



**Ripper Family Reunion 2004**  
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Dear Ripper family member,

The Ripper family, originally from Cornwall, has now been represented in Australia for more than 150 years and Rippers now inhabit every state and territory of Australia

The family was living in Ballarat during the Eureka Stockade and in the following 150 years have made their mark throughout Australia working in fields as diverse as the arts, science, music, law, engineering, education, defence, government and agriculture.

It is just fifty years since the last of those first “Australian born” Rippers passed on.

A gathering is to be held over the period of 30th October to 2nd November 2004 of the descendants in Australia of William and Joan Ripper (1510-1561) of Crawle (Cariohall, Cariurrall or Crohall) in Cornwall who emigrated to Adelaide in the 1830s and Melbourne from the 1840's on, and all those now attached to descendants, along with any other Cornish-Australian Rippers.

The Ripper Reunion will take place at Stratford, Victoria over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. The weekend event will be followed, if there is enough interest, by a bus trip to take in significant Ripper sites in Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and the central Victorian goldfields on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Attached to this letter is the program of activities and registration form and preliminary information sheet.

Accommodation will be available for all tastes, from caravan parks, cabins, motel and billeting with local family members.

Even if you are unable to attend we would love to have a response from you on the attached form or by email and are happy to provide details of the weekend and the picture which emerges of the Ripper family today.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this, the first reunion in 150 years for all the Ripper descendants in Australia

With Kindest Regards

Don Ripper  
(for the organizing committee)

