



Ripper Family Reunion 2004
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There are at least 500 Australian Rippers most of whom can trace their origins to a small region in western Cornwall.

The first Ripper immigrants appear to have arrived in Australia in the late 1840's and mainly come from the towns of Redruth, St Austel, Breage and thereabouts.

Several members of the family both in Australia and overseas have been researching the family history and have established a family line which at the present time extends back to the village of Crawle in Cornwall in the late 1400's.

The main purpose of this Reunion is to celebrate over 150 years of the Ripper family in Australia and to each take a part in building a picture of the family as it exists today.

A large proportion of the family are still resident in Victoria and many of those are in Gippsland hence Stratford as the first reunion venue.

Whilst Ballarat in Victoria or Wallaroo in S. A. may have had more historical significance to our early days, very few of the family still remain in those areas.

We hope that those attending will not only experience a very enjoyable weekend but come away with a better knowledge of our history. Also make friends of unknown cousins both distant and near.

We can all contribute to the success of the weekend by bringing with us our family stories, any historical information we may have to share and a willingness just to have a good time with the family.

Participants are encouraged to bring along family artifacts, photographs and certificates for display and any family history research that family members may have already undertaken.

We will have available over the weekend, computers, photocopiers, scanners, birth deaths and marriage data from all states and territories, data show equipment and display areas.

We hope that by the end of the event, with the preparation which has been going on for the past several years the real beginnings of a Ripper family history in Australia will emerge and be available to all who are interested.

