

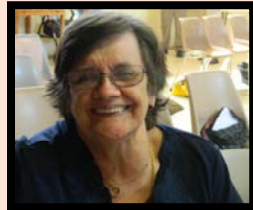
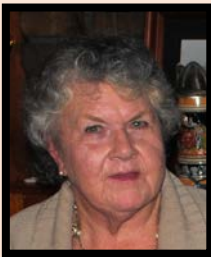


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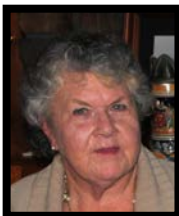
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings to all members,

This is the first Journal following our AGM: all reports are included for you to read.

To the newly elected members of the Executive Committee, thank you for your support and I look forward to the continuing support you give to myself and the Group. Also not forgetting Christine Keen who does such a great job with our Journal, and to the members who support her with articles to share with the membership.

Our return to meetings following the COVID 19 shut down has been a rewarding time for us all. I can see when we all come together either for a general meeting, resource room opening or a workshop at either Sharon, Peter or Ros' homes or Computing evening your warmth and friendship to each other is warming to watch. This reinforces my belief of us being a Friendly History Group.

Once again, congratulations to all who purchased Credit Union Community Lottery tickets (do hope we may have had a winning ticket sold!!) a huge thank you. Your purchases helped to achieve a wonderful total of \$1,318. Well done to all.

As you are reading this edition Peter Tuck is in Burra with a group of our members, all enjoying each other's company, checking out the historic features, researching family history/stories and enjoying the freedom of getting away from home. We look forward to a report in a coming edition. Travel Safe.

I have been aware of some illness in our members and hope all are managing to stay safe and able to avoid the winter blues which are fast approaching. I am looking forward to sharing the coming year of activities and speakers which has been planned for the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group.

As I close, I do look forward to seeing you all at an activity or meeting soon.

Stay safe,

Joy Nieass - President



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Group



View of Witton Bluff on Facebook and websites

PRESIDENT'S REPORT to AGM

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of 2020.

I am pleased to see you all here today, thank you.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of our valued member Bob Beaton. He was able to attend the October meeting, and it was great to see him. He was a popular member of our Group and we will miss him. We have passed condolences onto Bob's family.

This is also the last report for me for my position of President. My two year position has seen much activity and growth within our group. We are known as the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group but I believe we could also be known as the Fleurieu Peninsula Friendly Group.

As we all recall, the year of 2020 started with fires in most states of the Commonwealth and unfortunately on our doorstep, in the Adelaide Hills and on Kangaroo Island. There are many still suffering and we are about to embark on another summer. Fires were hardly finished when the COVID 19 pandemic arrived and this became the 'Unprecedented Year'!

This stayed with us during the past year with the many restrictions imposed upon us with the COVID19 Pandemic. Although no meetings were held from February to August there were several ways for the membership to stay in contact – many thanks go to Sharon Green who made herself available to retrieve information from the Resource Room when we were able to access the resources. When this became untenable she was available on her phone and once the severe community lockdown finished some groups were able to restart with restricted numbers and conditions. Peter Tuck was active with his DNA group and managed to conduct some of these on *Messenger*, the Aussie Group with Ros Dunstall also restarted with limited places available under the COVID Safe Plan we had put into place for these groups to meet in Convenor's homes.

Christine Keen put together the Journals, and with assistance from Jeanette Bell was able to get a copy to all members. Many thanks to the members who sent articles for Christine to use in the publications.

With our COVID Safe Plan and the official paperwork completed, we were able to advertise our first meeting. This came in August (National Family History Month), with a much different set-up in the Hall to cover the COVID Safe distancing required. The reward was there for us when 50 people attended and we had a 'fun afternoon', the importance of this day was the ability to meet and see one another. We also welcomed some new members. Many thanks to the members who became 'Covid Marshals', these are required as part of our meeting to ensure that the requirements are met by us all.

It has been rewarding to see our activities return to normal (as normal is) and being well attended by members.

There have also been programs available from other associations which organized Zoom meetings and I am sure many of you took part. In 2021 we are planning to hold workshops with topics of *Family Tree Maker*, *Trove*, DNA and other topics. We will keep you informed when these are happening.

