# *The South Australian Genealogist*: Article of the Year Award

## Entry Conditions

The South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. has created *The South Australian Genealogist:* Article of the Year Award. An annual award presented to the author or authors, of the most outstanding article(s) published in the Society journal within a calendar year.

This Society initiative is to encourage family history writing on a smaller scale than a published book, and the submission of quality articles to the Society journal with the possibility of future publication on the Society website.

The award will be judged by members of the Society Family History Writers Group and feedback will be provided to each entrant at the end of the judging process.

A framed certificate will be presented to the award winner or winners at the Family History Book Award luncheon of the following year.

### Entry Guidelines

Articles about any topic related to genealogy, family history, local history, people, places, or any topic of interest to genealogists will be considered eligible to enter the award. However, there is no obligation to enter the award and all article authors will be contacted and given the option to participate in the Article of the Year Award.

### *Important features of an article:*

1. All articles should comply with the requirements of *The South Australian Genealogist* 'Notice to Contributors and Advertisers' as amended, namely:
   - Formatting conforms to the requirements of the *Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers (Sixth Edition).*
   - Spelling follows the current edition of the *Macquarie Dictionary.*
   - Grammatical structure of text follows the current edition of *Fowler's Modern English Usage.*
2. Title of the article should be interesting and informative.
3. Name of the author(s) or commissioned author(s).
4. General historical backgrounds of countries, migration schemes etc. should be relevant to the article topic.
5. Use of material regarding heraldic devices associated with the name rather than the family should be avoided.
6. There should be no use of large amounts of material from previously published work unless cited and referenced.
7. The content is appropriate for the subject/title of the article.
8. Factual data complements anecdotal material.
9. If included, family charts/tables/pedigrees should be clear, brief and comprehensible.

10. Money and measurement units should be appropriate to the time frame; conversions should be bracketed.
11. If the place names of the time are used then the current name should be bracketed.
12. Easy to read layout; text follows in a logical matter.
13. Introduction (introduces the material) and conclusion (summarises the findings or story).
14. Use of the Note System (Endnotes which allows for textual flow of the story) following conventions of the *Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers (Sixth Edition).*
15. Full acknowledgement should be made of all sources.
16. Photographs and illustrations: balanced use of images which should be captioned including names, date, place and/or other information necessary and the source acknowledged, and conforming with the requirements of *The South Australian Genealogist* 'Notice to Contributors and Advertisers'.

Articles will be excluded if they have been largely altered or edited by the Journal editor or editing team.