



Minutes EBFHG 11 February 2016

First meeting for the new year.

10.00 am welcome and meeting opened. Members were invited to help themselves to tea, coffee or hot chocolate and a biscuit or three.

Attendance: 13 members present plus a new prospective member. There were six apologies.

General Business:

1. Election of officers:

Chairperson: Peggy (unanimously voted in)

Vice president: Frank (Joan nominated. Jenny seconded)

Secretary: Tracey Treloar (Peggy nominated. Vera seconded)

Treasurer: Verle (Joan nominated. Peggy seconded)

Tea lady: Vera

- 2. EBFHG Monday research sessions:** Peggy reported attendance had been slow and reminded members that they could book in for help through the library desk.
- 3. Website report:** [Verle] The website is back to the old format. January saw 302 visits and over 600 page views. International visits included Russia, China, Brazil, and South Korea. Last year saw the highest visitor spikes in March, April and May. Verle advised that blog Family History day pictures from 2012 are now visible on the website. She and Elaine have also been entering the past newsletters and those from 2011 are now available. Verle asked for members to make blog contributions. Any pictures should be sent straight to Verle from the camera if possible i.e. before any photo-shopping etc. Peggy pointed out that the existing blogs are well worth a read... some are hilarious and others quite poignant.
- 4. Treasurers report:** [Verle] The books are square and funds are looking healthy. Members felt the Artlab excursion last year was a great success. 19 members and 5 non-members attended. Verle advised that very little expense had been incurred by the group as the cost of the bus was offset by a small extra charge applied to those non-members who went.
- 5. Obituaries project update:** [Peggy] Colleen, Joan and Peggy have completed the last set of the obituaries project, consisting of newspaper articles and information regarding Port Elliott deaths from Trove newspapers. Rosemary is collating and editing them from afar and they will be ready for the History Week in May. The Port Elliott segment is huge and it is felt a CD Rom/DVD rather than a hard copy book will be required. John spoke on the CD/DVD cover design and advised it should be the same as the book. Peggy proposed a sub-committee should look at producing the CD/DVD and cover, and this was tabled to be discussed at the March meeting. Joan volunteered to look at doing a

template and Colleen and Verle offered to assist with the production. Peggy thanked Verle and Joan for organising the trip.

6. **Follow-on DNA report from Tracey Treloar:** Tracey spoke on the different companies that offer DNA testing and how to get more from your results by downloading them to other groups and DNA websites. She also briefly explained the different types of DNA tests that can be done and how to interpret the results.
7. **Correspondence:** Simon Murphy from library services at the Alexandrina Council (who is affiliated with the Goolwa Family History Group) has suggested he meet with us to discuss sharing resources. Tracey to invite him to the VHFHG meeting in March and at that time organise a group visit for us to go to Goolwa.
Rosemary sent a newsletter and it is attached below.

Joan received correspondence from the organisers of the Family History event in May requesting confirmation of our information. Joan will respond with any corrections.

It was suggested the group may wish to purchase the new book "A Guide Behind The Lines" which is about the people whose names appear on the War Memorials on the Fleurieu Peninsular. Heather Watkins advised the book was in the Victor Library, although not sure if it is available for loan. She has copies of Vols 1&2 of the above & would be happy for members to borrow her copy; anyone wanting to borrow could contact Heather on: k_hwatkins@bigpond.com

Pam Chisman has donated past newsletters from the Alexandrina Family History Group. They date back to Sept 2004. Joan has had these bound and they are available for members to read.

The group received a copy of the quarterly journal of the Fleurieu Family History Group (the group meets at Christies Beach on the 3rd Saturday of each month). Verle advised that they had a very good resource library.

8. **SAGS excursion:** Peggy brought up the proposed SAGS excursion for later this year. It was decided to wait until we had spoken with Simon Murphy (who FH group visited SAGS last year) before deciding if, when and how to visit, but that any visit should be before October. Group members discussed the benefits and costs of visiting and joining SAGS. Much information is now available online for members. Joan and Colleen felt there were benefits to joining and Maureen advised they kept good information on Tasmanian births, deaths and marriages. John also mentioned that the Holdfast Bay history group at Glenelg is quite good.
9. **History and Genealogy Expo:** The Expo will be held on the 7 & 8 October 2016 in Adelaide . Peggy asked if the group would like to have their own table at the Expo to publicize who we are, perhaps gain a few sleeping members and sell our books and CD/DVDs. A table is \$90 or \$40 if we actively encourage members and others to attend. Verle felt it may be better to just go along and look this year but the issue was not decided. It was felt we should organise a bus to take group members who wished to go and the organisation if this to be tabled for the next meeting in March. The website for those interested in the Expo. Is www.unlockthepast.com.au/expo2016
10. **Other Business:**
Joan has sorted through the groups resources and offered any excess material to members.

Verle advised that it was time we engaged a group member to act as librarian for our collection. She has purchased a stamp and stamped those books that were available. Books are available to borrow on Monday afternoons (at the help sessions) and at monthly meetings. Joan volunteered to act as librarian.

The South Australian Maritime museum has launched its new searchable database, Passengers in History. There are over 350,000 names on the database. The web address for the database is www.passengersinhistory.sa.gov.au

A new Book: "A Different Earth" about the life, times and adventures of a woman from Cornwall who gained free passage to Australia during the potato blight has been launched and is available to purchase.

11. Sharing Time:

Heather asked what members thought of the Adelaide Pioneers Association. It is for people whose ancestors arrived in South Australia between 1836 and 1845. Some members had found it expensive and elitist in the past.

Vera asked if it was true that before 1753 people did not need any official documentation to be considered married. Peggy advised this was not strictly true, that defacto relationships have always existed but the only legal recognition of marriage at that time was still through the church. She recommended researching books on Marriage Through The Ages.

The meeting closed at 11:10am

11.00 a.m. – 12 noon: Research time: Members did their own research or receive help from more experienced ones in the computer room.

Members are reminded that they: ·

may store a backup CD or memory stick of their family history in our filing cabinet at the library so that they have an off-site resource in case of a disaster at home, and they, can have their surnames research interests recorded in our Surname Database on our website which is available [without individual identification] to a potentially worldwide audience.

Next meeting will be Thursday March 10th 2016 at 10am.