

MINUTES FOR ISEA MEETING

SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2011

1. **Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10 am with 16 people present. Liana Fitzpatrick was in the chair.

2. **Apologies**

Chris Bell; Ronald Barrett; Norma Curnow; Susan Fearn; Linley Harris; Sheree Tomassen; Ivan D’Rosario; Kerry D’Rosario; Jill Erridge; Ainslie Sharpe; Roley Sharpe; Narelle Catling.

3. **New Members Interests**

Five New Members were welcomed to the group

4. **Treasurer’s Report**

It was decided at the last meeting to pay \$2.00 to cover the costs of morning tea, and to provide specific resources for the WAGS Library. At the January meeting \$148.00 was taken, consisting of a \$100.00 anonymous donation, and the fees collected.

The Group’s finances stood at \$148.00 on 31 March 2011.

5. **ISEA AGM and Committee**

The timing of an AGM was discussed and a decision was made to hold one in April, so that new office bearers could be elected, and reports for the WAGS AGM could be prepared in time for May’s submission deadline.

After further discussion, it was decided to form a small committee to help with administration and meeting preparation. Shirley Guy, Liana Fitzpatrick and Robert Gates (Robert pointed out that he will be away for some time later in the year) volunteered to join the convener and treasurer; and Kathy Hoggett agreed to be secretary. Robert Atkins has agreed to update the ISEA SIG webpage, but he expressed a wish not to be on the committee.

It was suggested that some areas for the committee to attend to shortly, should include a comprehensive listing of members and their details; as well as collation of the responses from the Emails sent in January regarding helpful resources and areas of interest.

6. **Request for Speaker at Mandurah FHS**

A letter from the Mandurah Family History Society, asking for a speaker on Indian Research, for a meeting on 8 October 2011, has been received. None of those present felt competent enough to undertake the task. The request was to be returned to the Convener along with the suggestion that perhaps the Sharpes or Norma Curnow may like to accept the invitation. Liana Fitzpatrick agreed to attend to support the speaker.

7. **ISEA Brochure**

All agreed that Ainslie Sharpe has drafted an excellent brochure for the ISEA Group. Any suggestions for improvements/ changes etc were to be emailed to Liana or Chris by the 7th May.

Immediate comments:

✚ The map on the front cover may need to be changed as it does not photocopy very well

✚ Similarly the photograph of the horse and rider inside the front page

✚ The source of the photographs was questioned as to whether copyright permission needs to be obtained before the brochure can be published.

8. Library Resources Update

Kathy Hoggett advised members of the new resources in the WAGS library, and of 2 internet sites that may help when researching.

9. Hospital Photographs

The WAGS library has been given a series of photographs of the Kapurthala Hospital circa 1920s. Suggestions as to what to do with the book – contact FIBIS for assistance in identification, or sending the book to the local government authority – are to be followed up.

10. WAGS Update

Members were advised of upcoming events at WAGS, specifically:

✚ Membership on Line

✚ Changes to credit card payments

✚ 9th May National Volunteer Week Morning Tea

✚ 9th May Gene Chatter on South Australia

✚ WAGS AGM on 26th June

✚ Nominations for the management committee close on 13th May

✚ A Social Event – Songs and Stories of WA's Maritime Past - in July

11. Member's News; Successes; and Brick Walls

A number of members shared their research joys and frustrations.

✚ Advice was given that Liz Chater, a member of FIBIS based in the UK, was an authority on Armenian Research and may help overcome language hurdles.

✚ FIBIS provide a discussion forum, as well as research in the India Office for its members.

✚ www.janus.lib.cam.ac.uk website provides access to the Archives at Cambridge University, including many for South East Asia. Documents can be accessed.

✚ A letter has been received from Narelle Catling, a specialist on Burma. She now lives in Singapore and is happy to research on behalf of ISEA members. Email her at narelle@catling.org.

✚ The Singapore Library has digitized copies of newspapers and rare books on line. <http://sgebooks.nl.sg>.

12. General Business

The meeting concluded at 11.33am. Members were able then to browse the library's collection.

The next meeting will be in Unit 4 on 23rd July. Sabrina Armstrong volunteered to bring morning tea.

After the meeting closed Bev Rowbottam volunteered to help Sabrina with the morning tea.

