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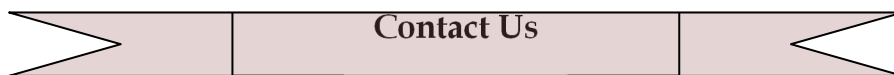
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Christmas Lunch





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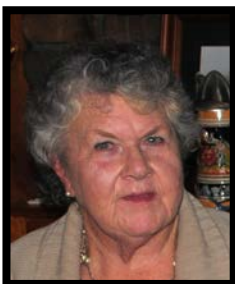
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM



Welcome to the AGM for 2017. Where has the year gone since I became the President. The year has been another successful year for the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group. Our attendances have seen regular attendees and visitors at all of our scheduled meetings and the interest groups have been well attended. An invitation is extended to all members to be part of these events. You will hear of all of these activities in the reports from each convenor.

These activities are only possible because of the wonderful volunteers who organise them either in their own homes or in the Resource Room at the Church site. Volunteers who look after the trading table, help to organise the afternoon tea, set up chairs, projector and the computer for the meeting each month. When one person is not here, another steps up and helps.

Thank you to Chris Grivell for his time as the Resource Room Co-ordinator. He is stepping down from the role but will still be in the Resource Room as the Manager. Also many thanks to Pam Hodges and Marilyn Lee who find it necessary to step down. This leaves the space and opportunity for some people to assist and become aware of the resources which are available and be able to help members and visitors. This is a busy room with Pauline, Sharon and Chris organising, cataloguing and maintaining the resources, Heather Boyce with her computer expertise to maintain the computers and printer, and the Pioneer Register organised by Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling. This is another opportunity to be involved by submitting your family information or 'adopt a pioneer', speak with Kath. I am sure she will love to see you.

The year has been made much easier for me because of the amazing Executive Committee members who support with decisions and assistance to make things run smoothly. Peter Tuck has been a great support/listener in his role as Vice-President. Our funds are professionally looked after by Lynette Gibson. Our patient secretary Mary Sedgmen. Graham Redman supported by Peter Tuck and Sharon Green help to produce a great website, enjoyed by our members and browsers to our site. The ever reliable Nola Clisby has been diligent all year with our membership details, changes of address or email which are always a challenge, also a friendly face when we sign in for a meeting. You no doubt have all

enjoyed the speakers and the Seminar this year with interesting topics which Elizabeth Grocke has planned and organised for us. Christine Keen, the editor of *Relative Thoughts* who produces a great read for us each time an edition is published. Gay Jennings and Neville Hudson are both great contributors and keep us on track with their input and discussion and both work quietly in the background. Committee meetings are an enjoyable time.

Our fund raising this year has been the result of the Community Charity Lottery, sales from the trading table, raffle proceeds from each meeting, the Seminar, Family Tree Maker Seminars and the Christmas Raffle drawn today. To all who have bought a jar of jam, a book, magazine or a bag of lemons at the trading table, attended the Seminar or bought a raffle ticket, a huge thank you. If you have been fortunate enough to win one of our raffle prizes this is another of the tasks performed so well by Sharon. Thank you Sharon, it is great to win a prize!!

Speakers this year have been varied. We commenced the year with Show and Tell, (a chance to share a family heirloom or story in your search to find family), meeting topics covered The Royal Mall (King William Street), Quaker Church History in South Australia, accessing the Red Cross WWI records held in the State Library, Flour Milling in South Australia, Kangaroo Island Pioneers, West Torrens history in photographs and description, the Pioneer Women of the Colony presented by our member Cheryl Williss (many thanks Cheryl), the Magarey Family and their early pioneering days in SA. We are looking forward to the presentation at our meeting today on the SA Police History. If you missed being able to attend one of these presentations, please check your *Relative Thoughts* for the *Look what you missed* column written by Elizabeth Grocke. The program for next year will commence with our "Show and Tell" in January, and I am sure you will enjoy the speakers Elizabeth has planned for us. If you have an idea of a speaker who may be interesting to us, please see Elizabeth.

