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1. NEXT MEETING.

(a) June Meeting - Friday, 5th at 8 p.m.

Our lecturer for the June General meeting is Christobel Mattingley. Following an Honours Arts degree in German, she attained library qualifications, and has worked in a number of libraries in several states, as well as setting up new libraries in two of Adelaide's colleges. For the last decade she has been writing continuously, and she is known especially, in Australia and England, as an author of children's books.

Her topic on June 5th will be "Time and Place: an author's ingredients". The titles of her many stories show how widely she has travelled in Australia and overseas, observing keenly people and places; while the content shows her empathy and insight into the human condition.

She was awarded an Australian Council Literature Board Fellowship in 1975, and an International Youth Library Scholarship in Munich in 1976/77. She has been chairman of the National Bank Council, S.A. Branch since 1979; and has also been involved in lecture tours throughout Australia over the past seven years. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

(b) Cancellation of July "Heritage and History" Seminar

As the Department of Continuing Education at The University of Adelaide will be holding its own comprehensive 3 day Heritage Seminar in June,

the H.S.S.A. Council has decided to cancel the "Heritage and History" Seminar scheduled for Friday, 3rd July and Saturday, 4th July, and to replace it with a lecture given by Ms. Susan Marsden on the Friday night at 8 p.m. in the State Library Lecture Theatre. Her subject will be "The Spoken Word as History : Oral History in South Australia".

"Oral history is now becoming widely recognized as an interesting and invaluable source of historical information rarely available through the use of conventional sources. It is of particular use in social history, local and family history and it is important that standards are established in its collection and the tapes and transcripts properly preserved."

Ms. Marsden is founding President of the South Australian Branch of the Oral History Association of Australia which was formed in 1979 to support the above aims. Ms. Marsden will discuss briefly the aims, uses and methods of oral history and describe oral history projects in which she has been involved, and the Oral History Association, as well as playing short excerpts from actual interviews.

2. DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HERITAGE SEMINAR, 18-20 JUNE, 1981.

- (a) The above Department of Continuing Education Seminar is entitled "Focus on Our Built Heritage" and will be held on Thursday, 18th June 7-10 p.m., Friday, 19th June 2.30-5.30 p.m and 7-10 p.m, and Saturday, 20th June 9.30-12.30 p.m and 2-5 p.m. Except on Friday, lectures will be held in the Napier Building, Lecture Theatre 101. Attendance at lectures for the 3 day period will cost \$15. In addition, 4 different field trips have been organised for the Saturday prior to the Seminar, on 13th June. They are:

Engineering Heritage: -

A ½ day walk around Adelaide - led by Denis Cumming. Cost \$2.

Conservation of Historic Areas: -

A ½ day bus tour to Lobethal - led by Annelly Aeuckens and Gordon Young (S.A.I.T.) Cost \$6.

A ½ day bus tour to Port Adelaide - led by Doug Speechley (to be confirmed) and Brian Samuels. Cost \$6.

A full day bus tour to Martindale/Mintaro/Auburn - Elizabeth Warburton, Gavin Walkley and Rod Page. Cost \$15 (Lunch included).

(b) PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR ON THE SOUTH-EAST.

The Department is arranging to hold a historical seminar on the "South-East" over the October Long Weekend (Saturday, 10th-Monday, 12th October) at Millicent. Bookings are now being taken. For further details please ring Ms. Susan Moore, Dept. of Cont. Education, The University of Adelaide 223 4333 ext. 2729

3. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFFAIRS.

- (a) Field Trip to Cummins and Paringa Hall - February 21st.

Beautiful weather, an excellent guide, and two fascinating nineteenth century mansions brought about 120 people to our field trip on February 21st. Dr. Peter Howell's lively introduction to both these homes made the people who had built them and lived in them come alive, so that rather than just architectural styles to admire and note we had a slice of social history. Cummins is very much a happy family home; single

storied but spacious, because the original plan was added to as the Moyslett family grew. It still contains some of the early furniture, curtains and pictures. Paringa Hall is a much larger two storied building, with a tower from which the whole of the Adelaide Plains can be viewed. It was built to impress and impressive it is, with ornate ceilings and floors, and elaborate coloured glass doors. We are most grateful to the Headmaster of Sacred Heart College for letting us have afternoon tea at Paringa Hall, and to Dr. Peter Howell for his wide knowledge of these homes and their owners.

(b) General Meeting on March 6th.

Dr. C. Ellis was unable to present her talk at this meeting due to a mix-up in the proposed dates. However, two of her students who are working in the same field of Aboriginal music were able to come on Friday, 6th. They were Mr. Guy Tunstill, a post-graduate student at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, and Mr. Ian Knowles, a tutor at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music. These two young men gave a vivid and enthusiastic dual presentation, on the development of Aboriginal history as heard through their music. Tape-recordings of a wide range of music, from songs recorded earlier in the century, to the modern music and lyrics which are being composed by Aborigines today, were played to us. One of the aims of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music is to stimulate in tribal Aborigines in the north of South Australia an awareness of their own music which is threatened with extinction unless steps are taken to preserve this musical culture. So many questions followed the lecture that people were still chatting outside the Institute Building even after the conclusion of supper. We thank Mr. Tunstill and Mr. Knowles for an extremely interesting evening.

(c) General Meeting on April 3rd.

Mr. Brian Reader gave us a marvellous evening of slides, costumes, uniforms, hats, fabrics, swords, belts, helmets and information and anecdotes relating to social and regimental dress in the Victorian era. The stage at the Lecture Theatre looked like a theatre setting with the splendid array of dresses and paraphernalia spread around. Mrs. Olive Reader also modelled several beautiful gowns which Mr. Reader had made himself, copying the style and fabrics of the last century.

At the conclusion of the lecture Mrs. Claudia Quinn-Young proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Reader, mentioning that he had researched and made the costumes for a film she directed recently called "The Three R's". The audience were able to feel the weight of some of the old authentic uniforms, and look at the many books and illustrations Mr. Reader had brought to the lecture. Once again, questions went on long after the lecture, showing the great interest in the material presented. We appreciate Mr. Reader coming to speak to us, and in addition thank him and Mrs. Reader for the enormous amount of work involved in getting so many costumes into the Institute Building for us to see.

