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ELECTED COMMITTEE 2016-2017

PRESIDENT	Peter Applebee
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MINUTE SECRETARY	Tammy Martin
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	Helen Stein
	Ian Cowley
	Margaret Flaiban

APPOINTMENTS

LIBRARIAN	Margaret Flaiban	FAMILY TREE MAKER CONVENER	Peter Applebee
DOCUMENT SCANNER	Sharon Norman	LEGACY USERS GROUP CONVENER	Shirley Bulley
		AUDITOR	Shirley Bulley

July Calendar

Monday, 3 July
7:00pm - 8.30pm
Legacy Users Group Meeting

Thursday, 6 July
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 8 July
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Committee Meeting -
Research Day

Thursday, 13 July
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 15 July
1:30pm - 3.30pm
Family Tree Maker User Group
Meeting

Thursday, 20 July
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 22 July
1:00 pm – 4.00pm
Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 27 July
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

From the Committee

Hello Members,

Winter is upon us, and hopefully we are getting the family history jobs done that we promised ourselves we would do during the Summer months. We have the best intentions but sometimes (more often than not) we get sidetracked in doing other things. If you have made a breakthrough with anything interesting in your family trees, we would like to know about it. If you would like to write a small story about your latest find, we would love to put it in our newsletter. We are always on the look out for something interesting. We hope you enjoy this latest newsletter, with lots of interesting articles, especially the websites which hopefully will be helpful to you all.

We are now at the business end of the financial year and as you all know your subscription for next year is due. If you haven't already re-joined and would like to carry on your research then please renew your subscription. Otherwise you will not be included in the newsletters, bulletins or up and coming information about the Group. Don't forget that you need to be a paid up member in order to vote for the committee.

As you can see from the side calendar, Saturday 22nd July is our Annual General Meeting day with our barbeque get together to nominate another committee for next year. A nomination form is being prepared to send out. If you feel you would like to contribute to the running of the Group, and would like to be part of the Committee, please let us know.

It's a little premature but August is National Family History Month with ANDFHG participating again with the Playford Family History Library at Elizabeth as well as a Research Day with our friends from the Dublin Local History Group. There will be more about these events next month.

Thank You.

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TheGenealogist Adds New Online Passenger Lists from the 1920s Era.

The following announcement was written by the folks at TheGenealogist:

TheGenealogist has just released four and a half million BT27 records for the 1920s. These Outbound Passenger Lists are part of the growing immigration and emigration record sets on TheGenealogist and contain the historical records of passengers who departed by sea from U.K. ports in the years between 1920 and 1929. With the addition of this decade of records, the already strong Immigration, Emigration, Naturalisation and passenger list resources on TheGenealogist have been significantly expanded.

The fully searchable records released today will allow researchers to:

- Identify potential family members travelling together with SmartSearch. TheGenealogist's unique system can recognise family members together on the same voyage. In this case it will display a family icon which allows you to view the entire family with one click.
- Find people travelling to America, Canada, India, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere in the Passenger lists of people leaving from the United Kingdom by sea.
- See images of the original documents which were kept by the Board of Trade's Commercial and Statistical Department and its successors.
- Discover the ages, last address and where the passenger intended to make their permanent residence.
- These fully indexed records enable family historians to search by name, year, country of departure, country of arrival, port of embarkation and port of destination. Those with ancestors who travelled out of Britain will welcome this fascinating new release from TheGenealogist that adds to their Immigration and Emigration records which already includes passenger lists from as far back as 1896 and the valuable Naturalisation and Denization records.



Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

LOST AUSTRALIANS

Whilst researching your family history, did you 'lose' a service man? Did someone just 'disappear' and no matter where you look, you cannot locate them. There is the possibility that their name was changed or the wrong information given. This may have been on purpose or just the spelling of the name may have been entered wrongly. Either way, you may want to look at this great website – you never know your missing man could be here. Well worth checking it out.

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/aliases.html>

Teddy and the Cane Chair



I sit in my study and look through to the dining room, where I see a small child's cane chair. It's over 65 years old and was given to me when I was a toddler. It evokes memories of times long gone when I would sit near the radiogram listening to the 'wireless'. I can remember listening to the Queen's Coronation being broadcast. This was a special treat. Dad would listen to the test cricket from the UK with static and crackling in the background. "Search for the Golden Boomerang", "Hop Harrigan", "Hagans Circus", and many more radio programs were broadcast and listened to with silence and expectation. These were the simple joys of a childhood gone but not forgotten. Then came television, 'Mickey Mouse Club' was almost mandatory watching with the same silence and concentration experienced a few years before with the radio. Dad was not a fan of television and often

remarked that it brought about a breakdown in family relationships and coherence. It makes me wonder what he would think of today lifestyle with Facebook, computer games and the internet.

I often shared my little cane chair with my teddy bear. I could press his chest and he would make a noise. Teddy and my chair was the centre of my world and I would retreat to them for comfort and solace in times of sadness and grief which filled my world over the space of a number of years when my brothers and sister were born together with joy and expectation which was short lived at their untimely deaths.

Often I would sit in the chair and listen to stories read by Mum or Dad, from little 'Golden Books'. Teddy and the chair were to make way for other things as I grew and matured into an adolescent. Mum and Dad kept the chair in the lounge room and my second sister was to replace my affection for them. She too outgrew them, but they remained and have been used by successive generations as their original owner has aged.

Teddy lies packed away and I wonder if he will ever see the light of day. Now 'the little cane chair' is a catalyst for remembering and writing my family stories. I wonder what will happen to my little cane chair, when I am gone?