The Seminar was enjoyed by all who attended—there were four speakers and lunch. The topics and speakers were varied: these were Lyndal Simmons – "Mapping your Family History Story"; Jonathon Russack – "Spirit of Adoption"; Jim Beveridge - "Freemasons of South Australia" and their History; Richard Mer-ry – "Making sense and Q and A session on DNA". Watch this space for 2019.

The Christmas Raffle has been organised by Elizabeth. Thank you to all who bought a ticket, good luck. Our lunch today has also been organised by Elizabeth. Thank you.

As a Committee we have some ideas for next year and look forward to sharing these with you in 2018.

Thank you all for your wonderful support and making my year as President an enjoyable experience.

**Joy Nieass**

### **VALE NAOMI FREEMAN by Joy Nieass**

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of our 20 year Member, Naomi Freeman. Naomi was in hospital when our Treasurer, Lynette Gibson went to Yankalilla to present her with her certificate. We have missed her in the front row at our meetings since she moved to Yankalilla to be nearer to her family. Our thoughts are with them.

**Joy Nieass**

### **VALE SHANNON SMITH by Joy Nieass**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our Honorary Member, Shannon Smith. Both Michael and Shannon conducted Family Tree Maker workshops for our group, and Shannon accompanied Michael when he was a guest speaker at our general meetings. We were recently made aware of Shannon's illness, but were still shocked when we heard of her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael and their family. Several members attended her funeral, which was a wonderful celebration of her life.

**Joy Nieass**

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MEMBER INFORMATION  
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## AUSSIE INTEREST GROUP REPORT TO AGM

The Aussie Interest Group has finished off a very eventful year with a lunch and social afternoon on 11 November 2017.



We have helped some, enjoyed hearing stories of meeting new cousins, attending reunions, breaking down brickwalls and DNA finds.

We look forward to another helpful and successful 2018.

**Ros Dunstall**

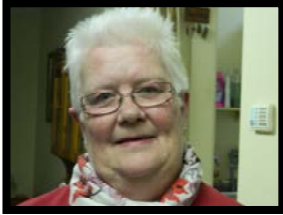
## MUSIC HALL WEBSITE By Kerry Johnston

I would like to make the members aware of a new website on the history of music halls. The website is the creation of my friend Becky Tabrar, and was her final project to complete her University Degree in History. The site can be found at <https://www.musichallmemorybox.com>.

**Kerry Johnston** (Daughter of Derick Johnston)



## LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!!!! by Elizabeth Grocke



**October 2017** *Ruth Hall, Magarey Family*—We welcomed Ruth Hall to speak about her family. Thomas with his brother James, both born in Ireland migrated firstly to New Zealand, paying their own passage. After some time they decided to try their fortune in South Australia.

They were involved extensively in milling and ventured later into sheep and cattle. Thomas was also joint owner of *Register* and *Observer* newspapers and an original director of the Bank of Adelaide.

Thomas with his wife Elizabeth lived for some time in the Noarlunga, area then in Hindmarsh area, and for some 30 years prior to his death lived in the Enfield area, where he studied the stars. Thomas passed away in 1902.



Other interesting facts can be found at *Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol2 (MUP) 1967*.



**November 2017**—*Trevor Hardy, SA Police Historical Association* - and what a lively talk we had, no nodding off to sleep, all eyes and ears open waiting for the next picture to appear.

Over our Christmas Lunch Trevor, John Bell and myself were discussing what the topic would be for the talk. Trevor indicated he could do the history of the SA Police, but he thought the Lonsdale Murders would be more interesting. I looked at John, I shrugged my shoulders and said, “in for a penny, in for a pound” let’s go with it.

I am sorry if you could not be at the meeting, you missed a good informative talk. Trevor will come back one day and speak on the history of the Police.

**Elizabeth Grocke**

## PIONEER REGISTER REPORT TO AGM



This year began with frenetic activity as those involved in the Anzac book project contributed family group sheets to the Pioneer Register. There are still more to come from a couple of people but most are complete.

We now have over 230 pioneers indexed and filed in the register.

They are in the resource room. So we still have a long way to go, particularly before they can be made available online.