We draw members' attention to the following notice about a Commemorative Regimental Dinner to be held on June 20th, 1981. If members are interested in going they could contact Mr. Reader at the phone number given on the notice.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

All loyal subjects are requested to attend a Commemorative Regimental Dinner to celebrate the anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria.

Venue: The Colonial, Glen Osmond Road.
Date: Saturday 20th June, 1981
Dress: Gentlemen: Correct military dress, alternatively tails with wing collar and white tie.
Ladies: Long formal or Victorian if possible, with gloves.
Cost: \$27.00 each Deposit \$5.00 (by 25th May) (Limited to 100 tickets)

This includes four course dinner with wines

Contact: Brian Reader (382 4776)
Barry Montgomery (085 567279)

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN

(d) Publicity for Our Meetings.

Have you thought of publicizing our meetings through the newsletters of the clubs and societies you belong to? While Council must remain responsible for any publicity in the mass media, we would welcome members' initiatives in other areas. It can be mentioned that our program brochures are available in the S.A. Archives, Constitutional Museum, and Historical Museum of the Art Gallery. Other queries can be directed to the Secretary, Ms. Stephanie Moss. (The Society is listed in the phone book.)

(e) Membership available to other Societies.

It is some time since we circularized societies regarding affiliation. With the Sesquicentenary approaching, it is a logical means of all the State's historical societies keeping abreast of events. We deliberately offer reduced rates to encourage affiliation by any society interested in history. A \$9 subscription covers both the journal and newsletter. Societies requiring only the newsletter pay \$3.00.

(f) Back issues of our Journal.

The Council of the Society has been concerned by the amount of money tied up in our holdings of back numbers of the Journal. At present we are prevented from producing more frequent issues of our Journal, not by want of articles, but by want of cash at hand. Hence at its March meeting Council resolved:

- (a) To eliminate differential prices for members and non-members.
 - (b) To sell numbers 2-6 at \$3.50 each, excepting that number 4 be \$6.00, as supplies are limited.
 - (c) To sell numbers 7 and 8 at \$6.00, the existing members' price.
- Obviously this offer cannot last indefinitely, and as stocks dwindle the prices will rise. Journal number one is out of print.

Brian Samuels.

(g) Incorporation of the Historical Society.

I am pleased to inform members that the procedure to incorporate the Society has been completed, and as from the beginning of April, 1981 we are an incorporated body. Consequently, "Inc." will now be added to the end of our name, while the word "The" has been added at the beginning, following one of the minor amendments put to the members at the March meeting. We will now read as follows:

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

Helen Pearce (President)

(h) Minute Secretary Required!

With 1986 approaching the workload of our Secretary is increasing considerably. Is there a member willing to attend our Council meetings on the third Thursday of each month to take the minutes and (ideally) to type up a good copy for the Secretary within 7 days?

(i) Guidesheets.

The Society's first guidesheet, "South Australian Local History 1 - Guides, Indexes and Bibliographies", is currently out of print. Enclosed with this newsletter is Guidesheet No. 3, "South Australian History in Journals", which will directly assist newer members interested in the bargain-priced back issues of our journal mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Guidesheet No. 2, "Good Reading in South Australian History", will be enclosed in our next newsletter if it is not ready in time for this one. It is a basic reading list of books covering broad aspects of the State's history.

4. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETIES. *****

We wish to publish a list of the State's Historical Societies as a means of publicizing their existence beyond our membership. Before we do so, could members please forward to the Secretary any corrections or amendments to the following draft list:

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 213 Greenhill Road, Eastwood. 5063; AUSTRALASIAN MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY (S.A. BRANCH), P.O. Box 33, Magill. 5072; AUSTRALIAN ELECTRIC TRANSPORT MUSEUM (S.A.) INC., G.P.O. Box 2012 Adelaide. 5001; AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (S.A. DIVISION), G.P.O. Box 507, Adelaide. 5001; AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS (ADELAIDE BRANCH), C/- The S.A. Archives, G.P.O. Box 419, Adelaide. 5001.

BAROSSA VALLEY ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL TRUST, C/- Mr. P. Houzenroeder, Box 51, Tanunda. 5352; BOOLEROO STEAM & TRACTION PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC., C/- Mr. B. A. Koch, Box 118, Booleroo Centre. 5482; BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 152, Glenside. 5065.

CAPE HORNERS AUSTRALIA INC., G.P.O. Box 1510, Adelaide. 5001.

ENGINEERING HERITAGE COMMITTEE, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, The Institution of Engineers, Australia, 11 Bagot Street, North Adelaide. 5006.

FOLK FEDERATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, G.P.O. Box 525, Adelaide. 5001.

GAWLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; GLENSIDE HOSPITAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Pharmacy Department, Glenside Hospital, P.O. Box 17, Eastwood. 5063.

HENLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 80, Henley Beach. 5022; HINDMARSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 22, Hindmarsh. 5007; THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Institute Building, 122 Kintore Avenue, Adelaide. 5000; HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 13 Alfreda Street, Brighton. 5048; HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WOODVILLE, C/-Municipal Offices, Box 1, Woodville. 5011; HISTORY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, C/- S.A. Institute of Teachers, 163a Greenhill Road, Parkside. 5063.

IMMANUEL COLLEGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- The Secretary, Immanuel College, 32 Morphett Road, Novar Gardens. 5040.

KAPUNDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/-P. McCarthy, Kapunda High School, Kapunda. 5373; KENSINGTON-NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 110 The Parade, Norwood. 5067; KIMBA & GAWLER RANGES HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Box 134, Kimba. 5641.

LAMEROO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mr. Jack Roberts, District Clerk, Lameroo. 5302; LOBETHAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mrs. L. E. Miller, Lobethal. 5241; LOXTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL VILLAGE SOCIETY, C/- Honorary Secretary, C. A. Castle, 23 Third Street, Loxton. 5333.

MALLALA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- P.O., Mallala. 5502; MILE END RAILWAY MUSEUM (S.A.) INC., P.O. Box 21, Walkerville. 5081; MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (S.A. BRANCH), 40 Deborah Grove, Modbury North. 5092; MITCHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 33 Albert Street, Mitcham. 5062; MOUNT LOFTY DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mrs. M. Gibson, "Arran", Carey Gully. 5144; MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (S.A. BRANCH), C/- The South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide. 5000.

NATIONAL TRUST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Box 61, Rundle Street Post Office, Adelaide. 5000; NORTHERN YORKE PENINSULA CONSERVATION SOCIETY, C/- Mr. D. H. Clark, P.O., Port Clinton. 5570.

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA (S.A. BRANCH), C/- The Constitutional Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide. 5000.

PICHI RICHI PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC., P.O. Box 504, Port Augusta. 5700; PIONEERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 80 King William Street, Adelaide. 5000; PORT ADELAIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC., P.O. Box 254, Port Adelaide. 5015; PORT LINCOLN PIONEERS AND DESCENDANTS CLUB, C/- Mrs. V. J. Dicker, 29 Eltham Avenue, Port Lincoln. 5606; POSTAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mr. Nick Yelland, 114 Jetty Road, Glenelg. 5045.

RIVERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mr. G. R. Woolmer, 1 Langdon Terrace, Barmera. 5345; ROSE PARK AND TOORAK GARDENS HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP, C/- 8 Martindale Avenue, Toorak Gardens. 5065; ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA (S.A. BRANCH), State Library Buildings, North Terrace, Adelaide. 5000.

SALISBURY COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- P. Rigby-Meth, 135 Coventry Road, Smithfield Plains. 5114; SOCIETY FOR UNDERWATER HISTORICAL RESEARCH, C/- The Heritage Unit, 43 Fullarton Road, Kent Town. 5067; SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIRE BRIGADE SOCIETY, C/- Station Officer M. Bryant, S.A. Fire Brigade Headquarters, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. 5000; SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY SOCIETY INC., P.O. Box 13, Marden. 5070; SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY, C/- Mr. J. Bull, 249 Victoria Road, Largs Bay. 5016; SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GAS COMPANY HISTORICAL GROUP, C/- Mr. Graham Maloney, 35 Waymouth Street, Adelaide. 5000; SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Constable R. Clyne, Police Headquarters, Angas Street, Adelaide. 5000; SOUTH EASTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC., Box 235, Naracoorte. 5271; SPORTING CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC., 260 Portrush Road, Beulah Park. 5067.

TORRENS VALLEY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mr. A. Phillips, Gould Place, Cudlee Creek. 5232.

UNLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- 15 Frederick Street, Unley. 5061.

WEST TORRENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- West Torrens Library, Brooker Terrace, Hilton. 5033; WUDINNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/- Mrs. E. G. Franklin, Yaninee. 5653.

Interstate Societies maintaining a Special Interest in South Australian History.

BROKEN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 212, Broken Hill. 2880.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, C/- Father M. R. McPhillamy, Honorary Secretary, P.O. Box 1033, Darwin. 5793.

5. SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S CENTENARY (REPRODUCED FROM THE LICENSED
VICTUALLERS' GUIDE, VOL. V, NO. 9, JANUARY 15, 1935.

"The Centenary of the State will be celebrated in 1936, and already ways and means are being considered by the Government and the Centenary Committee as to the best means of making the celebrations worthy of the occasion. Following upon the experience of the sister State's Centenary, the Premier of Victoria (Sir Stanley Argyle) recently stressed the advisability of South Australia immediately embarking on an ambitious scheme of judicious publicity and other means to attract overseas visitors to South Australia next year. With this hotelkeepers are entirely in accord, because since the bottom has fallen out of the boom, the Centenary will bring along much needed business not only to hotels, but to the State as a whole.

The nigger in the wood pile, however, is the fact that if the present archaic Licensing Laws remain on the Statute Book our visitors will be denied the amenities to which they are accustomed in their own country. After six o'clock, away from their hotels, they will be unable to extend hospitality to their friends in the orthodox manner. Even in their own hotels, which for the time being constitute their homes, they cannot invite a guest to a friendly glass after six, except with a meal up to 8.0 p.m. Many of those potential visitors are accustomed to having dinner at 7.0 p.m. or 7.30 p.m., and the limitation of liquor with meals up to 8.0 p.m. is both vexatious and unreasonable. It is something which our overseas friends will assuredly criticise and rightly so. They will have travelled by liners which are none other than floating hotels with everything in their favour - no ingoing, rent, or annual license fee, no Customs duties, no six o'clock or Sunday closing laws to observe, and no danger of being prosecuted for any of the multitude of breaches of the Licensing Acts. Having disembarked in South Australia and gone to their hotels the full force of the stupid and iniquitous laws of this State will come into play. We will regard them, as the law regards the people of this State, as people whose good sense in regard to alcoholic liquors cannot be trusted.

For the sake of the good name of South Australia and the impression it is hoped to create in the minds of our Centenary visitors, let the earliest opportunity be taken of amending the Licensing Laws so that residents in hotels will be legally entitled to treat their guests up to a reasonable hour, which in England has been fixed at midnight. To show the reasonableness of the English licensing laws and England is the foundation of our social and legal structures, licensed houses there are open until 10.0 p.m. In the central districts of London known as "Theatreland" hotels are open until 11.0 p.m. in other parts of London the hour is 10.30 p.m. The resident population in the 10.0 p.m. area is about 4½ millions. In the 11 o'clock central area the resident population is about 200,000, but there is a very large addition to this figure during the evening hours.

The sobriety of the people in this country is at least equal to that of England, and it cannot be urged that any justification exists for the continuance of restrictive legislation in South Australia to the disadvantage and inconvenience of overseas visitors and the public of the State."

6. NOTICES.

(a) Australian Society of Archivists (S.A. Branch)

Seminar "Keeping Archives", 27th June, 1981

The Australian Society of Archivists, Adelaide Branch has arranged to present a one day Seminar/workshop designed to assist custodians/honorary archivists and other interested persons who wish to gain practical and theoretical guidance in the sorting, arrangement and preservation of their historical records.

The seminar to be held at the State Library on Saturday, 27th June, 1981 will be limited to 25 participants so that individual problems may be discussed. However, if sufficient nominations are received further seminars will be arranged for later in the year.

