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Coming talks

Adelaide's early garden suburb

Adelaide's Colonel Gardens has won world wide recognition as an outstanding example of the garden suburb movement which captured the imagination of progressive architects and designers early this century.

In an address to the Society on Friday 7 April Phillip Knight of the Colonel Light Gardens Residents Association will discuss the major role New Zealand journalist Charles Reid played in promoting the garden suburb concept in Australia, and especially South Australia. Colonel Light Gardens was built according to a plan by Charles Reid and remains a tribute to his foresight.

Phillip will explore the suburb's beginnings, illustrating his talk with slides of the area at various stages in its development.

The mystery of W.W. Hughes

Walter Watson Hughes led an intriguing life, first in South East Asia and, from 1840, in South Australia. But today he is little known. Who was he? And what was his involvement in the Moonta and Wallaroo mines?

Patricia Sumerling, who will speak to the Society's members and friends on Friday 5 May, is well placed to shed some light on Hughes and his part in the controversies that raged over the discovery of the copper deposits, ownership of the sites and the financial backing for the mines. She studied

Hughes and his life for her postgraduate thesis and continues to be fascinated with his story.

A specialist in SA history, Patricia will reveal an exciting, little known aspect of the early development of South Australia.

1995 SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Members are reminded that unpaid subscriptions for 1995 are now due. The fees are: Ordinary members \$28, family \$32, students/pensioners \$20, country members (more than 50km from GPO) \$22, institutions \$30, associated societies \$28, life members \$550 and term members (for ten years to end of 2005) \$220.

Cheques or money orders should be made payable to The Historical Society of South Australia Inc. Payment may also be made by Visa, Bankcard or Mastercard using the subscription renewal notice. If you've mislaid yours, another one is available from the society at the Institute Building, 112 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 2000.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members: Mr I. Schomburgk, Mr R. McDonough-Glenn and Mr R. Meyer.

Remember - AGM on 7 April

Look inside for the minutes of the annual general meeting for 1994. These will be presented for confirmation at the Society's annual general meeting for 1995, to be held at 7.45pm on Friday 7 April, before Phillip Knight's address on the early years of Colonel Light Gardens. The location is the usual one of the Prince Philip Theatre at Prince Alfred College, Kent Town.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

Institute Building, 122 Kintore Avenue,
Adelaide 5000 (mailing address only)
Founded 1974.

OBJECTS

- To promote the collection, preservation and classification of source material of all kinds relating to South Australia and Australian history.
- To publish historical records and articles.
- To promote the interchange of information among members of the Society by lectures, readings, discussions, field trips and exhibitions.
- To arouse interest in and promote the study and discussion of history, especially that of South Australia and Australia.
- To co-operate with similar societies throughout Australia.
- To do such things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objects.

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HISTORY SA DEADLINE

The deadline for all material to be submitted for the May issue of *History SA* is Friday 10 April.

BURRA TOUR CANCELLED

The Society has cancelled its proposed bus tour to Burra in May because of the limited response from members to the request for expressions of interest.

Historian to lead tour of Ireland

Historian and publisher Peter Moore of Crossing Press will lead a 20-day 'History of Ireland' tour in September. It will cover social, political and economic issues through 5,000 years of Irish history with a special focus on the Great Famine of 1845-48 in this, the 150th anniversary of its beginning. Literature, theatre, music and family history will also be part of the experience.

The tour, by small coach, is for a maximum of 20 people and will include five days in Dublin and two days each in Galway, Limerick and Killarney.

Contact the Tour Director, PO Box 1137, Darlinghurst, NSW, 2010, or phone/fax (02) 699 3395 for details of fares, terms and itinerary.

DIGGING FOR DEANERY INN

A group of young unemployed people took part in an archaeological dig at Deanery Reserve, Bridgewater, in February under the Commonwealth Landcare and Environment Action Program.

Their aim was to define the precise site of the former Rural Deanery Inn of 1841 and to unearth any relics that may remain. The inn was the keystone of a village that also included a post office, library and school. However, the settlement, on Cox's Creek, was soon overtaken by Bridgewater and little evidence of it remains.

To the editor

THE WRONG SIZE

If Society members are being asked about the size of the newsletter, I much preferred the old size. It fitted much better on the shelf along with the *Journal*, and the newsletters from the Friends of the State Library and the Royal Geographical Society, which are all the same size.

Trevor Miller,
West Croydon

BRIDGE UPDATE



A photograph from Dr Geoffrey Bishop of the East Torrens Historical Society showing the Deep Creek bridge restored.

The February issue of History SA published a photograph of the bridge before restoration to accompany a front-page article about the Society's involvement in having the bridge brought back to its original condition.

The District Council of East Torrens and Skillshare directed the work, which began in 1992 and made good the extensive damage caused when the northern side of the bridge was undermined during a flood in the late 1940s.