Hopefully, it will come as no surprise that at times people have made a special trip to the resource room in search of information about their Fleurieu Peninsula family. Our club's name is the attraction. Unfortunately, statistically we are a long way short of providing a fair chance of having the name on file. If we are to provide such a service we do need more people to contribute family group sheets of their own ancestors to the Fleurieu Peninsula or to volunteer to adopt-a-pioneer.

We will make another effort to return to the adopt-a-pioneer project we started a couple years ago. Hopefully you will be ready to volunteer.

Many thanks to the work done by Pam and Peter who volunteered to help with the project and to those who contributed to the register this year.

**Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO AGM

Membership of the FPFHG has been stable at approximately 145 for several years with half our Members in attendance at our monthly general meetings.

This year the committee altered the method of renewal of memberships to allow for subscriptions to be paid by the AGM.

Those not attending the September meeting received their forms by post.

Thank you for your response to both our new system and the option of direct deposit banking.

**Nola Clisby**

### **DNA EVENING GROUP REPORT TO AGM**

The DNA groups were new this year. After the first meeting it became clear that both a day and evening group would suit the needs of the members. As I work and my hours changed after the first Day group, Peter Tuck kindly offered his home as the meeting place for the Day group. The Evening group has remained meeting at my home. The number of members that attend have fluctuated, depending on travel arrangements and their health. Sometimes we have members attending who haven't done tests yet and are interested in acquiring information on various companies etc. We are a self-help group, none of us are claiming to be experts or have huge amounts of information on the subject, but share what we do know, and have found on the various sites.

We have shown each other how to upload our raw DNA from the company databases that we tested with and put on GEDmatch and other sites. We share our triumphs when we get a match that responds, and try and nut out some of the DNA mysteries. We normally wouldn't meet in December, but as we have a DNA workshop on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, I would like to invite all DNA group members, both Evening and Day group, to my home for an end of year get together and overall discussion of what we learn on the previous Saturday. First meeting for 2018 will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sharon Green**

### **APPLES AND ANDROIDS GROUP REPORT TO AGM**

This was the second year of the Apples and Androids group. Meetings were held for the hour before the general meeting most months, starting 20 February 2016. We've discussed a variety of issues about Apple and Android tablets and smart phones, personal recording devices, cameras and Facebook. We started out with 10 people attending and at one point had so many regulars that we had to move our meeting to the back room of the hall. However for the last six months no one at all has come along to the formal meetings but I've had a steady few each month ask me questions privately. So I've decided to not continue with the formal meetings. I'm happy to help anyone who wants to ask a question.

**Kerry Edwards**

## **DNA DAY GROUP REPORT TO AGM**

Meetings commenced at my residence in March and has met regularly each month since then, with Sharon hosting once in my absence. We have covered many topics from the identification of DNA data providers and the application processes, through to reviewing results that cross many generations as well as assisting with research.

More recently we have considered carefully many aspects of the ethical and moral implications that arise, particularly from pursuing DNA results, including both the obtaining plus the publishing of family data regardless of the medium. At the last meeting we spent time developing questions for the upcoming DNA meeting with Richard Merry.

Sharon arranged through Jim a meeting with Richard Merry for the two of us to gather more information, and then arranged the upcoming DNA meeting for DNA users with Richard, thanks Sharon. A core group for attendees is developing but all are welcome and we have met usually on the 1st Monday of each month.

Thank you to all attendees and please let us know of any topics of interest. All the best to all in their research.

**Peter Tuck**

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Raffle:

1st Prize—\$100 Gift Voucher: Anne Binning

2nd Prize -\$50 Gift Voucher: Susan Miller

3rd Prize —6 bottles of wine: Elizabeth Grocke

Many thanks to Elizabeth for her organisation of the raffle, and to the members for selling so many tickets.

**Executive Committee**

## UK GROUP REPORT TO AGM

2017 has been, I think, quite a productive year. We have had on average five of us in attendance. We have as a minimum two *Ancestry* subscriptions and a *findmypast* subscription available for use PLUS if any attending members have a subscription they allow us to use that as well. It is not confined to UK research as we often are tracing those that have left the UK to try and find their whereabouts, or on occasions advising of FTM usage etc. I hope the members that have attended have had some help and interesting discoveries.

