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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM 2015



As we wind up another year, our 19<sup>th</sup> as a group it is once again a time of reflection, review, and my opportunity to thank the committee and members for their support and help.

Our monthly General meetings continue to be well patronised by our members and visitors, the only real threat to attendances this year has been the extremely hot meeting that we had early in the year. We've had a great variety of speakers, including an interesting line up at our Biennial Seminar. Thank you to Elizabeth for organising our speakers, and to the members who send through suggestions etc.

We welcomed three new faces to the committee, Elizabeth Grocke as just mentioned, Christine Keen who took over the role of Journal Editor, and has done a stellar job producing four excellent Journals, and Graham Redman who has taken on the role of Web Master. I believe the decision to work with a professional in setting up our web site was money well spent, and our group will continue to benefit from this for many years to come. Thank you to all of you and I hope you have enjoyed your first year on the committee, you have all done a great job.

Our resources in the Resource room are growing and being tweaked to meet member's needs, and will continue to be open twice a month plus meeting days. Thank you Pauline, Chris and the rest of the Resource Room committee and volunteers, you are to be commended on the time and effort you all put in.

Pauline is also stepping down from the Treasurer's position as she only stepped back into it when the position wasn't filled last year. Thank you for doing this for the group as I know that you really wanted to concentrate on the Resource Room, this gesture was appreciated by us all, and now you will be able to do just that, enjoy!

Kath, has filled a number of different roles this year as a committee member, and I thank you for all of your work, as well as the Anzac Project and Pioneer Register. You also handled anything else you were asked. I would also like to thank all the members of the Anzac Project team and Pioneer Register as we know you

have also worked tirelessly.

Our membership officer Nola has been in this position for a number of years, and we were delighted when the FPFHG's nomination of Nola for a Southern Volunteer Award from Amanda Rishworth's office was approved. Congratulations Nola, and thank you, for your years of service to our group. Please join me in congratulating Nola on her award.

To our Vice President Joy, thank you for your support, and your ear when I run things past you, and the help that you have given Bev. You live miles away, but can always be counted on to be there when requests come our way. You are there when our group needs to be represented, when I am unable, or to attend with me. I'm sure the group is as pleased as I am to have you on board for another two years.

As we say goodbye to Bev as Secretary, I'd like to thank her for all her time and effort, and all the extra things that she does for our group. As well as the secretarial duties, she has also organised the kitchen for our general meetings, volunteered to attend the Resource Room committee meetings to take minutes for them, organised the supper for the Evening Computer group and anything else that needs to be done. So thank you again Bev, and I believe that she is only giving up the Secretary position and is continuing in most of the other roles.

We are fortunate enough to have several special interest groups. I'd like to thank all the other co-ordinators and the members that have hosted groups in their homes. So thank you to Ros and her team in the Aussie group, Anne and Lorraine for the Day Computer Group, and David and Heather for the Evening Computer Group. These extra groups that we have are the icing on the cake, and along with the Resource Room offer that extra support and help, and if you can, please avail yourself of these extra activities.

We have been blessed to have received some grants this year, which has enabled us to update our sound system, receive ex government computers, that are being updated, to replace our aging desktop models and will be ready to go next year. We have also purchased a wide screen projector and screen so that will also be in use next year, which we received almost half funding in a grant.

Our Trading table and Raffles continue to be well patronised, and we also did the Community Lottery, so even with no Bunnings Sausage Sizzle this year, we had the Seminar which helped keep us on track with our budget. So thank you all for

your efforts and patronage in these areas.

Thank you to all the members who have helped on the Trading Table, Raffles, setting up, Kitchen duties, Resource Room helpers, Front desk helpers. Our group would not be able to function without this extra help, as a committee we can only do so much physically ourselves, which brings me to remind you that we still have one general committee position that isn't filled, so we will be actively looking to fill this position. Speak with me later if you are interested, our meetings for the coming year will be on the first Thursday morning of the month.

