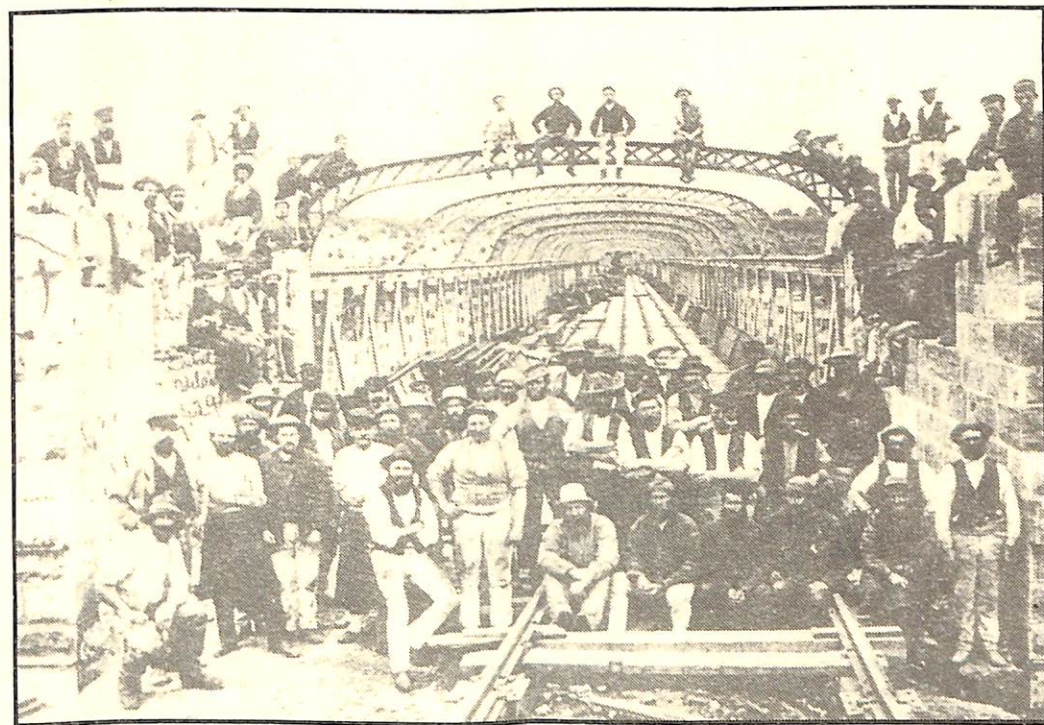




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OBJECTS

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

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Cover photograph The bridge across the Murray at Murray Bridge, c.1878. When opened for traffic in 1879 it was 1,980 feet long and the ironwork alone weighed 4,127 tons. It had cost South Australia £124,000. This splendid photograph of the bridge and the men who built it is Mortlock Library photograph B11708.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP SINCE JANUARY?
This will be the last issue of the Newsletter
to be forwarded to non-financial members.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Historical Society invites you to become a member. Please complete and return with your remittance to:-

The Treasurer,
The Historical Society of South Australia,
Institute Building,
122 Kintore Ave,
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5000.

(Please circle the appropriate fee)

ORDINARY MEMBER	\$22
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$25
COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP (more than 50km from the GPO)	\$18
STUDENT OR PENSIONER MEMBER	\$14
SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS	\$28
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AFFILIATED SOCIETIES (Journal & Newsletters)	\$18
TERM MEMBERSHIP (10 years, terminating at end of 1997)	\$170
LIFE MEMBER	\$450
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 3 June 1988, 8.00 p.m.

Venue: State Library Lecture Theatre
(Corner Kintore Avenue and North Terrace, Adelaide)

**Philip Jones: Anthropologists in the History of
South Australia**

Philip Jones, Curator (Social History) in the South Australian Museum, will deliver the June lecture, the first of two lectures which will offer members an insight into the collections of two of the main cultural institutions on North Terrace. In July Valmai Hankel will speak on the collections of the State Library.

