

Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.
Computer Group Meeting
Minutes
Saturday 12 December 2009 at 11:00

Apologies: Mike Murray, Lesley Silvester, Cynthia Brock, Liana Fitzpatrick, Kath Mitchell, Joan Anderson.

1. WAGS/CIG Business:

- **WAGS Intranet** – Upload Interface. The Contractor is now training our Uploaders to commence loading our CD library onto the WAGS server. The uploading should commence early in the New Year.
- **WAGS LAN** – We have recently done some work which has increased the network speed and storage capability and capacity. An additional server has been installed, and Server backup procedures are now in place.
- **WAGS Internet** – The WAGS website is being upgraded and nearing the point where we can install the E-commerce and Membership modules. These components should be available early in the New Year.

2. Items of General Interest from the outside world:

- Chris had a recent problem whereby Excel spreadsheets would not load and had the following error message:

“This operation has been cancelled due to restrictions in effect on this computer. Please contact your system administrator”

After some extreme frustration and searching for the message on Google, it appears that an update from MS was the cause of the problem. Internet Explorer was not set as the preferred browser, the fix was simple enough, but WHY was it necessary to go through the hoops? This problem is not restricted to Excel, and can other affect MS Office programs.

1. Open Start -> Set Program Access and Defaults
2. Select the “Set Program Access and Defaults” tab
3. Open the “Custom” section
4. Select “Internet Explorer” as the default browser
5. Under “Choose a default e-mail program” select “Use my current e-mail program”
6. Click OK.
7. Reboot - May not be necessary, but if problem still exists after doing the above, a reboot will fix it.
8. On startup, if you use different browser, you will then need to reset the preferred browser back to whatever you use.

3. Keeping your PC healthy:

- No issues were discussed

4. Genealogy programs:

- No problems encountered by members

5. Genealogy sources:

- For **new links** on the WAGS Genealogy Links Page – use the **“Best”** filter number **“7”** – updated monthly on the 7th
- For a basic set of “Best” links us the filter number **“1”**
- See table of Categories below – 884 links as at Saturday 12 December 2009 – and growing

6. Demos – we had a look at MS Excel

- CSV (Comma Separated Values) – text file imports
- Data Filters
- Pivot tables
- Some useful and simple formulas.

7. Other business:

- Thanks to Yvonne for an enjoyable shared Lunch at her house, on an extremely hot day

8. Next Meeting:

- Saturday 13 February 2010 – Program TBA

Attachment to Minutes of WAGS CIG Meeting

WAGS Genealogy Links Category List
as at Saturday 12 December 2009

Available at: <http://wags.org.au/o/links-table.html>

| Category | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| SOCIETIES | 116 |
| BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH | 90 |
| LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES | 81 |
| CEMETERIES | 69 |
| HISTORY - LOCAL AND GENERAL | 61 |
| INDEXES & DATABASES | 60 |
| MILITARY | 59 |
| PASSENGER LISTS AND SHIPPING | 43 |
| CONVICTS | 40 |
| MAPS AND GAZETTEERS | 38 |
| LINK SITES | 31 |
| CHURCH RECORDS AND HISTORY | 24 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 24 |
| NEWSPAPERS | 22 |
| CENSUS | 19 |
| PLACE NAMES | 19 |
| SURNAMES | 14 |
| WILLS | 14 |
| WORKHOUSES | 12 |
| SHIPWRECKS | 10 |
| DIRECTORIES | 9 |
| INDIGENOUS / ABORIGINAL | 9 |
| OCCUPATIONS | 9 |
| PRISONS AND PRISONERS | 7 |
| PUBLISHERS | 4 |
| Grand Total | 884 |

And growing by the month....