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Welcome to the October 2009 meeting of the EZITREE users group. Thank you for continuing to come along to our little group and supporting each other in our family history computer genealogy.

Upcoming User Group Meetings
The last meeting of this year will be on the 7th November and we intend making it a small Christmas celebration so please note the date in your diary.

User Group Meeting Venue
As mentioned in my email this week, we need to discuss changing the venue from the Lions Club Hall and I hope you have given it some thought. Three people have already indicated that Sunday is unsuitable so we will be keeping the meetings on a Saturday. However, it will have to be the fourth Saturday because none of the proposed venues can accommodate us on every third Saturday.

Just to remind you there are three main reasons for the change. Firstly, the increased cost of hiring the Lions Club Hall from $25.00 to $35.00 which is a heavy burden on our small group. Next, we have the continuing difficulty with the parking around the hall on a Saturday due to the Bridge Club players arriving on or before our meeting starts. Finally, there is the inability to get a decent internet wireless broadband connection at the hall due to its location and possibly the dense stand of trees around the buildings.

Fortunately, Yvonne has found a room that is available at the Port City Bowling Club which can hold up to 14 to 16 persons or more at a pinch. It is the old Bowling Club Board Room located near Oxley Beach opposite the sports oval, and has good parking and tea making facilities (first priorities). We have seen the room and it has tables set up in a square with comfortable chairs, air conditioning and there is a good internet wireless signal with plenty of power points. Best of all, it is currently available on all the fourth Saturdays of each month when we can normally hold the meetings.

The club will be charging us for the use of their kitchen, access to their tea, coffee and biscuits for $3.00 per person. We hope this is okay because it will mean everybody is sharing the cost. If 6 people turn up, the cost is $18.00 whereas with the Lions Club Hall, it is now a flat $35.00 no matter how many people attend. Therefore, with your approval we will move the meeting to that venue starting from 2010. I will confirm to you by email of the changed venue about a week prior to that meeting.

Today's Topics
It is hoped that today will be an informal question and answer time without having to focus on a specific topic. If the questions dry up, there will be a demonstration on how to use the various search options (including Replace) for your data in Ezitree once it has been entered.

Remember, the user group meeting is your opportunity to ask questions and explanations, please make good use it.

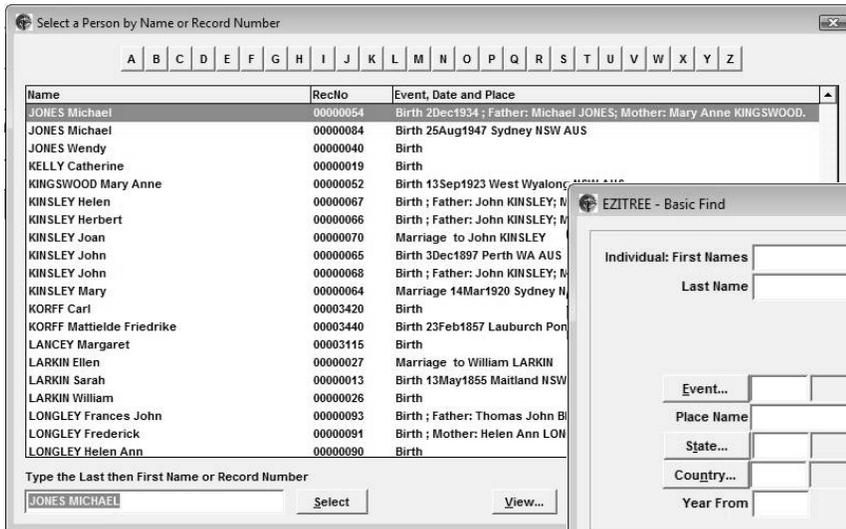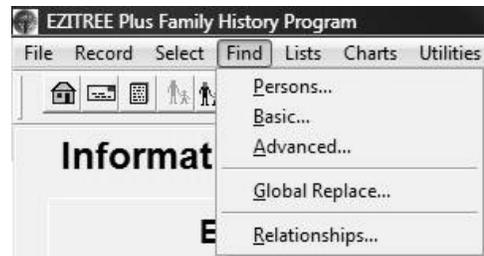## Useful Websites: www.ezitree.com.au – Related Links
We are sorry for the disgraceful self promotion, but have you used the 'Related Links' facility on our website? This is where we put really useful and interesting websites we have found. These are the websites we go to when doing our family history, such as direct links to the search facility of the NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages. Also, links to websites that have cemetery transcriptions and photographs and lots, lots more. Please have a look next time you are on the internet.
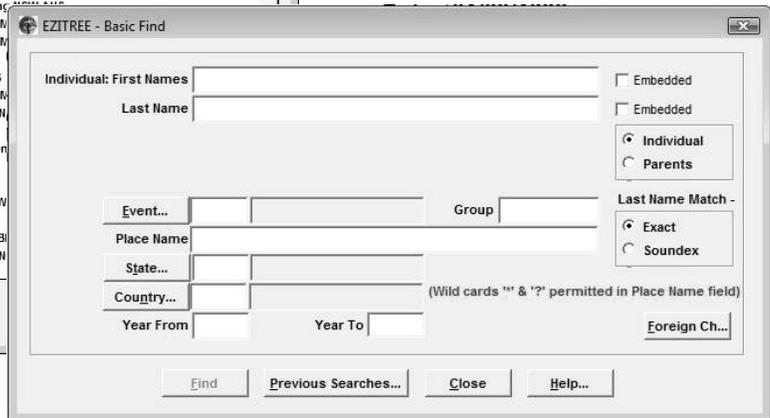
The Ezitree 'How To…'