As we head into our twentieth year as a Family History Group, it will be an exciting year, one of celebration and continuous growth both in membership and resources. The challenges we have are changing with the times of how we do things such as the electronic Journal etc, but still retaining the friendly social side of things, and the finalisation of the new Constitution. So my last year as President will be another enjoyable year action packed but with your help and support as in the past will be easily achievable.

Thank you all.

**Sharon Green**

## ANZAC PROJECT REPORT TO AGM 2015



This year has been a very busy and productive one. Our full time committee has expanded and includes: Judy Dowling, Joy Nieass, Mary Ann Minor, Ros Dunstall, Joan Davies, Heather Boyce, Lynette Gibson, Jenny Chapman, Jan Lokan and myself. In December 2014 we received news that we were successful in our application for funding from the Commonwealth Government's 'Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program'. We thank local member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth and her staff for their assistance, as well as support from Kelly Dyer, Librarian for Local History at the Onkaparinga Noarlunga Library and the Noarlunga 40<sup>th</sup> Cadet Army Unit with this application.

At our January planning meeting we realised that our initial timeline was not practical and decided to give ourselves plenty of time to complete the project. The book launch is now set for Saturday 12 November 2016 at the Arts Centre, Port

Noarlunga.

We received good support early in the year as we sought more soldier descendants to be involved in the project. The Messenger Press did an article in January about our project and local member for Kaurua, Chris Picton included a front page article in his flyer sent to all homes in his electorate in April.

Less meetings were held this year as we were very busy completing our research and in writing up the narratives of our soldiers and nurses. The focus of these has been making connections to pioneer families; including early biographical information; revealing the war experiences and life after the war if our heroes survived. Many did not. Depending on sources available some aspects of these may lack depth and so stories range from one to three pages. At the moment 78 contributions have been submitted for the book with a few still to come. With so many contributors there are many different styles which has meant added variety which we hope will be an added attraction. The end of February 2016 is the deadline for submissions.

Jan Lokan has provided us with a great deal of advice about the presentation of the book and we were pleased when she agreed to join our group. We appreciate Jan's willingness to direct and guide us through the early stages of editing and in preparation of the final layout for the book. This will enable us to save costs on editing which can be put towards additional pages. We have an additional two volunteers to help us with the editing who have the skills and experience to help. The cover design is nearly complete as fine tuning of concept designs is now under way.

Our preparation for the book launch is in the early planning stage. We have appreciated the involvement of Captain Smedley of the Noarlunga 40<sup>th</sup> Cadet Army Unit. He has attended two of our meetings where we discussed the involvement of members of his Unit and soldiers from Re-enact SA who will be involved in military re-enactment and displays as part of the launch. We also have appreciated the support of Di Bellamy from allBIZ who has attended a couple of meetings and offered useful advice about preparing the book.

Lastly, I would like to thank Judy Dowling, Jenny Chapman, Ros Dunstall and Mary Ann Minor for making their homes available to us for meetings. We are looking forward to everything coming together this time next year.

**Kath Fisher**

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## RESOURCE ROOM REPORT TO AGM 2015

The year has again been a busy one and the Resource Room Sub-committee have worked hard to keep the room and technology functioning and up to speed for your enjoyment.

My thanks go to Chris Grivell for faithfully opening and setting up the room for most of the Opens, assistance with the computer maintenance and with the extra admin that Chris needs to undertake.

To Heather Boyce and Anne Dow for all the hard work involved in keeping the computers and laptops running smoothly. Thank you Heather and Anne.

Thanks go to Di Roberts for her role in organising the volunteers and also for preparing some interesting book reviews and thank you to Bev Beerens for taking the minutes of the meetings and for opening her home for the committee to meet. We appreciate you.

Thank you also to our faithful volunteers who attend most Wednesday Opens and assist other members very capably with their research: Jeanette Bell, David Mutch, Bob Beaton and members of the ANZAC Committee who also come along from time to time. More often than not you go above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you. More helpers are needed to lighten the load and don't worry if you think that you don't know the ropes very well. Support is always close by as you learn what is what at the same time probably discovering that missing link that had you stumped. It is a lot of fun!