Before COVID arrived on our shores, we had a wonderful program of speakers and an Expo planned. Please don't worry—we are planning to reorganise the speakers and also the Expo (*Footprint Across the Fleurieu and Beyond*) – this is going to be a challenge, but hopefully the conditions in South Australia by August 2021 will allow us to gather all of the groups of the Fleurieu together to share our resources and knowledge.

The Treasurer's report will explain our financial story for this year. As you are aware, no meetings restricted our income stream. The trading table, raffle tickets and book sales boost our income. We are registered as participants in the Community Lottery and encourage members to purchase tickets – these can only be purchased online. We can assist you with this task, so please contact us and we will send you a link/instructions. Thank you.

Peter Tuck quietly assists in his role as Vice-President and the Convenor of DNA group which meets in his home. Peter resumes his position for the coming year.

I would like to thank Lynnette Gibson for her very valuable role as our Treasurer, she has kept our financial business in a very professional manner and will be stepping down from the position this year, but is planning to remain on the Committee. Many thanks to Lynnette, she will be a valuable member on the Committee.

Mary Sedgmen our Secretary will also be continuing on in her role as Secretary in the coming year. Thank you for your input into our Group, you always do it with a smile.

Christine Keen, as Editor of the *Relative Thoughts*, has been one of the most important members on our Committee, she has published some amazing Journals with many items from you the members. Always an exciting read. Christine is not re-nominating for a position on the next Committee but will be continuing as Editor. On behalf of myself, the Committee and all the members a huge thank you for your contribution to the Committee and the group and we wish you well as you continue with your new career.

Nola Clisby has continued with the task of Membership: this is complex to ensure that the data for membership is current for the mailing of Journals and information to share. This makes calculating of annual awards so much easier.

Elizabeth Grocke has sourced our speakers for the meetings and seminars. As previously mentioned the planned program for 2020 will be revisited for 2021 and no doubt will be of interest to all. Elizabeth has nominated for a position on the Committee and we look forward to 2021, thank you Elizabeth.

Pam Hodges has been managing our Website: as you are aware there are always new items/information to be advised to our site and Pam has kept us, as well as general visitors to the site well informed, thank you.

Gay Jennings and Jenny Chapman have been very special members on the Committee and assist whenever assistance is required. Both Gay and Jenny have re-nominated for the new Committee.

A person who has been the busiest person I know has been Sharon Green, with her wonderful support our Resource Room and 'help' would not happen. She is ably assisted by Pauline Redman, Chris Grivell, Jim Binning, Ian Blatchford and Alan Baulderstone – come for a visit to the Resource Room on an open day (these are twice a month) and you will be well supported.

Also two other busy people in there on these days are Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling quietly working away on the 'Pioneer Register'. Many hours of research and notations are a wonderful resource for all who visit the room.

For our General Meetings to come together there are a trusty team who assist – especially now with cleansing required before and after meetings. The kitchen is also a busy place and we welcome anyone who could come a few minutes before the meeting and during the break time to assist – there are now extra requirements for preparation of the 'coffee break'. Thank you to you all.

The Computer Evening held in the Hall on a monthly basis has been well attended and another learning activity for us – this is now Convened by Heather Boyce. A huge thank you to David Boyce who was the original convenor.

Besides the activities in the Hall, we also have Groups who meet in homes – to Sharon Green, Peter Tuck and Ros Dunstall a huge thank you for your time and patience to assist us all.

All of the previously mentioned members will be reporting on their group activities.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to be President of this Group, I look forward to seeing the Group continue to grow in membership and knowledge of their own ancestry and to share stories of other families be it our members or our history.

Joy Nieass

President

DNA DAY GROUP REPORT to AGM

Well, what a Year, and I made it even more confusing with my personal issues.

We commenced meetings in February but I needed some surgery so the next meeting was suspended. Then Covid appeared and made life completely change. As a result I looked at some quick alternatives and we started to use *Facebook Messenger* to meet and continued in that form through to August. This proved to be a reasonable alternative and we learned a lot about using electronic media, probably more than we did DNA. Come September/October I was away so we missed more meetings but were back to normal in November.

I thank all who attended both personally and via *Facebook* and I believe we all have benefited.

We are a small group and I remind you that all members are welcome.

I have had requests to change the meeting day to later in the week which I will investigate and the result will come out in the invitation in 2021.