For further particulars, and registration papers ring George Smith on 269 3977 during business hours or write to P.O. Box 119, Walkerville. A registration fee of \$10 will be charged. Registrations close Monday, 8th June, 1981.

- (b) The Cornish Association of South Australia Seminar - 'Methodism and the Cornish', 12, 13 & 14 May, 1981 at the Malvern Uniting Church Hall, Marlborough Street, Malvern.

Lecturer: DR. ARNOLD HUNT.

Born at Wirrabara and studied for the Methodist Ministry at Wesley College and the University of Adelaide. After six years as a Missionary in India, he went to the U.S.A. where he obtained his Ph. D. degree. Returning to S.A. he spent fourteen years at Wesley Theological College, Wayville (now Parkin-Wesley) first as Vice-Principal, then later as Principal. Since 1973 he has been head of the dept. of History and Religious Studies at Salisbury College of Advanced Education.

Dr. Hunt is Editor of the Uniting Church Historical Society and is working on a History of Methodism in S.A. In 1980 he spent six months on study leave in England and Cornwall collecting Methodist material.

His mother was of the Trelaggan family and he is descended from Frederick Trelaggan who migrated from Gwennap in 1839. In 1850 they took up land in Mintaro.

Dr. Hunt is a member of the Cornish Association of South Australia.

Programme.

Tuesday, 12th May, Official Opening of the Seminar by Lady Wilson at 2.30 p.m.

Lecture by Dr. Hunt: The background in Cornwall.

Slides of Cornish Churches.

Afternoon Tea.

Wednesday, 13th May, 2.30 p.m.

Dr. Hunt: Cornish Migration and Methodism in South Australia.

Vote of Thanks by Rev. G. B. Stribley.

6 p.m. Dinner. 7.30 Cornish Concert.

Thursday, 14th May, 11 a.m.

Bus tour to Mt. Barker area to visit sites where Cornish Methodism was active in the early days of colonisation. Lecturer : Mr. Richard Mills. Lunch inc.

Costs

Registration Fee \$2.00; Dinner \$5.00; Concert \$2.50; Bus Tour \$4.50.

Please send remittances, together with your name, address and telephone number to Mrs. May Cocks, Egloshayle Farm, P.O. Box 68, Macclesfield, S.A. 5153. (Please notify if hospitality is needed)

P.S. "Meet the Cornish Night" at the Kernewek Lowender, Friday, 15th May, 6p.m. in the C.W.A. Hall, Kadina. Cornish Tea, Films, Lectures ... \$4.50.

Why not become a member of the Cornish Association of South Australia? Membership is open to all Cornish people and members of their families by birth or marriage. Membership : \$1.50 per annum.

(c) Kernewek Lowender - 15-18 May, 1981

It's nearly KERNEWEK LOWENDER time again! (that's Cornish for "Cornish Festival")

In Australia's "Little Cornwall" in Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo, we put on our old-fashioned gear to celebrate our Cornish heritage, have a good time, and welcome the thousands of visitors who come here to share it with us.

This year the Kernewek Lowender takes place from FRIDAY MAY 15th to MONDAY MAY 18th, the Adelaide Cup Day holiday weekend. The major events of the Festival are held in Kadina on Friday and Saturday, in Wallaroo on Sunday and in Moonta on Monday.

So come and join in the family fun. There's a Village Green Fair, the traditional Furry Dance through the streets of Kadina, a Cavalcade of vintage cars, a Fer Kernewek (Cornish Fair) a Roller Disco especially for the kids, steam train rides, a competition for the best-dressed Cousin Jack and Cousin Jenny, a play by the local drama group, many interesting exhibitions, the Kernewek Lowender Art Prize, and much, much more. And of course the Kernewek Lowender wouldn't be complete without the traditional Cornish pasties and the Swanky, a dangerously delicious brew!

BRENDA WOOTTON, Cornwall's First Lady of Song, will be returning to the Kernewek Lowender this year, after her successful visit in 1979. Brenda will be giving two concerts, and everyone is sure to enjoy her repertoire of traditional Cornish songs, modern songs and travel anecdotes. An event for the whole family! Brenda is being brought to Australia, especially for the Kernewek Lowender, by the Arts Council of South Australia.

See you in May! (Don't forget to wear an old-style costume!)

(d) National Estate Grants for South Australia

A number of Aboriginal rock art sites and three of South Australia's stately homes will receive funds for their restoration and conservation under this year's Commonwealth National Estate Grants Program for South Australia.

In a joint statement, the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, Mr. Bob Ellicott, and the South Australian Minister of Environment and Planning, Mr. David Wotton, announced that \$330,000 would be available for projects across the State under the program. Of this amount \$246,667 would be spent in this financial year with \$63,333 committed for 1981-82 and \$20,000 for 1982-83.

The Ministers said that, as a result of commitments made by the Governments during the past two years, there would be a further \$83,333 to be spent on current projects in this financial year.

This was in keeping with the National Estate Grants Program practice of spreading funds over several years to allow the effective planning and carrying out of long term projects.

Under the 1980-81 program, the South Australian Department for the Environment would receive \$157,433 for nine projects, four of which would range over two or three years.

Mr. Wotton said that his Department would spend nearly \$100,000 of this amount on six Aboriginal pre-history projects embracing protection, conservation and documentation of traditional sites in the Lower Murray,

Coorong and Olary regions, and in national parks in the Flinders Ranges, the West Coast and northern desert areas.

For 1980-81, the National Trust of South Australia would receive funds to continue preservation work on its property 'Marble Hill' (the former vice-regal residence in the Adelaide Hills), and conservation work at 'Collingrove' (the 1853 homestead outside Angaston in the Barossa Valley) and 'Beaumont House' (the 1851 mansion in Burnside built for Bishop Short, the first Bishop of Adelaide).

Within the Grants Program's assistance for Local Government, Burra District Council would receive \$66,300 for conservation work on cottages in Paxton Square, Burra. The cottages were built around 1849 by the South Australian Mining Company as housing for its miners and their families, and represented Australia's earliest example of company housing.

The Ministers said that because of the diversity and wealth of South Australia's heritage for all Australians, a great deal of consideration had been given at both Commonwealth and South Australian government levels in developing such a wide-ranging program for 1980-81. They believed the program reflected community concern for the preservation of a rich diversity of buildings and sites throughout the State.

The following grants have been made to South Australia for the projects indicated. The funds will be provided over a three year period.

Grants to State Government Authorities

1. State Historic Preservation Plan (Dept. for the Environment): Continuation of this previously funded project to develop a conservation program for places and items of heritage significance - \$18,000
2. State Region Heritage Survey (Dept. for the Environment): Survey to identify, assess and document items for inclusion in the Register of State Heritage Items and the Register of the National Estate - \$19,000
3. Industrial Archaeology Survey (Dept. for the Environment): Assessment and documentation of significant items to assist compilation of the Register of State Heritage Items and the Register of the National Estate - \$30,000
4. Lower Murray and Coorong Aboriginal Sites Study (Dept. for the Environment): Identification and assessment of sites for registration and to provide management guidelines for various administrative agencies especially in relation to the Coorong national park - \$33,100
5. Aboriginal Sites Conservation (Dept. for the Environment): Physical protection and conservation work on sites in different parts of the State selected on the basis of urgency of the work required - \$10,000
6. Remote Aboriginal Sites Documentation (Dept. for the Environment): Documentation of sites in national parks and included in the Register of the National Estate, initially covering those in the Flinders Ranges, West Coast and northern desert locations - \$30,000-
7. Olary Rock Art Sites (Dept. for the Environment): Compilation of an inventory of sites in the Olary area not previously surveyed - \$5,100
8. Documentation of Protected Aboriginal Sites (Dept. for the Environment): Continuation of work towards inclusion in the Register of the National Estate of sites already protected under State legislation - \$17,633
9. Wildlife Habitats Study (Dept. for the Environment): Evaluation of wildlife habitats in settled areas by the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia to determine conservation priorities - \$14,600
10. Neptune Island Lighthouse (Public Buildings Dept.): Relocation of this prefabricated metal 1866 structure, which is to be replaced, to Port Adelaide and its subsequent restoration - \$7,000
11. Geological Data Retrieval System (Dept. for the Arts): Completion by the S.A. Museum of an information retrieval system covering data on all sites of geological significance within the State - \$6,000

Grants to the National Trust of South Australia

12. "Marble Hill" Restoration: Continuation of restoration and conservation work on the ruins of the 1878 old vice-regal summer residence built in the Gothic revival style near Norton Summit in the Adelaide Hills - \$21,000
13. "Collingrove" Conservation: Continuation of conservation work on the 1853 homestead and outbuildings situated near Angaston in the Barossa Valley, and the first home of one of South Australia's early pioneering families - \$17,500
14. "Beaumont House" Conservation: Completion of conservation work on this 1851 mansion built for Bishop Short, the first Bishop of Adelaide, to provide long term weathertight control and improve safety and utility - \$17,500
15. "Marion" Paddlesteamer, Mannum: Conservation work and weatherproofing for the former classic steamer of the River Murray now berthed permanently in a landscaped basin - \$5,000 .

Grants to Local Government authorities and other bodies

16. Paxton Square Cottages, Burra (Burra District Council): Conservation work on the 33 cottages built by the South Australian Mining Company about 1849 as housing for its miners and their families, and which represent Australia's earliest example of company housing - \$66,300
17. Gawler Conservation Study (Gawler District Council): Study to identify places and items of heritage significance and to devise planning policies to retain the town's character - \$12,767
18. Obelisk, Cape Dombey, Robe (Robe District Council): Conservation work on the 25m high obelisk which was built in the 1850's as a day navigation aid for ships - \$3,000
19. Natural Areas Study (Conservation Council of S.A.): Continuation of work on the heritage significance of natural areas in selected parts of the State - \$2,500
20. Twentieth Century Buildings Study (Royal Australian Institute of Architects): Identification, assessment and documentation of significant South Australian buildings of the past fifty years, as part of an Australia-wide survey - \$6,000
21. Quorn Railway Station (Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Inc.): Conservation work on the exterior of the station building which has been included in the Register of the National Estate - \$8,000

(e) The South Australian Government Tourist Bureau's Free 16mm Film Shows: South Australian and Special Interest Films - 1981.

Forthcoming programmes to be presented in the air conditioned theatre, located in the basement of the South Australian Government Tourist Bureau building at 18 King William Street. Seats may be reserved in advance. Show finishes at approximately 9.30 p.m. Reserved seats held until 5 minutes before show is scheduled to commence.

13th May - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

Valley of Barossa (Audio Visual): First into Darwin (Overcoming the accommodation problem in Darwin immediately after Cyclone Tracey); The Big Backyard (South Australia's outback region); The Murray River Queen (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Yosemite (National Park, U.S.A.); Catch Hollywood in the Act (A tour of Universal Studios, U.S.A.)

14th May - Thursday at 8.00 p.m.

Adelaide Sightseeing (Audio Visual): So Good to Share (Wine production in the Barossa Valley); Upstream/Downstream (The River Murray in South Australia); The Murray Explorer (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); A Long Walk Home (The Flinders Ranges as seen by a lone hiker); The Butterfly Man (Butterflies and sights of Malaysia).

20th May - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m

South Australia - Festival State (Audio Visual); Border Country (South Australia's South-east corner); Yorke Peninsula (The Peninsula's varied coastline); Kangaroo Island (Attractions of Kangaroo Island); Territory 336 (A commercial traveller's view of outback S.A.); The Murray River Queen (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Macau - City of the Name of God.

21st May - Thursday at 8.00 p.m.

The Flinders (Audio Visual); Saltbush Steel (Whyalla - Its industries and Fauna Park); Border Country (South Australia's south-east corner); Burra (A look at this mid-north township); The Murray Explorer (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); It's a Woman's World - In Singapore; Racing Rivers (Jet boat racing on New Zealand's rivers).

27th May - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

Fleurieu Peninsula (Audio Visual); Arkaroola (Exploring the Northern Flinders); Enterprise in Steam (The Pichi Richi Railway); Above All Else (South Australia's softwood forests); A Taste of Adelaide (Sampling Adelaide's many attractions); -The Murray River Queen (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); All You Have To Do Is Dig (Opal mining in Australia).

