





# FAMILY HISTORY EXPO

## SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 10am to 4pm



IN CONJUNCTION WITH VAFHO  
at COPACC – Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre  
Cnr Rae & Gellibrand Streets, (opposite the railway station) Colac

Tickets \$20 per person, all inclusive and available at the Colac Cinema office or book through:  
<http://www.copacc.com.au/Events/Family-History-Expo>

**EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS:** All tickets purchased before 1st October will go in a draw to win a DNA Kit  
200 Showbags to give away, prizes, raffles

### SPEAKERS

11:00 am Joan Hunt - Accessing Land Records	12:00 pm Jason Reeve - DNA Tests
1:00 pm Colonel Neil Smith - WW2 Military Records	2:00 pm Susie Zada - Were Your Ancestors Regular?
3:00 pm Jenny Harkness - Family Search - The World's Largest Free Genealogy Collection	

### CONFIRMED EXHIBITORS

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| ◆ Ancestry                                      | ◆ Archive Digital Books Australia               |
| ◆ Ballarat & District Genealogical Society      | ◆ Ballarat Heritage Services                    |
| ◆ Bellarine Historical Society                  | ◆ Bendigo Family History Group / AIGS           |
| ◆ Birregurra District History Centre            | ◆ Clan McMillan Society of Australia            |
| ◆ Colac & District Family History Group Inc     | ◆ Cressy District History Group                 |
| ◆ Derrinallum Lismore History Group             | ◆ Families in British India Society             |
| ◆ Family History Link                           | ◆ First Fleet Fellowship                        |
| ◆ Geelong Family History Group                  | ◆ Genealogical Society of Victoria              |
| ◆ Genealogy ebooks                              | ◆ GenP Genealogy Program                        |
| ◆ Gould Digital                                 | ◆ Gould Genealogy & History                     |
| ◆ Guild of One Name Studies                     | ◆ International Settlers Group                  |
| ◆ Meredith History Interest Group               | ◆ Mornington Peninsula Family History Society   |
| ◆ Mostly Unsung Military History & Publications | ◆ Narrewarren District Family History Group Inc |
| ◆ Openbook Howden                               | ◆ Ryerson Index                                 |
| ◆ State Library of Victoria                     | ◆ Unlock the Past Cruises                       |
| ◆ Unlock the Past Publications                  | ◆ Vic GUM                                       |
| ◆ Vic Mining Accident Index & Mining Records    | ◆ West Gippsland Genealogical Society           |

### PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY & CULTURAL HISTORIAN

More than 200 digital and printed photographs of Colac & District Schools, Weddings & Family Groups on display.  
A Cultural Historian will be on hand to assist with dating old photographs by the clothing, hairstyles etc.

### SURNAME REGISTER & FAMILY REUNIONS

Register the family names you are researching on our **SURNAME REGISTER** and we will endeavour to connect you to others attending the event who are researching the same families. Organise to meet others at one of our **SURNAME REGISTER MEETING POINTS** Contact [rsearch@colacfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:rsearch@colacfamilyhistory.org.au)

### MEET OUR COLAC DISTRICT PIONEERS & HEAR THEIR STORIES

*Hugh Murray, early Colac District pioneer and Catherine Ah Yee will make an appearance and narrate stories about life as it was in the early days of Colac. Hugh Murray arrived in the area in 1837 and first lived in a slab hut near Barongarook Creek. Catherine Powell was born in Barongarook in 1859 and in 1878 married Chinese market gardener Luis Ah Yee.*