GRANTS TO PRESERVE COMMUNITY HERITAGE

The National Preservation Office is offering grants of up to \$5,000 to assist community organisations such as libraries and historical societies, and multicultural and indigenous peoples' groups to preserve their documentary heritage collections.

The grants are meant to assist in the preservation of material of national significance, which may be due to the period it relates to, or to the locality, the people, or subject it concerns. Or it may be significant because it is rare or particularly relevant to other material that is already preserved. A National Preservation Office statement announcing the availability of the grants, the National Preservation Office said, 'Irreplaceable records of events, places and earlier lifestyles are deteriorating all over

Australia despite the efforts of local communities.

There is much needs to be done so future citizens will know how earlier generations lived and worked, why political decisions were made, and what were the thoughts, feelings and interests of the people.

'Many types of documents need to be preserved. Old newspapers need microfilming, collections of letters and business records need proper storage, fading photographs need copying, old books need conservation treatments and people need training.'

Grant applications close on Friday 14 April. Guidelines and application forms are available from Katy Bellingham, National Preservation Office, National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT, 2600. Phone (06) 262 1357 or Fax (06) 273 4493.

BANNON BOOSTS KINGSTON'S ROLE IN FEDERATION

Former premier John Bannon has gone into print with the first fruits of his study of the history of federation and the making of the Australian constitution. His booklet, *The Crucial Colony: South Australia's role in reviving federation 1891 to 1897*, published by the Federalism Research Centre in Canberra, shows the critical role played by SA's Charles Kingston in moves to revive the faltering federation movement.

The first National Australasian Convention in 1891 drew up a draft constitution for the federation of the Australasian colonies which was to be given effect by the respective legislatures. But it was nearly ten years before the Commonwealth was in fact established. A second convention was necessary in 1897-98 to restart a process that seemed doomed to failure.

Thus far accounts of the time between the Conventions have suggested that the delay was a mere hiatus in an ongoing and inevitable progress to federation and that popular movements in NSW and Victoria were the key to progress. Mr Bannon, however, suggests the revival of the federation movement was by no means inevitable and a critical role was played by the heads of the colonial governments, and Charles Kingston in particular.

1994 AGM MINUTES

The 1995 annual general meeting will be preceded by Mr Philip Knight's talk at the Society's meeting on 7 April. The minutes of the 1994 annual meeting are published below for members' information and in readiness for this year's AGM.

The annual general meeting of the Historical Association of South Australia was held on 8 April 1994 at the Prince Philip Theatre, Prince Alfred College, Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town, Adelaide, at 7.45pm.

OPENING: The President, Dr Robert Nicol, declared the meeting open at 8.05pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President presented a report on the activities of the Society during the previous 12 months. During the year, the Society ran a full program of lectures and fund-raising activities which attracted strong support from members.

LECTURE PROGRAM: The following lectures, which covered a variety of topics, were presented.

February 1993: 'South Australia's Mining Heritage - the strange case of the Worthing mine' by Dr Peter Bell.

March 1993: 'Hugh Cairns, South Australian Rhodes Scholar, and Lawrence of Arabia - protection of motor cyclists' by Emeritus Professor G.J. Fraenkel.

April 1993: AGM: 'A Life With South Australian History' by Alison Dolling.

May 1993: 'I Fancy Dame Nancy: Dame Nancy Buttfield' by June Donovan.

June 1993: 'The Poet as Historian' by Graham Jenkin.

July 1993: 'Viva il Duce - the influence of Fascism on Italians in South Australia in the 1920s and 30s' by Desmond O'Connor.

August 1993: 'Women in South Australia's History' by Dr Susan Magarey.

September 1993: 'Footy Takes to the Air' by John Wood.

October 1993: 'From the Ice Age to the Atomic Age - human occupation of the Nullarbor' by Tom Gara.

November 1993: 'Travels in Haste, Resort at Leisure - off duty in the 19th century' by Lesley Abell.

TOURS: The following tours undertaken were also supported strongly by members:

- Tour of the Mount Lofty Ranges in conjunction with the East Torrens Historical Society.
- Tour of the Police Barracks, the graves of South Australian Police Commissioners and Fort Largs Police Academy.
- Walking tour of Adelaide's historic hotels with guide Patricia Sumerling.

ANNUAL DINNER

The successful 1993 dinner was held in September at the Drawing Room, Scotch College. The guest speaker was well known identity Ms Janine Haines, who titled her talk 'The Woman's Place in History'. Ms Haines' talk was entertaining and informative and was very well received by members. The evening included a tour of the historic aspects of the Scotch College site, including the Barr Smith Theatre. The President thanked the speaker, the tour guides and the staff of Scotch College for their hospitality.

PUBLICATIONS

The Society continued its annual publications program with six issues of the *Newsletter* being produced. The President extended his thanks to the *Newsletter* editor, Dr Ian Harmstorf, for his contribution.