The South Australian Museum houses a particularly fine collection of Aboriginal artefacts. It is significantly larger - about 10,000 items larger - than the next collection in Australia, and it is unequalled in the breadth of its holdings. That probably reflects the influence of Edward Stirling who, as Director from 1888 to 1914, established an informal network of collectors across much of northern and central Australia, and Adelaide's long standing role as the political capital of much of the centre and north. A medical man, Stirling was particularly interested in promoting skeletal collections. Norman Tindale, who joined the Museum in 1916, fostered a second great wave of collecting from the 1920s onwards.

Stirling, Tindale and the Strehlows will feature prominently in Philip Jones's talk. He will also touch upon more recent developments in and changing attitudes to anthropology in South Australia.

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Friday, 1 July 1988, 8 p.m.

Venue: State Library Lecture Theatre

Valmai Hankel: Treasures of the State Library

Valmai Hankel is Fine Books Librarian in the State Library of South Australia and a member of this Society. Her talk, which will be illustrated with slides, is designed to give members some idea of the remarkable diversity of the SLSA's treasures.

And diverse they are: they range from a Babylonian clay tablet of the 23rd or 24th century BC to early printed books, illuminated manuscripts and early Australian manuscripts. In her talk Valmai Hankel will also touch upon the SLSA's fine special collections: the Hardy wine collection, the Godson collection of River Murray photographs and the Edwards maritime collection.

This talk promises to be a highlight of the 1988 programme. Few people have much of an idea of the richness of the Library's holdings in the fine book area. As our speaker says, you don't have to go to Europe to see an illuminated manuscript!

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***** FUND RAISING TOUR *****

HISTORIC KAPUNDA AND DISTRICT

Sunday, 19 June, 11 a.m.

This tour, to be led by Dr Robert Nicol, President of the Historical Society, will take in the old town of Kapunda, the remnants of the nearby Irish settlement at Baker's Flat, the cemeteries and reformatory ruins of St John's, and the Moravian Lutheran settlement of Bethel.

Members and friends are asked to assemble outside the Kapunda historical museum at 11 a.m. The museum, which is well signposted from the main street, is housed in the imposing former Baptist church, and is worth a visit in its own right. Dr Nicol suggests that members allow up to two hours for the drive to Kapunda.

The itinerary assumes members will be able to drive from one site to another. (Anyone without transport is asked to ring Robert at 297 7505.) As it is a full day tour you are asked to bring lunch and drinks - no doubt the President will find us a suitable cemetery to lunch in.

As in the past the Society suggests a donation of \$2 per person for the publication fund.

The Secretaryship: call for volunteers

Margaret Roberts resigned as Secretary at the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 8 April 1988. The position is therefore vacant and one Council would like to fill as quickly as possible. That is not to say the secretaryship is an overly onerous post; it does require some commitment of time each week, and it is a post of some responsibility in the affairs of a small learned society like ours. But it also offers a chance to make a real contribution to the Historical Society's affairs, and it is on goodwill that the Society really depends.

A telephone call to the President, Robert Nicol, at 297 7505, is perhaps the best way of finding out more about the secretaryship.

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Report on the March Meeting

Speaking in the House of Assembly Chamber, Old Parliament House, after the annual general meeting on 8 April 1988, Susan Marsden told Society members of her duties and role as the newly appointed Historian in the History Trust and her hopes for the future directions of history in South Australia. After acknowledging the achievements of her predecessor, Dr John Tregenza, in setting up four museums, Susan outlined her main duty as establishing a high profile with academic, educational and media contacts. One of her current projects is setting up communication with the school of tourism for enhancing the understanding and dissemination of history in that industry. Susan sees her role as one of bridge building, such as between the professional and amateur historians, and linking private and public domain records.

Susan also took the Society (and the Trust) to task for not considering the serious question of the meaning and purpose of history; no one else is there to look after "the bits left out after ships and constitutional history" or to paint the broader picture. The Society should additionally agitate for public pressure on public issues. A lively question session followed her address.

Bill Stacy

When the 1988 programme and renewal slip was forwarded to members in January a member survey survey was enclosed. This was, I think, the first occasion on which Council had sought systematically to ascertain the views of the members on a variety of issues, and the response has been most encouraging. By early April 184 members had responded to the questionnaire in whole or in part - that is, about two-thirds of all those who renewed their membership took the time and trouble to complete the survey. Council thanks you all!

