

## From the President

I am not sure how many *From the President* columns I have written, but I do know this is my final as President of the Historical Society of South Australia!

The meeting on 26 March 2010 will be my final, and I am delighted that Dr John Jenkin has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker. I have known John for some years and greatly appreciate him as an historian and person, and whilst from east of the good country he is a born and bred South Australian! I am really looking forward to John's presentation.

As you are aware, we will also welcome our Patron the Governor of South Australia at the meeting, and he and Mrs Scarce will share Dr Jenkin's presentation with us. To facilitate the smooth running of the meeting I remind members to please be present and seated by 7.20pm.

I am going to use my final column to introduce the incoming President, Dr Geoffrey Bishop. It has been important to me as President to know that I could call upon Geoffrey to run meetings in my absence, and to benefit from his expertise in areas unfamiliar to me.

Dr Bishop is a fifth generation member of a Basket Range orchardist family, and lives in the family home in a pretty valley a short distance from Basket Range. Geoffrey's doctorate is in horticulture and in his professional life he is a horticultural/environmental science consultant.

Dr Bishop was a founding member of the East Torrens Historical Society and of the Friends of Fergusson Conservation Park, Stonyfell. The HSSA is not the only organisation fortunate enough to have Geoffrey as vice-president, and he serves in this capacity with Friends of the Parks Inc, which has 120 member organizations and over 6000 members.

Researching and writing history is another interest and Geoffrey has written local histories (especially relevant to the old District Council of East Torrens area), family histories, and of such well known wine industry players as Angoves, Tolleys, Normans, and the oenology course at Roseworthy College.

In what little spare time he has, Geoffrey Bishop collects books, wine and stamps from the British Commonwealth.

Dr Bishop's Presidency will commence from the May meeting of the Society, unless we have that unheard of occurrence at the HSSA – an election!

I look forward to handing over the Presidency to such a capable and active member.

I thank you all once again for your support and friendship during my nine years as President of the Historical Society of South Australia.

**David Cornish**  
President

***Please note change of Meeting date to 26 March because of Easter. Our patron, His Excellency the Governor of SA, will attend this meeting.***

## Visiting SA's History

### ***Sunday 18 April***

#### ***'The Grange' - the historic home of Charles Sturt***

Our tour of The Grange, the historic home of Charles Sturt, begins at 1.30 pm. Please meet outside at 1.15pm. The venue is situated in Jetty St Grange, public bus route No. 113, stop 30. The train stops at the nearby East Grange station. For details and bookings contact Margaret Cliff, ph 8362 9517.

### ***Sunday 6 June***

#### ***Mallala and Two Wells***

More details of this interesting full day trip will be provided in the next newsletter. For bookings contact Margaret Cliff, ph 8362 9517.

# Discovering SA's History

All meetings commence at 7.30pm Friday,  
Burnside Community Centre, Cnr Portrush Road and Greenhill Road, Burnside

## 26 March

Dr John Jenkin

### ***How a quiet South Australian silenced the German guns and opened the way to victory in The Great War***

(William) Lawrence Bragg – Adelaide born, raised and educated – has rarely received adequate recognition, either as one of the most outstanding scientists of the 20th century or as a major contributor to Allied victory in The Great War (WWI). Australia, for example, has never quite taken him to its heart.

For some time, John Jenkin has been trying to change all this. On the eve of Anzac Day, John's talk will focus on Lawrence Bragg's pivotal wartime work, 1914 through 1918.

John Jenkin was born, raised and educated in Adelaide and gained his PhD in physics at the ANU. After post-doctoral appointments in the UK and USA, the remainder of his academic career has been spent at La Trobe University in Melbourne, for 20 years in the Physics Department and then transferring to the History and Philosophy of Science program in the Faculty of Humanities. On retirement, John was made an Emeritus Scholar of La Trobe University, and in 2008 Oxford University Press published his major work, *William and Lawrence Bragg, Father and Son: the most extraordinary collaboration in science*.



Lieutenant Lawrence Bragg during the First World War.  
Courtesy of Lady Heath, Lawrence Bragg's elder daughter.

## 7 May

Mandy Macky

### ***Girl Guiding: The first 100 years***

Mandy has spent years involved in Guiding as a guide and as a leader in Wellington, New Zealand, and in Melbourne. She has held a variety of positions including State Commissioner of South Australia and Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia. She retired as a leader of youth in 2009 but retains her involvement as a life member of Girl Guides South Australia.

In 2010 the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) celebrates 100 years of Girl Guiding around the world. Girl Guides in UK started one year after Baden Powell started the Boy Scouts. WAGGS is the world body for more than 140 member organisations with more than 10 million members. The youth members speak a multitude of languages but all make a three fold promise to do their best to serve their God, their country and other people and to keep the 10 Guiding laws. Guiding gives an informal education in leadership and life skills through a programme which provides challenges and encourages girls to achieve their potential. Mandy will tell us more about the first century of this worthwhile movement.