How to Search for Data in your Ezitree Family History

There are a number of ways you can locate data in your Ezitree program. The majority of these are available from the menu under 'Find' and there four types, Persons, Basic, Advanced and Global Replace.

Persons. This is the same as clicking the binoculars icon from the main Ezitree window. This is the quickest and commonest way to locate a record in Ezitree if you know the name of a person or their number.

Basic. This option allows you to search on a number of different criteria besides the name, such as parents, events, places and years span.
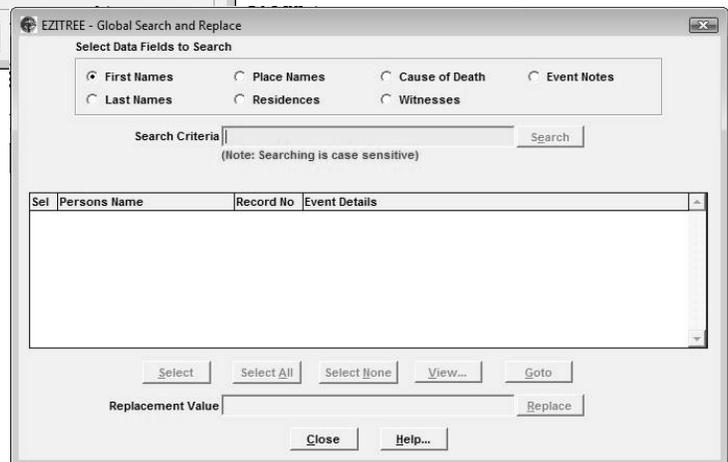
Advanced. The 'Advanced' option allows you to search the more 'exotic' areas of the program, such as event notes, memos, research, contacts, and multimedia. You may look for any records with any data, or for a word in the specified fields. For example, you could search for the word 'heart' in the Cause of Death field to determine which of your ancestors had heart problems. Alternatively, you could locate records with the word 'Sydney' in the Source field.

Global Search and Replace. With this option, you may locate records with specific text such as a misspelt town name, and automatically replace all occurrences of that town name with the new spelling.

When using this option, please remember that it is most important the case of the search text is correct, that is, uppercase for last names and mixed case for first names, etc.

If time permits, I will demonstrate all of these search options at today's meeting.