Submitted by Jeff Cook



Washday blues in pre/post war Britain

In this day and age, we are so lucky to have automated washing machines and dryers that can make our lives so easy. We just 'set and forget' until the machines beep to let us know it is finished. But, less than 70 years ago, our mothers and grandmothers had to contend with back breaking days of soaking, scrubbing and lifting wet articles and putting them through a mangle. Even this last part of the laundry was hard and often resulted in accidents with fingers or even hair getting caught in the rollers. A tub of hot water, a 'washing dolly' (or posher) and soda crystals or lye soap is how the ladies at the turn of the 20th century washed the household clothes, sheets, curtains etc. Then, it was a case of hanging the washing on a line in all kinds of weather. If it was windy, it was classed as "a good drying day!"



If the women were lucky enough to have a communal wash house close by, the washing was piled up in old prams and trundled along (sometimes with babies and toddlers in tow) and allocated a trough of hot water, large automated mangles and very large compactor dryers where the clothes were draped over large hot rails and dried quickly. These places were hot, very wet and noisy but was also a great place for the women to get together and exchange gossip. All this was quite a physical exercise just to have clean clothes. Once dried they were piled up neatly back into the pram and taken home where the ironing was done. Yet another physical chore to do. I remember my Mum saying that if she got the washing and ironing done all in one day, then it was a "good day" ! Can you imagine the hard work it must have been during the long Winter months?



For most of his life, my Dad worked for the local Corporation Wash Houses and Swimming Baths as a Boilerman. I remember as a small child going to see my Dad at his work and was quite overwhelmed by the noise and heat. When my Dad was transferred to the Swimming Baths, my brother and I were lucky enough to learn to swim by budding athletes who used the pools during the Winter months to train. My Dad's job was to keep the boilers at an even temperature so the pool was comfortable to use, plus keeping the places clean and germ free.

Compiled by Margaret Flaiban

Free Genealogy Web Sites

This is a list of free genealogy sites, which Alona Tester of Gould Genealogy put together on her personal blog. She has kindly given us permission to use it for our needs. You can always visit Gould Genealogy for books, CD's, microfiche etc. Alona is always happy to accommodate our members. Visit www.gould.com.au for their details. Thank you Alona.

== GENERAL ==

Adelaide Cooperative History

<http://www.ach.familyhistorysa.info/>

Adelaide Cooperative History publishes articles and databases to enhance the understanding of South Australian history, especially in the early days of the colony's life.

Family History South Australia

<http://www.familyhistorysa.info/>

Were your ancestors pioneers of South Australia? Perhaps they were among South Australia's early settlers. Find out by searching Family History SA's free shipping passenger list, census, birth, marriage, death and cemetery records.

Family Tree Oz

<http://www.familytreeoz.com/>

Containing scanned images of old original books, Family Tree Oz does have some South Australian titles online, and free to use. Also included are some New South Wales and Tasmania titles.

Graham Jaunay's website

<http://www.jaunay.com/>

Professional South Australian genealogist Graham Jaunay has lots of links on his own website relating to research in South Australia. Just click on Free Help Pages > SA Information. You'll find information on cemeteries and burials; censuses and electoral rolls; a chronology; SA leaders; migration; newspapers; parish registers; shipping info; military and whole heap more.

History South Australia

<http://historysouthaustralia.net/>

History South Australia aims to bring to life OUR foundation history to a younger generation. With maps, indexes, timelines and articles, there is a whole bunch of information here.

South Australian 1838 BDMs Index

<http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/sa2.htm>

This is a list of Births, Deaths or Marriages as listed in the newspaper titled 'South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register' for the year 1838.

South Australia's British Farm Apprentices 1913-14

<http://www.safarmapprentices.net/>

172 British youths aged 15 to 19 arrived in South Australia to participate in the State Government's farm apprentice scheme during 1913-14, before the First World War interrupted. They were predecessors to the better known 1,400-plus 'Barwell Boys' who arrived during 1922-24 and 125-odd 'Little Brothers' who emigrated in 1927-28. This website shares their stories.

South Australian Teachers 1852-1960

<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/research/condon/teachers/>

Compiled by Brian Condon, this list of teachers contains the service histories of South Australian teachers from 1852 through until 1960. Searchable by surname, by school or by year.

Trove Newspapers: South Australia

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/titles?state=South%20Australia>

With thousands of scanned pages of South Australian newspapers dating from the 1830s through until the 1930s, everyone with South Aussie reli's is like to find something in here.

Unlock the Past South Australian Samplers

<http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/samples?page=5>

This website currently contains samples from 202 historical South Australian publications. Police Gazettes, Government Gazettes, biographies, family histories, directories, local histories and more are all included, and where indexes are in the originals, they are included in the sample. This is a great way of getting an idea of what a title is like before purchasing it.

To be continued.

Are You Pestered by Mosquitoes? If so, Blame Your Ancestors. It's in Your Genes.

A study conducted by scientists at Pfizer Inc. and 23andMe and published in the journal *Human Molecular Genetics*, found 15 genetic variants associated with the size of welts left behind from mosquito bites, the intensity of itch, as well as how attractive some of us are to the insects.

The study looked at several mosquito bite traits together, and the researchers found overlapping genetic associations for each. Among the findings, the analysis in this study suggested that genetics play a slightly stronger role in how attractive a person is to mosquitoes.



You can read a lot more about this study on an article in the *23andMe Blog* at <https://blog.23andme.com/23andme-research/mosquito-bites/>

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