The members' responses are given in some detail below, warts and all. In a survey of this sort it is inevitable members will not always agree - that much is evident from even a cursory glance at preferred lecture topics. But taken as a whole the survey has given Council a wealth of information which will help shape the Society's activities in 1989 and subsequent years. That information is invaluable.

Particularly pleasing was the response to question one, which asked members to comment on the Society's manifold activities. There was overwhelming support for the Society's present activities - the publication of a Journal and a Newsletter, and the organization of lectures, seminars and field trips. There was also support for the Council speaking on behalf of the Society on public issues, provided the issue at hand was of historical import and Council's stance broadly in line with the views of members.

The response to question two is harder to interpret. This question asked members to give some indication of their preferred meeting day, time and place. Some replies indicated one preference only but others ran to two or three.

I would like to thank Margaret Roberts, Secretary, and Bill Stacy, Treasurer, for their careful work in analyzing members' responses to the survey, and in bringing general conclusions to my attention. The hard work is all theirs.

A final thank you to members for the many helpful suggestions in response to questions 2, 3 and 4.

Tony Stimson
Vice President

SURVEY OF MEMBERS

QUESTION 1.

a) Should the Society organise lecture meetings?

YES 163
NO 0
UNSURE 1

b) Should the Society arrange field trips?

YES 163
NO 2
UNSURE 1

c) Should the Society publish a Newsletter?

YES 172
NO 1
UNSURE 1

d) Should the Society publish a Journal?

YES 169
NO 1
UNSURE 2

e) Should the Society speak out on public issues?

YES 149
NO 7
UNSURE 10

f) Should the Society organise seminars?

YES 147
NO 8
UNSURE 5

Other comments made under this heading

Organise half day walks.
Develop a policy on heritage issues e.g. demolition.
Endow an 'Annual Lecture'.
Set up sub-committees to help with the above activities.
Provide an opportunity in Newsletter/Journal for exchanges/comments on articles, Society's activities etc.

SURVEY OF MEMBERS

QUESTION 1

Other comments made under this heading cont:

Cooperative promotion of the cause of history e.g. with Historical Societies in England.
Organise workshops on research methods/preservation of books and documents/oral history skills.
Organise picnics and historic walks.
No political topics for meetings.
Support related organisations.
Hold regional meetings (to involve country members).
Have contact with other Historical Societies to find out what they are doing.
Hold seminars in conjunction with other societies.
Provide a counselling service for similar new or smaller organisations.
Sponsor more history in S.A. schools.
Organise luncheons/dinners/teas with a speaker, to celebrate an event.
Approach new faces at meetings and make welcome.
Liaise with National Trust re public issues, seminars.

QUESTION 2

MEETING TIME AND PLACE

<u>Day of the week</u>	<u>1st pref.</u>	<u>2nd. or 3rd. pref</u>	<u>4th or 5th pref</u>
Monday	18	18	20
Tuesday	17	25	17
Wednesday	25	44	6
Thursday	18	31	16
Friday	59	9	35

Time First preferences

5.30p.m.	13
6.00p.m.	11
6.30p.m.	2
7.00p.m.	17
7.30p.m.	46
8.00p.m.	74

Venue

City centre	62
City	39
Inner suburbs	38

a) A number of people mentioned the problems with parking on a Friday night and Friday night shopping.

b) One person suggested lunchtime meetings.

c) Some people indicated their preference by stating 'any night but Friday'.

QUESTION 2

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR LECTURE MEETINGS

- S.A. politics (Constitution, preFederation)
- *Family life in S.A.
- Dunstan era
- Vietnam War in S.A.
- Unemployment in S.A. since 1968
- Migration and settlement
- Maritime transport
- Social development
- Human services
- Topics relating to pioneer settlement
- How to use Mortlock Library/Archives - for amateur historian
- Social reform e.g. Social ? League and its relationship with women and the church
- History - by aboriginal people
- Sharing of the process of discovering local history
- Arts and crafts
- *Aborigines/Aboriginal history
- S.A. - relationship with the rest of Australia
- Histories of buildings e.g. Museum
- Pastoral pioneers
- Arbury Park and gardens
- Loreto College and other homes
- Education
- Social and Art history
- