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Some of the items and pictures that Annie Basham shared with us about her family and convicts coming to Australia during her talk at the September meeting.



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FPFHG Facebook Group

View of Witton Bluff on Facebook and websites



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to our last Journal of our 2018 year. We have had an eventful three months since our last edition of *Relative Thoughts*.

Our group activities have been well attended, both DNA groups continue to grow, more of our members are exploring their DNA - this means many questions. The Aussie group has covered many topics and continues to be an informative and sharing time. The Computer evening also assists with hints and ideas of how to manage our computers. Sharon also conducts the UK group at her home and assists members with the *Ancestry.com* and *Family Tree Maker* queries.

These groups would not operate without the willingness of our volunteers who give up their time and in some cases open up their homes for people to attend. To the volunteers who operate the trading table, assist in the kitchen, put out chairs and then put them away again on meeting day, thank you for making our meeting days a happy time. Also a huge thank you to the members of the Committee and all the members who assist to help make the group active and interesting. Thank you all.

The monthly general meetings have been well attended and we survived some adverse weather days. There is a buzz in the rooms when members get-together to catch up, check out the trading table to purchase a jar of jam or a bunch of spinach or maybe a book or too and cup of tea or coffee. Thank you.

We have shared interesting meetings with the speakers which Elizabeth Grocke organised for us.

Our July meeting welcomed Dr Doug Rowston from the Baptist Church - he explained the beginnings of the Baptist Church in England and their emigration to South Australia. This group included many prominent early colonists to South Australia.

In August we learnt about the history of the Magarey Medal presented by Ruth Ashley Hall (a descendant). The Magarey Medal has been presented annually since 1898 to the fairest and most brilliant player in the SANFL, as judged by field umpires. There is a second Magarey Medal presented for Biography, this is

awarded biennially to the female person who has published the work judged to be the best biographical writing on an Australian subject.

In September we were entranced by the tale of Annie Basham's family history. The story was of Zenophon Herne Basham, a convict who arrived in Port Jackson on the ship *General Hewett* in 1814. The conditions for these people (both men and women) was incredibly cruel and it's amazing they survived. The conditions for the family were harsh including bush rangers raiding them.

For further details of these topics please check out Elizabeth Grocke's article *Look What you Missed!*. We look forward to seeing what Elizabeth has organised for us in 2019.

Members have also presented some interesting facts during the meeting - Jan Lokan shared her charts from a family reunion and the Cornish Festival, Ian Blatchford shared some of his family history from the Yankalilla district, Sue Wilson demonstrated how scrap booking her family history made it more accessible to family members. (Sue acknowledged Graham Jaunay's book *Identifying and Dating Old Family Photographs*).

The new 'Five minute segment' at the meeting was used by Florence Stopps who shared some of her beautiful poetry and told us how some of her poems are displayed in South Australia's new veterans mental health facility *The Jamie Larcombe Centre*. The 'Five minute segment' is available for members to share a story or discovery they have made.

The two workshops held in July and August for the use of *Family Search* with assistance from the LDS centre from Christie Downs were well attended and a 3rd session is planned for the 3 November. Bookings are available.

Twenty members and friends attended a talk by Glen Woodward (a frequent speaker to our meetings) at the Adelaide Town Hall on Col. William Light. We look forward to further outings. If anyone has an activity or place we could visit as a group I would love to hear from you.

The Resource Room has two week day openings per month and is also available before the General Meeting; a report from the Pioneer Register advises there are now 265 families in the register, maybe your family is included. At one of the openings maybe check our book collection, reference books or use one of the computers. Thank you to the volunteers who give their time to assist members and visitors.

Congratulations to Jan Lokan who was awarded a Kemeneth (Community) Award from Gorsedh Kernow – The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall for her work with Kernewek Lowender in 2017. The presentation took place in Cornwall while Jan and Keith were there on holiday.

The Community Credit Union raffle was well supported by our members. The raffle will be drawn on 9th October, check your tickets in the Sunday Mail on 14th October. Good Luck to All. The Christmas Raffle, to be drawn at the AGM has been organised by Elizabeth Grocke, who has the books for members to buy/sell tickets, 1st prize \$100 voucher of choice; 2nd prize \$50 voucher of choice; 3rd prize 6 bottle of wine. The raffles are great fund raisers and help to keep our membership costs stable.

Thank you to the members who have paid their membership for 2019, our Treasurer - Lynette Gibson has been busy writing receipts. The AGM planning is under way and we look forward to seeing you there. Lunch is being planned, the group will provide the meats, and members are asked to bring a salad or a sweet to share. Elizabeth is co-ordinating the meal.

