glasgow; the birthplace of my parents. They had migrated to Australia in the early part of the century.

I had brought photographs of my mother's and father's family homes and, on our previous visit, had seen them from the outside. Naturally, we were curious to see the interior and to know who lived in them now.

A knock on the door of one house in the terrace found no one home, however, next door a pleasant middle-aged woman was able to tell us that she had not lived there long enough to have known my father's family and so introduced us to an elderly lady of about 80 years further along the street - a Miss Sterling.

She invited us in while she tried to recall faded memories of 60 and more years ago. I also mentioned my mother's name and it transpired that the two had worked together in the same drawing office. I was overcome by the sheer chance of meeting someone who had known my mother all those years before.

While endeavouring to remember the past, she mentioned a neighbour - Wylie Ferguson - whom she thought could help our inquiries. While she was telephoning him his name rang a bell with me and I began wondering where I had heard it before. After a few moments of discussion it fell into place. I remembered Wylie had indeed known both my parents. His and my father's families had attended the same church more than seventy years before. He invited us to his home to talk on a more personal basis.

We were shown a booklet produced by his Church some time ago and containing a photo of church notaries including my grandfather and his father standing beside each other. He also had a family photograph from the same period featuring in particular, his sister who had been a very close friend of my mother.

Needless to say, I felt overwhelmed by the mere coincidence of it all and wanted to prolong our stay but as it was getting late in the evening and we still had not found "digs" nor had an evening meal we had to hastily say our goodbyes.

Travelling up to Liverpool just two days before my thoughts had led me to remember my mother's friend who had lived in Birmingham after her marriage. Little did I realise I was soon to meet this woman's brother whom I had never met and a subsequently was to be involved in this amazing chain of events.

ADDRESSES FOR CERTIFICATES :

Ian McGown has given the following list to share with you.
As far as he knows the information is up to date.

VICTORIA :

Assistant Government Statist
Office of Government Statist
295 Queen Street, MELB. 3000.

QUEENSLAND :

Registrar General
Registrar General's Office,
P.O. Box 188, BRISBANE NORTH
QUAY, 4000.

N.T. :

Registrar General
Registrar General's Office,
G.P.O. Box 3021, DARWIN, 5794

A.C.T.:

Registrar,
Registrar's Office,
P.O. Box 788 CANBERRA CITY, 2601

NEW ZEALAND :

Registrar General
Levin House, Private Bag
Lower Hutt, NEW ZEALAND.

SCOTLAND:

Registrar General
New Register House,
EDINBURGH EH1 3YT.

EIRE:

Registrar General
Custom House DUBLIN.

FIJI:

Registrar General
Births, Deaths and Marriages
Government Building SUVA.

SINGAPORE:

Registry of Births & Deaths,
Empress Place, SINGAPORE
Registry of Marriages
13 Fort Canning Road, SINGAPORE.

MALTA :

Director,
Public Registry
197 Merchant Street, VALETTA.

N.S.W. :

Principal Registrar
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriage
G.P.O. Box 30, SYDNEY, 2001.

TASMANIA :

Registrar General
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriage
G.P.O. Box 875J, HOBART, 7001

W.A.:

Registrar General's Office
22 St. Georges Terrace, PERTH W.A.

S.A. :

Principal Registrar,
59 King William St. (Box 1351 G.P.O.)
ADELAIDE, 5001.

ENGLAND & WALES :

Registrar General
St. Catherines House
10 Kingsway, LONDON, ENGLAND.

NORTHERN IRELAND :

Registrar General,
Fermanagh House,
Ormeau Avenue, BELFAST.

SOUTH AFRICA :

Registrar General
Births, Deaths and Marriages
PRETORIA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA :

Registrar General
Box 3281, PORT MORESBY

INDIAN CONTINENT:

India, Pakistan, Burman
Indian Records Section
197 Blackfriars Road, LONDON. SE1 8

Ian has some prices for Certificates from each of these sources
but we have not quoted them here because, as we all know, they
change so it is best to write and enquire.

YET ANOTHER PRICE RISE :

We have been advised that the cost of 8"x10" photos from the
Latrobe Library are now \$14.00 instead of \$4.00.

Photos will be available in about three days.

CEMETERY TRANSCRIBING :

On Easter Monday, several members of our group met at the Yarragon Cemetery where we transcribed the headstones. Following a picnic lunch, some went on to Moondarra and completed the small cemetery there. We hope to have the copy completed shortly.

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COMPILING FAMILY HISTORY :

If your family history is in lots of little boxes, John Kyd telephone 347931 is willing to put it into some logical form and/or prepare it for printing.

Cost is by private negotiation.

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ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Julie Stevens has copies of the following headstones. If you would like a copy of the photograph she can be contacted c/- 33 Davidson Street, Traralgon, 3844.

Nethy Bridge Church, Pa. Aberneth, Co. Inverness, Scotland.

In memory of/ ROBERT JAMES/ CARR/ Died 2 August 1949/ Aged 38 years/ A dear father/ and beloved husband of/ ISABELL FORBES DONALDSON.

In loving memory of/ ELSIE MACKINTOSH FRASER/ Died 1st August 1965/ Aged 81 years/ Beloved wife of/ ALEXANDER FORBES/ Died 28th May 1974/ Aged 94 years/ also their son ALISTAIR/ Died 8th April 1980/ Aged 59 years.

Mariansleigh, North Devon, England

In/ Memory/ of/ MARY MOORE/ wife of JAMES MOORE of Kingsnympton/ who departed this life on the 15th day/ of November/ in the year of our Lord 1862/ Aged 65 years/ Blessed are the dead/ which died in the Lord.

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All Correspondence should be addressed to our Secretary :
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