We have our last get together for the year this coming Monday evening. This usually turns into more of a social evening, but the computers will be set up and running and help available for those of you that want it. If you have not attended before of course you are more than welcome. And don't forget to schedule it on your calendar for next year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (19<sup>th</sup>) starting in February.

**Sharon Green**

## 20 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

We would like to acknowledge the following members who were awarded with their 20 Year Membership Certificates at the AGM.

Faye Lush, Vanessa Catterall. Naomi Freeman will be presented with her Certificate at Yankalilla by Lynette Gibson.



## 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.

Graham Catterall, Jan Lokan, Keith Lokan, Oscar Fuhlbohm and Joy Nieass. Julie Stokes' Certificate will be mailed to her.



## JARED AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year the Executive Committee decided to present the Jared Award to two very worthy recipients—Pauline Redman and Oscar Fuhlbohm—in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the FPFHG.



## RESOURCE ROOM REPORT TO AGM

We have had a good year in the resource room with an average of eight or nine people at the Wednesday openings, making use of the resources. This has included 15 visitors through the year.

Two cupboards have been modified to take mobile cabinets that were built for us, enabling us to wheel the printer out for use at each opening, avoiding unnecessary lifting. We have also purchased a new laser printer which is wirelessly connected to all computers.

During the summer months early in the year we trialled evening openings but had no response from members. The sub-committee may consider repeating the exercise in the future.

We have purchased 5 new books and received 60 donations this year.

Thanks to the volunteers who have helped in the resource room through the year but while they are helping others they cannot do their own research, so we need more volunteers to lighten the load.

Pam Hodges and Marilyn Lee have both resigned from the Resource room sub-committee for next year and we thank them both for the assistance they have given us this year. I, myself, am standing down as resource room coordinator but will continue as manager if required.

Chris Grivell

## REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP FEES

For those members that have already paid their memberships for 2018, thank you.

**If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.**

**Reminder:** There is a \$5.00 rejoining fee payable for any membership not paid by 28 February.

## UNLOCK THE PAST CRUISE CONFERENCE by Kath Fisher



On 27 July, my husband Peter, myself and June Harman from our club joined an *Unlock The Past Cruise* Conference in Brisbane. We boarded the ship the *Aria* which sailed around and visited some ports and islands of New Guinea. A major feature of some ports was the opportunity to visit battlefield sites related to WW2 in New Guinea. Both Peter and I had relatives involved in the war around New Guinea and June's ancestors lived in New Guinea at the outbreak and had to escape as well as having relatives in the war in New Guinea. We all had an interest in the military events of

the war and in genealogy.

We had 10 days where we could access a massive program of talks and presentations which had a feature theme of 75 Years since war came to Australia. The key presenter was Dr Tom Lewis who was a former naval officer, a military historian and popular author. He presented over 10 lectures on all aspects of war in the pacific. My husband purchased two of his



books. As my brother-in-law was Commodore in charge of Garden Island for some years, there was a navy connection.



My special interest was in DNA research and we had talks from Helen Smith, Kerry Farmer and Rosemary Koppittke on the topic. I learnt a lot and of course I bought a couple books as well. Peter has German ancestors so we enjoyed talks by Eric Koppittke who has written a number of books on the topic. As usual there is always something new from Shauna Hicks and other presenters

were Janice Cooper and Rob Hamilton. Conference facilities on board the ship were excellent and the *Unlock The Past* organisers were well prepared. The



presentation program was extensive and well balanced between military history and genealogy topics. We had help sessions where we could book an expert to assist us with our brick walls and many books on offer for sale. In addition we had a booklet which listed all conference participants (103) and research names. I sat down with a person whose wife shared an ancestor with Peter (Polkinghorne), even though we had to go back to 1650 to find the common ancestor. Part of the fun finding a cousin on board. This is the second time this has happened to Peter.



The shore excursions and visits were very moving, particularly at Milne Bay and Rabaul. A few photos to demonstrate.



