



## The A.N.D.F.H.G. News sheet.

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### This Month's News from the Editor.

Hello, and welcome to this the first Newssheet for the year, we hope that you had a pleasant and happy New Year. This month is going to be an interesting month all round; the Committee is back at work, and with sleeves rolled up are ready to tackle several new projects.

Once again we are asking for help from our members, especially in the area of assisting in the cataloguing the Birth notices, Obituaries, and Marriages appearing in the early South Australian Newspapers dating from 1838-1951. These Newspapers appear on microfilm and are a part of the entire Newspaper collection held by ANDFHG.

Did you know? Official records of BDM's did not commence in South Australia until 1842, which was 6 years after Adelaide was founded; this means that these Newspaper records are the only available source in many cases, of locating early South Australian Pioneering Families. Therefore the cataloguing of these microfilms is a very important job, which is currently being carried out by Tammy Martin, Shirley Bulley and Mary O'Brien.

BUT! They need your help to assist them, so if you have a few spare hours a week, and would be

interested in helping out, please contact Margaret Flaiban at [Secretary@andfhg.org](mailto:Secretary@andfhg.org) with the words "Newspaper Volunteer" in the subject line, and either Tammy or Shirley will be in touch.

During the months of December and January, our membership continued to increase to a current 139 financial members, out of a registered membership of 152, which by any standard is a fantastic result. It is also interesting to note, that our members are not only located within the immediate boundaries of 10 km of the ANDFHG's clubrooms, but come from all parts of South Australia, which seems to show that we must be doing something right.

The annual Cemetery Tag-a-long tours have proven to be very popular, as indicated by the attendance at the Main North Road Cemetery in November, but we are looking at introducing some other interesting venture other than the Cemetery Tours, if you have a suggestion or an idea for an interesting attraction, one that would appeal to all members, please contact Peter Applebee at [President@andfhg.org](mailto:President@andfhg.org), I know he would love to hear from you.

Colin Withall,  
Editor.

# A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SPEAKER'S NIGHT JANUARY 2011.

Presented by Michael Smith.

## ***“THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF ROBERT FRASER (1858 – 1934)”***

Michael Smith presented about 50 of the 500 photographs taken by his great grandfather Robert Fraser between 1890 and 1910.

Robert Fraser was born in Port Adelaide in 1858, son of Scottish parents George Fraser and Ellen Andrew. Robert's father George was a light house keeper and worked on many lighthouses around the state including the Port Adelaide lighthouse, a photo of which was included in the presentation. George was originally from Cromarty in the North of Scotland.

In 1893 Robert Fraser lived at Ansell Street, Semaphore, later moving to 95 Hall Street in Semaphore. The house was named “Cromarty” after his father's birthplace in Scotland.

In 1885 he was co-proprietor, with his brother of A. C. Fraser & Co, a draper shop in Maud Street Glanville; by 1905 they had moved to larger premises at 220 St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide employing about 36 staff.

Robert became a wealthy man and was able to take up the hobby of photography. The photos were taken on large format glass plates. While he was not an extraordinary good photographer he did win 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in a photograph competition for one of his photos of ships at dawn in Port Adelaide.

He took his large camera and tripod to many places including Port Adelaide, the Adelaide City centre, Bridgewater and Second Valley.

Photos presented included the “HMS Protector” (South Australia's first warship), the

Semaphore and Largs Bay Jetties, bridges over the Torrens Lake and Adelaide street scenes. Robert also managed to capture events of the times including the Duke and Duchess of York's visit in 1901, Lord Kitchener's visit in 1910. He photographed one of the most memorable icons of Adelaide – John Martins in Rundle Street!

These beautiful photos were stored in a large wooden chest which after Robert's death ended up being placed in Michael's grandfather's chicken coop. When his grandfather died the chest was put on a trailer to be sent to the tip but Michael retrieved it just in time.

Michael has scanned the glass plate negatives electronically and is in the process of restoring them. This job is difficult as some had Vaseline smeared on the emulsion side of the plate to soften (defocus) areas when printing, the Vaseline has since deteriorated leaving smudges on the negative.

Errol Chinner from the Port Adelaide Historical Society who attended the presentation was especially interested in the photos and managed to identify some buildings no longer in existence.

Michael Smith.  
Family Tree Maker Users Group Convenor.