The 1993 *Journal* had been delayed due to the changeover in editors. It was envisaged that the *Journal* would be available to members within the month. In addition work had already commenced on the 1994 edition which should be out by the end of the year. The President extended his thanks to the *Journal* editor, Dr Jenny Tilby Stock, for her valuable contribution in editing the *Journal*.

Insights into South Australian History (Vol. 2) covering Germans in South Australian history was prepared by Dr Ian Harmstorf and was now available to members and the public. The President extended his thanks to Dr Ian Harmstorf, Mr Brian Samuels, Dr Pauline Payne and Mr Jim Loudon for their assistance in preparing and editing the volume.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The President stated that the 20th anniversary of the Society would occur in 1994 and a history conference would be undertaken in conjunction with the Federation of Australian Historical Associations to celebrate the occasion.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society remained healthy but still fell below the 500 barrier. Income from the Endowment and Life Members Fund contributed to the Society's success by allowing

Council to maintain subscription rates at their existing level.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The President extended his special thanks to Mr Keith Banfield for his assistance in auditing the 1993 financial statements; to retiring Council members, Mr Geoffrey Manning, Mr David Cornish and Ms Patricia Sumerling for their assistance to the Society; to the Council Members for their continued support; to the speakers and tour guides and to those responsible for the excellent suppers, Mrs Enid Ulbrich and Ms Ila Hollands, which contributed much to the success of the Friday meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The President presented the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1993, which were audited by Mr Keith Banfield, CPA. The President then outlined the financial position and interest earned by the Endowment and Life Members Fund.

The President commented that the overall financial position of the Society remained healthy due to the interest income received from the Endowment Fund. This Fund had allowed Council to expand its publication activities and to keep subscription rates down. The Endowment Fund had been established to ensure the long term survival of the Society and to ensure that it could manage through these current straitened economic times.

Moved: Hamish Angas/Maurice Keain that the 1993 AGM Minutes and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1993 be adopted.

ELECTIONS

The President declared all positions vacant and read out the nominations which had been received by the closing date. They were:

President: Dr Robert Nicol
 Vice-President: Mr Brian Samuels
 Secretary: Ms Marcia Dunshore
 Treasurer: Mrs Avis Huckel
 Council Members: Dr Pauline Payne, Mrs E. Elbrich, Mr Sean Dawes, Mr Jim Loudon, Mr Hamish Angas, Mr Maurice Keain.

There being no more nominations than positions vacant, the President declared those members elected. The members present responded by acclamation and the President extended his thanks on behalf of the Council.

CLOSURE

The President closed the Annual General Meeting and introduced the evening's guest speaker, Ms Joan Durdin.

KNITTING FOR DEFENCE, AUSSIE STYLE

A book on groups that knitted for the military and relief efforts in the two world wars will include material from Australia as a result of an approach to the Historical Society of SA. The author, Cathy Carron, formerly of New York and now resident in London, says her book will include an international comparison of knitting activity during the wars, hence her request for material from SA.

The Society's secretary, Marcia Dunshore, not only referred Ms Carron's request to the SA Army Museum at Keswick and to Coats Patons, but also sent photocopies of World War II knitting books belonging to a Society member.



The front cover of the Schools Patriotic Fund Knitting Book.

\$5,000 FOR TEROWIE

Terowie Citizens' Association has received a grant of \$5,078 to help it develop its museum in the building formerly occupied by *The North Eastern Times*.

The money was made available under the federally funded Museum Grants and Accreditation Program and will be used to create displays on 'Woman's Work' and 'Terowie Main Street'. The displays should be finished by the end of the year but in the meantime the Association is looking for items relating to woman's work in the laundry and the kitchen, as well as craft work.

Coming events

Following are items that have come to the attention of the editor of *History SA* or have been selected from material compiled for *Community History*, a publication of the State History Centre. Corrections, updated information and new entries welcome.

11 March: International Penny Farthing Challenge and street fair, Strathalbyn. Enquiries 391 1985.

11-12 March: Government House Open Days, 11am-3.30pm. Enquiries 223 1655.

12 March: 'Journeys in Music' - Early music group Il Barrocco, 2.30pm. Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Enquiries 207 7580.

12 March: SA Police Historical Society mystery bus tour. Details and bookings, Jan Williams, 2/22 Garfield St, Klemzig.

15 March: 'Greenhouse '95 - Local Solutions to Global Problems', a national conference on this important environmental issue. Chaired by Sen. John Coulter. Enquiries and bookings 015 710 221.

19 March: 'Journeys in Music' - South African group Hoza, 2.30pm. Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Enquiries 207 7580.

