

# ILMO



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Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.  
MERSEY BRANCH



## *From the Editor's Desk*

### Our Branch Committee in need of new Ideas

Most of our Committee Members have held the same Office for many years and we need **new and fresh ideas** to ensure that we provide the best possible facilities for researchers and members to discover their ancestry roots.

**Should any of our financial members have a couple of hours to spare, once a month (see dates opposite), and are interested in Family History, we would like to talk to you about becoming a Committee Member.**

**Nomination and Expression of Interest Forms are included in this Edition.**

### The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for 2016/17 Year

will take place at the Family History Library, 117 Gilbert Street, Latrobe on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016, commencing at 1.00pm. This is your opportunity to hear about our accomplishments and other activities during the past year and our plans for the ensuing year.

**Have no fear you will not be asked to take up a position on the day** as Nominations must be in hand by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Enjoy a chat and the afternoon tea to follow the meeting.

### Are you a GOOD ANCESTOR?

### Are your family history records due for a MAKE OVER ?

Don't let your descendants say that our Parents never told us anything about our history. Perhaps you have done some research and recorded it for posterity and think that it was enough. Well, in 2016 that is just not enough. There is so much more information available "on-line" that will enhance your story. (Refer page 4 of this edition for more info.)

### Volunteer Recruitment

Due to the changing circumstances several of our most loyal workers are finding it difficult to fulfil their rostered commitment and are seeking to be relieved of duty for a while.

To fill the gap and to be in a position to provide the usual quality of service we are in need of new volunteer workers. To date one person has answered the call, but one or two more would ease the situation.

## Programme 2016-17 Year

### February

17<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

### March

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16<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> Nominations for Committee 2016-17year

31<sup>st</sup> Helen's Challenge closes.

### April

13<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

**16th Annual General Meeting –Mersey Branch**

### May

18<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

### June

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15<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

Included in this ILMO are **Nomination forms** for positions on the Committee of Mersey Branch. Persons wishing to use these forms can print them from this Newsletter or obtain one from the Branch Library.

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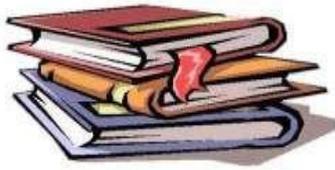
### Mersey Vale Memorial Park

Our Committees' plan to photograph all the plaques located in the Mersey Vale Cemetery, and to produce Book 3 of the Devonport Cemeteries, has been placed on indefinite hold.

The project has been deemed to be far too large, for the few members willing to volunteer their time and efforts, to undertake.

# Recent Acquisitions

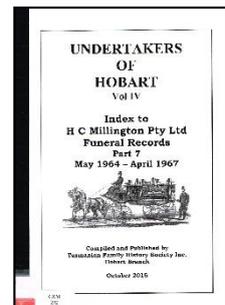
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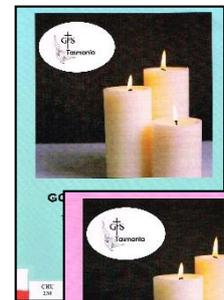
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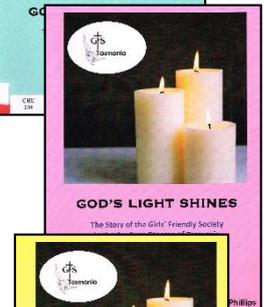
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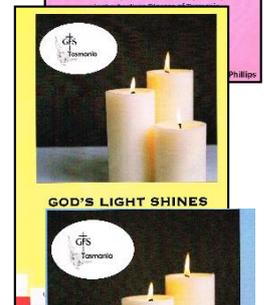
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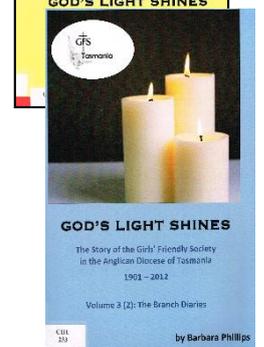
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# Barbecue

# 2016



*Great Food*

*Birthday Boy*



*Do you have to ?*



*Yum !!*



*Happy Families*



*Not another Photo of me*



*Almost didn't make it Anne*

# Is it time for a make over?

Times have changed considerably over the last fifty years or so.

In the past many of our ancestors held the view that once a relative had died his or her history went with them. The view then, was that there was no need to preserve any documents, photographs or other items of paraphernalia that may have been retained as relics once held dear by the deceased.



There is no doubt that over the past fifty years there has been a change in attitude. Most of us have the experience that our parents told us little about the history of our family, our ancestral line and its origins. We are today, aware that our past could easily be lost, and to ensure that those who follow us have some idea of their ancestry, we have kept certificates including birth and death, and records including health, military, naturalisation and school, passports, newspaper and church notices, awards, photos, art and craft work, journals, bibles, diaries, baby books, school and wedding books and heirlooms.