## **NEW MEMBERS.**

It is with much pleasure that we welcome the following New Members to ANDFHG. If you are able to help them with their research interests, please contact them through [secretary@andfhg.org](mailto:secretary@andfhg.org), who will pass along your details. Please Welcome:

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| Eva TUCKFIELD.  | Who is researching the family TUCKFIELD of Gwennup in Cornwall (CON)                  |
| Doreen DUNSDON. | Researching: DUNSDON, ROSSALL, JERMY, PENBROKE, BOAR, STOCK, WASH, PRICE, and ARCHER. |
| Janet ROONEY.   | Researching: ROONEY, GORE (all), both families pre 1875 KENT UK.                      |
| Jan JOHNSON.    | Researching: JOHNSON, LARDNER, WIGGINS, KEARNS. All pre 1900 N.S.W.                   |

**Important dates on the Calendar for July 2010.**



*Legacy Users Group Meeting Report:*

**Meets 7.00pm Monday February 7th**

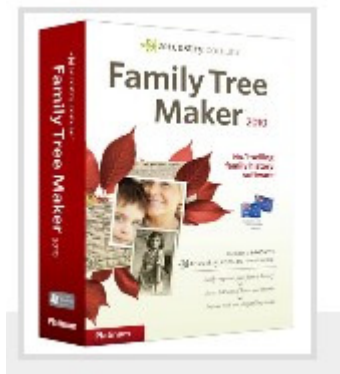
Convenor Shirley Bulley and assisted by Ivan Randall.

Learn how to use the Family History Program "Legacy 7" everyone welcome.

For information, contact Shirley Bulley at [shirljim6@bigpond.com](mailto:shirljim6@bigpond.com)

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*Family Tree Maker Users Group Report:*



**Meets 2pm Saturday February 19th**

Convenor Michael Smith assisted by Lisa Southon.

Contact e-mail [michaelsmith@chariot.net.au](mailto:michaelsmith@chariot.net.au)

# IMPORTANT DATES ON THE CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2011

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## On Our Birthday List

*On behalf of all Members, the Committee extends Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following members who are celebrating their Birthday during this period.*

### February:

Roger Osborn.	Whose birthday was the 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Michael Smith	Celebrating on the 7 <sup>th</sup> .
David Paterson	Celebrating on the 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Margaret Flaiban	Celebrating on the 8 <sup>th</sup> .
David Southon	Celebrating on the 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Trevor Wynne	Celebrating on the 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Marjory Trigg	Celebrating on the 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Angela Keany	Celebrating on the 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Rodney Howson	Celebrating on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .
David Jeffreys	Celebrating on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Joan Gilbert	Celebrating on the 28 <sup>th</sup> .

### Celebrating In March.

Christine Irish	Celebrating on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Anne Mellon	Celebrating on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Alan Ainsworth	Celebrating on the 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Kaylene Wallis	Celebrating on the 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Wendy Walker	Celebrating on the 12 <sup>th</sup> .
James Hood	Celebrating on the 16 <sup>th</sup> .

*Happy Birthday, each and everyone. May your day be a most Happy one.*



# **GUEST SPEAKER'S NIGHT.**

**7PM Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

**ANDFHG meeting rooms Ann Street Salisbury.  
(Old Police Station)**

**Presenting**

## **COLIN WITHALL**

*The Editor of "The Compass"*

### ***"Devon Mariners and Newfoundland"***

Devon, famous for its Devonshire cream and Cider, but even more so for its Mariners, those intrepid men that sailed the oceans of the world, exploring and carrying on commerce for England. Amongst these men were names such as Drake, Frobisher, and Raleigh. But there were hundreds if not thousands of other Devon Mariners who risked their lives in pursuit of fame and fortune, and no more so than the Devon fishermen and Merchants that braved the severe storms and Icebergs of the North Atlantic, to bring to the markets of Spain and Portugal the fruits of the sea, and in return brought needed trade goods back to England. Facing danger and death from the sea, Pirates, and England's old enemies, they returned year after year, their story is both fascinating and fraught with danger, sometimes humorous and sometimes sad.

These are true stories of the Mariners and the history of Devon and Newfoundland

**Tea, coffee, and refreshments are provided.**

### **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

**Admission Free to members**

**Non Members \$2.**



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