19 March: Garrick Hill twilight opening: house open until 8pm. grounds until 8.30pm. 46 Garrick Hill Drive, Springfield.

19 March: 21st birthday of Tramway Museum, St Kilda, 10am-5pm. Twelve trams in service during throughout the day; Minister of Transport, Hon. Diana Laidlaw cuts the cake at 2.30pm.

22 March: Robert Martin, author of *Under Mount Lofty*, speaks on Arthur Hardy of Mount Lofty House. Stangate House, Edgeware Rd, Aldgate, 8pm.

26 March: 'Journeys in Music' - Anglo-Celtic group Montefiore, 2.30pm. Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Enquiries 207 7580.

26 March: Booleroo Steam Rally: veteran and vintage tractors, steam and traction machines. Centre Oval, Booleroo. Enquiries (086) 672 127.

29 March-1 April: Lace-making workshops, Ayers House, North Tce, Adelaide. Enquiries 223 1234.

1 April: SA branch of Australian Society of Archivists workshop on theory and practice of archival techniques. Adelaide City Archives, 1pm. Enquiries Fran Jury 349 5577 (w).

2 April: 'Journeys in Music' - Latin American group Sabor Latino, 2.30pm. Migration

Museum, 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide. Enquiries 207 7580.

2 April: Beaumont House Open Day. 2-4.30pm, 631 Glynburn Rd, Beaumont. Enquiries 379 5301.

2 April: Family Fair at Stangate House and garden to mark the beginning of Heritage Month, 11am-4pm, Edgeware Rd, Aldgate. Enquiries 391 1985.

7 April: Historical Society of SA 1995 annual general meeting, followed by a talk by Phillip Knight on the early development of Colonel Light Gardens. Prince Philip Theatre, Prince Alfred College, Kent Town, 7.45pm.

12-16 April: National Trust (Vic.) Heritage Festival: 'Heritage in Your Hands'. Enquiries to Carol Barnard or Lois Chesney (03) 654 4711.

16 April: Humphrey Pump Day at Cobdolga Museum. Enquiries to Barmera Travel Centre (085) 88 2289.

26 April: Conservation Forum arranged by SA branch of the Australian Society of Archivists. Bring an item needing conservation, have it appraised and remedies suggested based on appropriateness and cost. Enquiries, Fran Jury 349 5577 (w).

27-29 April: Adelaide Repertory Theatre production of *Light - the man*, a play by Max Afford on the life of Colonel Light. Arts Theatre, Angas St., 8pm

29-30 April: Vintage Machinery and Transport Spectacular, Goolwa. Details (085) 565 931.

30 April: National Trust properties throughout the State open free of charge to mark Heritage Month.

4-6 May: Adelaide Repertory Theatre production of *Light - the man*, a play by Max Afford on the life of Colonel Light. Arts Theatre, Angas St., 8pm. Matinee, 6 May, 2.15pm.

5 May: Historical Society of SA meeting - talk by Patricia Sumerling on Walter Watson Hughes and the Moonta and Wallaroo mines. Prince Philip Theatre, Prince Alfred College, Kent Town, 8pm.

6 - 7 May: Terowie's tribute to all who served in World War II, especially those who passed through or stayed at the Terowie Staging Camp. Street parade, sideshows, music and clowns on Saturday; Interdenominational service at the monument, unveiling of plaque, book launch and street party on Sunday. Enquiries (086) 59 1105.

12-15 May: Kernewek Lowender (Cornish Festival) in Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

Enquiries to PO Box 230, Kadina, 5554, or call (088) 212 096.

21 May: Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society walk/drive around historic Mount Barker led by local historian Dick Mills. Meet at Dunn Memorial Uniting Church, Mann St, Mount Barker, 1.45pm.

2 June: Historical Society of SA meeting – talk by Dr Noris Ioannou, 'The Barossa Folk: Germanic furniture and craft traditions in Australia'. Prince Philip Theatre, Prince Alfred College, Kent Town, 8pm.

28 June: National Trust meeting – Sally Collins on the Mount Lofty catchment scheme. Stangate House, Edgeware Rd, Aldgate, 8pm.

1-3 July: 'Exploring Family History' at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW. Topics include oral history, government records, and newspapers. Enquiries to Dorothy Lucardie in the University's Department of Continuing Education.

ONGOING EVENTS

DAILY

Port Dock Station Railway Museum:

Locomotives and carriages, historic goods shed, dining car and model trains. Steam train rides at weekends. Diesel train rides during the week. Lipson St, Port Adelaide, Sunday to Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday 12 noon-5pm. Enquiries 341 1654/1690.

Signal Point: See the Murray-Darling River story, animated stories of the Dreamtime; take a video trip with the explorers; use the touch screen to discover birds, animals and fish of the river system; explore the restored oscar W paddle steamer, One the banks of the River Murray, Goolwa, 11am-5pm.

Wadlata Outback Centre: Discover the origins of the Outback; relive the Aboriginal Dreamtime and tales of the pioneer settlers; learn what the vast and varied land means to the people who live and work there. 41 Flinders Tce, Port Augusta. Weekdays 9am-5.30pm. weekends 10am-4pm.

State History Centre, Old Parliament House:

A national heritage building. See the vivid audio-visual presentation, *The South Australia Story*, photographic panorama of the city in 1865, Speakers Corner (*Times are Ripe, Rotten Ripe for Change – Mary Lee and Votes*) and special exhibition *For Better and Worse? A century of change for SA women*. Also Australiana book and souvenir shop, courtyard restaurant. 10am-5pm Monday to

Friday, 12 noon-5pm weekends and public holidays. Enquiries 207 1077.

SA Museum: 'Science on a Camel's Back', a centenary survey of the Horn expedition to the MacDonnell Ranges of Central Australia, 10am-5pm. Enquiries 207 7500.

Tandanya: Aboriginal Arts centre with guided tours and talks about aspects of Aboriginal heritage and culture, including the telling of Dreamtime stories. 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. 10.30am-5pm Monday to Friday, 12 noon-5pm weekends and public holidays.

Kapunda Museum: Agricultural machinery and historic vehicles. Hill St, Kapunda, 1-4pm.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY AND WEEKENDS

Gladstone Gaol (1881-1975): Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 1-4pm; Saturday, Sunday, SA school holidays and all public holidays, 10am-12noon and 1-4pm. Accommodation available. Enquiries (086) 62 2200 or (086) 62 2232.

TUESDAY-SUNDAY

Ayers House: Home of seven times Premier Sir Henry Ayers. North Tce, Adelaide. Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm. Weekends and public holidays 1-4pm.

SA Maritime Museum: Full size replica of a sailing ketch, computerised ancestor tracing, penny arcade, lighthouse, steam tug and coastal trader. 126 Lipson St, Port Adelaide, 10am-5pm. Enquiries 240 0200.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Axel Stenross Maritime Museum: Boat-building workshop, relives of windjammer days, working slipway and blacksmith's shop. 97 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln (086) 82 2093/1162.

THURSDAY

Adelaide Oval: Guided tours include the Bradman Stand, Bradman photographs, dressing room, and secrets of the scoreboard. 10am from the South Gate. Enquiries 231 3759.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Market Square Museum: Burra, Saturdays 2-4pm, Sundays, 12 noon-2.30pm.

Old Police Station, Clare: Furniture and

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clothing from Victorian era, early records and photographs of district, agricultural machinery, horse-drawn vehicles. Cnr Victoria Rd and West Tce. Saturdays and public holidays, 10am-12 noon; Sundays 2-pm.

SUNDAY

Adelaide Gaol (1841-1988): Guided tours of cell blocks, exercise yards, hanging tower and graves. Port Rd, Adelaide. First tour 11am then frequently until 3.30pm Bookings essential. Call State heritage Branch on 297 2383 or gaol manager, 231 4062.

Cummins: Historic home of the Morphet family. Sheoak Ave, Novar Gardens. 2-4.30pm.

Old Customs House and Station Master's House: Victor Harbor, 11am-4pm.

Old Government House: Vice-Regal; summer residence 1860-80, with servants quarters and Victorian garden. National Park, Belair, 12.30-pm.

Railway Signal/Telegraph and Aviation Museum: Information and photographs of early SA aviators Ross and Keith Smith and history of Albert Park and Parafield airports, railway memorabilia, working and static displays or signalling equipment. 112 Marion Rd, Brooklyn Park, 1-4.30pm. Enquiries 373 3554.

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fort Glanville: Most complete example of a 19th century artillery fort in Australia. 359 Military Rd, Semaphore. Enquiries 242 1978.

TRAM MUSEUM COMES OF AGE

The Tramway Museum at St Kilda celebrates its 21st on Sunday 19 March, complete with birthday cake, the Salisbury City band, cut price admission and rides, and a visit by the Minister for Transport, Ms Diana Laidlaw.

The museum will be open from 10am (not the usual Sunday opening time of 1pm) and Ms Laidlaw will cut the birthday cake at 2.30pm. There will be 12 trams in service during the day and a display of vintage vehicles. The price of admission and rides has been cut to \$1, rather than the usual \$5 admission and \$2.50 per ride.

The Tramway Museum was formed in 1957 and opened as a static display ten years later. Tramway operations actually began on 23

March 1974 with five restored trams – three from Adelaide and two from Ballarat – on two kilometres of track laid by Salisbury City Council with unemployment funding from the Commonwealth Government. A further seven Adelaide trams have since been added to the collection as well as one from Melbourne.

Since the opening 21 years ago more than 350,000 people have enjoyed riding on the meticulously restored tramcars, which run every Sunday and public holiday (except Christmas Day and Good Friday) between 1pm and 5pm. The museum is also open on Wednesday afternoons during the April, July and October school holidays and is available for charter. Tel. 261 9110 or 297 4447.

Lady Daly's last years plagued by poverty, ill health

Again we are grateful to The Viceroy – the journal of the friends of Old Parliament House – for an article on the wife of a Governor of SA – this time Lady Caroline Daly.

Lady Daly was over 60 years old when she and Sir Dominick arrived in South Australia in 1862 with their daughters Caroline and Joanna after 40 years in Canada, where her husband gained his knighthood.

She kept a relatively low profile during Sir Dominick's term of office in South Australia, one of the few major events being the double wedding of her two daughters, both whom married local bankers. But the grandest of all events staged during the Daly's stay in Government House was the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh in 1867.

Sir Dominick Daly's term of office ended with his death early in 1868. Lady Daly's health was deteriorating by this time and she was incapacitated by paralysis which eventually required constant nursing. Receptions at Government House were kept to a minimum, with her daughters often acting as hostesses on behalf of their mother.

Lady Daly's health and the state of her personal finances were both so poor when her husband died that she could not return to Britain and for the last four years of her life she was granted use of the Government Cottage at Glenelg. She died at Glenelg in July 1872 and was buried at Brighton.

The paddle steamer *Lady Daly* was named after her in 1867, as was the town of Caroline in the South East. The Hundreds of Caroline and Joanna also commemorate the family.

First aboriginal anthropologist in conversation

The Historical Society of the Northern Territory has published a collection of essays based on conversations with David Burramurra, Australia's first Aboriginal anthropologist.

The conversations were conducted over the years 1987 to 1992 by anthropologist Ian McIntosh, who says Burramurra was a diplomat and a staunch advocate of Aboriginal rights who made a considerable impact on the way north-east Arnhem Land communities developed. He died last year at the age of 77 and is often cited as the last great Aboriginal leader of Arnhem Land, advocating policies of reconciliation in the 1950s, well before it was fashionable to do so.

Mr McIntosh's book, *The Whale and the Cross*, is available from the NT Historical Society, PO Box 40544, Casuarina, NT 0810, at a cost of \$15 for members and \$17.50 for non-members.

Trust's new View

The Council of National Trusts has launched a new magazine known as *The View*. Wide ranging and in full colour, it covers art and artists, theatre, cultural activities, science and technology, the environment and theatre. There will also be articles on National Trust properties, practical restoration and conservation advice, and a range of other heritage issues. The 134-page magazine is available three times a year by annual subscription (\$26.50) or from newsagents, specialist bookshops, museums, galleries and heritage properties at \$8.95 a copy.

1700 acres to clear for a novice axeman

We had a very kind friend, Mr Lloyd, who called on us about once a week. Mr Lloyd was the owner of St Peters Island, about 15 miles west of Thevenard Cape, where he raised sheep and poultry and did other farming. He owned a large sailing boat and would sail in through the rather narrow opening at the end of the Cape. The steamer *Hellen Nichol*, ketches, etc. passed through the same gap on their way to McKenzie's Landing but only the *Hellen Nichol* called there while we were at Murat Bay. On these occasions stores would be landed for Mr McKenzie and his workers. He had 20 families living there, share-farming his 17,000 acres. The *Hellen Nichol* would also have on board stores for Mr Lloyd, so he would come to the mainland in his boat and go alongside and receive them from the ship, weather permitting. The ship would also load wheat from McKenzie's farm for delivery to buyers at Port Adelaide. On one occasion, whilst the ship was moored of McKenzie's Landing, I went across from Murat Bay in a small boat sailed by a young lad of about my own age, who was working for Mr Lloyd. That was a great adventure indeed - my first sight of a steamer - a small one, but my first. The wheat from McKenzie's Landing was carted onto the beach in waggons as far as the tide would permit. The ship's boats would go alongside the waggon and the men would take the wheat on board (about 30 bags) and row with it back to the ship, where it was lifted

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on board by derricks and winches. Mr McKenzie told us he produced about 3,000 bags in a season. Quite a particular job, loading wheat in that port, even in fine weather. I heard the story of a captain who was not very well disposed at the time, saying, 'Once we had iron men and wooden ships; now we have iron ships and wooden men.' Well, those were iron men who worked on those steamers! They pioneered the transport of produce from the small ports around the coast of Australia.

Mr Lloyd supplied us with a sheep on each of his weekly visits. Considering there was no thought of refrigeration in those days, we were always ready for fresh meat when it came along.

