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## COLLINS CONNECT WEBSITE

Check out our new website at [www.collins-connect.com](http://www.collins-connect.com)

Same website address with a new modern look and feel.

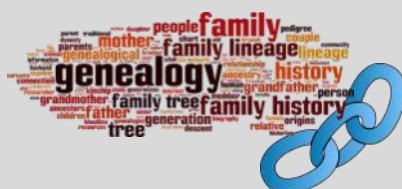
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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Collins Connect acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we live and pays its respect to the Elders past and present.



## Collins Connect Social Event 10 July 2022

Due to popular demand, another Collins Connect Social event was held on **Sunday, 10th July 2022**.

These family socials are avenues of bringing together extended families and friends to socialise and interact with Collins Connect. Line Dancing instructor Nikki from Boots 'n' Us held front stage with a couple of free beginner dances. It was a fun session and everyone enjoyed the feet tapping dances.



The Bingo Jackpot was the talking point and draw card. Collins Connect was fortunate to have some Collins family members donate funds towards the Jackpot of \$300. Some very lucky winners with the Jackpot prize won by **Maria Teofilo**.

As Collins Connect events are not-for-profit social occasions, any funds raised are used to fund the event itself. Having food sold during the events, whether at cost price or by donation, these events are mostly self-funded.

As a team, we thank all our extended family and friends for helping fulfil the Collins Connect mission. Well done team and THANK YOU !

## COLLINS CONNECT ANNUAL REUNION

**WHEN:** Sunday, 23rd October 2022

**WHERE:** COHR Church Hall, East Oakleigh

**TIME:** 12:00pm—5pm.

**Contact:** [collinsconnect.2108@gmail.com](mailto:collinsconnect.2108@gmail.com)



# COLLINS CONNECT - FAMILY TREE

A major project undertaken by the Collins Connect team (behind the scenes as a COVID Project) was the updating of the Collins Family Tree.

The tracing of the family tree commenced in 2018 and has been an ongoing mammoth task. Obtaining validation of the record has been a key fundamental requirement. Receiving information from family members, advice on names are not finalised until the validation is conducted. Collins Connect subscribed and validates all family tree data from ancestry websites and records.

2018 the manual process commences



Karen Collins and Corrine Collins embark on the family tree in 2018



"This is where you fit in Benjamin."

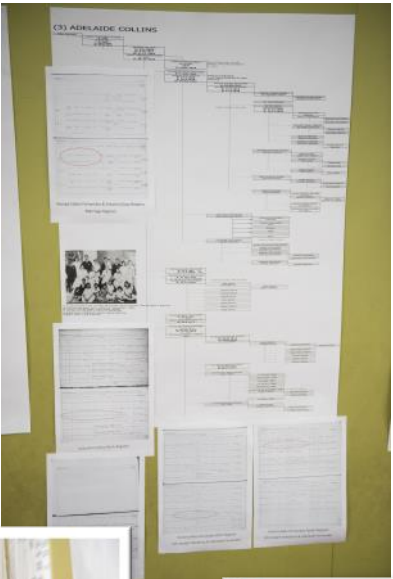


The start of the journey... 2018

What appears to be a common data trend are the usage of abbreviated first name, second name or even pet names on many records making the task all the more difficult to validate.

At the Collins Connect Annual Reunion 2019, the family tree was on display for all attending members to fill-in-the-gaps. The excitement of seeing their family lineage was priceless and worth the effort made at the growing tree. Tracing the family tree beyond the Patriarch Paul Collins is an ongoing task.

ADELAIDE COLLINS LINEAGE



VICTOR COLLINS LINEAGE



The family tree project has been managed by our resident founding member Karen Collins together with collaborator Corrine Collins to achieve the task thus far. Many long hours scanning the ancestry websites researching for the connections has been a tedious but rewarding task.

**This is where we need your help!** Providing key names/pet names or surnames will assist with leads to find the missing linkages. Calling on Alexander Collins family lineage.... **Was Alexander known as James Alexander Collins or Alexander James Collins?**

Father Henry (Joe) Collins and Mother Cecilia Daly's first born was 'Alexander' Collins. Many ancestry websites identify James Alexander who married Adelaide Watkins. These names have been mentioned by many family members, however the connections to Henry (Joe) Collins is not validated and appears to be a disconnect.

James Alexander Collins' father is identified as *Lazarus* Collins. The children of James Alexander and Adelaide Watkins include Etta Ann Collins, Edgar Paul Collins, Walter Alexander Collins and Irene Nora Ann Collins are names frequently heard but does anyone know the connection?

Are you able to share any information that will lead to a connection please email [collinsconnect.2018@gmail.com](mailto:collinsconnect.2018@gmail.com) or contact Karen on WhatsApp +61 407303304. *All leads are welcome to grow this banyan tree!*



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*Some light reading to ponder....*

## Family Webs

By Kelly Roper

Family ties are like spider webs.  
They are delicate, yet so strong,  
And if they are broken or destroyed,  
They can be woven again.

And like a spider web,  
Those intricate lines stretch out  
Between all the family's members,  
Creating a connection that can still be  
Felt even if not immediately seen.

The best thing about this "family web,"  
Is that it's sticky enough to hold  
Everyone together and help them feel  
They have a place where they are loved.





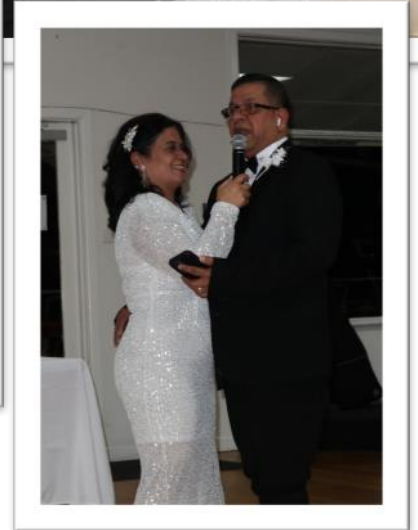
## CONGRATULATIONS to Lloyd and Lynette Collins

celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 8th September 2022. An evening of celebrations with family and friends, good food and nonstop music. A beautiful rendition of 'My Guiding Light' for the anniversary dance featuring none other than Lloyd Collins singing to his wife Lynette.

The cake was elegantly decorated by Maureen Borthwick and of course MC Alan D'Cruz made sure the evening was an enjoyable occasions.



*Wishes from Collins Connect family.*



**SUNDAY, 13th  
November 2022**

**ONLINE CHAT FEST  
especially for our  
overseas family to catch  
up. More details to  
follow.**



ALL IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK ARE WELCOME

*It's almost here!*



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, 4th December  
2022**

**COLLINS CONNECT  
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

EDITOR—Karen Collins

**Want to help?**

CO-EDITOR—Corrine Collins

If you would like to contribute to the Collins Connect newsletters, we encourage you to get in contact with any team member.