

WAGS - The Master Genealogist SIG Meeting – 11.00am, 6 August, 2011

1. **Present:** Robert welcomed 11 members
2. **Apologies:** Cynthia Brock, Carole Carson
3. **Programs**
 - 3.1 TMG V8 – solves 64 bit users problems
 - enables you to enter children via spreadsheet for a bulk upload
 - 3.2 Second Site v4 – no massive changes from v3
 - 3.3 Pathwiz – An excellent free program for editing image paths in TMG
 - 3.4 Windows Live Photo Gallery – Another excellent free program for editing photos

4. WAGS Membership Website (www.membership.wags.org.au)

Members only can access the "My Profile" and "Members Only" sections by logging in with their WAGS given user name and password

- (1) My Profile Section – Enter or edit your details
- (2) Members Only Section – Gives you access to "Reverse Marriages 1829 – 1857" and "Albany Deaths & Burials". Others will be added in the future.
- (3) Forums Section – is open to members and the public, and includes the WAGS forum and the Interest Group forums. They are easy to subscribe to. Neil Bradley is the Administrator of the TMG Forum.
- (4) TMG Forum – The meeting agreed that all TMG Special Interest Group members would subscribe to this Forum and that it would be the source of all future communication with the Group members. **Action: All Members**
- (5) Members Interests – It is intended that that this Section will be added in the future.

5. Exhibits Under TMG

- (1) One approach to storing was described as follows:
 - Use a folder for each family
 - Use a file name beginning with the ID number of the primary person in the photo, followed by "_" then a description.
- (2) Exhibit Sizes – Neil has standardised on 250 x 300, or 300 x 400. Robert has standardised on 700 x 1000
- (3) Recommended you use the "Second Site" program to batch resize all your photos

(4) Recommended you use "Windows Live Photogallery" program (free from Microsoft) for cleaning up cracks and blotches on photos, and also for patching together panned photos or scanned images. Robert reported he regularly uses this to record an A3 image. He scans the image on an A4 scanner, scanning half the document at a time, with some overlap, then combines the two images using the "Create/Panorama" function in the program, then crops the final image for neatness.

(5) State Records Office - allows you to photograph documents

6. Sources

In naming sources it is recommended that you begin the title with the source type then the detail, eg "Census England 1841" rather than "1841 English Census". This makes the index of sources more easy to follow. Adopt this approach for all source types, eg Newspapers, Letters, Passenger Lists, etc.

7. Next Meeting – 11.00am Saturday 5th November, 2011