We opened our Room to the public free for About-time, during History Month and also for the two Opens in August which is always National History Month.

We have received many donations of books and magazines. Thank you to members: Brenda Oakey, Anne Van Der Linden, Jeanette Bell, Teresa Jack, Michael Smith, Joan Casey, Maureen Percival, Trevor Ford, Shirley Gordon, Graham Jaunay, Raelene Crawford, Marie Noble, David Granger, Jim Usher, and also to Nola's brother-in-law who donated three boxes of Family History books. Thank you also Kerry Edwards for the donation of a Netbook that we will be using as the dedicated Catalogue device.

Thank you also to Sharon and the executive committee and all the members of FPFHG for the support you have given us during the year – without you it wouldn't be possible and it has been a successful one!

**Pauline Redman**

## CONGRATULATIONS to FLORENCE STOPPS

In the October 2015 edition of our Newsletter, we published a poem written by Florence Stopps, called 'Forgotten Words'. At the AGM, Florence advised that her poem has now been put to music and is being produced as a song. She also advised that the RSL has sought permission to use her song.

Congratulations Florence. What an achievement!

## 10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

We would like to acknowledge the following members who were awarded with their 10 Year Membership Certificates at the AGM.

Beverley Beerens, Raelene Crawford, June Hudson and Helen Pevie. Shirley Gordon will be presented with her Certificate at the January meeting.



## JARED AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2015

This year the Executive Committee decided to present the Jared Award to two very worthy recipients—Beverley Beerens (pictured below) and Judy Dowling—in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the FPFHG. Judy will be presented with her award at the January meeting.



## CONGRATULATIONS to NOLA CLISBY

The FPFHG Committee and members wish to congratulate Nola Clisby on being the recipient of an “Australian Government Volunteer Award 2015”. The Award was presented to Nola on 13th November, during a ceremony at Port Noarlunga Arts Centre.



Nola is pictured with Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, and special guests Mark Aiston from Five AA and Vivienne Barker from Southern Volunteering.

**PIONEER REGISTER REPORT TO AGM 2015**



This year has seen our Pioneer Register slowly but steadily growing. Our group of volunteers have been very involved with the Anzac 100 Book Project, and we are aiming to put all of the soldiers' families into the Pioneer Register.

We now have 153 individual families, representing 103 different family groups who settled from Happy Valley, Reynella, Morphett Vale, Noarlunga right down the coast to Encounter Bay and through to Strathalbyn and many places in between.

We welcome any contributions and would be glad to accept help from anyone who would like to help by researching a Pioneer family.

**Judy Dowling**

**ANZAC 100 RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets will be available from 16 January. All prizes (as pictured on the front cover) have been donated by Ros, Heather and Elizabeth.

- 1st Prize                      Poppy Quilt (value \$250)
- 2nd Prize                      Poppy Carry All (value \$60)
- 3rd and 4th Prizes      Poppy Pattern Coffee Mugs, Plate (value \$50 ea set)
- 5th Prize                      Poppy Tea Towel (value \$20)

Tickets are \$1.00 each

All proceeds will go towards publishing costs of the ANZAC 100 Book.

Raffle will be drawn at that meeting on 16 April 2016.

Let's support this wonderful project and sell as many tickets as we can. We thank you in anticipation for your support.

For more information see Elizabeth at meetings or contact her on 0421 102 868.

**Elizabeth Grocke**

## EVENING COMPUTER GROUP REPORT TO AGM 2015

Attendance averaged 12 members per meeting. I'd like to thank the Committee for allowing us to use the Resource room and the Projector for the meetings. I'd like to thank Bev and her helpers for taking care of the kitchen for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits etc.

