

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

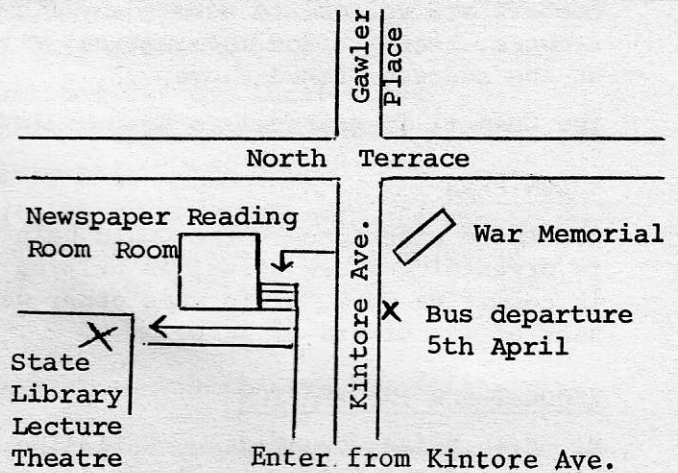
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Postal Address Box 203, Post Office, North Adelaide, S.A. 5006

NEXT MEETING

Date: Friday, March 7th, 1975.
Time: 8 00 p.m.
Place: State Library Lecture Theatre.
Speaker: Mr. Ian Harmstorf, M.A., Dip.T.,
Lecturer in History, Adelaide
College of Advanced Education.
Subject: "The Germans in South Australian
History."



Mr. Harmstorf is himself of German descent (of Hamburg refugees in 1882 who migrated for economic and political rather than religious reasons). He is interested in the Germans of the city of Adelaide as well as the German country settlers, and spent two years in Hamburg teaching and researching in the Hamburg Archives.

FIELD TRIP - "Gawler and Beyond". Leader: Dr. M. Williams

Date: Saturday, April 5th, 1975.
Time: Bus leaves Kintore Avenue, just down from the War Memorial,
at 9 a.m. - returning at 5.30 p.m.

In the morning the trip will focus on historical aspects of Gawler.
Lunch at Gawler and then on to Kapunda and vicinity.

Those who have heard Dr. Williams speak or have read his new book "The Making of the South Australian Landscape" will know of his interest in the area. Dr. Williams is Reader in Geography at the University of Adelaide - he has a strong interest in historical geography, and is a member of our Society. The trip will also include members of the Royal Geographical Society of A/asia (S.A. Branch). It will follow the pattern of a similar excursion undertaken some years ago - those who went on that excursion would have no hesitation in recommending it to members of this Society.

The cost will be approximately \$3, payable on the bus. This does not include lunch, which can be brought or obtained at Gawler. Bookings must be made with Mr. Brian Samuels, 234 Lady Gowrie Drive, Largs North, S.A. 5016, by Wednesday, March 26th. Please state the name and address of each person for whom a booking is required.

FURTHER MEETINGS

The May meeting will be held on Friday, May 2nd, in the State Library Lecture Theatre at 8 p.m. It will consist of three talks on historical topics concerning the Southern district, full details of which will be given in the April Newsletter.

The April Newsletter will also give details of the June 6th - 7th seminar "National Estate Endangered", which will be held at the University of Adelaide. The seminar will begin on Friday evening and continue on Saturday from 9 a.m. to approximately 5.15 p.m.

THE NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Elizabeth Ho, 65 Clifton Street, Prospect, S.A. 5082, has kindly offered to act as Editor of this Newsletter from the April issue onwards, and has agreed to be co-opted to the Society's Council. The Newsletter will appear in February, April, June, August and October of each year. It should prove of great value in keeping members informed of meetings and other activities of the Society. Members are welcome to submit any items they think may be of interest to other members, requests for information, etc. Please address such items to Mrs. Ho at the address stated above.

The Council is grateful to Mrs. Ho for her offer of help.

VOLUNTEERS

Are there other people who could help in various ways? Perhaps this could be in organizing field trips, in helping with supper preparations at meetings, in committee work, or in some other way. The Secretary would be pleased to hear of any offers of help.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Eric Rolls, Cumberdeen, Barradine, N.S.W. 2858, is working on a human history of the Chinese in Australia under a Literature Board grant. He would be grateful if anyone could help with information about the routes the Chinese took through South Australia from Adelaide and Robe during the Victorian poll-tax days. Of particular interest are the characters cut in trees to mark routes and to give information to those following. Can anyone suggest what the signs said? Does anyone know of signs still extant?

