

Western Australian Genealogical Society

Computer Interest Group – Meeting Notes

Date 12 November 2011 Number attended 21 Donations at door \$36.45

Chair: Mike Murray

Apologies: Lesley Silvester, Yvonne Lambie, Diana Boxall

Key topics discussed:

Topic	Outcome
CIG business – proposed committee. Mike outlined proposal and benefits. Mike willing to continue as Convenor, but suggests a committee to spread the load and prevent staleness.	Agreed to form interim CIG committee (Ian Dew, Alastair Honeybun, Chris Loudon) and have formal nominations and elections in February.

Scams and spams:

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/892511> Australia Post won't ring wanting \$\$

Also banks warning of dangers of text authorizations for transfers; scammers hacking into mobile phones.

Programs – Family Historian 5 out soon

Legacy Webinars — free to view for a week. Check them out at

www.legacyfamilytree.com

great learning opportunities – recent ones on breaking down brick walls; also Google for genealogists

Websites and sources for genealogy:

Web address	Comment
www.geni.com	- change in membership tiers... no big deal
Update on last month's search for descendants – a long 'short cut': birth cert/death cert/trace informant/marriage cert/trace children – expensive but can work	
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hughwallis/	Hugh Wallis site links to the new Familysearch site are now working
http://youtu.be/OwZk6rASC8k	1940 US census coming out April 2012. Check the video on it
www.findmypast.com	New Cheshire parish records online
www.wamarriage.info/	Reverse marriage index is now much faster and more reliable (new server)

Demos/presentations:

Mike looked various sites with good WW1 records. Good website for initial hunting is www.militaryindexes.com/worldwarone/ Also demonstrated the Anzac mapping feature at the National Archives which means you can quickly find your ancestor's records if you know either: place of birth or place of enlistment. Check it out at <http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/>

Next meeting: Saturday December 10, 11am - later. Alastair will demo some of the tools he uses to manipulate images he downloads from the web.

ALSO: End of Year celebration – bring something along to share and we'll do lunch!