



HISTORY ROOM



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Last month Goolwa's History Room hosted a visit from representatives of Goolwa Tourism 5214 and the Goolwa Tourist Information Office.



A presentation by library manager Simon Murphy and a discussion with history room volunteers Frodo Krochmal and myself gave some idea of the resources available in our room. Simon's presentation, built on comprehensive material previously prepared by Robyn Lockwood may be viewed on the History Room computer.

"frodographs" by Frodo Krochmal



Of particular interest to me was the past and present mapping tool available on Alexandrina Council's website. This superimposes a map from 1949 over a current version – highlighting how the town has grown.

The history room has been very glad to welcome historians Jennifer Repper and Penelope Hillam who are available by appointment to guide visitors through Ancestry.com Births Deaths and Marriages, Find My Past etc. to seek out family trees. Jennifer has supplied the following information:-

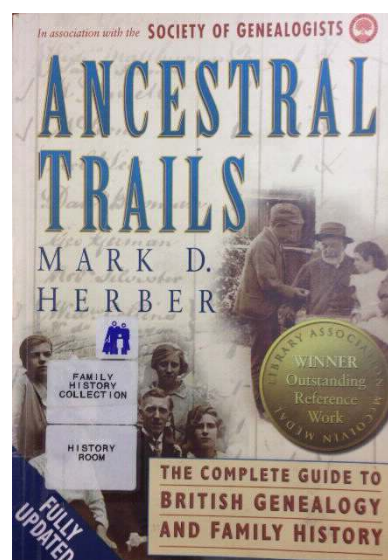
“We help people with their family history challenges. Sometime people just want to brainstorm new and different approaches to their research and others want to work as a team to push through some of the brick walls they have come up against.

The resources in our room have proven an invaluable adjunct to the online databases of Ancestry, Find My Past and Family Search. The combination offers a more holistic approach for searching. We have a large volume of files about local residents, businesses, boats and buildings from time past. The W. A. Pretty Collection has a substantial photographic library that is worth a browse even if you are not researching your family history. Our substantial range of reference books enhances this outstanding history room.

If your ancestors came from Britain, I would highly recommend Mark Herber's ***Ancestral Trails: The complete guide to British genealogy and Family History*** from our library. This text is a genealogist's 'bible'. It covers almost every class of record in every repository and library in Britain with a chapter dedicated to Scotland, Wales, Ireland, the Isle of Man and The Channel Islands.

Don't be put off by the date of publication as the information is still relevant today. The location of some records may have changed and this is usually mentioned on the particular website. The print is very small and a magnifying sheet may be helpful. This informative reference is best read in small bites at a time.

Herber offers the reader more than ninety examples of the major types of records. It is suitable for beginners and the most advanced family historian. This comprehensive text may help identify new avenues for researching your ancestors.”



The libraries will be closed on Friday 21 December from 12.30, re-opening Thursday 27 December and closed again on Monday 31 December and Tuesday January 1.

We wish you a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

HAPPY RESEARCHING **Jennifer and Helen**

Help is available in the Goolwa History Room when a volunteer is on duty. If you are travelling some distance it may be advisable to phone the Library to ascertain whether a volunteer is available. (The Room and Family research database are accessible whenever the Library is open but some documents may only be viewed when volunteers are present – Genealogy research by appointment Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays – phone 8555 7000)

At Strathalbyn's History Room Volunteer Pamela is available 10 am – 4 p.m every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for family history – phone for 1 hour appointments. No appointments necessary for Local History enquiries on Thursdays 10 am – 4 p.m. However, if travelling some distance 'phone to check Andrea or Carolyn will be attending. Written enquiries with contact can be left in Visitors' Book at any time during Library hours.

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