I wish all of you the best for your research, and for the coming year

Peter Tuck

RESOURCE ROOM REPORT to AGM

Well 2020 kicked off to a promising start with the Resource Room committee hosting the January meeting, showcasing some of our resources and outlining some of our plans for the year. We were all geared up for an exciting year.

We managed to get three Resource Room openings and two fully booked Workshops—the first on DNA, and the second on Family Tree Maker completed before the year was disrupted with COVID lockdowns etc.

The Resource Room was open for an hour on Saturday 21 March to give any members who were interested the opportunity to borrow some books etc. over the lockdown. Some of you took us up on that offer. As soon as we were allowed we held a couple of special sessions at my home with very limited numbers, keeping well within the Govt. guidelines, where we were able to assist some members with some research.

We resumed openings in September, continuing in October and the first Wednesday of the month in November before once again to keep us all safe we were into another lockdown. This made us wrap things up, as it also coincided with the end of the year.

I would like to thank the Resource Room Committee of Chris Grivell, Pauline Redman, Heather Boyce, Jim Binning, Ian Blatchford and Alan Baulderstone for all their help and support throughout the year. A special thank you to Anne Dow for the off-site work that she assists us with, and the ongoing work done by Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling and their helpers with the Pioneer Project. We'd also like to thank our Resource Room helpers that either help in the Resource Room itself or behind the scenes, namely Jeanette Bell, Mary Sedgmen and David Mutch.

We are looking forward to a more productive year in 2021. Watch this Space.

Sharon Green
Resource Room Coordinator

EVENING DNA GROUP REPORT to AGM

2020 was an unusual year for us all, when we were able to hold sessions we had good numbers of members in attendance within the Covid guidelines for visitors to a household. We mainly worked on our own DNA, addressing any questions from the group as they arose. Some new and interesting DNA matches were found, some more help from all our members attending in helping some of their matches identify family, and some brick-walls that now have a few holes in them. I would like to thank all the members who attended throughout the year, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

Sharon Green
Convenor

UK GROUP REPORT to AGM

As with everything in 2020 nothing went to plan, but we held as many gatherings as we could, even a couple of afternoon sessions were thrown in for good measure. Attendances were good, as with Covid numbers we couldn't actually have any more members come. We all shared our stories and new findings, great camaraderie, and discussion over coffee before heading home, or in my case to bed. I hope to see all the regular faces again in 2021 and as Covid numbers have eased, some new faces too.

Footnote: There will be some wriggle room in what nights these groups will be held in 2021 due to grandparent duties for shift workers. (Generally still either the 1st Monday or Tuesday night of the month for DNA, and the 3rd Monday or Tuesday of the month for the UK group). But there is always a bright side to everything, it may give someone who normally can't attend the opportunity to come.

Sharon Green
Convenor

JOURNAL EDITOR REPORT to AGM

Well 2020 certainly threw us some curve balls and challenges. It was a pleasure to be able to help everyone stay in touch through our Journal. Thank you to all those that answered the call for contributions to enable us to ensure we had a Journal to send out each quarter. I've said on many occasions that the Journal belongs to the members – and when it was needed, many of you contributed.

I would also like to extend thanks to the proof-readers who help check the journal each quarter for their continued support during the difficult times of 2020. Your efforts continue to make my job easier. Thank you to Jeanette Bell for labelling and posting the printed journals each quarter. Please continue to advise either myself or members of the Executive if you are having problems receiving your journal.

Changes in my personal life during 2020, mean that I will officially be stepping down from the Executive Committee as of today. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those members, past and present that I have served on the Committee with. It has been an honour to contribute to the Group through my role on the Committee.

I look forward to continuing my role as Journal Editor, and look forward to receiving many more wonderful contributions from our members.

Christine Keen
Journal Editor

PIONEER REGISTER REPORT to AGM



This year we have yet again significantly increased the number of names to be added to the Pioneer Register. In 2019 we entered 70 new names and this year we have added 88 new names. Our aim to cover a diverse area of the Fleurieu Peninsula has been met with Willunga being the most dominant area this year.

Thank you to all who added their own family members. However, with adopt-a-pioneer we have been adding names from the book *High on the Hill* which was produced by the City of Onkaparinga Library's Local History section.

