



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013

Colleen opened the meeting at 10am and welcomed the return of Joan Sandford, Rosemary West and Pam Chismon.

Apologies: Vera Harrison, Jan Roberts, Ann Turner.

Fees: Most members have paid their annual subscription of \$25. Our account balance is looking very healthy at the moment. A reminder to those yet to pay that they can deposit their subscription directly into our BankSA (Ocean Street, Victor Harbor) account, online or at their own bank. For details to do this, contact the Treasurer Verle Wood on 8552 2197.

EBFHG Monday Research: we haven't been maintaining our list of people helped so must better manage this. A "sign-in" sheet was suggested.

Website: visitor numbers are up, but this may have been skewed by extra visits by Verle and Ros following some difficulties. The annual site fee has been paid, but Ros is currently seeking a new host who can better handle our requirements, and when this happens a refund is available. Latest "exotic" visitors from Charlotte [? Canada or USA] and India.

Radio 5E FM [89.3]: Frank and Elaine discussed dates and their relevance in your family history linked to World events and topics such as what famous persons shares you birthday etc. last month. They will do the August session [Tracing your English Ancestors] but are not available in September. Rosemary volunteered and Colleen will support her. Their topic will possibly be, "the danger of on-line trees" or even revisiting the "getting started" session. Reminder: it's on 5EFM 89.3 at 11am – 11.15-ish on the second Monday of each month. Topics covered so far: Getting started; 'Ask them before it's too late'; the UK censuses; the Family Bible project; the Parks and Gardens project; storing heirlooms/keepsakes and recording their provenance; Trove; S.A. records; and War Records. Future topics may include: shipping lists, the Australian National Archives; and checking sources.

Obituaries Project: Rosemary suggests a training sessions for interested members to be held in the computer room from 1.00 – 3.00pm on Monday September 9th. She will show us how to access the information we need from Trove and allocate areas. The library was advised not to accept bookings from the public for research help that afternoon.

Seminar: Fleurieu Family History Group: Verle attended the 4 sessions and praised the organisation and content. Well known researcher Graham Journey conducted the first session and one of the points he raised was that there was no assisted migration to SA from 1841 – 1846. Other sessions were: presentation from the State Records Office –what's available, maps, etc.; State Trustees, about wills old and new; and ArtLab, a semi private organisation that restores almost everything. Verle was delighted to see as part of their presentation, the restoration of a shattered opal glass photograph of her father as a baby in 1899 that she commissioned. A very expensive exercise, but a priceless keepsake as her father died at a very young age.

Verle stated that the next seminar to be held in 2015 should be well worth attending.

Oral Histories of Victor Harbor: with the \$20,000 grant Ben has hired local historian Rob Linn to supervise the project and train volunteers to enable it to continue after the initial start up period.

Correspondence:

- Resignation from Kay Taylor who may return at a later date.
- The final travel tales email from Jan Roberts who is now on her way home.
- Scotlandspeople newsletter
- Thank you letter re Duck family query

Any Other Business:

- Frank drew our attention to a move by the European Economic Community in Brussels to restrict information being released by government agencies, etc. as it infringes privacy laws. This will especially impact on family historians worldwide.
- Peggy prepared a poster for the library notice board inviting the public to our meetings and/or Monday help sessions
- Liz wanted clarification on whether a statement she's noticed in Trove family notices indicated country of origin: "copy to English/Scottish newspapers". Explanation provided.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am, when several members used the computer room.

Next meeting September 12 2013.