Next , I must thank Heather for all of her help and assistance and in some cases running the evening where I've been her helper. Some things we've covered are:

- NBN connection;
- convert slides to digital and enhancement;
- backup revision;
- Tablets and recommendations;
- VHS to DVD;
- Legacy Family history;
- Tablets - different types;
- Dropbox ;
- Gdrive;
- differences between malware removal programs and I/security programs;
- avoiding Win 10 updates;
- Family Tree programs on Tablets and phones with Anne Dow;
- Image resizer;
- Irfanview (notes from Lorraine).

Not to be forgotten are those members who have come along, because without anyone coming along then there isn't a (sub)group. Remember, the Special Interest Groups:

Aust Interest with Ros Dunstall,

Day Comp group with Anne Linden and Lorraine Pringle,

Scottish group with Anne Dow; and

English group with Sharon Green

are there for You.

**Dave Boyce**

## AUSSIE INTEREST GROUP REPORT TO AGM 2015

The AIG has met regularly in 2015 and we continue to enjoy chatting about our finds, reunions, queries and anything in between. Our members have had sadness at the passing of family members and friends - but we have also enjoyed celebrating the birth of beautiful babies to shower our love on and the joys of watching the next generation growing up.

We have averaged about 12 members each month and thanks must go to Elizabeth Grocke and Jeanette Bell for making their homes available in the first half of the year and special thanks to Heather Boyce who is always willing to help us with any computer issue we have and to show us various programmes that we have mentioned at a meeting.

We enjoyed a most successful Seminar in August arranged by Elizabeth Grocke and also the FTM day organized by the group. Many members are now upgrading their FTM files and preparing to produce a book from the Create A Book plugin that can be run from FTM.

Many of our regular members assist in so many other areas of the FPFHG that it is great to see them come along each month to support others who have questions and need help.

We look forward to another productive year in 2016 -

- the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our Group; and
- the production and launch of the FPFHG ANZAC100 Book.

**Ros Dunstall, Convenor**



FPFHG Facebook Group

View of Witton Bluff on  
Facebook and websites



## DAY COMPUTER GROUP

The Day Computer Group (DCG) meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 Hooper Place, Christies Beach. Meetings begin at 1.00pm and we finish up about 3.30pm for coffee and cake.

We have a very comfortable working area in Ann's rumpus room. There is ample room for at least 6 laptops and we have wifi access that enables us to download programs and do internet searches. We rely on members' suggestions for meetings, looking at programs already on our computers and downloading new ones that catch our interest. We also share problems and queries, and learn from each other's experiences. Some new members would be very welcome. Bring your laptop if you have one or come as an observer.

First meeting for 2016 is 10 February. Contact Ann van der Linden for further information.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES – NOLA CLISBY

To make sure your membership continues and does not incur any late fees, please ensure your membership is paid before the meeting on 21 February 2016, either by: post to the Secretary, or at the front desk.

**ALL** members are required to submit a completed renewal form along with a completed medical form and emergency contact information. If no medical conditions, please mark the form 'not applicable'.

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Members who have not renewed their membership by 9th January will automatically receive an email journal.

**Nola Clisby**

## DAY COMPUTER GROUP REPORT TO AGM 2015

The Day Computer Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Ann van der Linden is the Convener. Meetings begin at 1.00 pm and continue till 3.00-3.30pm, followed by coffee and a chat.

We began the year with a nice influx of new members but transportation proved a problem for some and attendance has recently dropped to 4 members. We would welcome new members and hope to pick up in the New Year.

Working with laptops has worked quite well. We have provision for up to 6 laptops per session and we have wi-fi access to the internet. Throughout the year we have looked at Picasa, Irfanview, Microsoft Picture Manager and Picmonkey photo editing programs. Practical work has included creating an Index, creating libraries and removing libraries. We are still getting the hang of using Dropbox but do see it as a very useful file delivery method. With David's help we are continuing to fight the Word 10 threat. We've compiled Instruction Sheets for these topics.

Next year we will consider switching our focus more towards researching on the internet and locating family history information.

Our December meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> December will be a Christmas get together at Ann's, starting at 2pm.