We are aware that many people seem to think that we are only receiving items from their own family who settled in the Fleurieu Peninsula prior to 1900. So there will be a reminder of the importance of the role of adopt-a-pioneer to the project. We all have the research skills to prepare a Family Group sheet for someone on the list. At the first meeting next year we will revisit the ways you can choose someone to add to our list in 2021.

Thank you to Pam Hodges for keeping our lists up to date on the website and to Jenny Chapman for her support during the year as well as all members who have continued to support this ongoing activity.

Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling

SPEAKER COORDINATOR REPORT to AGM

2020 is over, and I along with I'm sure, all present today will be looking forward to 2021 in more ways than one. Our Guest Speakers have been invited and most accepted my invitation to join us in 2021.

Thank you to Cheryl Williss, and Michael Smith for stepping in late last year when there was this great hiccup in February, and then when we got to resume later in the year with our Covid Plan up and running.

2021 will have a mix of all sorts from Traditions and Quilting, to Secrets and Poisoning to Policing and possibly everything in between so keep a watchful eye on the journal.

Elizabeth Grocke
Speaker Coordinator

AUSSIE INTEREST GROUP REPORT to AGM

2020—the year we had to endure because of Covid-19 and the restrictions placed on our state.

We began the year in February with a bright and cheery get together with news of what had happened over our Christmas break. We all looked forward to another interesting year of solving mysteries in our family searches, meeting new cousins and attending various events.

But suddenly that all stopped and we never met again until August with a few brave souls coming to our meeting with Covid-19 restrictions. It was good to see each other and chat about where we were with research, how we were feeling and coping with restrictions.

We understood that some of our group did not wish to attend because they were still worried about mixing with others and we invited only eight members to our first two meetings, gradually increasing numbers as allowed.

We are still inviting only 12 members to meetings and we sincerely hope this will be the last of the restricted numbers and 2021 will be back to normal with everyone being able to attend if they wish.

We look forward to a very successful 2021.

Ros Dunstall
Convenor

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR REPORT to AGM

Membership at the end of 2020 was 140 (including Honorary Members) with approximately fifty people attending our meetings.

Although we only met five times during 2020 fourteen New Members joined our group.

A great response to the renewal of subscriptions is much appreciated. Thankyou.

The New Member's Meeting held this morning and open to all members has finally taken place with another new member joining today.

Keep safe and well in 2021

Nola Clisby
Membership Coordinator

20 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

The Executive Committee would like to acknowledge the following members who were awarded their 20 Year Membership Certificates at the AGM.

Vanessa Lawrence, Ray Lawrence and Ros Dunstall. Pat Davis and Edith St George will be presented with their certificates at a later date.



LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!! By Elizabeth Grocke



January 2021 like in other years is Show and Tell for our Resource room. Sharon together with her invisible helpers showed all the new, old, and updated technology available for use within our group. This January meeting was also a new Members meeting Information Day, so I hope all will avail themselves of what is available. Sharon finished off the day with a round of Relli Bingo....with the right rules.

February 2021—Today we had Jim Everett, *Finding Family in the Genealogical Forest*. He spoke on many aspects of finding that long lost relative and main points to follow:

- Cemetery Burial Registers
- Death Certificates
- Church Registers
- Funeral/Death Notices
- State and Regional Newspapers (Trove)



- Obituaries/State/Regional Church Newsletters
- Funeral Directors Records
- Burial Grants Registers
- Inscriptions on Memorials
- Electoral rolls/Local Directories
- Local Government Records (Old District Councils)
- Church Archives e.g. Lutheran, Catholic
- Local Parish Records

Point of interest—South Australia was the first State in Australia to hold a cremation 4 May 1903 at West Terrace. The crematorium closed in 1959 and the building demolished in 1970.



March 2021—Was FPFHG Show and Tell Day.

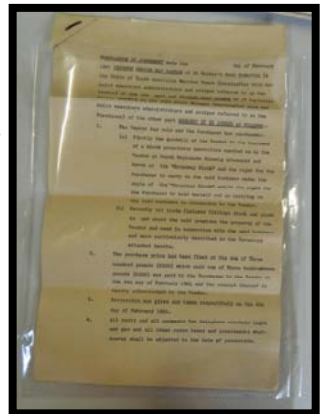


Kath Fisher—She was sorting through boxes and came across *Great Aunts and Iconic Buildings*.

