

## Sound Beginnings

The Society was formed on the 1st January 1979 with the aim to promote, encourage and foster the study, science and knowledge of genealogy. This main objective encompasses many other secondary objectives, such as transcribing and indexing records, and provides a forum for people with a common interest in Family History.

The Following Brief history is taken from the *Western Ancestor* March 2000 pp. 22-23, with additions to bring it up to date.

### Foundation Members

Peter Bottrell, Jan Bray, Anthonera & Jacolia Butler, Yvonne Coate, Brian & Val Croker, Glenis Piercy, Ted Davis, Tony Harrop, Peter Herlihy, Ruth Keane, Gloria Michalik, Daphne Nichols, DE & PG Shepherd, Jan Trotter, Leo Van de pas, & Bob Wiltshire. **Life Fellows**

Brian Croker, **Fellows**

Joy Calder, Alan Campbell, Lyn Coy, Val Croker, Rica Erickson, Wendy Maslin, Stella Short, Leslie Williams, Loreley Morling, Martin Pinnell, Teresa Thomson & Sister Mary Albertus Bain (deceased). **Honorary Members**

Ruth Reid AM **WAGS Milestones**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Milestone Event</b>
	1979 - January 1	WAGS formed
	1979 - January 31	Inaugural General Meeting
	1979 - February 6	Inaugural Committee Meeting
	1979 - March	First edition of <i>Western Ancestor</i>
	1982 - November	First Directory of Members' Interests
	1984 - September	Application to WA Register General for reduction in cost of certificates relating to events at least 60 years old
	1985 - (ref. March 1989)	Incorporation
	1985 - July 21-22	Albany - First Seminar on Family History
	1986 - March	Obtained first Microfilm reader
	1986 - December	Income tax deductions for donations to the Library Fund

### Patrons

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Patron</b>
	1987 - 1989	The Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Professor Gordon Stanley Reid.

Vice Patron: Ruth Reid

1990 - 1993

1994 - 1995

1996 - Current

Sir Francis Burt

Professor Peter J Boyce

Ruth Reid

## Office Bearers

### *President*

#### **Date**

#### **President**

1979 - 1990

Brian Croker

1990 - 1993

Raema Gooch

1993 - 1996

Maurice Weston

1996 - 1998

Martin Pinell (dec)

1998 - 1999

Mary Rogers

1999 - 2001

Lyn Coy

2002 - 2004

Bevan Carter

2005 - 2008

Ian Scott

2008 - 2012

Liana Fitzpatrick

2012 - 2013

Graham Bown

2013 - 2016

Liana Fitzpatrick

2016 - 2019

Ian Simon

2019 - current

Anthony E Turner

***Treasurer***

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	1979 - 1985	Peter Herlihy
	1986 - 1993	Les Williams
	1993 - 1994	Terry Edmett
	1994 - 1994	Shirley de Andrade
	1994 - 1997	Lyn Coy
	1998 - 1999	Irene Vorey-Bushell
	1999 - 2002	Lyn Coy
	2003 - 2005	Bob Richardson
	2005 - 2005	Pauline Prior (Acting)
	2005 - 2007	Don Heery
	2008 - 2010	Margaret Pike (Acting)
	2010 - Current	Neil Bradley

***Secretary***

<b>Date</b>		<b>Secretary</b>
1979 - 1979	Jan Trotter	
1981 - 1982	Jan Doughty	
1982 - 1984	Lorraine Dearnley	
1985 - 1985	Helen Gunnell	
1986 - 1986	Norma Miles	
1987 - 1987	Geoffrey Smith	
1988 - 1988	Annette Williams	
1989 - 1990	Roger Horgan	
1990 - 1993	Phyllis Clatworthy	
1993 - 1994	Fay Hall	
1994 - 1994	Audrey Sewell	
1995 - 1996	Jackie Hewson	
1996 - 2000	Christine Ross	
2000 - 2003	Margaret Philipppson	
2003 - 2004	Wendy Bloomfield	
2005 - 2005	Ian Scott	
2005 - 2010	Karen Tregenza	
2010- 2012	Pauline Pryer	
2012 - 2013	Pam Martyn	
2013 - 2016	Pauline Pryer	
2016 - Current	Wendy White	

***Journal Editor***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Editor</b>
1979 - 1981	Yvonne Coate

1982 - 1988	Alan Campbell
1988 - 1991	Marj Carr
1991 - 1991	Annie Weare
1991 - 2009	Malcolm Parr
2009 - 2010	Lyn Watt & Ian Barnes (Acting)
2010 - 2010	Jennifer Lydon & Karen Tregenza
2011 - 2015	Jennifer Lydon
2015 - Current	Mike Murray & Dr Lesley Silvester

## ***Librarian***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Librarian</b>
1979 - 1980	Daphne Nichols
1980 - 1983	Dulcie Campbell
1983 - 1989	Joy Calder
1989 - 1993	Kay Frost
1993 - 2002	Stella Short
2002 - 2003	Monica Roberts
2003 - 2009	Edwina Shooter
2009 - 2011	Edwina Shooter (Acting)
2011 - 2015	Julie Martin
2015 - Current	Edwina Shooter

## ***Webmaster***

(See separate page for [Website history](#) )

<b>Date</b>	<b>Webmaster</b>
1996 - 2008	Marilyn Dimond
2008 - 2017	Chris Loudon
2017 - current	Anne Giles

## **Special Interest Groups**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Special Interest Group</b>	<b>First Convenor</b>
1981 - July 12	Irish	Alan Campbell

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1982 - May 1	Scottish	Alan Campbell	
1982 - October 9	South Australian	Brian Croker	
1983 - April 16	Convict	Alan Campbell	
1984 - April 24	Computer	Graham Bown	
1986 - April 19		European ** (see 2000 & 2016)	Patricia Gooch
1986 - May 24	Victorian	Lorna & Bill Bell	
1988 - September 10		New Zealand **	Gillian O'Mara
1989		USA & Canada **	Helen Gunnell
1992 - September 13		Welsh **	Betty Randall
1993 - November		Cornish **	Pat Banks
1993 - February 7	Swan River Pioneers **	Alan Campbell	
1995 - January 29		East Anglian **	Liz Rushton
Date Unknown		Tasmanian **	David Storey
2000 - February	Enrolled Pensioner Guards	Lawrence Doran & Phillippa Ward	
2000 - May		South-West European (reformed as European Group)	John
2000 - December	North of England	A. John Parker	
2002		India ** (reformed as India Bar South East Asia 2011,	
2005 - October	London & Home Counties	Mike Murray & Lesley Silvester	
2005	The Master Genealogist (NMG)	Bradley & Cynthia Brock	
2011 - October 23	India & South East Asia	Chris Bell	
2012 - January 15	European - reformed from SWE	European Group	
2012 - December 01	London & South of England	Mike Murray & Lesley Silvester	London & Home Counties Group
2013 - April 6	Western Australian		

Lorraine Clarke

2013 - September 10 Legacy User Group (LUG)

Diane Foster

2015 - October 17 Military SIG

Angela Heymens

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2016 - January 23      DNA & Genetic Genealogy SIG

Cate Pearce

2018 - August      Writers Group

Liana Fitzpatrick

2019 - November      Family Tree Maker User Group

Christine Harris

***\*\* denotes group no longer functioning***