We built our camps, as I've indicated, on top of a rise across the neck of the Cape, amongst a small clump of trees that would provide us with some shade from the hot sun as the summer advanced. With the galvanised iron we had shipped from Port Adelaide we built one large room, about 12 feet x 12 feet. with a skillion roof. Inside, bunks of four uprights topped with young green saplings with plenty of green boughs to cover them, were built around the walls. Mattresses of whatever we had been able to bring with us were placed on these for the women. We had a table in the centre and used the bunks for seating where possible and packing cases provided more when required. Outside, under the trees, we built a big whurlie of boughs, stakes, etc. as a shelter for our cooking arrangements. We had a large fireplace just near the opening and in fine weather we could have our meals there if we desired, and that was often.

Routine established

Joe, Jack and myself used the tent. We built bunks along both sides which, with bags of seaweed (which was plentiful), made very comfortable sleeping quarters. So we settled down to a routine.

One morning I rose early, took my gun, and went for a walk to round up the horses, which were usually turned out at night onto the Cape, or the Point as we called it. I couldn't see them anywhere, so I went down to the end of the Cape looking for them, but to no avail. They had gone off, hobbles and all, during the night.

On the way back I thought I would look along the beach in case they had gone that way. As I approached, I saw walking along the sand, two wild turkeys. Having my gun, I took aim just as they were about to rise in flight, and hit

one of them in the head, which is considered a good shot because it does not damage the carcase. I ran down to the beach, picked up my prize and brought it home. I left it to Nan and the others to pluck it and prepare it for cooking.

I had my breakfast and set out again to find the strayed animals. I picked up their tracks near the tanks and followed them along the road to McKenzie's Landing. After following in their footsteps for about an hour and a half I came to a place where they had left the road and wandered through the scrub. I followed them for about another hour and came to the East-West Telegraph Line. Here the tracks fortunately turned in a southerly direction, keeping along the cleared space through which the line was erected. I followed for another hour and, eventually, I recognised the Merghing Road. They hadn't followed the Merghing Road, however, but had cut through the scrub. After another hour's walking I came upon them in a clearing, feeding contentedly on some good grass. After a little chasing I caught Old Johnny and was very glad to get on his back as I had been walking from 10 o'clock until 4pm. Fortunately, as I had mounted Old Johnny we came to the top of a limestone hill and I could see in the distance to the westward the sun shining on the water of Murat or Denial Bay, from which I knew the direction in which I was to proceed. Otherwise I would have been lost.

No food or water

I had some difficulty in heading the horses home because they were thirsty and trying to go to Merghing Well. After a bit of a race I succeeded in turning them back to Murat Bay, where we arrived at about 8 pm. Most of the time I had been on foot, without food or water. A bit foolish of me, of course, but I was not an educated bushman, although I was not a bad tracker. I should have taken food and water with me. However, it was too late now. I had visions of a what a lovely meal I would have of turkey and the like, but imagine my disappointment when I was told that it had all be devoured by the rest of the family, but there was plenty of rabbit. Thank the Lord! I was hungry after 12 hours without a meal. I didn't complain so long as there was something to fill the aching void.

We remained at Murat Bay (now called Ceduna) from the time of our arrival, approximately 8 December, until 11 March 1894. No rain fell during that period and our time was entirely taken up with the routine

I've described, except for one thing. The rainwater tanks at Laura Bay became empty and we had to travel to Smoky Bay, about eight miles further on, which meant two days going and coming over a mostly sandy track. Stock feed was running out and everything had to be carried over those sandy tracks. If we had had a few showers of rain to replenish those Murat Bay tanks we would have been saved all that time in carting water.

Defeated by the scrub

My father and mother came to the conclusion that to start to develop our block of 1700 acres of scrub country was, as far as we were concerned, an impossible task. Ours was a young family. Four of us were school children and father was an old man who had never handled an axe in his life. There was only myself, a lad of 17 years, to tackle the colossal job of cutting acres of thick mallee scrub. You can imagine what lay before us. That was a special job for at least two experienced axemen. Even then they would have needed to clear about an acre of scrub per day each to have enough country ready to turn off at the end of the next summer to prepare for seeding in winter.

I think my father realised he had made a foolish mistake in ever attempting such a project. So it was arranged that when the *Hellen Nichol* called again at Murat Bay we would all go on board and sail for Port Adelaide. The time of waiting for the boat was spent in disposing of our goods and chattels. I went over to Mr McKenzie and offered him the team of five horses and the waggon, which he bought for a very fair price – about seven pounds per head for horses and harness and something like 20 pounds for the waggon, which was a good sum seeing that he could have had the lot for whatever he liked to pay.

The *Hellen Nichol* arrived on schedule and we were all taken in a boat from the beach and went on board at about 3 pm, leaving Murat Bay behind with no regrets. The vessel called at several ports as we proceeded along the coast – Smoky Bay, Flagstaff Landing, Streaky Bay, Scales Bay, Venus Bay and Elliston. We arrived at McLaren's Wharf at about 3 pm on Friday 14 March. We were taken by a two-horse cab to Hannay's Temperance Hotel in Commercial Road, Port Adelaide, where we stayed for two weeks while father was getting his bearings ...

