

Update on 26 March

*We looking forward to catching up soon at what should be a great day and weekend. Some minor changes:*

- *Because of a Council clarification about restrictions at Evandale community centre we will be moving the Gathering to the Longford RSL Memorial Hall, 78 Wellington Rd (just up the road about 10 mins by car from Evandale)*
- *The Longford RSL Memorial has all our needed facilities and much more. It has a Diner on site for lunch with the 'happy chef' and a great meeting room for the day [Longford is actually where Anne White/Sydes and all their Norfolk Island friends and later extended family moved to around 1814 before a number moved to Evandale]*
- *We know that some have booked to stay in Evandale overnight (where many of us will meet on Sunday morning for Anne's sites of interest tour). So to assist those without a car wanting a lift we will try to link them up with those who can assist (please let us know).*
- *The venue move will allow us to revamp the program schedule a bit to make fuller and more balanced (with more focus on the family history connections to Evandale and surrounds)*
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**REVISED PROGRAM** on April 2, 2022 Gathering of Kennedy Murray descendants with an interest in related family history and/or genealogy

**WHERE:** Now moved to Longford RSL Memorial Hall, 78 Wellington Rd, Longford (near Evandale) [moved because of Council restrictions at Evandale community centre)

**8.15-8.45 Registrations/ collection of document and USB stick (family tree) handouts**

**8.45-9 Opening by special guest and known Harry Murray VC aficionado - Guy Barnett [Senior Minister in current Tas govt]**

**9.05 -10.20am**

- *Introductory overview - paying tribute to the Kennedy Murray family historians and genealogical (family tree) 'researchers' who helped put together the KM family tree*
- *the Kennedy Murray story – i. coming to Australia, ii. his Norfolk Island, Sydney and iii. The related stories of his 'wives' Ann White and Ann Parker, etc.*

**10.15-10.45 morning tea**

**- an update by the Evandale History Society on their current plans for a new memorial plaque to the Kennedy Murrays etc/ (Barry Lawson, President)**

**- Evandale (and Norfolk Plains/Longford) adventures of Kennedy Murray Sr and Jr and their extended family networks**

**- the Kennedy Murray family tree of Australian descendants – i. paying tribute to the family historians and genealogical (family tree) 'researchers' who helped put together the KM family tree**

**12.30-1.450pm Lunch - at Longford Memorial RSL Diner's famous "happy chef" will be on duty with a range of economical lunch options**

**1.45-3.45pm (Special guest here Frank MacGregor, Honorary Consul for the United Kingdom & High Commissioner for Clan Gregor Australia).**

**- the DNA tests and related inquiries that showed KM and his Australian descendants are really MacGregors who took on the name Murray during the 200 year Scottish proscription after 1603**

*- related stories of how DNA plus additional family history and genealogy were able to directly link KM's Australian descendants to one of the main Clan Gregor lines in Scottish history (the Fortingall line of Sir James MacGregor – whose 15th Century book traced his genealogy to King Kenneth MacAlpin who was the first to unite the Scottish kingdoms of the Picts and the Gaels, etc, around 900ad)*

*- tips on using the Kennedy Murray family tree gedcom file (e.g. on ancestry.com or programs like Family Tree Maker (and related further plans for an email group of those interested in future updates and assisting to correct and update one main file).*

***Tea and gathering***

*4-5pm (option for anyone wanting to check and/or correct family tree record on our main file can do so (will be able to bring this up on a laptop with the program Family Tree Maker) .*

*6pm dinner gathering at Levee restaurant, Launceston Seaport (please confirm if you wish to attend)*

*Sunday additional option – meeting in Evandale 9.30am for Anne (Taylor) Batalabasi's 'sites of interest tour' in and around Evandale (including a stop at Murray Museum at Evandale Community Centre) [More information about this given on April 2]*

- A nominal payment on entrance will be needed to just cover expenses only for such items as the hall booking, catered morning tea and the handouts of the family tree/history on a USB stick and related Gathering 'pamphlet' for the morning. This should be about \$20 or so each.*