28th May - Thursday at 8.00 p.m.

Valley of Barossa (Audio Visual); The Last Coastline (Eyre Peninsula, as seen by Captain Matthew Flinders); Days I'll Remember (Julie Anthony in South Australia); Yorke Peninsula (The Peninsula's varied coastline); The 9th Life (Features P & O's "Sea Princess"); A Simpler Place in Time (A New Zealand film).

3rd June - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

Adelaide Sightseeing (Audio Visual); Upstream/Downstream (The River Murray in South Australia); The Murray Explorer (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); A Long Walk Home (The Flinders Ranges as seen by a lone hiker); Yellowstone: The Second Hundred Years.

10th June - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

The Flinders (Audio Visual); Kangaroo Island (Attractions of Kangaroo Island); The Murray River Queen (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); The Wonderful World of Wine (Wine Production in South Australia); Heysen on Heysen (A study of the work of Sir Hans Heysen); The Years of Plenty (Motoring in the 60's and 70's).

17th June - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

South Australia - Festival State (Audio Visual); Burra (A look at this mid-north township); The Murray Explorer (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Yorke Peninsula within South Australia (A different look at Yorke Peninsula); Mark Twain: When I Was a Boy (A portrait of the Mississippi River); The Kiwi Way of Life (Lifestyles in New Zealand).

24th June - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

Fleurieu Peninsula (Audio Visual); The Big Backyard (South Australia's outback region); The Murray River Queen (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Border Country (South Australia's south-east corner); Barossa (The Barossa Valley and its Vintage Festival); Yosemite (National Park, U.S.A.); The Bait (Fishing in New Zealand); It All Begins in Singapore.

1st July - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

Valley of Barossa (Audio Visual); The Murray Explorer (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Yorke Peninsula (The Peninsula's varied coastline); A Taste of Adelaide (Sampling Adelaide's many attractions); Arkaroola (Exploring the Northern Flinders); The Last Coastline (Eyre Peninsula, as seen by Captain Matthew Flinders); Catch Hollywood in the Act (A tour of Universal Studios, U.S.A.); Great Turtles of the Trenggann.

8th July - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

Adelaide Sightseeing (Audio Visual); First Into Darwin (Overcoming the

accommodation problem in Darwin immediately after Cyclone Tracey); Kangaroo Island (Attractions of Kangaroo Island); The Murray River Queen (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Outback Festivals of Australia (Includes the Bangtail Muster at Alice Springs); Frontiers Down Under (Life in Australia).

15th July - Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.

The Flinders (Audio Visual); Upstream/Downstream (The River Murray in South Australia); The Murray Explorer (Cruising the mighty Murray in South Australia); Days I'll Remember (Julie Anthony in South Australia); Enterprise in Steam (The Pichi Richi Railway); The Snowy - Mountains for 4 Seasons.

Note: Selected suitable replacements will be substituted for films or slides unavailable for the programmed date.

(f) State Library - Charges for Photographic Copies

The following increases in photoservice charges have been approved by the Libraries Board of South Australia and become effective for orders placed on or after 1st April, 1981.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Price</u> \$
<u>Photoprints</u>	
9 x 14 cm	0.50
16.5 x 21.6 cm	0.90
20.3 x 25.4 cm	1.30
25.4 x 30.5 cm	2.80
30.5 x 38.1 cm	5.40
40.6 x 50.8 cm	5.70
<u>Films and Slides etc.</u>	
Negatives (35 mm)	0.20
Negatives (35 mm) from black and white slides	0.50
Negatives (10.2 x 12.7 cm)	2.00
Positive (from negative supplied) (minimum order 10 metres)	0.75 per metre
Black and white slides	0.50
Black and white film strip	0.50 frame
Black and white negative (10.2 x 12.7 cm)	2.00
Colour slides - copying per film (20 slides)	20.00
<u>Oce electrostatic prints from microfilm</u>	
Size A1	1.80
Size A2	1.10
Size A3	0.90
Size A4	0.70
<u>Savin electrostatic copies</u>	
Material from Archives and the South Australian Collection	0.05*
Material from the Newspaper Reading Room and other sections of the Library	0.20

* The Board approved this special low price for copies from the Archives and South Australian Collection in 1974 to be no higher than the charge made on the coin-operated copying machines. No coin-operated copying from these collections is permitted, because of the high risk of damage to irreplaceable material.

(g) ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA (SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH) INC. Remainder of Programme for 1981

- May 28th - Hot Air Balloonist, Mr Simon Fisher.
June 25th - 'Social geography of the East End of London' by Kevin Woods
July 23rd - 'South Australian Population Trends' by Dr Graeme Hugo
August 27th - Symposium on Rural Land Use in South Australia, with representatives of Conservation Groups, Rural Groups and the State Government.
September 24th - Brock Memorial Lecture - 'Exploring Central Australia' by Len Beadell
October 22nd - Presidential Address - Mr Colin Harris
November 19th - 'South Australian Night'. Recently graduated higher degree students - Biography and Botany, will present their findings.

All meetings will be held in the State Library Lecture Theatre, unless otherwise advertised.

(h) NEW TITLES IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY.

- K.T.H. Farrer, "A Settlement Amply Provided",. Food Technology in Nineteenth Century Australia (MUP 1980)
P. Geeves & G. Newton "Philip Geeves presents Cazneau's Sydney, 1904-1934 (David Ell Press, Sydney 1980)
O. Ruhen "Bullock Teams : the building of a nation" (Cassell 1980)

South Australia's Industrial History.

The first two of these publications are only available from The University of Adelaide's Architecture Dept.

- P. Donovan "An Industrial History of South Australia" (1979)
L. Harrison "Flour Mills in South Australia" (1979)
G.J.R. Linge "Industrial Awakening", A Geography of Australian Manufacturing, 1788 to 1890 (ANUP Canberra 1979)

(i) NEW EXHIBITION TO MARK RE-OPENING OF THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AFTER RESTORATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING.

Title of Exhibition: "Adelaide AD 1881"

At: The Historical Museum (immediately behind main Art Gallery building)
22 May - 16 August

A remarkable 1880 survey of the City of Adelaide, within the parklands, showing every boundary, external wall, fence and even the external privies in the city, will be displayed at this historical exhibition.

