

**Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.**  
**Computer Group Meeting – Minutes**  
**Saturday 09 October 2010**

Meeting started at 11:00, and went a little under time finishing at 12:30, due to problems on our LAN/Internet connections being very SSSLLLOOOOWWW..... (Apologies to all who attended), we are getting it looked at.

Chris welcomed 26 attendees, including 3 new members attending for the first time.

**Apologies:** Mike Murray, Lesley Silvester, Cynthia Brock.

**1. WAGS/CIG Business:**

- WAGS Website wins FFHS “The Best Website” Award 2010 – see article on our website.
- WAGS Open Day – Tuesday, October 19 – “Who do you think you are” – Volunteers welcome for Computer assistance, other SIG’s will be in attendance, please contact Mike Murray if you can help. You can email Mike from the WAGS Website at: <http://wags.org.au/o/sig-contacts/computer-group.html>
- Bookshop Sale on until Oct 31 – Catalogue & order form on the website news item.
- Scottish Roadshow – Chris Paton in Perth on Monday October 18, at the Perth Function Centre, Lathlain – see article on the website.
- Western Ancestor – Writing Competition – Commemorating ANZACS service. Competition closes Jan 9, 2011, and article will appear in March edition. See article on website & in Sept Western Ancestor.

**2. Items of General Interest from the Computer world:**

- National Library of Scotland: <http://www.nls.uk/family-history/index.html> - has uploaded to the internet an additional one million items from its collection. This brings the total amount of online items to 1.5 million. Included in the latest upload are manuscripts, letters, books and newspapers.
- Ancestry have expanded London Metropolitan Archive database, BDM’s & Poor Law records specifically
- The NLA beta site <http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/> is now uploading the Launceston Examiner from 1900.
- Legacy has a trial new version of their Genealogy program available.
- There are 2 Genealogy oriented Ship Cruises available:  
One by Legacy, departing Sydney Nov 8, 2010, see details at:  
[http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy\\_news/legacy\\_cruise/](http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy_news/legacy_cruise/)  
The other by Unlock the Past, departing Brisbane Mar 19, 2011, details at:  
<http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/history-genealogy-cruise-2011>  
Looks like fun....

**3. Keeping your PC healthy:**

- Get a Free Computer Screen Clean, courtesy of WAGS CIG:  
<http://wags.org.au/o/wags-special-interest-groups/computer/>  
and click on the Free Screen Clean link, under the “About the Computer Group” item....

**4. Genealogy programs & Queries:**

- BackupMyTree – Ian provided the following link: <https://www.backupmytree.com/home>  
Like Dropbox, BackupMyTree automates the process of backup for any files it recognises as being in family tree format, ensuring you’ll have a current copy online. It also keeps archive copies of the previous 25 versions, which can be useful if your files become corrupted. It supports the GEDCOM standard, as well as files from Family Tree Maker, Family Tree Builder, PAF, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic and Family Tree Legends. BackupMyTree is free to use; the client software is Windows only, though you can also upload files of your choice via a browser.

**5. Genealogy Sources:**

- Newspaper sites were discussed, as below.

**6. Demo:**

- Chris tried to take us on a walk through various Newspapers Online websites, however due to the LAN/Internet problems we were experiencing, we were unable to have a good look at sites (sorry...)
- Go to the WAGS Website Genealogy Links: <http://wags.org.au/o/links-table.html> and select “Newspapers” from the “Category” drop down box – there are 41 links to specific convict sites. Also, reset the filters and type “news” in the “Title” box, which will bring up 35 sites which have some news content, 12 of which are also in the “Newspaper” category, i.e. 12 others with “news” in the title.

**7. Next Meeting:**

- Saturday 13 November 2010 @ 11:00 – 13:00 – Topic TBA – check the WAGS Website.