

It's National Family History Week!

GREEK-AUSTRALIANS ARE DIGGING THROUGH THEIR FAMILY HISTORY

Family history is highly regarded to Greek-Australians who are seeking to go beyond the initial migration to Australia. This week is the time to dig up the roots of your family tree, as National Family History Week runs until today. National Family History Week features nation wide events to help people uncover their family's unique past.

The events will teach citizens how to use records such as boat passenger lists, naturalisations, birth, death and marriage documents to create a comprehensive understanding of their family.

Spiros Saris is an amateur genealogist and a research agent for The National Archives of Australia. He is on The Council of South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society, whom are running the family events in Adelaide.

Saris explains that as the educated tech-savvy Baby Boomer generation



approaches retirement, they are becoming more interested in their ethnicity. Additionally he adds that Greek-Australians face particular challenges. "It's the tyranny of distance, most of us can pick up our history from Australia forward, beginning from a passport. But the difficulty is to transcend the divide – what about my parents' wedding photos or birth certificates from the

old country?" As well as that, documents may have been lost in migration, or may have different, non-anglicised names.

"I started my research in 1977, when I went back to Greece, and it's still going...It's a labour of love."

President Jenny Harkness of The Victorian Association of Family History Organisations is running several

events across Victoria. She's helped several Greek-Australians get in touch with their past, and she says the task can be particularly rewarding. "A lot of people who have immigrated – particularly Greek-Australians – have anglicised themselves to try to fit in. But now people are wanting to reconnect with the rich culture and language of their past."

She says in all cases of researching family history, the first port of call is the same. "Start with yourself and look backward to your oldest living relative," she says.

But family history isn't only important this week. The Immigration Discovery Centre in Melbourne's Immigration Museum hosts information about family history research, including passenger lists; it is open daily.

People in other states can access passenger lists at The State Records Offices. The South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Association opens August 1st and is located at 201 Unley Road, Unley. Melbourne's Immigration Museum is located at 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Additional information on Family History Week, can be found at: www.familyhistoryweek.org.au

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