We are now approaching Remembrance Day on 11th November, this is the significant date for the end of World War I and this year the closure of the ANZAC 100 year commemorations. There are still many stories being told of the heroics of ordinary men and women who served their country, many of whom did not return and are remembered by families and communities.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year. Happy researching and I look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Joy Nieass

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAN LOKAN

Congratulations to Jan Lokan, on receiving a Gorsedh Kernow – The Celtic Spirit of Cornwall Award in 2018. Jan was presented with her “Kemeneth” (Community) Award at a presentation during the Gorsedh Kernow Esedhvos Festival of Cornish Culture, at the Hotel Bristol, Newquay, Cornwall on 30 August 2018. She received the community award in recognition of her work with Kernewek Lowender, Australia in 2017.

Executive Committee

LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!!!! by Elizabeth Grocke



July 2018 *Dr Doug Rowston, The Baptist Church* – Doug gave a 'Potted History' of some people within the Baptist Church.

Lillian Mead *a girl in a males domain* the only girl to attend an all boys domain Prince

Alfred College, she was the daughter of a Baptist Minister born in 1865, married in 1900 to Crosby Brown; David Badger *an evangelist and pastor* has connections to Morphett Vale and was baptised in the Onkaparinga river;



Eric Burleigh *a significant figure in Baptist life*, born in Hobart in 1901 was the founding principal of the Baptist Theological College of South Australia and an expert in the Old Testament;

Silas Mead *At the beginning* came to Adelaide in 1861 as a 26 year old. Founding Minister of the Baptist Church. Flinders Street Church Hall is named in his honour Mead Hall; Ellen Arnold *A driving force* 'Called 5 Bali Loaves' pioneered working missionary;

E F Nickels and J A Innes *Men and women of the bush* Pioneering Australian missionaries; Ernest Watson, Arthur Wilkins and Allan Tinsley *A formidable trio* Ernest was a Chaplin in WW2, Arthur a Minister at Unley Park Baptist Church and Allan another Minister at Unley Park with a memory of names and families; Edith McKay first South Australian woman to be State President in Australia;

Hoa (Peter) Stone *Expect great things from Gold, attempt great things for Gold* Born in Vietnam and adopted by a South Australian couple. Has fought his way back from drugs to Christianity to become Pastor at a Sydney Church and is now back in Vietnam doing good work;

George Fife Angus *A great visionary* G F Angus was known as the Father of SA Baptist. He was heavily involved with the erection of Flinders Street Baptist Church. He was also involved with backing free German Settlement to South Australia. In his time he supported many societies within the state and was the Barossa Representative to Parliament.

An enjoyable potted history of the Baptist Church.



August 2018

Ruth Hall, The Magarey Medal—William Ashley Magarey born 1865 and died 1929. Born in North Adelaide and married in 1910 to Guli Hack, they did not have children.

William was schooled at St Peters College, and was active in many sports in his school days, but not really in football, though he could have been a 'star' he stood 6' 3".

His career was as a practicing lawyer, but in 1897 he became the inaugural Chairman of the South Australian Football Association (SANFL). His aim was to raise the status of umpires and try to stamp out rough play and in 1898 a medal was introduced to be awarded to the 'fairest and most brilliant player'. This honour was bestowed upon Norwood's Alby Green.

Due to some criticism as to who should win, the voting system over the years has been refined by the Association, the presentation of the medal has had its share of noteworthiness from a brief handshake in the Football Office in the city, to presentation at the Grand Final at Adelaide Oval, to a televised count. The Magarey Medal is the oldest individual award, awarded in Australian Rules Football.



September 2018

Annie Basham, Tassie Convicts—Oh my, what an interesting, and entertaining talk, thank you Annie.

A butcher, to convict and then a bushranger. Annie was telling us the story of a 37 year old relative, a butcher who was married and father of four children from England. In 1811-1813 he had occasions to visit the Old Bailey, and was sentenced to 14 years transportation (you might as well say life in the 1800's) to Van Diemens Land for twice forging bank notes of the Bank of England.

Though not a power point presentation Annie had a wide variety of printed information including the types of food they had supplied, also pictures of their accommodation. Annie mentioned the prisoners wrote home to their families urging them to set sail to Van Diemens Land, as free settlers to enjoy a better life and with that when their families arrived many prisoners were assigned into their care.

What an interesting thought provoking talk. Annie also mentioned she lives in the family house at Victor Harbor which was built by her Great Grandfather.

One question I forgot to ask her was “why she lay on the floor of the kitchen from 9pm to 2.30am delving into TROVE ... what' s that they say ... when you're on a good thing stick to it. I know about TROVE, but surely a chair would be more comfortable!!

Elizabeth

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

Members are reminded that the financial year ends on 31 October. Members must be financial before the AGM, Saturday, 17 November. Non-financial members may not vote, nominate or stand for committee positions.

Please ensure your membership subscription is paid before the AGM.

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

Renewal membership forms were sent out in AUGUST.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOU CAR AIRBAG???

With the mandatory Takata airbag recall, members are advised to check the following website <http://ismyairbagsafe.com.au>. Enter your car registration number and the website will advise if your car is safe or not.

This website will also show any other recalls that may affect your vehicle back to 2007.

It has also been reported that if you have not checked the safety of your airbags you may not be able to re-register your car.

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MEANDERING THROUGH CHILDHOOD by Mavis Robinson

Mavis Robinson (nee Usher) was Jim Usher's Aunt. She was born in 1902 and died in 1985. These are her memories of living on the farm on Bull Creek Road opposite the Paris Creek turn off. The house has been built by her grandfather George Usher, for his youngest son, Benjamin. George had owned both sides of the Bull Creek Road, almost to the Paris Creek Road on the east side from Nicol Road, and from Nicol Road west along the ridge to line due west from the creek crossing. They were written in 1984, in response to a request from Jim.

Meandering Through Childhood

The first event of which I can remember was the arrival of my oldest brother Neil 11 January 1907.

I can recall my grandmother Sarah Mary Usher telling me about it as if it were yesterday. She was tall and slight, always dressed in black, as was the fashion in those days of 1904 with a black shawl, but I do not suppose she had it on that day of 11 January 1907, but certainly the pancake shaped hat which I always associated with her.

With Neil being the first born son to her youngest son Benjamin, after two girls, myself and Clarice, she was very pleased. Before school age Neil developed a croupy weakness and so for a few years he lived with his grandparents at Warrington House and their three unmarried daughters, Charlotte, Annie and Eliza.

Our next brother Murray was rather delicate for the first year of his life, needing a lot of attention from our hard working parents, who took it in turn walking the floor with him at night. The months dragged on until he was able to have other solid foods. He was born on Christmas Eve so we other children were sent up to Warrington House (across the road and up the hill) where we spent Christmas. It was hot and the hay crop was ready to be harvested, so father spent the day cutting it with a horse drawn binder. Auntie Annie threw her hands up in horror "harvesting on Christmas day your father will be put on the moon". I burst into tears while Clarice looked thunderous under her curly mop of hair but Auntie just laughed at us both.

During this time mother did not go anywhere for about two years. She helped in the dairy (hand milking), baked all our bread on a wood stove, and made all our

clothes. Grandfather (George Usher born 1840) grew enough vegetables for both houses and was the first farmer to grow potatoes for sale. My father carried on the experiment and for years drove to the East End Adelaide market with the trolley and sometimes with three horses. He then slept in Shannon's stables with his team overnight, returning home next day after receiving five pounds or less per ton for the potatoes which were in bags of 15 bags to the ton. Money was always short and the work was hard. With Christian fortitude our parents battled on with love and understanding of our relatives from both side of their families.

Some early memories are gone forever. The weird call of the curlews in the evenings, being ground nesting birds the foxes took their toll. Tom Tits who nest in the pepper corn treat the back door. Blue Wrens and Robin Red Breasts gradually disappeared - Starlings and sparrows seemed to multiply as the years passed by. Kookaburras nested in a tall dry blue gum near the house, a source of delight to us all.

Sister Eileen and George were born when life was a bit easier. Sheep became more important on the farm but Grandfather George Usher died in 1911 so my father had to manage that property as well as his own with the result of rapidly increasing health problems. 'George's on the East side of the Bull Creek road from Murrie Road to near the Paris Creek road and east to the next ridge, and our father's from Nicol Road west and South along the ridge to a line due west at the road creek crossing at the bottom of the hill'. Father's health rapidly declined with all the stress, dying in 1921. Grandmother Sarah Usher died in 1920, leaving the east side property 'Warrington House' to her three unmarried daughters.

Eileen and George lived with the Aunties while the two older boys Neil and Murray worked the farm with Herb Watson who was a tower of strength to mother for several years.

Childhood memories of Bull Creek

'In the early days' How often do we hear that phrase but those of us who can remember the happenings of those years are few and far between.

The settlement was named after Capt John Wrathall Bull (1804-1886) who in his book *Early experiences of colonial life in South Australia* describes his journeying down through the hills with a mob of cattle for Samuel Davenport. Very little information has been given since then as it was not a very important part of the colony, no spectacular scenery, and no mineral wealth potential, just a few flowing creeks fed from springs at the top of the watershed, and flowing in a souther-

ly direction. The land was fertile even before the application of super phosphates to the pastures in the early 1920s.

Unfortunately like their fellow countrymen in other districts, they cleared the eucalypts and other native flora on the lower parts of the valley but higher land, mostly Stringybark were left alone-houses had to be built, Redgum slabs for floors and walls, Stringybark for joinery, while thatching grass was used for covering roofs. Plenty of flat stones from a quarry nearby provided paving around the house, sheds and farmyards, very necessary in a high rainfall district.

The houses, mostly cottages by modern standards were cosy in winter and cool in summer. The ceilings were often just white washed calico or hessian while the walls instead of slabs were made of 'Wattle and Daub', pressed clay mixed with grass straw, reinforced with horizontal (acacia pycnantha) sticks, plastered over with lime mortar. Good house wives brushed them over each year with a good coating of lime wash for extra water proofing. I suppose that the settlers tried to make them as replicas of the cottages in their home counties which they had left willing or not.

The creek provided the needs of all drinking and washing. Rain water from the roofs was undrinkable and there was no guttering for collection in a barrel or tank. Later on, iron roofing ran water into an underground tank which for obvious reasons had to be securely covered.

A number of Irish immigrants settled along the Creek and were given employment in building the road through from Meadows to Goolwa. The earlier surveyed road was impractical as it ran along the top of the range on the East side of the creek. The main road went on down through Ashbourne where it met the road from Strathalbyn at Finniss.

Wheat was grown in small acreages but that was a losing battle with the sulphur crested white cockatoos. Numerous small patches of vines provided their wines but there was no record of any other liquor being brewed. The remains of many fruit gardens could be seen until a few years ago (1970s). The second and third generations often did not bother planting any as trees in original gardens still provided plenty to eat. At Fernside, where my grandfather Stone lived there was at least six varieties of plums, several pears, apples, quinces, apricots often very scabby, hard shelled almonds, oranges, lemons, and even a nectarine. Walnuts, mulberries lived a long time, while raspberries and gooseberries grew and blackberries soon became a menace as did briar roses and furze gorse.

Cattle, both dairy and beef breeds were the main source of income, together with the pigs fattened on the pea crops. As most settlers had large families, workers in the dairy were no problem. At first the milk was placed in large shallow pans in the cellars built in the same way as the houses conveniently situated nearby. After settling for a day or two depending on atmospheric conditions, it was skimmed into a wooden box like a churn and turned by hand into butter. This after washing and salting was patted into one pound (lb) blocks then wrapped in muslin to be sold.

The skimmed milk was fed to the calves and the pigs—it was the way to fatten the young animals for sale or breeding.

Later on a creamery was built and the milk taken there in horse drawn carts to be separated, the cream being taken to Strathalbyn Butter factory at least twice a week. The skimmed milk was returned to the producer for feeding of the young stock. It was first come first serve so the line of carts was quite long. What happened on the weekend I don't know, but it would have been held over on the farms. My parents did not buy a separator until I was about four years old (hand operated). I can well remember it being unpacked: it came from Sweden.

Hill & Coy Mail Coach came through daily from Blackwood; the mail came that far by train. The coach drawn by two horses dropped mail at Coromandel Valley, Clarendon, and Kangarilla where the horses were changed, then on to Dashwood Gully, Meadows, and Bull Creek finishing at Ashbourne. Then another change of horses for the return trip. Like all road mail routes in the country at that time it was a slow bumpy ride but we could set our clocks by the "Mail" horses trotting briskly down Scowns or Scones Hill in the morning and of course taking their time on the uphill pull to the top then an easy downhill run to Meadows and then to Kangarilla, where the horses were changed for the journey through to Clarendon to Blackwood.

The people of Bull Creek had one church or chapel as it was called, being Primitive Methodist which was in the Strathalbyn circuit. It was perched on a rocky hillside with the grave yard around it for a few yards from the main road. Great Grand Father Stone gave the land for that purpose.

About a mile or so up the road a Rechabites Hall was built with that Friendly Society being the only one in the district. Regular meetings were held throughout the year and of course it was used for social gatherings and an annual picnic was a favourite outing for every one. The local children were keen to win as much

pocket money as possible in the various races, foot etc. The state school was built mid way between the hall and the church, being quite large for such a small settlement, up to 60 children attending. The post office store was on the roadside opposite the hall. Nowadays there is little trace of early homes which were always built near the creek for water supplies.