1. Was a certificate of Sale and Purchase of the Broadway Kiosk in Glenelg which one of her great Aunts owned 1930-1940. The Kiosk was purchased for £300.

2. Kath also showed us a photo album with well preserved photos of another Great Aunt and husbands Penny's Knitting Mills on Greenhill Road Unley. The façade of this building is still on Greenhill Road.

Both businesses survived the impact of war and the depression.





Kerry Edwards—Showed us a great photo she had restored and framed of her dad b1934 in his father's truck. Kerry also showed how she had preserved her many family photos both black and white and colour, in albums of her Mum, Dad and herself (it even has her latest knee surgery) this is not the normal scrapbook album, but done through online companies.



Then it was Heather Boyce's turn to dazzle us with IT

1. The new photo/copier/scanner that is in the works to purchase. It is going to be a great asset to all. I can see some workshops being arranged or just one on one 'how to use'.
2. Glass Plate negatives, check out the Sweetman Collection (SA Library). By using a flat bed light box, a darkened room and Irfanview the magic happens....excellent.
3. Then with some of Heather and Kerry's family photos the magic continues via My Heritage Animation of loved family members from Black and White to Colour. Just amazing.

Thankyou to our presenters and their IT technology.

Elizabeth Grocke

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new members:

Ani Peters and Danny Dunstall

Nola Clisby

ENHANCING, COLOURISING AND ANIMATING PHOTOS

by Kerry Edwards

At our Show and Tell Heather Boyce demonstrated a great new feature from the genealogy website *My Heritage* www.myheritage.com. The feature is for photos. The registered name is *Deep Nostalgia* and it comes free with membership to this site. There is a 14 day free trial and then a cost (see their website for details).

From the Home page click on Family tree to see options of Enhance photos to make them clearer, Colourise photos to automatically change black and white to their choice of colours and Animate photos to make a short video of a single profile.

The Animate photos option does all three together— enhance, colourise and animate. To do this upload or drag and drop your photo. Your photo will be automatically enhanced to ensure optimal results for the animation. If the image features more than one face, select one from among the individual faces that have been detected in the image. Only one face can be animated from each photo and will appear as a head and shoulders shot rather than one animated person amongst a group (which would look weird).

Animating one face in a photo typically takes between 10 to 20 seconds, depending on the length of the driver video that they're applying to it. Videos that consist of a longer sequence of gestures take longer to create. The site chooses from a few different fixed sequence of movements and gestures, depending on the photo to move the eyes, mouth and head. Once your animated video is ready it will start playing immediately. Hover over it to pause the video at any point.

Click the Download video button to download to your computer as an mp4 video of between about 2.5MB and 4MB in size. This can then be shared via social media, email, etc.

I've found best results with photos that have a clear distinction between the head and background. Give it a go for some fun!

Kerry Edwards



L—Kerry Edwards 1960
—original photo.

R—Kerry Edwards
1960—colourised and
enhanced.



NORTH ROAD CEMETERY—'A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION: LOUISA O'BRIEN'



When the Beatles visited Adelaide in 1964, attracting a crowd of over 300,000 fans, the group stayed at the South Australian Hotel, a hotel that was revived to grandeur by hotelier, Louisa O'Brien.

Born in Naracoorte in 1880, and after a short stint in Melbourne, the family moved to Adelaide in 1890 where her parents took over the management of the Black Bull Hotel in Hindley Street. In 1911, Louisa married John O'Brien, and together they secured the lease of the Young Queen Inn (later known as the Commercial Hotel then Astor Hotel) in Gawler Place. In 1921 Louisa took over the Black Bull which she continued to operate until 1934.

Widowed in 1922, and her five children attending boarding schools, Louisa made the impulsive decision to take over the run down South Australian Hotel on North Terrace in 1934. She employed new kitchen staff and hired twenty-five unemployed painters and plasterers to refurbish the dining area. Within days the newly decorated white and gold dining room, with a capacity for 600 patrons, was serving lunches.

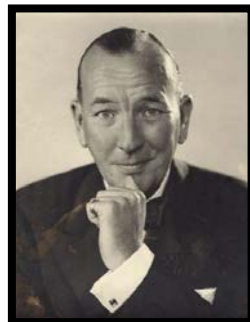


The South Australian Hotel c.1910 and c.1936

The interior of the hotel was refurbished, and in its heyday was said to rival Raffles in Singapore as one of the great hotels of the British Empire. An astute businesswoman, Louisa could always be found in the foyer watching over proceedings and greeting guests as they entered.