**Our first meeting for 2016 will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, with no January meeting.**

**Lorraine and Ann**

## SPEAKER COORDINATOR'S REPORT TO AGM 2015

The last 12 months invited speakers have been on a varied selection of topics, which I hope all enjoyed. Starting off in January with our usual Group Show and Tell, which followed in February with Jan Lokan giving us the do's and don'ts of running a family reunion.

Next followed with an Anzac theme with Neville and June Hudson, Christeen Schoaeph, and Monti Smith sharing their stories. In May, Mike and Shannon Smith visited and we saw photos from his Great Grandfather's collection. Very

interesting as there was one of the main street in Old Noarlunga.

175years of Willunga ... where has the years gone!!! was our next topic and followed by Dr Jeff Nicholas who told us some stories of how the streets of Adelaide got their names.

In September Zoe Ratcliffe, co-winner of the TT Reed Award (Family History Award from SAGHS) gave us an interesting talk on her approach in producing her awarding winning book. In October we were truly entertained with Giselle Robin. What an amazing woman? We were captured with her presentation, and today our final speaker for 2015, Peter Christopher, telling us about his love of the 'City of Adelaide' and the progress she is making. I hope you all enjoy.

Our Bi-Annual Seminar went off without a hitch, 4 interesting speakers, good info tables full of interesting information. It was so pleasing to see so many of our members attending plus others further afield, I believe it was the most we have had at our Seminar.

2016 bookings are now underway so if you have a suggestion let me know as spots are quickly filling fast.

Thank you and Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year to you all.

**Elizabeth Grocke**

### **UK INTEREST GROUP REPORT TO AGM 2015**

We are still a fledgling group, and are still feeling our way a bit, we have between 3 to 6 members attending on average.

Most of us have joined either the State or National Library and taken advantage of the British newspapers, but as half of us have also had many other roles to play we personally find this is a great time to do a bit on our own trees etc.

We have usually got at least one Computer set up on Ancestry and one on Find my Past. If a member also has a subscription to any of the sites it eases the pressure on those wanting to use these facilities. Members help one another and we hope to have a look at a few more sites that may be of help. All members welcome the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening of the month at my home.

**Sharon Green**

## 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Your 2016 Executive Committee



Back row L-R: Lynette Gibson, Nola Clisby, Elizabeth Grocke, Graham Redman, Joy Nieass.

Middle Row L-R: Vanessa Lawrence, Kath Fisher, Christine Keen.

Front row: Sharon Green, Mary Sedgmen.

## MOTHERS GARDEN

This poem was sent in by Ros Dunstall.

### Mothers Garden

My Mother kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life it's start.  
She turned me to the sunshine  
And encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem...  
And when the winds and rain came,  
She protected me enough --  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong --  
Markers for my pathway  
That will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy -  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me.

**Author: Unknown**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings are 1:30pm, William Road Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Road, Christies Beach. If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker, please contact Elizabeth Grocke with details.

16 January – Group Show and Tell

20 February – Bruce Munday – History of Dry Walls in South Australia  
(Book available for \$39.95)

19 March – Ian Morphett – Morphett and Thomas Family

16 April – Anzac Theme (speaker to be advised)

Please contact Elizabeth with any suggestions for speakers.

## RESOURCE ROOM OPENING TIMES



The Resource Room is available to members for research. During the opening time before the Saturday meeting the resource room volunteers will not be available to give assistance with 'Family Research', but books, newsletters and magazines can be borrowed from 12 to 1.30 pm and during the afternoon tea break.

Other opening times for the Resource Room will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons only from 1.00 – 3.30pm.

Members wishing to access findmypast during resource room openings, are now requested to contact Chris Grivell and book a specific computer time. Chris's contact details may be found at the front of the journal.

Opening times for this quarter are: 16 January, 3 February, 17 February, 20 February, 2 March, 16 March, 19 March, 6 April, 16 April, 20 April.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Group welcomes the following new members: Peter Tuck and Linda Hooper.