The survey, carried out by Charles Smith, then the City Engineer, also showed the precise levels as a necessary preliminary to the introduction of Australia's first system of metropolitan deep drainage. Churches, public houses and factories are distinguished by different colours on all 126 sheets of the survey display.

Also through photographs, lithographs and paintings, the appearance of the city at the time this Gallery was founded will be recreated. Wherever possible, photographs of the scenes as they are today will be included.

The exhibition has been prepared by the Art Gallery's Curator of Historical Collections, Dr. John Tregenza.

7. ARTICLES

S.A. NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES - A GUIDE TO THEIR HISTORY by Brian Samuels.

The story of the struggle for some of our national parks and reserves is a familiar one of dedicated individuals and pressure groups fighting long and hard for dreams to become reality. The campaign for Flinders Chase spanned 27 years! However, at other times reserves have been created quite rapidly and as is well known, one of the major problems facing the National Parks and Wildlife Service today is to be able to recruit enough staff to properly manage our rich and varied heritage of reserves. Good management, of course, entails being able to fend off attempts to erode past achievements. In the nature of things such threats are inevitable, and can emanate from both politicians and private individuals.

To review the history of the preservation of our national environment, while interesting in itself, is particularly timely in light of the formation of the History Trust of S.A. Despite the work of individuals and societies there is still much to be done to safeguard our man-made heritage and improve its promotion and display. The tenacity and vision of the national park crusaders will be needed again if the History Trust is to achieve what it should, and the history contained in the following works will encourage both.

- S. Dixon "The Preservation of our Native Flora and Fauna, with special reference to National Parks and Kangaroo Hunting." An address delivered by Mr S. Nixon, as Chairman of the Field Naturalists' Section of the Royal Society of South Australia, on Tuesday, September 22nd, 1891 [Adelaide 1891] 12 pp. Contains the story of the acquisition of National Park (Renamed Belair Recreation Park in 1972).
- S. Dixon "The Full Story of Flinders Chase Kangaroo Island, South Australia". A New Holiday and Health Resort for South Australians and Visitors from Other Parts [Adelaide 1920] 43 pp + map. Contains the history of the fight to acquire the Chase.
- B.C. Cotton (ed.) "National Park Morialta and Waterfall Gully Reserves" [Adelaide 1936] 127 pp. Published by the Field Naturalist's Section of the Royal Society of South Australia, assisted by the Commissioners of the National Park and of the Government Intelligence and Tourist Bureau, being Vol. XVIII No's 1 to 4 of the South Australian Naturalist. (Cover title - "National Park, South Australia") While not containing a lot of history this volume and the two succeeding editions give an impression of the prevailing attitudes to the parks.
- B.C. Cotton (ed.) "National Park and Reserves" [Commissioners of the National Park, Adelaide 1953] 197 pp.
- B.C. Cotton (ed.) "South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Reserves". [Commissioners of the National Parks and Wildlife Reserves, Adelaide 1964]. 190 pp.
- C.R. Harris 'National Parks in South Australia: A Symposium. Towards a Historical Perspective', "Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia. S.A. Branch" Vol. 78 (1977) pp 55-71. Provides a succinct overview and is based on the author's M.A. thesis "The National Parks and Reserves of South Australia". (Geography Department, Adelaide University 1974).

A Plan to Support Croquet in South Australia

I have so much to say about croquet that I do not know where to begin. Did you know that the sport of croquet goes back to the 17th century when it was first called Pall-Mall? The word croquet comes from the French "crochet", and the American game "Roque", that was played in the 1870s. It was a game played only by the aristocracy and I am now trying to give it a new lease of life in South Australia.

With sport being uppermost in nearly everybody's minds these days, why is there no interest in one of the oldest, most competitive, exacting and genteel of games? Croquet is slowly becoming extinct and all because of its image, that is to play croquet you must surely be either old women or odd, to say the least.

Quite a lot of people do play croquet and most have played it for many years; all that do are very dedicated players and thoroughly enjoy themselves, despite the fact they are now elderly men and women. One chap I know is 84 and is still enjoying his croquet!

Many more could play it, because very little bending is needed, even for those with bad backs. In fact, there is very little physical exertion needed at all, and as you don't have to tear around like a mad thing, it is in many ways an ideal sport. For the deaf, slightly handicapped or unemployed it is not expensive. It does, however, require you to think and you must be prepared to concentrate, but the game of Golf Croquet, which is a fun game, and introduces you to Croquet, teaches you how to use the mallet and how to place the balls. It is as similar to Croquet as 8 Ball is to Billiards which is, after all, what Croquet is; a form of lawn Billiards.

My task over the last 18 months has been to look after the 72 year old SALISBURY CROQUET CLUB. No one was interested in playing, and the 7 elderly stalwarts that had been doing their damndest to keep their beloved club going were playing a losing battle. Their plight deeply affected me. I was able to get the interest of a few Weight Watchers and managed to convince the Salisbury Council that this pretty little historical spot, right in the heart of Salisbury, was worth preserving. They have given me both financial, and practical help, and are now taking over the care of the green, leaving me more time to promote the game of croquet.

I hope that with your understanding and the media in general, I can renew the interest in this most enjoyable sport and also make people aware of this part of our heritage. We owe much to those few dedicated people, who have given so much to retain not only this little bit of green lawn, but also this sport, that no-one seems to want to know.

I can't seem to put on paper just how strongly I feel about it, but I would like people to think of it in the same category as CHESS, BRIDGE, BILLIARDS OR CLASSICAL MUSIC; things that used to be considered say, "old hat".

I am looking for sponsors, players, in fact, anyone interested enough to help maintain the little shelters that the vandals keep having a go at.

I am hoping that this will help to get people to at least talk about CROQUET.

