

**WAGS Computer User Group
12 Jun 2010**

Minutes

Meeting started at: 11am.

Mike welcomed 25 members including two new members

Apologies: Lesley Silvester, Robyn Faulkner, Cynthia Brock, Filson Beckett

WAGS/CIG business

- Next meeting I'm not here – Chris will host the meeting
- WAGS AGM 27 June at Bayswater Senior Citizens: urgent call for some key positions to be filled.
- Chris talked a bit about the website and called for submissions to the new section 'WAGS Tales', which he demonstrated

1. Items of General Interest from the computer world:

- Lots of Apple news: new iPhone, new iPhone iOS, iPads selling well, market cap bigger than Microsoft...
- Safari 5 released – nice integrated ad-blocker, 'reader'
- Google new search engine 'caffeine' described
http://www.genealogyintime.com/NewsStories/2010/June/google_caffeine_equals_big_genealogy_news.html

2. Keeping your PC healthy

- Hoax emails going round: Kevin Rudd's ancestor hanged, General Cosgrove's interview <http://www.hoax-slayer.com/latest-information.html>
- Interesting article in WA Monday June 7 on hoax websites.
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3. Genealogy programs

- Family Tree Maker soon available on the Mac
<http://www.familytreemaker.com/Mac/Default.aspx>
- Discussion about suitable programs for newbies.

4. Genealogy sources:

- Irish 1901 census released this month <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>
- Findmypast Australian release; basically the World Vital Records stuff
www.findmypast.com.au
- www.findmyast.co.uk free offer: when England play, you don't pay. 30 minutes before each game, for three hours free. Times are South African:
 - England vs. United States - 12 Jun 8:30pm
 - England vs. Algeria - 18 Jun 8:30pm
 - Slovenia vs. England - 23 Jun 4:00pm
- Alastair noted that if you get a membership card from the National Library of Australia, you can access the Gale newspaper databases
- We had a quick look at 'Trove' at the NLA site <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Discussion – Suspect websites

- www.ukrecordshub.com
- www.searchyourgenalogy.com
- www.ancestry-records.co.uk
- www.australian-ancestry.com
- <http://www.australian-people-records.com/Genealogy-Search.php>
- many of the above are linked to 'interactive brands' in Canada
- Use 'whois' to find out <http://tools.whois.net/whoisbyip/>