

Report to the Ryerson Index Inc AGM – 17 Nov 2021

Covering the period from July 2020- June 2021

Unfortunately Covid-19 caused a complete cessation of visits to Family History Groups.

Visit to Lake Macquarie FH Group –April 2021

Fortunately a brief break in restrictions enabled me to conduct the only workshop in the year.

A successful visit has produced two new members to join our team and they have commenced gathering missing copy of the Newcastle Herald. They were able to continue on and off whilst the Lake Macquarie Shire Library was open.

Five members also put their hands up to attend a training workshop which was planned for September 2021 . Covid-19 put paid to that and hopefully it will happen in the new year.

Canberra Times

I held a meeting in April in Canberra with our gatherer, Lindsay Graham and Rosemary McKenzie, president of HAGSOC with the view to conducting a workshop to encourage this group to take on the responsibility of gathering and indexing of this paper.

Subsequently the Council of HAGSOC approved the workshop and it was planned for September 2021. Unfortunately it is on hold till 2022.

The SMH

With the assistance of Judith Chivers the gathering of the proverbial missing years between 2005 and 2016 has been completed.

The AGE

Craige Hicks continued his work on gathering copy. Unfortunately, Covid-19 and also some surgery on his hands interrupted his gathering.

Shari Maclean also continued indexing the missing dates for the database.

Craige is hopeful of being able to access the Deakin University Library soon.

I will report to the Committee from time to time as this work progresses, including the new work for the period 1991-2000.

Visitation program

I have sent out follow up emails to groups who were previously lined up pre Covid-19

Hopefully we will be back to normal in 2022.

Bob Atkins