Louisa generously donated the 'Blue Room' as a dormitory for firefighters during the 1939 bushfires, and later that year it became a staging camp for Dutch refugees. Parts of the hotel was used as headquarters by American Soldiers during World War II.

Other famous guests to stay at the South Australian include ballerina Anna Pavlova, author H.G. Wells, Sir Laurence Olivier and his wife Vivien Leigh, Marlene Dietrich, WWII flying ace Douglas Bader, playwright Sir Noel Coward, and actor William Boyd who played 'Hopalong Cassidy'.



Anna Pavlova c1926-1929; Sir Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh; Sir Noel Coward;

Douglas Bader; H G Wells and William Boyd.

Louisa was a benefactor to the Australian Red Cross Society, the Fighting Forces Comfort Fund and the Cheer-Up Society. She was appointed MBE in 1948 in recognition of her support and generosity.

Louisa died at her beloved South Australian Hotel on 16 December, 1957, and is buried alongside her husband in Plot 3078B, Path 18 North. As was her wish, there is no headstone to mark their grave.

Article submitted by member Ros Dunstall, and reproduced with permission from the Media Officer, North Road Cemetery.

TIPS FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Below is a list of tips for writing or submitting articles for inclusion in *Relative Thoughts*

- Where possible please submit articles as a WORD document.
- If possible please use font Calibri, font size 9, justified (or Times New Roman, size 10).
- Acknowledge sources. If the work is not your own – please provide the full details of the source.
- Numerals 1–9 to be written as words **NOT** numerics.
- Photos/pictures – adding these to your article helps break it up a little, particularly if the article is long. Acknowledge the source of the photo if it is not your own.
- Write dates as 1 January 2018 **NOT** 1st January 2018.
- Use single quotation marks **NOT** double, unless they have already been used within a quote or are direct speech.
- Please ensure that names of people and places have been spelt correctly – it is not always possible for proof-readers or the Editor to verify spellings.
- If possible have someone else read your article – check for spelling and grammar – before you submit it.
- Articles can be submitted via email to the Editor (see inside Journal cover for email address) or may be handed to the Editor at a meeting.
- The current Editor is happy to type articles from hand written notes – however, please allow plenty of time, so that a typed copy may be provided back to the author for proofing, before inclusion in the journal.
- When submitting articles from other journals/magazines, please ensure permission has been obtained for FPFHG to use the article, and include the permission with the article.

Christine Keen
Journal Editor

PUBS OF BURNSIDE—BURNSIDE INN, BURNSIDE HOTEL and FEATHERS HOTEL



Pubs of Burnside - Burnside Inn, Burnside Hotel and Feathers Hotel

Pubs and inns have been a stalwart of many Australian communities since colonisation. The Burnside area is no different – but with the peculiar factor of many early European arrivals to Burnside being Protestant dissenters. Methodists and other dissenters dominated the state’s population and were mostly teetotallers, which explains why there were relatively few hotels in the Burnside area. Those that were built were placed on running water, to provide water supply to travellers, and also served aerated waters. Despite moral stances on alcohol, beer was always popular as a way to avoid drinking contaminated water. It was also common, in the early days of liquor licensing, for hotels not to be purpose built but rather private houses that the owner had received a licence to sell liquor from.

The Burnside Inn was the centre of life in original Burnside village – approximately 27 and 29 High Street. The area developed around the Hallett Rivulet (now Second Creek), and in 1863 Caroline Clark and her children opened the Burnside Inn. Caroline’s husband, Francis, had died in 1853, and the family would go on to become significantly involved in South Australian institutions such as the State Children’s Council and *The Register* newspaper. Henry Warland, landlord of the inn, took over in 1865. Warland ran several other businesses in the area, including a blacksmith shop and passenger coach.

The Inn was an important meeting place for the community, playing host to election meetings and community gatherings. Sporting clubs, councils and coroners held court at the Inn. Travellers on their way to the hills would also stop here. At some point in the 1870s, Warland renamed the Inn to Burnside Hotel. It was owned for a time by the Edmeades and

Co. Brewing Company, who constructed a hotel at 33 High Street in 1883 and *also* called it the Burnside Hotel.