**There will be a New Members Meeting on 16 January 2016 prior to the General meeting. Invitations for this meeting will be sent to relevant members prior to the meeting.**

Nola Clisby

## EVENING COMPUTER GROUP



The evening computer class is held in the Uniting Church Hall Christies Beach. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the hire of the hall.

At the moment the group has moved from bi-monthly to monthly meetings on every second Monday night of the month at 7.30 pm.

The program consists of a presentation on a specific topic followed by a question and answer session. Bring a tagged laptop from home but if you cannot you will be seated with someone who has a similar operating system to you.

Contact David Boyce if you are interested.

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Book 4	1839	\$55	250 ships	5150 passengers
Book 5	1840	\$50	269 ships	4006 passengers just released

All books contain an index of passengers and ships.

The books contain details of passengers from different sources.

Sources: Ship Manifests & Embarkation documents, The Register of Free Passages to South Australia 1836 to 1840 (PRO London), The South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register (newspaper), The South Australian Observer (newspaper), Hobart Courier (newspaper)

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## WEBMASTER REPORT TO AGM 2015

Having got off to a slow start, with the Webmaster job, something new to me. I was encouraged to attend a WEA school on the subject, which did help somewhat, and I thank the committee for supporting me in that endeavour.

I was doing well until I was receiving a large number of emails for club registration which was all spam, so the site crashed and became unusable. In other words it was hacked.

In the meantime not having a website for about 3 months, we employed Sue Grimmond of [visualeyezcolour.com.au](http://visualeyezcolour.com.au) who was recommended to me by my daughter in law. So a completely new site was developed with the Wordpress system.

Due to the information on the Rootsweb website where our site was referred, had to be deleted as the information was quite out of date.

The new site has now been updated and I am still working to add more material which may be deemed necessary for Family History research and Club information for the general public who may be interested in our work.

Currently then, albeit slowly, I am working towards keeping the site up to date for the Club.

As this is my first year as webmaster, I hope that members are happy with what is a much more friendly website, and to Bob I thank you for your years of work in keeping the old site running.

**Graham Redman**

## 52 QUESTIONS IN 52 WEEKS

At the Aussie Interest Group meeting in May, the Group thought it would be good if everyone read through the attached list of questions and started completing them. And for the rest of our FPFHG members think about writing YOUR story. We spend so much time looking for ancestor stories and records - don't forget your story is interesting too.

**Ros Dunstall**

### **52 Questions in 52 Weeks: Writing Your Life Story Has Never Been Easier**

Few people would argue the value of creating a story about a life lived. In fact, it's a noble idea to create your life's story. From it, your descendants will learn

something valuable and endearing from your life experiences and will get to know you as an individual. Elder John H. Groberg of the First Quorum of Seventies spoke of the importance of our individual histories. He said, *“In a very real sense, our properly written histories are a very important part of our family scripture and become a great source of spiritual strength to us and to our posterity. ... I have a strong feeling that when this life is over, our personal and family histories and the influence they wield will be of much greater importance than we now think.”*

Many people believe that it takes a huge amount of time and effort to write their history. They feel that the task is simply too big. Because of that, they never start. But sharing memories of your life does not have to be a big, involved effort. Imagine for a moment, how much easier the task of writing about your life might be if you were to focus on writing about just one topic each week. It doesn't matter if you write a few paragraphs, a single page, or several pages. The important thing is that you write something. Anything is better than nothing at all.

Now imagine if someone provided you with one question to write about each week for 52 weeks. At the end of just one year you will have created your own life story to share with your children and your future posterity. Long after you have gone, your life story will help teach your posterity who you were and what you were like as an individual person. You will never be forgotten because your own life story will bear witness of who you were. Add some pictures and you can make it even more inviting to read.

Below are 52 questions. Each week for one year, take one question and write as much or as little as you want. Don't worry about how much you write for each question, but do write something. Questions do not need to be answered in any special order. At the end of the list are a few extra questions in case there are some that don't apply to your life.

