

## **A Summary of the Encounter Bay Family History Group 2001–2014**

Early in 2001, a genealogy talk and demonstration by Sue Sautter, of Mt Barker Library, to Victor Harbor Seniors-On-Line students at Carrackalinga House generated an interest group. This led to an inaugural meeting there on Thursday 23 August 2001. Eighteen people attended, with a further four interested but unable to attend. A family history group named the *Victor Harbor Seniors On-Line Genealogy Group*, was formed.

A name change occurred in 2008 when the group separated from VHSOL and moved to the newly-built Victor Harbor Library. The name became the *South Coast Family History Group*. This was changed again to the *Encounter Bay Family History Group* in 2010 when the need for a more location specific name became apparent after the creation of our own website.

In 2014 two of the founding members of VHSOLGG still belong, along with several long-serving members

Group members have participated in many projects and activities. More recently these included

- 2008: We participated for the first time in the State Library's initiative, *About Time: South Australia's History Festival*. In cooperation with library staff we presented special projects for history week in May. This has now become an annual history month. The first projects researched the people for whom Victor Harbor parks, gardens and reserves have been named. The latest is the obituaries and notices of deaths of people of the southern Fleurieu Peninsula. Records of all research are held at the Victor Harbor Library.
- 2009: We began free help sessions on Monday afternoons at the library for people wanting to learn how to research their family history.
- 2011: A surnames database for members was created and later added to our website.
- 2012–2014: We participated in a monthly genealogy segment on local radio 5 EFM [89.3]

Current membership for the 2014/15 year is 22.