Burnside Inn remained as a small single storied building marking the centre of the original Burnside Village, until about 1909 when it was closed as part of a large wave of restructuring of liquor licences, reflecting public opinion on public consumption of alcohol. By 1920 cars and diesel engine buses were replacing horses, and better sewerage and piped water replaced the Eastern region's dependence on the local creeks or a spring or a well. This eliminated the need for the coaches that ran in and out of the hotels.

By the 1960s, the centre of Burnside life had moved further down Glynburn Road, and teetotallers no longer had the same grip on daily life. The Feathers Hotel was built in 1966 and replaced an old wine saloon on the corner of Glynburn Road and John Street. The houses behind the Feathers date from the 1880s. The Feathers was rebuilt in Georgian style - one note on the back of an old photograph suggests that residents would only agree to the building of the hotel if it did not look like a hotel. It has since become a recreation and entertainment centre of the area.

Original research by Diana Chessell, Burnside Historical Society.

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THE SAWYER FAMILY HISTORY WITH REEVESBY ISLAND

This is a collation of some of the info posted to the *Friends of Reevesby Island Group* FB page as well as other information.

The Sawyer family had a couple associations with the Island, my Great great grandfather – Joseph Sawyer, who initially ran sheep on Spilsby Island, leased Reevesby Island and surrounding smaller islands from 1871 to 1884 to again run sheep. (Joseph and his wife Ann had a son in 1872 who they named Spilsby, his birth place/residence is listed as Spilsby Island)

In 1904, his sons, Richard (my great grandfather) and Charles took out leases on Reevesby and five nearby smaller islands from 1904 until 1921. The initial residence which they built was towards the northern end of the island and this is now known as Dick's Hut (Richard Sawyer's nickname).

In 1907, members of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science visited Reevesby Island as part of their tour of the islands of Spencer Gulf following the 11th session of the Association in Adelaide. The photo appears in the book 'A cruise in the steamer *Governor Musgrave* among the islands in Spencer's Gulf, January 1907', page 74 and in the *Observer* newspaper, 16 February 1907, page 32. The photo is in the State Library Collection at: <https://collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/resource/B+10331>



The group in front of the only residence at the time on Reevesby Island, largest island in the Sir Joseph Banks Group, 17 January 1907, left to right are:

- * Philip Henry Sawyer (24 yo, son of Charles & Julia Sawyer)
- * Richard Sawyer (aged 50) (my G Grandfather)
- * Reuben Sawyer (aged 7), son of Richard & Amelia Sawyer)
- * Henry "George" Sawyer (aged 9,) son of Richard & Amelia Sawyer (my Grandfather)
- * Dorothy Elizabeth Sawyer (aged 8), daughter of Richard & Amelia Sawyer
- * Gladys May Sawyer (aged 1), daughter of Richard & Amelia Sawyer , being held by Amelia (Mac Joe's mother)
- * Amelia Sawyer (aged 35), wife of Richard Sawyer
- * Eva Crocker Sawyer (20 yo), daughter of Charles & Julia Sawyer
- * Amelia Noreen Sawyer (3 yo), daughter of Richard & Amelia Sawyer, holding the hand of Capt Weir
- * Captain Patrick Weir from the S.S. Governor Musgrave.

The shadow is the photographer W. S. Smith, from the Governor Musgrave.

Absent from the photo is Charles Sawyer who also lived on the island.

Some information about some of those in the photo:

Philip Henry Sawyer became a fisherman in the Streaky Bay/Elliston area. He also became to be called 'Dick'. His photo is on the display at the Coffin Bay Post Office. He married Clara Elizabeth Hanson nee Arnold (widow of Sander Hanson) and they had two sons, the late Phil Sawyer of *In Flinder's Wake* video fame (which is on a QR code link on the Flinder's Memorial in Pt Lincoln) and Lindsay Sawyer, still a regular visitor to Pt Lincoln.

Henry 'George' Sawyer lived on Reevesby Island until he enlisted and served in WW1 (along with four of his cousins). He was wounded in action but survived. Sadly, Charles Sawyer's son Ernest (not in photo) was killed in action and is buried on the Somme.