Mandy Macky

# History notes

## SA History Week 21-30 May

It is anticipated that there will be over 300 activities exploring the state's history during this community event. These include guided tours, talks, walks, open days, displays and school programs. For details and a program contact the History Trust of SA ph 8203 9888, email: sahistoryweek@history.sa.gov.au

## 19th State History Conference (Murray Bridge 6-8 August 2010)

The theme of the conference is Cross-Currents: History, People and the Environment. Proposals for papers, panels, tours and film screenings are invited. The closing date is 31 March. For details and enquiries contact Jill MacKenzie ph 8203 9807, email jmackenzie@history.sa.gov.au.

## Museum of Economic Botany (Botanic Gardens, Adelaide)

This beautifully restored building houses a display long held under wraps at the SA Museum. Wax and paper mache models of fruit and fungi, crafted for scientists and botanists during the 19th century are displayed in original show cases. It is well worth a visit.

## Engineering a City (Adelaide)

Engineers Australia with the support of the Adelaide City Council, have produced a heritage booklet informing the public how engineering teams have worked over more than a century to provide Adelaide with water, gas, electricity, bridges, roads and railways. The booklet is a well illustrated guide to Adelaide's 175 years of engineering heritage. It is available free from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre in Rundle Mall and also at our meetings. It was produced to celebrate the 90th year of Engineers Australia. In 2010 our speaker Richard Venus will devote an evening to this topic

## Chairs record Pt Adelaide's Heritage

A set of 10 historic chairs have been relocated from the recently closed St Luke's Church at Peterhead, to Scots Church in Adelaide. The chairs were hand crafted by WW11 rehabilitation patients at Angorichina Station in 1940. Each chair has a memorial plaque on the back inscribed with the name of those contributing to the life of the Port Adelaide Presbyterian Church.

(adapted from *Portonian* Sept. 2009)

## Tapes Available

Tapes of our lectures are available for \$5. For details contact Terry Saunderson ph 8354 2736 email secretary@hssa.org.au.

### Notice of HSSA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society of South Australia will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 7 May 2010 at Burnside Community Centre.

Nomination forms for the following office bearers will be available from the Secretary: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Councillors.

For further information contact the Secretary. ph 8354 2736 email secretary@hssa.org.au

**David Cornish, President**  
3 March 2010.

### Newsletter Editor Required

This position is becoming vacant. Please help our Society by volunteering for this task for 2010. For information about the requirements contact ph 8278 8922.

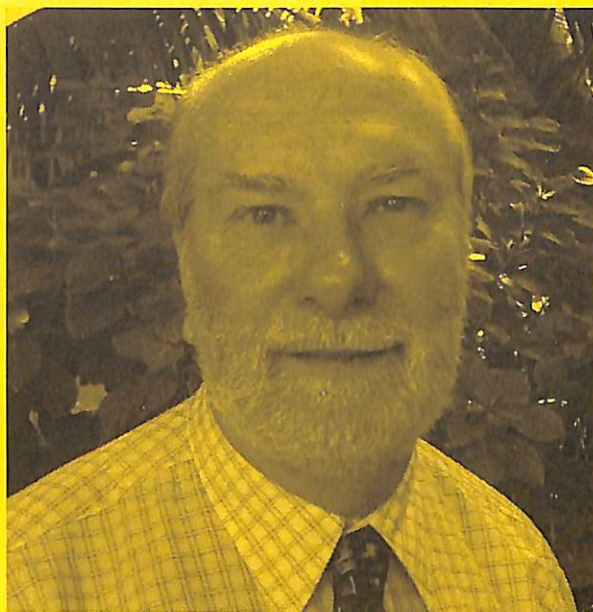
## HSSA Council Member

Adrian joins the HSSA Council after having had some peripheral involvement by looking after the HSSA data base when his wife, Gaye, was Secretary. After graduating from the University of Adelaide with majors in History and Politics, Adrian also completed studies in theology as a minister of the Methodist (now Uniting) Church. This included studies in graduate school in the USA with specialisation in Social Ethics. During their time in the US two children were born, one each in historic Gettysburg and Annapolis.

On return from the US Adrian began his time, until retirement, of involvement in education. This included curriculum writing and roles with SSABSA in Social Studies and Religion Studies with periods as either Chief Examiner or Chief Moderator. On retirement Adrian was Chaplain at Prince Alfred College.

Adrian's long interest in history has been fed by travel both within Australia and overseas. Having lived in close proximity to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, this naturally led to an interest in the US Civil War and visits to numerous battlefields. Studies in Reformation and World Wars have made visits to places like Wittenberg, Ypres and Auschwitz more significant. The same can be said about visits to Cooktown or Burra, Gawler or Broome.

Adrian looks to bring a lifetime of interest in history as well as experience in education, travel and administrative bodies to his contribution as a member of the Council of the HSSA.



### Correction

Keith Travers Borrow (not Kevin) has given his collected papers to Flinders University. Keith and his wife also gave a substantial amount of material including photographs relating to the founders of the colony, to the State Library of SA.

**A Laube**

### Thursday 23 February "Shake Your Family Tree Day."

To the relief of many the threatened closure of the National Archives Adelaide office has been averted. The Federal Government announced on 23 February that in response to community concerns the National Archives would retain a local presence in each state.

### Deadline for newsletter articles and entries April 12, 2010

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