There are so many positive aspects to attending such a conference as networking provides an incredible support for our research and we also get a great holiday on a cruise ship. Next year the cruise conference goes to Alaska for seven nights from 7-14 September 2018 on the *Explorer of the Seas*. Chris Paton and Dick Eastman are among the speakers and the night before the cruise there is an on

land conference with Blaine Bettinger who I think is one of the most informed and most easily understood authors on the topic of Genetic research. This leaves from Seattle. Since we have already done this cruise before we won't be going but I think that the cruise and conference combined would be a wonderful experience. If you are interested check out [inquiries@unlockthepast.com.au](mailto:inquiries@unlockthepast.com.au). I am already looking forward to the 2019 options.

Peter, June and June's roommate Val in front of a Japanese tunnel at Rabaul at which there were five





landing craft which had been hidden since the war.

And of course we can have some fun. In this case on a tropical island.

**Kath Fisher**

### WEBMASTER REPORT TO AGM

An interesting year where a problem arose with the installation of *Relative Thoughts* newsletters onto the website and also how to amend the 'Members Interest list' without deleting and reinstalling same.

I am indebted to Peter Tuck, and also Sharon Green's input that Peter has now updated this list.

As I have mentioned before at General Meetings, I had a show of hands for members who have actually looked at or used the website. I was disappointed at the low number, but in reality the website is not only for members to assist them with research, but the general public; as has been heard that our website is of high standard.

Owing to the amount of planning required for our UK and Israel trip this year, it has been difficult to keep the website up to date and to plan other the improvements I had mentioned either earlier this year or at last years AGM. (check the minutes old boy). For this reason and for other personal interest reasons I am thankful for Peter's assistance as I have come to realise that my head for IT operation of the website may be on the lighter side.

From this point on until early next year much work is needed to update the calendar, and also to introduce a new page of other Family history websites and sites of perhaps similar interest to assist members in their research.

**Graham Redman**  
**Webmaster**

## 2017 SPEAKERS REPORT TO AGM

As 2017 draws to a close, I reflect on the speakers we have enjoyed. With an average of 50 members each month in attendance, I must be doing something right. 2017 also was our Bi-Annual Seminar, well attended and the 'Mixed Bag' of speakers where interesting and enjoyable.

Thank you for your suggestions and feedback, which I try to follow up, so as to include at some time down the track.

2018 is about to start and I have been arranging and booking speakers again which I hope you will find interesting.

A couple of other points: Thankyou to the helpers who have helped in the kitchen today and at the seminar, it is very much appreciated, also the great variety of salads and sweets you have brought for us all to enjoy.

Raffle tickets: thank you all, our 2017 Christmas Raffle ending up a sell-out, and a special extra thankyou to Oscar our raffle ticket seller extraordinaire.

Thank you all and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**Elizabeth Grocke**  
**Speaker Co-ordinator**

## CONGRATULATIONS VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The FPFHG Committee and members wish to congratulate Sharon Green and Heather Boyce on being the recipients of an "Australian Government Volunteer Award 2017". The Awards were presented to Sharon and Heather on 20 November, by Amanda Rishworth, Federal Member for Kingston, during a ceremony at Hallett Cove.

We would also like to congratulate Oscar Fuhlbohm, who was nominated for the Award by the City of Onkaparinga Prostate Cancer Support Group.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings start at 1:15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Road, Christies Beach. If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker, please contact Elizabeth Grocke.

20 January – Show and Tell

17 February – Bruce Munday, Those Wild Rabbits

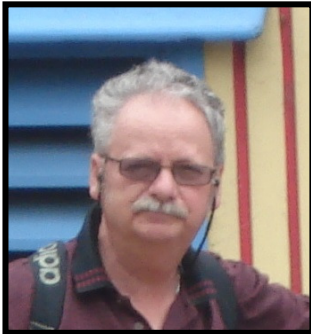
17 March – Kelly Dyer, Update of History within Library

21 April – Graham Redman, Be'er Sheva

**\*\*June Meeting will be held on 23 June – a week later than normal\*\***

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 1.15 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 dates for this quarter are: 20 January, 7 February, 17 February, 21 February, 7 March, 17 March, 21 March, 4 April, 18 April, 20 April.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new member:

**Gary Murphy**

**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.

The Group meet monthly on the 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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## EVENING COMPUTER REPORT TO AGM

We've had an average of 14 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 (Sharon and Joy) 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 also the members who have come along.