Dorothy Elizabeth Sawyer married John Warner in 1921, which continued the Sawyer association with the island as he was a partner with Edgar Mundy for the lease on Reevesby from 1921 to 1928.

Reuben Sawyer became a fisherman but after he and his deckhand were stranded on Reevesby Island in 1933 after their boat *Sylia* floundered during a stiff storm, he decided fishing wasn't for him and accepted employment with Mr R Biddle (who was working the island) to work on the Island, hence (sic) continuing the Sawyer connection.

As their families grew, the house was extended with several stone rooms until a new house was warranted.

In 1908, Richard and Amelia has another son, who they named Marrum Reevesby Sawyer. His birthplace is listed as Pt Lincoln so Amelia must have left the island for the birth.

Dick's hut is now a ruin as shown in the second photo. (not to be confused with the "Homestead" on the southern end which is currently being restored and will be covered in a separate post).



The Second Residence

As the Sawyer family grew, the initial residence which they built on the northern end of the island was outgrown, so they then built a new residence on the southern part of the Island for Charles Sawyer and his family.

The first photo came into my possession some years ago and it quite clear that it is the southern house, the building is distinctive because of the corner fireplace/chimney and is confirmed in the second photo, taken from the top of the sand dune looking east towards Haystack Bay, which also shows the shearing shed. The date of the first photo is estimated to be circa 1916 based on the known birth date of the child when her identity was later found.



The woman and child in the photo were a bit of a mystery. It was certainly not Charles' wife. He married Julia Jurgens in 1877 and over the next 10 years they produced seven children, all but one survived to adulthood. Julia divorced Charles in 1898 and was listed as a resident of Adelaide. She married Walter Dennis Rutherford from Streaky Bay in 1901 and they moved to Western Australia.

A few years later, I had a phone call from Peter Kelly, an ex Pt Lincoln person who was researching his family history and trying to track his grandmother Martha Kelly. He had heard that Martha had been a housekeeper for Charles Sawyer and rang me as he knew I was researching the Sawyer family history. It was 'lightbulb turning on' moment. The photo was dispatched and Peter confirmed that it was indeed his grandmother and the only known photo of her. The child was also identified as his Auntie Katherine.

David Edgar Mundy, in conjunction with J Warner, took over the leases in 1921 and he and subsequent lessee's of the island improved and extended this house and this is now what is known as the "Homestead".

The Friends of Reevesby Island Group are doing a fantastic job of restoring this building: see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/904384830377711>

Steve Sawyer

Steve forwarded this article to FPFHG for inclusion in *Relative Thoughts*. If members have any comments or information that contribute to the information included, Steve's contact details can be obtained from the Journal Editor.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings are held at 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.

17 April —Jan Lokan, Early Cornwall and Traditions

15 May—Irene Carrig, Ayers House Quilt (History Month)

19 June—Dr Samantha Battams, Secret Art of Poisoning

17 July—Kath and the Girls, Lace History

RESOURCE ROOM OPENING TIMES



The Resource Room is available to members for research. During the opening time before the Saturday general meetings, Resource Room volunteers will not be available to give assistance with 'Family Research', but books, newsletters and magazines can be borrowed from 12.00pm to 1.15pm, and during the afternoon tea break.

Other opening times for the Resource Room will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons during February to October, and the 1st Wednesday in November, from 1.00pm—3.30pm.

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

Opening dates for this quarter are: 7 April, 17 April, 21 April, 5 May, 15 May, 19 May, 2 June, 16 June, 19 June, 7 July, 17 July, 3 July, 21 July.

EVENING COMPUTER GROUP



The evening computer class is held in the Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Street, Christies Beach. A \$5.00 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 7.30pm.

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

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EDITOR'S NOTE by Christine Keen



The April journal this year is a little different from those of previous years. With restrictions and lockdowns due to Covid 19 delaying our AGM until January, the reports that traditionally appear in our first edition of the year have been included in this edition.

On page 18, members will find a list of tips for submitting articles for inclusion. If you have any questions regarding submission of items for the journal, I am happy for members to approach me during general meetings or to contact me (details on page 2 of the journal).

Thank you to those members who have submitted articles for this edition. I look forward to receiving contributions from our members for the July edition. The next edition will include a review of the trip to Burra, along with many photos.

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 Street, Christies Beach. The Resource Room is open from 12.00pm each meeting day.

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

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

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

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