THE END

Messages in bottle recall early Terowie



A time capsule containing material has been recovered from under the foundation stone of the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Terowie following the sale of building, which was a property of the Uniting Church. When built in 1919 the Memorial Hall also provided a kindergarten room for the Methodist Sunday School.

The capsule – in fact a corked bottle – contained a copy of *The Register* for the day, a hand written list of the names of the officers, teachers and pupils of the Sunday School and another listing the names of those who officiated at the laying of the foundation stone.

While the contents of the bottle were complete, they were in a very brittle condition. The Terowie Citizens' Association plans to keep them under stringent archival conditions and it will be some time before they are ready for viewing.

Transcripts of the contents were published in the February issue of *The Terowie Enterprise*. Enquiries to Marina Gray (086) 59 1105.

Pictured is John Ogle carefully unrolling the fragile documents, watched by Wilbur Besanko (right), a student at the Sunday School in 1919. The bottle, or time capsule, lies on the table.

– Photo from Terowie Citizens' Association.

VICTORIAN HOLDINGS ON SA HISTORY

Before leaving for Canberra's corridors of power, former State Historian Susan Marsden drew our attention to information she'd received from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria about items it had on SA.

This followed a visit Susan had made to Melbourne, where she found the Society had published a manuscript catalogue but not one for ephemera and items kept in vertical files, which included a number of pieces relating to South Australia and South Australians.

At Susan's request, the Victorian Society compiled a list of photographs, books, manuscripts and other SA material.

Subsequently still more material was found, including photographs by H. Davis of the Adelaide Plains, a cargo boat on Murray and two of a waterfall near Adelaide. There were also photographs of early Adelaide welfare. There is a glass slide of 'the old gum tree' at Glenelg, photographs of the railway to Hamilton Bay c. 1900, and photographs of Port Darwin which are thought to be pre-1911, and an obituary of E.M. Christie (1878-1957), who had been a senior public servant in Darwin. The Society holds much Christie material, including sketches of SA, a list of parliamentary papers and a pictorial map of Port Augusta in 1892.

There is also the diary of Thomas Hair (1827-1911) which tells of his coming to South Australia, his experiences on the Victorian goldfields and later settlement in SA. There are references to the economic life of the colonies, pioneering lifestyle, and the hardships endured on the diggings, work with the Church of Christ at the Burra mines, squatting life, and the Crofton Estate.

Books held by the Society that relate to SA include:

Sir Ronald East, *A South Australian Colonist of 1836 and his Descendants*, Vol. 1.

The South Australian Post Office Directory, 1905.

Gwenneth Williams, *South Australian Exploration*, 1855.

Josiah Boothby, *Statistical Sketch of South Australia*, London, 1876.

John Stephens, *The Land of Promise*, Smith Elder & Co., London, 1839.

Edwin Hodder (ed.), *The Founding of South Australia*, Sampson Low Marston & Co., 1898.

Henry Capper, *South Australia*, 1839.

E.M. Yelland, *Colonists, Copper and Corn in the Colony of South Australia*, by 'An Old Colonist'.

Alexander Tolmer, *Reminiscences*, 1882.

Jefferson Pickman Stow, *South Australia, its History, Production and Natural Resources*, Adelaide Government Printer, 1883.

William Marcus, *South Australia*, 1876.

J. Bull, *Early Experiences*, 1878.

British Province of SA, a Retrospect of the Royal Visit, published by the Pioneers Association of SA.

The Society also holds material on the social life and customs of Aborigines in SA, including: Matthews, *South Australian Aborigines*, and H.M. Cooper, *Australian Aboriginal Words*, Museum of SA, 1948.

The Society's manuscript file holds photographs of a railway being built near Adelaide, as well as the following material:

C. H. and F. Burchett, *Australian Letters 1839-1975*.

Theresa S. Snell Jauncey, *Journal of a Residence of Three Months in the British Province of South Australia, 1836-37*.

Alfred Stephen Kenyon (1867-1945), reference to A. Howitt's exploration in SA.

Mary Turner Shaw, *A Drover's Notebook* (drover Harry Ogilvie).

John Sadlier (1831-1919), *Some Notes From the Reminiscences of Alexander Tolmer, Commissioner of Police in South Australia 1852*.

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A CALL TO THE CORNISH

1995 is a big year for all whose families came from Cornwall, with many activities that will help them rediscover their Cornish heritage and culture.

There's an exhibition, 'Wherever There's a Mine', at the Migration Museum, Kintore Ave, Adelaide, until 28 May; a Cornish Association seminar at Gartrell Uniting Church on 8-10 May; the Kernewek Lowender, or Cornish festival, in the towns of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo on 12-15 May; and the sesquicentenary celebration of the copper mining town of Burra, where Cornish settlers lived and worked.