Information is also required about the number and sites of Chinese wells on the Coorong or closer to Adelaide. If anyone can help, would they please communicate with Mr. Rolls at the address shown above?

(We are quite happy to publish further requests for information.
They should be sent to Mrs. Ho, 65 Clifton Street, Prospect, S.A.5082)

THE SIGNS OF HISTORY

Following the references in the last Newsletter to the signs of history, or lack of them, in Adelaide, the Council of the Society has commissioned a special committee to look into the matter. The committee has already had one meeting, and will explore several proposals. Progress will be reported in further Newsletters.

PICHI RICHI

The Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Inc. has launched a \$10,000 appeal to restore "T" class locomotive 186 to working order. The "T" is a South Australian locomotive, built by Martin & Co. of Gawler, and is a very necessary addition to the Western Australian engines already purchased by the Society. The Society has already received a \$9,000 National Estate grant towards the estimated cost of \$20,000.

Please make cheques and postal orders payable to "T 186 Appeal", Cowandilla Post Office, and send them to 9 Lucas Street, Richmond, S.A. 5033. The appeal closes on 1st April, 1975, and if the \$10,000 target is not reached all donations will be refunded in full.

PORT ADELAIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Port Adelaide Historical Society was established in 1972, publishes a quarterly journal "Portonian" and holds regular meetings on the last Wednesday or Thursday of each month in the Town Hall banqueting room, St. Vincent Street, Port Adelaide. Visitors are always welcome.

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| 26th February, 8 p.m. | Entertainment in Port Adelaide -
both live and remembered. |
| 26th March, 8 p.m. | Preservation! - the local scene
and interstate comparisons. |
| 30th April, 8 p.m. | To be arranged. |

Subscriptions are \$3.00 adults; pensioners and under eighteen \$1.00, and may be sent to Box 254, P.O., Port Adelaide, S.A. 5015. Enquiries may be directed to the President, Mr. R.J. Hunter (phone 496009) or the Historian, Mr. B.J. Samuels (phone 497151).

HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE NATIONAL ESTATE - a report from Bob Ellis.

A Conference on Historical Archaeology and the National Estate was held in Canberra over December 7 - 9 last year to discuss a number of matters arising from the Report on the National Estate. One of the central concerns of this report was the recognition of the need to develop a comprehensive list of sites of historical importance located in the various states and territories of Australia and, as a result, one of the main concerns of the conference participants was, in fact, the compilation of such a list.

A total of 34 people attended the conference sponsored by A.N.U. and funded by the Department of Urban and Regional Development. I attended as the South Australian representative.

A. General Recommendations

- 1.1 That this conference expresses its support for the Interim Committee of the National Estate's stated concern for the protection of historic sites and works.
- 1.2 That this conference recommends to the Interim Committee the desirability of a nation-wide inventory of historic sites and works.
- 1.3 That this conference, while aware of the existence of individuals and groups not represented who may offer further expertise, offers its assembled skills as a resource and information pool to the Interim Committee.

B. Specific Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Interim Committee of the National Estate appoint a further committee (here referred to as the Project Co-ordination Committee).
- 2.2 That the Project Co-ordination Committee should consist of about 10 people, appointed in such a way that the best geographical representation is achieved without prejudice to the best selection of available expertise.
- 2.3 That such a Project Co-ordination Committee be directed to:
 - 2.3.1 Report on the deliberations of the conference.
 - 2.3.2 Formulate draft themes or checklists for historic sites and works in Australia other than historic buildings (except where these form part of an historic site).
 - 2.3.3 Develop a uniform recording procedure.
 - 2.3.4 Organise the collection of lists of all known historic sites in Australia.