In the very early days of the settlement, when the pigs were fat in the late summer, they were driven across the hill to Prospect Hill, where a Mr Griggs had a bacon factory. The venture failed in later years, so Bull Creek farmers took their stock to Mt Barker in vans or trolleys pulled by two horses. The pigs were sold by auction and sold to bacon factories of which there several in the town.

Live geese raised by the farmer's wives were crated and taken to be sold as well. These birds did well keeping the grass short around the homesteads as fire breaks. They also scavenged any peas the pigs had missed. Ducks were not popular and the winters too cold for turkeys, but even then all the birds had to be protected from marauding foxes.

All farms had names in those days ...

Our parents Ben and Harriet Usher named their house 'DALVEEN', and it still stands in 2018.

'Warrington House' was owned by George and Sarah Usher later in life. It was burnt down in the 1939 bush fire.

'Elderberry' James and Harriet Stone senior's home, Later George Richard Stone and family's home.

'Fernside' Was James Jnr. and Elizabeth Stone's home.

Mavis Robinson

PEACE-KEEPERS by Florence Stopps

"Peace-Keepers"

We are a team of guys and girls,
Who come from far and wide.
We come together from foreign lands –
No distance can us divide.

Our Mission is to keep the peace –

The calls come anytime.
A "hotspot" in a distant land –
We try to quell trouble just in time.

We are the World's Peacekeepers,

"Soft Diplomacy" is what we teach.
We try to mend cultural bridges,
Before peace is out of reach.

Next time you see our light blue hat –
Each country's same headpiece,
Please know that we have come to help,
And that ***we have come in peace.***

Florence Stopps

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BLUE HAT TEAM by Florence Stopps

"Blue Hat Team"

The call goes out to all the World -
Peacekeepers are what they need,
To travel to a distant land -
A fragile nation needs help to succeed.

While Diplomats may do their best,
And World Leaders may disagree.
Peacekeepers have other Special Skills,
Helping nations to live in ***harmony.***

The Blue Hat Team will work as one.
Their Mission - to promote World Peace,
By calming "hotspots" in the world,
And ***building trust*** - until tensions cease.

Florence Stopps

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Both "Peace-Keepers" and "Blue Hat Team" were written to celebrate National Peacekeepers and Peacekeeper Veterans Association Day on 14 September. The poems will be published in the National Peacekeepers Newsletter, and were written after a request from the Coordinator of the Jamie Larcombe Centre at Glenside.

**GOOLWA TO VICTOR HARBOR RAILWAY DEDICATION
1864**

The Goolwa to Victor Harbor Railway Dedication 1864.

The following testimonial has been taken from *Trove* records, and is regarding relatives of Member Graham Redman, namely, Robert and his brother David Stott, and his cousin Thomas Wright who married Eather Tarran, (of Rapid Bay) who was my great great grandfather.

Adelaide Advertiser Friday 8 January 1864.

A very interesting and important event in connection with the public works in progress here took place on 31st ult. I allude to the completion of the very handsome structure on the line of the Victor Harbor tramway extension, which spans the gap on the south-west corner of Section 32, situated about a mile from Port Elliot. This work, which reflects infinite credit on Mr Rogers, the resident engineer, for beauty of design, great strength, and gracefulness of appearance, is a structure of 290 feet in length, supported by eight main and four abutment piers, trussed in the main brays and braced in the abutments. The height above the common roadway is 27 feet; upwards of 45,000 lineal feet of hardwood have been used in the construction, with two tons of iron. The piles are iron shod, and are driven to a depth of 15 to 17 feet.

The construction of this important work has occupied several months, and now when completed presents a charming object of interest on this picturesque line of road.

I may here mention that the remaining portion of Mr Redman's contract v being prosecuted with vigour. A very large portion of the line has been permanently made, so that the line could be made speedily available for the season's traffic, if the facilities of jetty accommodation were in a equally forward state; but this I regret to say is not the case, owing to circumstances of an untoward character, which we in this neighborhood all deplore. Already Victor Harbor bids fair to become a place of importance. Our enterprising neighbours, the Messrs Bowman, are erecting a substantial and commodious building for the reception of wheat and flour, and all that remains apparently to secure for this harbor the trade which its situation and the outlay already incurred deserves, and which would be

inevitably attracted thither, is the extension of the jetty to the island. Anything less is futile, and it is a subject of wonderment to the good people of this quarter why the Government should so persistently refuse to secede to their wishes when the benefits are so obvious and the cost so trifling. Extending the jetty into six feet water and no further is a mockery and farce, for no vessel of any tonnage could be expected to patronise a harbor of such meagre pretensions. A few feet added to the present jetty at Port Elliot would have afforded as much safety and accommodation as will be gained by the vaunted boon of Victor Harbor on which some £20,000 or £30,000 has been thrown away.

