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An Invitation to the 2018 Immigration Celebration event.

A full weekend is planned for our Immigration celebrations and all descendants have the opportunity to participate in all or some of the events.

On Friday 5th October, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm there is a “Portside by Night Tour”. Carmel Murdoch, your guide, and from Customs House in Wharf Street, will take you through the early days of the Heritage City, spinning tall tales of sailors, smugglers, brothels and opium dens from years gone by when Maryborough was one of the busiest ports in Australia. Enjoy a nip of port in the authentic surrounds of the Bond Store basement as a fitting way to finish the evening. “There was a time when Maryborough was the gateway to Queensland and indeed Australia and thousands of people disembarked in this very area; some of them upstanding citizens, and some not so much. Needless to say there are countless tales of these scoundrels and scallywags and the mischief they used to wreak upon the streets of Maryborough”. Cost \$10.00 per person, Maximum number 25 people.

Or, on Friday 5th October, from 6:15 pm until approximately 8:00 pm, the Maryborough District Family History Society is conducting the “Maryborough Cemetery Tours”. Tours depart the Cemetery Gates, Walker St., Maryborough. Please bring a torch and wear covered shoes. Join the experienced and friendly guides for a walk-through Maryborough’s interesting past. Cost \$10.00 per head.

On Saturday 6th October, we are celebrating 140 years since the arrival of the **Herschel, Highflyer, Glamis and Caroline** to the port of Maryborough. Descendants of passengers from these sailing ships are invited to our event at the St Mary’s Parish Hall, Bazaar Street Maryborough QLD. Registration will commence at 9:00am. There will be displays of family trees and also memorabilia. If you would like to display your family photos, tree and stories, could you please forward to the above email address or by post. These will be displayed in A4 folders for each ship.

Home-made Morning tea will be available free of charge. Lunch will also be available at a small cost. You will have the opportunity to meet other descendants of the same ship as your ancestors. **Some entertainment is being organised for after lunch and Shelly and Rod Hansen, well known in Poetry circles throughout Australia, will recite a poem.** Carmel Murdoch, will be doing a guided Heritage walk around the wharf precinct passing through the Duncan Chapman Memorial Trail, free of charge at 2:30pm. This is an extremely popular way of seeing our Heritage sites and we have had nothing but exceptional feedback regarding Carmel’s professionalism and local knowledge.

Books are compiled each year on each of the journeys and, where possible, family stories of the passengers and descendants. These publications, which will be on sale during the Immigration Celebrations and later through the Heritage Institute. Previously published books on ships that came into the Port of Maryborough from 1862 are also available for purchase.

On Saturday night, visit Gatakers Artspace from 6pm to 9pm. Enjoy live music, delicious food and the best of local art and culture in the magical ambience of Gatakers by Night. Settle in with a table for two or a group of friends. Casual meal options and delicious desserts available. Bar facilities.

On Sunday 7th October, join the bus trip to Dayman Point planned for visitors and locals to see where the ships anchored at the White Cliffs on Fraser Island. The bus will then continue on to Urangan to the Boat Club for lunch. In conjunction with this bus trip there will be a **Whale Watch** trip organised by the Boat Club leaving the Marina at 1:30pm and returning at 5:30pm. **This is a great way to visualise what your ancestors would have marvelled at when the ship finally rounded Fraser island and entered the Bay and finally saw the coastline that was the starting point for their final destination up the Mary river to the Port of Maryborough after many weary months of shipboard living.**

- Anyone wishing to go on this trip is welcome but expressions of interest are required so bookings can be made.



Please see Maryborough Family Heritage Research Institute Facebook page for all the passenger lists for 2018 Celebrations.

Descendants of other ships and the general public are also welcome to attend.
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