Margaret Hickman,
5 Gordonstown Road,
Brahma Lodge. 5109
Phone : 258 4206

8. NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE.

Since March, 1981, the following Newsletters and Journals have been received:

- a) Bicentenary '88, Newsletter of The Australian Bicentennial Authority, Vol. 1, No. 2, March, 1981.
- b) Broken Hill Historical Society Journal and Proceedings, Vol. 16, December, 1980.
- c) Burnside Historical Society Inc. Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 2, March, 1981.
- d) Canberra and District Historical Society Newsletter, No. 222, March, 1981.
- e) Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society, Vol. 66, Part 4, March, 1981.
- f) Mt. Lofty Ranges Association Inc. Viewsletter, Vol. 14, No. 2, July-December, 1980.
- g) National Trust of South Australia Newsletter, No. 106, April, 1981.
- h) Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (S.A. Branch) Inc. Newsletter, Vol. 17, No. 1, February, 1981.
- i) Royal Western Australian Historical Society Newsletter, Vol. 20, Nos. 1 & 2, January-February, 1981 and March, 1981.
- j) South Australian Horse Driving Society Newsletter, February, 1981.
- k) The Uniting Church in South Australia Historical Society Newsletter, No. 10, March, 1981.
- l) Torrens Valley Historical Journal, No. 13, December, 1980.

9. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES.

- b) "History of the Broken Hill Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) by T. J. Brown. 8 page article taken from an address to the Society.
"Ghost Trains or The Railways That Might Have Been" by R. R. Wallace. 9 page article with 2 page maps, "mainly concerned with the long struggle to have a railway line built from Sydney to Broken Hill."
- e) "Explorer Surveyors of the Australian North Coast, II. John Lort Stokes and the Crew of 'Beagle'" by Alan Powell.
"Electing a Primate: Alfred Barry and the Diocese of Sydney 1882-83" by E.D. Daw.
"George Collingridge 1847-1931: From Papal Zouave to Hermit of Berowra" by O.H.K. Spate.
"The Development of the Bridge in Australian Road Construction" by Vince O'Grady.
"The Meryla Pass" by Rachel Roxburgh.
- g) "Care needed in Cleaning Headstones" by The Early Buildings Committee.

10. SESQUI-CIRCULAR NO. 4

- (a) The sesquicentenary circular below is enclosed so that members of the Historical Society, and our affiliated bodies, will know what has been happening about Historical publications for the Jubilee 150.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SESQUICENTENARY

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

SESQUI-CIRCULAR No. 4

April, 1981

Dear Members,

Sesqui-circular No. 4 will be the last circular under this name. The meeting of all members called on 24-2-81 brought forth about fifteen stalwarts to consider two proposals put to our Committee. The first was from the Jubilee 150 Board asking us to consider changing the word "sesquicentenary" in our title to "Jubilee 150", to bring us in line with the Board's nomenclature; the second was from the Chairman of the newly formed History and Conservation Executive Committee requesting that we consider becoming a sub-committee, looking after historical publications on behalf of History and Conservation. Both these proposals were discussed at some length on the 24th February, and the motions were finally passed. The name of the new committee is the South Australian Jubilee 150 Historical Publications Committee. The original publications sub-committee was appointed to organise and run the new committee, which at its first meeting unanimously elected Dr. John Tregenza as Chairman, and Mr. Chris Nance as Secretary. The other members are Dr. Carol Bacchi, Mrs. Helen Pearce, Dr. Arnold Hunt and Dr. Tony Stimpson.

Several meetings have already been held of the new committee, and the organisation and guidelines for historical publications are being worked out in detail. Already about 25 proposals have been received as a result of our original fairly simple register form which was sent out towards the end of 1980; some replies are purely ideas for 1986, while others have given quite detailed submissions. These are presently being categorised and will be acknowledged in the near future.

In the next few months, a firm policy of action will be worked out as to how the committee will proceed, while at the same time guidelines will be circulated to as wide a circle of interested and concerned potential contributors as possible.

The next information news-sheet will come to you from the new Chairman, and under the name of the new committee, as it was decided at the February General Meeting that the original sesquicentenary members would have an on-going interest, and would be sent information once or twice a year, or as the occasion demanded. We are very fortunate that Dr. Tregenza has accepted the chairmanship of the Committee because he has a great deal of publications experience, historical expertise and patience, with which to guide the Committee in its exacting and onerous work.

As a matter of further interest, three members of the publications committee are members of the History and Conservation Executive Committee (one of the eighteen executive committees of the Jubilee 150 Board): namely, Mr. Chris Nance, who is the Executive Officer of History and Conservation, Dr. John Tregenza, and Mrs. Helen Pearce; thus a considerable interchange of information has already taken place between the two committees, and a working relationship has been established.

Finally, we are hoping that some new, exciting and original histories will be written to help make the Jubilee 150 in 1986 a most memorable and interesting year in the life of South Australia.

Helen Pearce
(Retiring Chairman)

(b) SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JUBILEE 150 BOARD - HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman : Dr John Tregenza

Secretary : Christopher Nance

Postal Address : G.P.O. Box 667, Adelaide. 5001

Dear Colleague,

I am writing as Chairman of a Committee which has been appointed to advise the South Australian Jubilee 150 Board about historical publications which might be appropriate for the State's sesquicentenary in 1986.

The Committee's purpose at this stage is to discover as fully as possible the range of current research projects on aspects of South Australian history, and also to act as a clearing house of information. It may wish, a little later in the year, to convene meetings of people with related research interests with a view to exploring possible forms of publication. What may be possible in the way of financial assistance is as yet unclear.

Although you may have already responded to an earlier enquiry, it would assist the Committee in framing a publication strategy if you would fill in the accompanying questionnaire and return it to the Secretary at the above address. As the Committee will need to make recommendations to the Jubilee 150 Board by the end of August, we will appreciate the return of the form by the end of May.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. Tregenza

CHAIRMAN

Note: A reduced copy of the questionnaire is printed on the following page. You may use this form, or apply to the Secretary at the above address for the standard size questionnaire.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

This form is designed to provide information on the current state of research in South Australian history. If you are involved in such research please complete and return to the Secretary of the Historical Publications Committee at the above address.

Name

Home AddressPhone No.
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Business address
.....Phone No.

Occupation

1. Give a short description of your research or interests in South Australian history.

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2. Do you hope for publication of this research?

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3. If yes, what form would you prefer publication to take; (article, book, chapter)?

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4. At what stage is your research?

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5. Have you a publisher in mind?

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6. Would you consider working with others in your field on a joint publication?

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7. Please list your publications.

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