Now this appears to be the almost universal testimony of every visitor to the place, and the undoubted conviction of every seaman frequenting the harbor. On this subject I speak advisedly ; no cordial feeling will therefore exist here towards the central Government until this error is rectified. Infinitely wiser would it be to make the correction in time, because there will probably be no relaxation of public interest in and agitation of the question until the harbor is made complete by connecting the main land with the island, and thereby removing any impediment to the natural growth of a thriving and prosperous export and import trade.

Having said so much on a topic of public importance, I will now advert briefly to the primary purpose of this letter. The contractor for the tramway, *Mr Robert Redman*, having completed the work to which I alluded in the former portion of my letter on the last day of the closing year, the occasion furnished a suitable opportunity of celebrating the event by a social entertainment to the workmen employed, at the Port Elliot Hotel. During the evening of that day about 20 workmen were present, including one or two guests, personal friends of *Mr Redman*, invited to join on the occasion. The repast consisted of a very excellent dinner provided by the worthy inmates, who at the close received the hearty thanks of all present for the good things of the evening.

After the removal of the cloth, Mr Gault occupied the chair. A number of toasts were given, and the enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs from Messrs H Grovenor, W Archer, D Bews, and one or two others. Amongst the toasts was the health of the contractor, *Mr Redman* (given by the Chairman), who had won a harvest of golden opinions in various capacities since his residence in the district. The manner in which this toast was received left no doubt on the excellent feeling which subsisted between *Mr Redman* and his men.

During the course of his observations in reply, allusion was made to his regret experienced on parting with men who had so thoroughly fulfilled all their obliga-

tions towards him. He had rarely met with a staff of workmen with whom he was better satisfied. First entitled to special notice was Mr James Bowley, the foreman, whose excellent skill and management had contributed so largely to the successful termination of the work, the designs and plans of which, furnished by Mr J Rogers, had surpassed anything he had ever witnessed erected in the colony. *Mr Redman* concluded by proposing the health of the workmen, coupling there with the name of Mr James Bowley.

At this stage a number of the workmen offered their testimony in support of *Mr Redman's* appreciation of Mr Bowley, who had, as alleged, won from them all by his kind and considerate treatment their best thanks and good wishes. It was also further stated by Mr Irvine, the gentleman who represents the interests of the Government on these works during the absence of Mr Rogers, that Mr Bowley was known and appreciated by the department under which he acted, and so far as he knew fully enjoyed their confidence. The toast having been duly honored, Mr Bowley warmly thanked the company and his fellow workmen for the honor done him, and their expressions of good opinion; he had ever striven to do his duty, and it was the utmost satisfaction to him to perceive that in so doing he had the approval of his employer and those who had worked with him. It had been said that two men could carry on their back at one journey, all the waste timber on the bridge; but for the correctness of this calculation others besides were entitled to the credit; notwithstanding, he was not ashamed to own he had done his part, and he was pleased at the result Mr Bowley, who was applauded throughout his remarks, concluded by proposing the health of *Messrs David and Thos. Redman*, who had ably assisted in carrying forward the work, and whose conduct had ever been distinguished by consideration and kindness. He expressed a hope, which met the warm approval of all present, that the *Messrs Redman* would become permanent settlers in the district, and remain to discharge, as they had done, the duties of good neighbourhood. The toast was drunk with loud applause, and three times three. Both the *Messrs Redman* made a suitable and appropriate reply, after which the Chairman proposed "The health of Mr Rogers, the resident Engineer," to whom these works owed everything. As a gentleman he was universally and deservedly esteemed in this quarter of the province; and the present work in progress, besides the portion finished that day, sufficiently evinced his high professional excellence.

Drunk with applause, in the absence of Mr Rogers, Mr Irvine returned thanks in very becoming and appropriate terms, regretting Mr Rogers had been so fre-

quently absent from un avoidable business engagements. He would take care to convey to him this pleasing notice. A number of other toasts, the health of the Chairman, songs and recitations, succeeded. Altogether the evening was spent most pleasantly and very agreeably. At half past 10 *Mr Redman* withdrew; previous to which the company, before dispersing, joined in the stirring restrains of the National Anthem, led by Mr Irvine on the harmonium. Thus ended one of the most gratifying meetings of workmen and employer we remember to have spent. Such meetings cannot fail to elicit mutual sympathies, and in the end be productive largely of good to employer and employed. I may mention in conclusion that a vigorous effort is about to be made at Goolwa in aid of the widow of John Hulline, one of the firemen who lost his life in the ill-fated Bunyip. The poor woman, I believe, is rendered utterly helpless, with three young children to provide for, and it has occurred to a few benevolent people to arrange for a concert, as that appears to be the best mode of collecting and obtaining assistance. As the object is exceedingly praiseworthy, every help will be rendered to make it successful. A committee is organised of influential names, so that no fear need be apprehended for the issue.