When you are done, go to [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org/) <https://familysearch.org/>, and add your stories to your own page on your family tree. By adding your stories to your branch of the Family Tree, you ensure that they will be safe and secure for future generations. Your great grandchildren will be able to find your story and will enjoy reading about your life and getting to know who you were.

Enjoy your new writing adventure. Future generations will be glad that you left them with such a valuable legacy. It will be your gift to them.

1. What is your full name? Explain why your parents gave you that name.
2. When and where were you born? Describe your home, your neighbourhood, and the town you grew up in.
3. What memories do you have of your father (his name, birth date, birthplace, parents, etc)?

4. What memories do you have of your mother (her name, birth date, birth-place, parents, etc)?
5. What kind of work did your parents do (farmer, salesman, manager, seamstress, nurse, stay-at-home mom, professional, labourer, and so on)?
6. Have any of your family members died? If so, explain what they died from and what you remember of their death; the circumstances of their death.
7. What kind of hardships or tragedies did your family experience while you were growing up?
8. Are there any obvious or unusual genetic traits that run in your family line?
9. What are the names of your brothers and sisters? Describe traits and memories that stand out in your mind about each of your siblings.
10. What are some of your family traditions that you remember?
11. Did your family have special ways of celebrating specific holidays?
12. Share some memories of your grandparents.
13. Did your grandparents live close by? If so, describe how they were involved in your life. If they lived far away share some memories of visiting them or of them traveling to visit you.
14. Who were your aunts and uncles? Write about any of your aunts or uncles who really stand out in your mind. Give some details about them (names, personalities, events that you remember doing with them, and so on).
15. Where did you go to school? Give some details about what was school like for you and some of your memorable experiences.
16. What were your favourite subjects in school? Explain why.
17. What subjects did you like the least? Explain why.
18. Who were some of your friends in school? Explain what your friends were like and what they are doing today if you know that.
19. If you went to college or a vocational school, what school did you attend? Describe what memories you have of those years and what subjects you studied.
20. What do you see as your greatest strengths?

Written by Steve Anderson, <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/52-questions-52-weeks/>

Editor's Note: Due to space constraints the remaining 32 questions, and additional questions will appear in the April Journal.

## VOLUNTEER RESEARCH

Research can be undertaken for anyone seeking information on ancestors in our local area. Research Request Query Forms are downloadable from our website at [www.fleurieufamilyhistory.org](http://www.fleurieufamilyhistory.org) Please forward the forms to Volunteer Research, PO Box 1078 Christies Beach North, SA 5165.

Member **Julie Stokes** has offered to do research for members researching their family history in **New Zealand** as she has relocated there. She can be contacted via [fleurpengroupinc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fleurpengroupinc@yahoo.com.au)

## EDITOR'S NOTE by CHRISTINE KEEN



My report to the AGM is as follows. There have been four journals produced over the year. I have tried over the course of the year to make minor changes to the journal, to enable standardisation with headings and layout. These are things that will continue to happen during 2016.

Contributions have been made by many of our members, covering a wide range of topics, although there was a particular focus on the ANZACs early in the year. I have enjoyed reading your contributions and presenting them to the wider membership through the journal.

2016 will see some members receiving an electronic journal rather than a printed one, so if you haven't completed your membership renewal please do so as soon as possible, as we need to determine printing numbers for the January edition.

Thank you all for your continued support and feedback, and please continue to send in your wonderful contributions.

**Christine Keen**



## When & Where

### MEETINGS

The monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from January–October at 1:30pm, William Road Uniting Church Hall, William Road, Christies Beach.

The Resource Room is open from 12:00 each meeting day.

Annual General Meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday in November commencing at 1:30pm. Committee elections are held at this time.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Aussie Interest Group**—meets at 1:00pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month. For information contact Ros Dunstall.

**United Kingdom Interest Group**—meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. For information contact Sharon Green.

**Day Computer Group**—meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For information contact Ann Van Der Linden.

**Evening Computer Group**—meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. For information contact Dave Boyce.

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