We've covered various topics:

- Internet Security
- Backing up your Docs, Pictures, Family Tree Data
- Backing up your Emails, Address book and other files.
- Malware remover programs
- Win 10
- Dropbox
- Screen Snips and capture
- Upgrade your laptop or Desktop with Solid State Drives , aka SSD's
- Security settings in IE and F/fox
- other items.

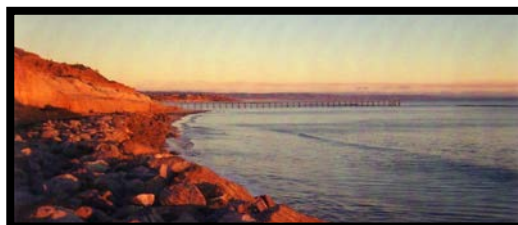
Remember to support the Special Interest Groups as they are there for You.

**Dave Boyce**



FPFHG Facebook Group

View of Witton Bluff on  
Facebook and websites



## JOURNAL EDITOR REPORT TO AGM

Four very interesting journals have been published during the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the proof-readers who make my job much easier. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by me. Thank you also to the members who have contributed to the journals over the year. I look forward to receiving more articles and items of interest in 2018 from you all.

I would also like to extend thanks to those helpers in the kitchen every month. Without their assistance we wouldn't all be enjoying afternoon tea each month, and their support enables me to fulfil my role as Journal Editor during meetings.

Please continue to advise either myself or other members of the Executive if you are experiencing any problems with receiving your journal. Fortunately there haven't been too many problems this year, and we have been able to resolve them fairly quickly. See you all in 2018.

**Christine Keen**

**Journal Editor**

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and can thoroughly recommend their excellent service.*

**A MAN IN MY LIFE : MY UNCLE ERN 1891 – 1971 Part 1 by  
OSCAR FUHLBOHM**

This is the third writing of this biography. The first was done on Friday 16 August 2008 and forwarded to Ms Ros Dunstall for publication in the *Relative Thoughts* of the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group Inc. The second writing was done ten days later with an addendum added, and again on Thursday, 28 August 2008, with an addendum to the addendum. Now, beginning, on Sunday 26 October 2008, the third rendering is coming into being.

My uncle Ern was born on 14 June 1891, at the then Petersburg town in the mid-north of South Australia. We can assume that he, like his next eldest brother, George, had been born at home in the newly built manse at 38 Bourke Street – which is on the corner of Bourke and Hurlstone Streets – on the south side of the railway line, and one street west of his father's new church of St Petri or St Peter's Lutheran Church on Railway Terrace. Ern was the fourth child and son of his parents, the Rev F W C and Emma Mathilde (nee Oster) Fuhlbohm. His eldest siblings, Bill (dob 14/04/1885) and Theo or Ted (dob 30/03/1887) had been born at home also, but which had been in the isolated house on the Appila Plains about four miles from the hamlet of Appila Yarrowie.

Ern's given baptismal 'handle' was DANIEL ERNEST. His first few years of schooling were in the Lutheran day school at his father's church of St Peter, the large, double storied school building being sited just behind the church worship building. Ernest's dad was the local Lutheran minister who had about eight congregations to care for, some as far north as Quorn and Hawker. Ern was not yet five years old when he lost his mother, whose burst appendix caused her sudden death on 13 March 1896. At this time her husband was absent up North and returned home only after his wife had died. Ern's two younger siblings, Otto and Emma were only two years and the little lass just seven months old at their mother's sudden departure. Only five and half years later, on his kid sister's sixth birthday party – 15 August 1901 – the Fuhlbohm family suffered another tragedy when the first child of the father's second marriage, drowned in just twelve inches of water in the silt trap at the intake to the family home's underground tank.