Graham Redman



1901: Passengers wait for the train to steam into the station. Photo: State

Photo Source: Google Images Goolwa to Victor Harbor Train

USEFUL WEBSITES

Convicts to Australia	http://www.convictcentral.com
Australian Cemetery website	http://australiancemeteries.com.au/
Heritage Australia	http://heritageaustralia.com.au
Picture Australia	http://pictureaustralia.org
Biography National Library Australia	http://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/biography
50 Free Genealogy Sites to Search Today	https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl
Looking for Australian Family History Records	http://www.myancestors.com.au
Irish Family Memorial Sydney	http://www.irishfaminememorial.org/en/orphans/stories/
South Australian Teachers 1852-1960	http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/research/condon/teachers/
Graham Jaunay's website	http://www.jaunay.com/
Adelaide Cooperative History	http://www.ach.familyhistorysa.info/
Family History Centre	https://www.familyhistorycentre.con.au/family-history1.html
Irish Genealogy	https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/

AUSTRALIA

"Australia"

When the shearing sheds are silent and the stock camps fallen quiet
When the gidgee coals no longer glow across the outback night
And the bush is forced to hang a sign, 'gone broke and won't be back'
And spirits fear to find a way beyond the beaten track

When harvesters stand derelict upon the wind-swept plains
And brave hearts pin their hopes no more on chance of loving rains
When a hundred outback settlements are ghost towns overnight
When we've lost the drive and heart we had to once more see us right

When 'Pioneer' means a stereo and 'Digger' some backhoe
And the 'Outback' is behind the house, there's nowhere else to go
And 'Anzac' is a biscuit brand and probably foreign owned
And education really means brainwashed and neatly cloned

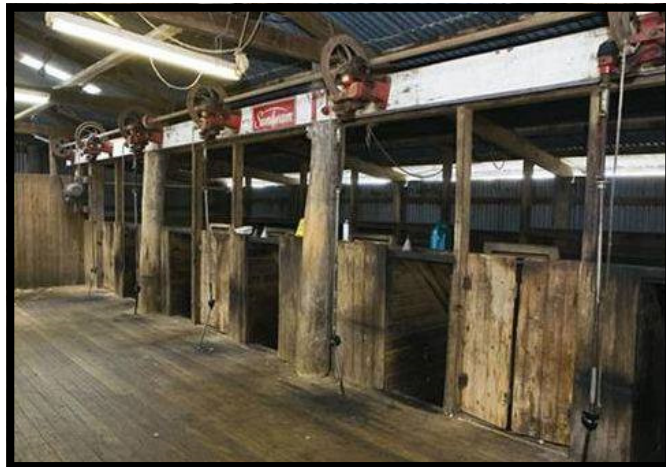
When you have to bake a loaf of bread to make a decent crust
And our heritage once enshrined in gold is crumbling to dust
And old folk pay their camping fees on land for which they fought
And fishing is a great escape; this is until you're caught

When you see our kids with Yankee caps and resentment in their eyes
And the soaring crime and hopeless hearts is no longer a surprise
When the name of RM Williams is a yuppie clothing brand
Not a product of our heritage that grew up off the land

When offering a hand makes people think you'll amputate
And two dogs meeting in the street is what you call a 'Mate'
When 'Political Correctness' has replaced all common sense
When you're forced to see it their way, there's no sitting on the fence

Yes, one day you might find yourself an outcast in this land
Perhaps your heart will tell you then, 'I should have made a stand'
Just go and ask the farmers that should remove all doubt
Then join the swelling ranks who say, 'Don't sell Australia out'

- Author unknown



Source: Facebook Page called Wake up Australia

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



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

20 October – Keith Lokan

17 November – AGM and ‘Show and Tell’

19 January – Resource Room Show and Tell

16 February – Andrea Ogler, Ambassador Craniofacial Australia

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: 3 October, 17 October, 20 October, 7 November, 17 November (Returns only)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new members:

Alan Boulderstone, Ruth Ashley Hall,

Judith Feller and Michael Feller

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.

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JUST THREE WORDS by Florence Stopps

"Just Three Words"

We walked together hand in hand,
My Uncle Bill and me.
My arms held high above my head –
I was only seven you see.

His uniform was pressed and neat:
Buttons glinting in the light.
Across his back his kitbag hung:
His boots were polished bright.

