



NEWSLETTER

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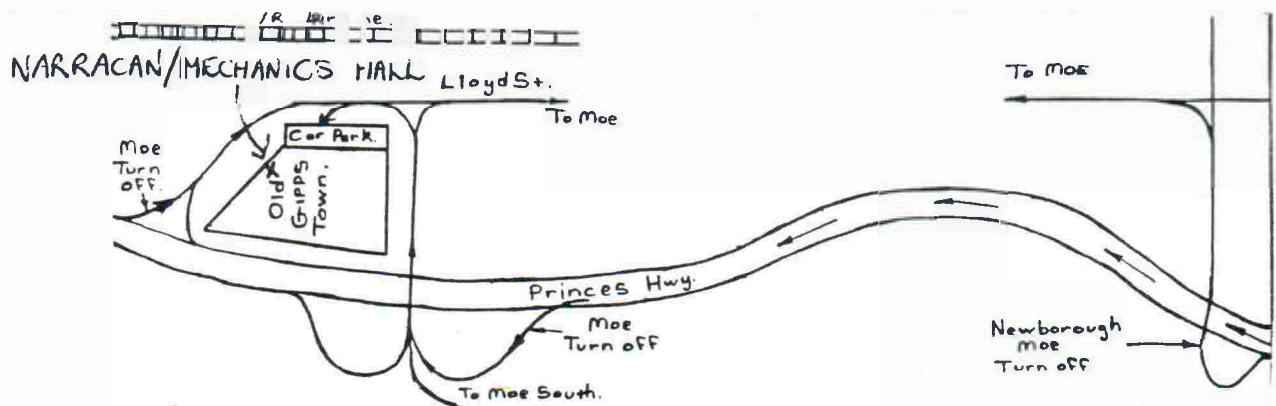
1991 PROGRAM - FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

27TH JUNE 1991 Trivial Pursuit Night.
25TH JULY 1991 Annual General Meeting.
Members to bring supper.

CHANGE OF GROUP'S NAME AND VENUE.

As The Genealogical Society of Victoria is becoming an Incorporated body, our group will become the following: THE MID-GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INCORPORATED. As yet, the 'STATEMENT OF PURPOSES' is still to be defined and will be finalized at a meeting in early June.

Hopefully, by the 27th June 1991, our group will be relocated into the premises of the old "NARRACAN HALL" at the Gippsland Folk Museum, situated at the end of Lloyd Street Moe. The entrance to the hall is via a side gate facing Lloyd Street. Below is a map, showing the location and different ways to arrive there.



DAY TRIP TO THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA - LIBRARY.

On Sunday, the 23rd June 1991, our group are planning a trip to the Library. Limited numbers due to other groups being present on the same day, so it is advisable for members to make their own way down and meet at the Library - approximately 11.00 a.m. For those who are interested please contact Dawn Cowley.

AN INTERESTING MEETING HELD AT THE LOCAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

Our meeting for the month of May, on Thursday 23rd, was held at the premises of Mr. John Leckey in Ollerton Avenue, Moe. John is well known throughout Gippsland and has been in this profession for approximately thirty years. Some of the previous funeral directors in the area were:

H.W. Devine - Yallourn in 1948
Graeme Ratten - Morwell
Mr. Bolger - Morwell
Fred Halden - Moe

Unfortunately, in earlier times, the records for these businesses were not kept very accurately. However, that situation is not so today, and excellent records are kept both at Moe and Traralgon.

The Australian Funeral Directors' Association (Victorian Branch) Inc. has produced two very interesting videos which John showed us. The first one was to commemorate 100 years service to the public - "A Hearse, A Coach and A Pair of Horses". The second video was made approximately four years ago and is a modern version to help people become more aware and understanding of bereavements - "A Celebration of Life". All information is now kept on a card system. If more information is required then the record books can be checked. Anyone requiring information about their family for research purposes in Gippsland, are quite welcome to contact the office at the following address:

Latrobe Valley Funeral Services Pty Ltd
Member Australian Funeral Directors Association
Ollerton Avenue
Moe Victoria 3825
(051) 27 6277

One procedure that must be followed, is the completion of a "NOTIFICATION OF DEATH" form which must be filled out by the Funeral Director, along with a Doctor's Certificate and a Burial Certificate. The Burial Certificate must be completed by the Minister or Funeral Director. If the Minister is not present, then two witnesses must sign the form. The information for the Notification of Death form must be 100% accurate and this information is best taken from Certificates.

We would like to welcome John as a member of our group, who has become avid "tree climber" like the rest of us!

A very big "THANK YOU" to John, Lyn, and Anne for the unexpected supper which was greatly welcomed on such a chilly night. Also, for the interesting tour of his premises which included the office, the workshop, the garage, the chapel and other rooms.

TASMANIAN CERTIFICATES.

Now, that registrations are computerised, certificates from 1900 will not automatically give cause of death or name of informant. You will have to request this information. If you require a certificate after 1970, an additional \$10-00 will be charged, making a total of \$30-00, altogether.

Tasmanian Ancestry March 1991.
Submitted by Mrs. Shirley Connaghan.

THIS INSCRIPTION WAS FOUND IN ST MARGARET'S CEMETERY
WESTMINSTER - MIDDLESEX-LONDON.

No. 123 RALEIGH

The ancient inscription from the oaken tablet of 1618.

Within the chancel of the church was interred the body of the great Sir Walter Raleigh, Knight. On the day he was beheaded in olde Palace Yard, Westminster, 29 Oct 1618. Reader, should you reflect on his errors, remembers his many virtues and that he was a mortal.

Qui Legis Haec Fletu Prodigus Esto Pio.

Submitted by Mrs. Jean McNally.

GEELONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP.

Publications for sale. Prices below include postage and handling.

Geelong Eastern Cemetery: RC Section-3 Microfische. (\$11-00)

The Geelong Irish. (\$13-00)

Geelong Family History Group Members' Interest Directory. (\$3-50)

Index to the Admission Books of the Geelong Infirmary and Benevolent Asylum. (\$17-50)

Batesford and its early families. (\$12-00)

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2ND IRISH ORIGINS - AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE CONFERENCE.

This conference was held over two days - Saturday and Sunday, 18th May and 19th May, 1991. The venue was the Lakeside Reception Centre in Melbourne's Zoological Gardens, Royal Park.

Both days saw a full program from 8.30 a.m. through to 5.30 p.m. On Saturday night, dinner and entertainment was at the Celtic Club. Everybody had a very enjoyable late night!

Guest speakers for the two days were:

Dinny O'Hearn - Executive Officer of The Australian Centre, University of Melbourne

Dr Portia Robinson - Senior Lecturer in History at Macquarie University NSW

Dr Trevor McClaughlin - Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University NSW

Dr Richard Reid - Lecturer and writer

Dr Louis de Paor - writes poetry in Irish

Dr David Fitzpatrick - presently attached to the Australian National University as Senior Research Fellow.

Wendy Baker - professional researcher

Des Regan - Councillor of The Genealogical Society of Victoria

Three books that were highly recommended and in great demand were:

"Visible Immigrants" - Neglected Sources for the History of Australian Immigration by Richards, Reid, Fitzpatrick

"Poor Australian Immigrants in the Nineteenth Century" - Visible Immigrants: Two by Richards.

"Tracing the Past" - Sources for Local Studies in the Republic of Ireland by William Nolan.

These books can be obtained through any Genealogical Bookshop.

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