- 2.3.5 Re-evaluate and redraft the draft themes (checklists).
 - 2.3.6 Organise the identification of additional sites in the light of information collected.
 - 2.3.7 Distinguish significant areas towards which major work should be directed.
 - 2.3.8 Make any other recommendations to the Interim Committee as may seem relevant.
 - 2.3.9 Prepare a draft report.
 - 2.3.10 Organise a conference with similar representation to the present one to discuss the findings of the draft report and any other issues.
 - 2.3.11 Prepare a final report.
- 2.4 This conference recommends to the Interim Committee, that in view of disturbing evidence of the increasing interference with shipwreck sites in Australian waters, that the Interim Committee should immediately recommend to the Ministers concerned that the Australian Government should legislate to protect maritime archaeology provided constitutional powers to do so exist. Such legislation might ideally mirror the Western Australian Maritime Archaeology Act.
 - 2.5 That following on from recommendation 2.4, this conference also recommends to the attention of the Interim Committee the urgency of the Australian Government introducing legislation to protect all historic sites and works in all the Territories of Australia.
 - 2.6 That this conference recommends that the Australian Government becomes a signatory to the charter of the International Council of Monuments and Sites.
 - 2.7 That the conference recommends that members of this conference seek to collate information on the deficiencies of existing state legislations to deal with the preservation of historic sites and works, including suggestions for model legislations where none now exist; that this information be made available to the Interim Committee on the understanding that this would be collated in the light of the wider knowledge of the Interim Committee, and returned to the members of the conference for private action.
 - 2.8 That following on from recommendation 2.7, that any protective legislation concerning historic sites and works also involve the establishment of firm controls concerning the use, development or study of these sites and works, and that there be implemented a system of permits for the investigation of archaeological deposits similar to those applying to Aboriginal sites in Australia.
 - 2.9 That this conference recommends to the Interim Committee the need to fund a national convention of Australian Historical Societies, together with archaeological societies, field naturalist groups and other pertinent groups to co-ordinate the recording of historic sites and works in local areas; and that some members of this conference or other individuals with expertise in this field be asked to attend such a convention, so that the specific knowledge and zeal of such bodies can be channelled most productively; and further that directions for future action which might evolve from such a convention should be formalised in the production of a booklet or some equivalent.

NOTE:

Recommendation 2.3.1 is a blanket resolution covering the wide deliberations of the conference. Two particular areas which were stressed continuously throughout the meeting were:

- 1. The need to consider publication of all levels of work which might develop out of future decisions; and
- 2. The need to develop a strong public education programme at all levels

including tertiary, secondary and primary school levels and for the man in the street. Some existing bodies already pursue such a policy, e.g. the production of "Let's Talk About ..." leaflets in Tasmania. It was felt that the British model of the Department of the Environment should be closely examined in developing an Australian counterpart.

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As I am presently responsible for preparation of a draft preliminary checklist of historic sites in South Australia, I would welcome any suggested additions to the list from Historical Society members. I can be contacted at the S.A. Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide, S.A. 5000.

Bob Ellis,
(Treasurer, Historical Society
of S.A.)

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. R.N. Wait	20 Weemala Drive, Mitcham 5062
Mrs. E. Ho	65 Clifton Street, Prospect 5082
Mr. & Mrs. P.E. Rogasch	9 Willoughby Street, Klemzig 5087
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Miss T.V. Elliott	297 Esplanade, Henley Beach 5022
Mr. R. Broomhill	Sociology Dept., Adelaide College of Advanced Education, Kintore Avenue, Adelaide 5000
Miss K.A. Willats	c/- W. Worth, 10 Cheringar Bvde., Derancourt 5075
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Mrs. J. Chilman	62 Leslie Street, Murray Bridge 5253
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Miss B. Deverson	19 Kauri Road, Hawthorndene 5051
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Mr. & Mrs. D.W. Simmons	10 Counter Avenue, Lockleys 5032
Ms. J.L. Worth	10 Cheringar Bvde., Dernancourt 5075
Mr. R.J.R. Donley	5 Fowler Street, Seaview Downs 5049
Mrs. S.A. Mosler	115 Edward Street, Norwood 5067

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY:

- (a) to arouse interest in and to promote the study and discussion of South Australian and Australian history.
- (b) to promote the collection, preservation and classification of source material of all kinds relating to South Australian and Australian history.
- (c) to publish historical records and articles.
- (d) to promote interchange of information among members of the Society by lectures, readings, discussions and exhibitions.
- (e) to co-operate with similar Societies throughout Australia.
- (f) to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

BROCHURE:

The Council has prepared a brochure giving information about the Society and outlining its activities for 1975. Attached to it is an application for membership. Copies of the brochure are being left in a number of places (e.g. the State Library) to advertise the Society.

Members who know of people who may be interested in the Society are encouraged to forward their names to the Secretary so that a copy of the brochure can be forwarded to them.

Please note the Society's address:

Box 203, P.O.,
North Adelaide, S.A. 5006.