We walked in silence down the lane,
Where springs and streams run clear.
Gossamer mist hung over the fields,
And birdsong filled the air.

The clank of boots disturbed the birds
Who ceased their morning choir.
Moorhen families huddled close
To greet us with a stare.

Friendly locals nod their heads
As we walked towards the Green.
They knew he'd soon be leaving
For far-off lands unseen.



The station road came into view
And we must stop and part.
He'd catch the train: I'd walk to school.
Both with a heavy heart.

My Uncle Bill now rarely speaks,
His voice a constant stammer.
They said it was the shock of shells,
"But return - it does not matter!"

His tall, lean frame bent low to lift
And cuddle me up tight.
"Don't turn around, my darling niece,
I'll soon be home - alright?"

His misty eyes looked down at me,
My tears ran hot and free.
I did not know why war should part,
My Uncle Bill and me.

I often recall his farewell words,
In speaking and in writing.
Always the same, and said with love,
Just three words: "Keep on smiling."

Arthur William Boon (known as Bill) was born in Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire, 1901, joining the Army in September 1941 - December 1945. Research into his military service is continuing.

I am Bill's only younger sister's daughter and kept in touch with him from school days. We lived next door to my grandfather and Uncle Bill in a tiny hamlet,

Wooburn Moor in the Chiltern Hills in Buckinghamshire, England: 25 miles from London. These memories were from 1944 when he returned from leave before going abroad. I could never bear him walking the three kms alone to the train station, so started out very early with him, before I walked alone another two kms to school. As an adult I asked him why he always said "Don't look back," to which he replied that he watched me in tears as I tearfully walked alone along the road, around the corner and out of sight, knowing that it could be the last time.



Later he married an older widow from Derbyshire, Northern England, with six mainly grown up children who all adored him and he them. All generations called him Uncle Bill. He never had any children of his own, but he was my youngest son's Godfather by proxy when, Mark Dennis William (honouring Uncle Bill and my father), was christened on the *Achille Lauro*, as we crossed the equator, bringing us to Australia in 1969. My Uncle Bill lived in Derbyshire to age 84 years. I remain in contact with his step family in Derbyshire, England.

Florence Stopps

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Editor's Note

The above poem was published in *Relative Thoughts*, Vol 18, No 4. However, there were some errors that changed the context of the poem. The amended version of the poem has been included in this edition of *Relative Thoughts*.

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

Books

No.	Title	Cat.
1057	Guide to Baptist Historical Resources in Australia	Au
1058	Dunny's Scrapbook, South Australia	SA
1059	District of Morphett Vale Land Owners and Residents, 1850's	LS
1060	January's Child. It's in the Blood	Au
1061	Family History Comes to Life. Family Search British Isles. Vital Records Index, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales	UK
1062	1881 British Census and National Index. England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Mann and Royal Navy	UK
1063	Anzac Eve Youth Vigil	SA
1064	Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org	Ref.
1065	Companion Guide to Family Tree Maker	Ref.
1066	Old Myponga	LS
1067	Royal Adelaide Hospital, 1836-2016	SA
1068	Old Yankalilla	LS
1069	Yankalilla Heritage Booklet	LS
1070	Old Normanville	LS
1071	Till Death us do Part - causes 1300 to 1948	Ref.
1072	Finding Florence, Maude, Matilda, Rose	Ref.
1073	Migration to New Zealand	Ref.
1074	Discover Scottish Civil Registration Records	Sc
1075	The Family Tree Source Book	US

Newsletters

NL04	<i>Placenames</i> Australia, March
NL05	<i>Ancestor</i> , March
NL08	<i>Ances-Tree</i> , March, July
NL21	<i>Newcastle FHS</i> , March
NL24	<i>The South Australian Genealogist</i> , Febr.
NL26	<i>Descent</i> , March, June
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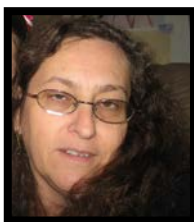


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EDITOR'S NOTE by CHRISTINE KEEN



Well I can't believe this is the last edition for 2018 already. It's been a year of wonderful contributions and articles from our members.

This is also the last journal for my current term as Journal Editor. I have enjoyed being able to put together the journals and should I be lucky enough to be re-elected, I'll look forward to putting together more journals next year.

Thank you to all the members who have contributed articles this year and thank you for all the support, and the positive feedback.

Christine Keen



When & Where

MEETINGS

The monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from January–October at 1:15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 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

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

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

DNA Evening Group—meets at 7.30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month. For information contact Sharon Green.

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