Later on in that fateful year of 1901 the Fuhlbohm family moved to Queensland. Father Fuhlbohm had accepted a call to a parish in the Ipswich area. After completing his schooling at Ipswich, Ern at 13 years of age, found himself moving



from town life to life out on the Darling Downs, to a pioneer farm not far from the town of Pittsworth. This latest move came because early in 1905 his father had suffered a severe stroke. And so the head of the household was forced to retire and try and meet the needs of his large family and his relatively young wife on the small farm in the Rossvale locality. Ern and his older brothers assisted their father build up the small home property as well as later taking up selections in the surrounding countryside.

Ernest apprenticed himself to a carpenter. He, together with his family, weathered the animosity and trials experienced by all Australians of German descent during the First World War. His second-eldest brother, Theo, was interned (jailed in a concentration camp) for over three years – first at Liverpool, then Trail Bay and finally at Holsworthy – in New South Wales. In 1916 their elder sister Emma married a carpenter, Arnold Kohnke, whose brother also was a qualified carpenter. Evidently after WWI both Kohnke brothers did a lot of church building construction in the northern areas of Queensland. When the early days of the Great Depression forced the Kohnke and Ern Fuhlbohm men to search for carpentry work elsewhere, the overseas job opportunities presented themselves. Arnold and Ern found plenty of work in the Morobe and other Districts of the Trust Territory of New Guinea. There the gold rushes leading to sluicing and later many dredges working the Bulolo valley and at Wau, made a steady demand on builders, carpenters and saw-millers. While his brother-in-law returned to his wife and family in Queensland, my uncle Ern settled permanently in Lae, Papua New Guinea, building up a modest saw-milling business as a sideline to his employment with New Guinea Airways.

When war broke out in 1939, Ern was happily a part of the working community of Lae, still a confirmed bachelor and clearly avoiding close contact with the significant Church presence and mission workers in and around Lae and scattered throughout the Morobe District. Among his work friends was a man called Bill Money; Ern enjoyed boat trips over to one of Bill's plantations on Rooke Island in the Siassi group between the mainland and New Britain.

However, soon after Japan's war burst down into the Southern Pacific area only weeks after that infamous 8 December 1941, surprise Pearl Harbour attack, Uncle Ern was drafted into the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. He together with the able-bodied Australian territorians in the District numbered only about 80. Even my other more distant uncle the Rev Harold Freund, who was the Lutheran missionary on Rooke, or Umboi Island, was conscripted into the Coast Watchers Force.

These 80 P.N.G.V.R. men were trying to guard the vast coastline and hinterland from Finschhafen, Lae, Salamaua, Mumeng, Bulolo, Wau and down as far as Morobe which is at the south-east edge of the District.

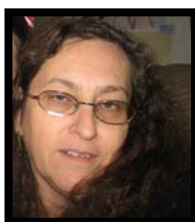
At 2.00 am on Friday, 23 January 1942, a huge Japanese invasion force began landing and capturing Rabaul on the large island of New Britain. Two days before this, fleets of Japanese bombers also had raided the towns of Madang, Lae and Salamaua, causing severe damage and heavy casualties, especially at Lae. The attack at Lae came at midday, and most people mistook the air-raid siren for the lunch time knock-off hooter, resulting in belated scrambling to slit-trenches only after machine gun bullets and bombs had begun wreaking destruction and death over Lae township and its aerodrome. (For more information on this, see my Uncle Harold Freund's book, *Missionary Turns Spy*, chapter 8 and especially pages 48 and 49).

**Editor's Note: Part 2 of this article will appear in the April Journal.**

## VOLUNTEER RESEARCH

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## EDITOR'S NOTE by CHRISTINE KEEN



Thank you to all the members who have provided articles over the last year. We already have a head start on articles for the April journal, which as always will have an ANZAC theme.

Please continue to send in your wonderful contributions, and feedback. Don't forget to include your photos. Articles can be about your own research, your tips on family research, a place you've visited, something quirky relating to family history – anything you feel may be of interest to other members.

**Christine Keen**

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