

Newsflash

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NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK 2010

National Family History Week this year will be held between the 31 July and the 8 August 2010.

Add your event to the list on the National Family History Week [NFHW] web site at:

www.familyhistoryweek.org.au

Any event that support family history can be added to the site. Be sure to mention this web site and our sponsors in any advertising undertaken by your society or library. It is important to add to what is available in every state and territory in Australia, even if it is a low key event such as an 'open day' for your library. If you are looking for ideas, check out what is happening elsewhere from the Events already listed on the web site.

We are very keen to see events listed. We seek financial support from sponsors to help fund publicity and they check the web site regularly to see what is happening. To date we have sponsorship from *FamilySearch* and the *National Archives of Australia* and others will be coming on-board. Continuing financial support is very much dependent on the success of the Week, which is measured by the number of events that take place during the Week.

LIST YOUR EVENT NOW.

The Week will be launched on the 31 July 2010 by Hazel Edwards in Melbourne (venue to be announced). Hazel has written a excellent publication, *Writing a Non Boring Family History* (Hale and Iremonger, \$20).

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Current members are listed at: www.affho.org

Together we can achieve much more!

To do justice to your intriguing ancestors, in a non-boring way, is a challenge.

A few are interested only in assembling facts, before the owners of those facts vanish, but there are techniques which can make such compilations more readable. Other authors are interested in ensuring that their *books* which have taken so many years to research and write are not given just cursory glances and shelved, forever.

There are practical ways of shaping your intriguing ancestors, quirky anecdotes and data so that *his-story* or *her-story* do not become just a *blandised* list of births, marriages and deaths. Structuring themes, avoiding chronological boredom and effective characterisation are some of the skills, even if all you've got is a name on a shipping list.

More information regarding Hazel can be found on her web site at www.hazeledwards.com

As the Week gets closer, I encourage societies to



Opening 2009 National Family History Week— President Andrew Peake presents flowers to Jenny Harkness, President of VAFHO who opened the Week.

seek publicity from their local newspaper, as the ultimate objective of the Week is to encourage society membership.

Andrew Peake