Maybe your record keeping has been confined to **updating** the relative section of the **"Family Bible"** where records of births, baptisms, engagements, marriages and deaths are found.

There are others that have their history kept in **an old battered box**, hidden away in back of a cupboard, well away from sight. In most cases those boxes are found to contain a variety of certificates, newspaper cuttings, photographs and memorabilia, some valuable, some just plain trinkets as keepsakes.



Maybe your record keeping is more sophisticated than those mentioned and have kept all of the above including a rough form of a "family tree" in **a handwritten note book**.

Perhaps you have done much more than the others and have used a "family tree program" **on your computer** to record the events relating to each of your ancestors and consider that you have not updated it for a long time.



In each of the cases mentioned you may consider yourself as a "Good Ancestor", but the question has to be asked – "are you a good ancestor". **How long is it since you updated your records** and are you aware of the huge amount of information currently available "on- line". The National Library has transcribed many of the old newspapers and they can be found, read, copied and downloaded from the **"Trove" web site**.



**Do you need help in taking the next step to either update your records or do you require assistance in producing a "Family Tree" from your current information?** If you can answer "yes" to each of these questions be assured that the Volunteer Staff at your Family History Library will be happy to assist you.

Generally our service could be free to our members, but please call at the Family History Library, bringing your information with you, and one of our staff will assess how we can help you and inform you of any possible cost.



## Family Tree Maker: Going, Going...



Ancestry announced in December 2015 that 'due to the declining software market', it would no longer offer *Family Tree Maker* for sale. It will only continue to support its genealogy software product until the end of 2016. FTM allowed family historians to keep their data on their own computer, while offering them the option to synch their tree with Ancestry. According to comments posted on the Ancestry blog, the news was not well received by software users. [Find out](#) what to do if you are affected.

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## Call for Irish DNA Volunteers

Do you have 8 Irish great-grandparents? If so, then the Irish DNA Atlas project is something to consider. This initiative was launched by the [Genealogical Society of Ireland](#) and Royal College of Surgeons in 2011, to further population history knowledge and help understand how genes influence health in Ireland. Participants from all areas of the island came forward, but more are needed. Suitable participants with ancestry along all coastal areas and the midlands are particularly of interest, though approaches from anyone from any area that can demonstrate all their great grandparents were Irish is welcomed. Email [Seamus O'Reilly](#) to make contact.



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## New Year, New Ancestors?

Have you made any family-history resolutions for 2016? It's a natural time of year to pause and reflect, to think about where we want to focus our efforts - and make a long list! [Here](#) are some ideas you might want to consider adding to that list, if you haven't already, such as writing a blog, joining a family-history society or attending your local History Library.



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# SMILE



## *It's all in the Pronunciation*

A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American girl. Although his English was not perfect, they got along very well. One day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him to arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

**Have you any grounds?**

“Yes, an acre and half and nice little home.”

**No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?**

“It made of concrete.”

**I don't think you understand.**

**Does either of you have a real grudge?**

“No, we have carport, and not need one.”

**I mean what are your relations like?**

“All my relations still in Poland.”

**Is there any infidelity in your marriage?**

“We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.”

**Does your wife beat you up?**

“No, I always up before her?”

**Is your wife a nagger?**

“No, she white.”

**Why do you want this divorce?**

“She going to kill me.”

**What makes you think that?**

“I got proof.”

**What kind of proof?**

She going to poison me.

She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom.

I can read English pretty good, and it say:



## God's plan for aging

Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will.

It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

## Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

9. Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

8. Life is sexually transmitted.

7. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

6. Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

5. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

4. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

3. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

2. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

1. Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers.

What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.



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## Mersey Branch Annual General Meeting

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### **NOMINATION FOR BRANCH EXECUTIVE 2016/17**

**Positions Vacant:**

**President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Committee Member – 7 to be elected  
State Delegate – 2 to be elected  
Alternate Delegate**

Nominations to be in the hands of the Secretary **26<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

I,.....(Print Name)

agree to my nomination as.....

and agree that my contact details may be published by the Society. I agree to abide by the rules of the Society at all times.

*Signed:* .....

*Proposer*.....*Signed:*.....

*Secunder*.....*Signed:*.....

Nominee, Proposer and Secunder must be financial members of the Society for the **2016/2017** year

Please note that a separate form is required for each nomination

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### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**I (Print Name)** ..... am interested in being appointed to the position of:- *(Circle any position of Interest. More than one may be circled)*

**Library Co-ordinator**  
**Assistant Library Co-ordinator**  
**Membership Officer**  
**Research Co-ordinator**  
**Journal Liason Officer**  
**Website Administrator**  
**Newsletter Editor**

**Publication Sales Co-ordinator**  
**Equipment Maintenance Co-ordinator**

**Other Areas** *(please indicate area of interest)* .....

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