

AGM Education Report 2023

Since our last AGM we have offered a number of classes and have been encouraged by the very warm way in which they have been received.

The year began with a very large group participating in the Lands Record class offered by our very willing Jeff Madsen. This class was a great refresher for those of us who had done Jeff's three part class a few years ago and certainly enthralled all. Jeff's expertise and enthusiasm left no one in doubt about how useful land records can be in our genealogical research.

Although our class on Convicts had to be postponed till April it was well attended when it did occur. There was much interest in the convict records that were displayed. A show and tell of several websites that were new to all participants sent class members home with renewed enthusiasm to seek out the details of those early convict arrivals.

As the year progressed the main class offerings have been focussed on a series of three workshops for the U3A and new BBFHS members. These workshops have been very well received and have prompted some lively discussion. All participants have been enthusiastic about the journey of family discovery that awaits. The classes have led to new memberships. Always a positive outcome!

There are two classes scheduled for the 24 October 2023 and these will conclude the offerings for the year. As ever we are very grateful to the willingness of our members who share their expertise at these classes. In particular our thanks go to Jeff Madsen, John Levy, Kate Anderson and Jennie Fairs who have willingly offered to lead us in deepening our knowledge and skills this year. This is no small ask as the preparation and time commitment to deliver a class is considerable.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Committee of BBFHS for all the hours of work they give so willingly for the benefit of our society. It is very much appreciated.

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