

BBFHS CONNECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR, JOURNALS (HARD COPY), FAMILY TREE MAKER INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR.

Botany Bay Connections, the Society's genealogical and historical website, is now in its eighth year <http://www.bbfhsconnections.com.au/indexes.html> Thank you to Ian Harvey for his technical support in this area.

In our *Indexes* you will find some early electoral rolls, Council rate books and Census records published nowhere else, also biographies of early residents and people who have contributed to the Shire in many fields such as local government, arts and culture, sport and medicine. Thank you to Colleen Passfield who has made numerous contributions to this area.

There are many daily "hits" on our website as it is not necessary to register to view the site, only to add information. However our database of family trees has had few additions this past year. Please think about contributing a GEDcom file of your tree, or a story for our indexes to bbfhsconnections@gmail.com

My job of collating the hard copy journals received is becoming easier each year as more and more societies prefer to exchange digital copies. This year we received hard copy journals from 50 societies either within Australia or overseas, reduced from 130 societies in 2019.

The Family Tree Maker Interest Group continues to be well attended. During the past year I have spoken and provided notes on topics such as creating filtered lists, timelines, charts and reports also recording source citations and DNA matches in Family Tree Maker. Using the Zoom platform and shared screens we can view any problems being experienced by members and help each other to solve them. Family Tree Maker has many possibilities often overlooked so if you have it or are considering purchasing it, our Interest Group will help you get the most out of the program.

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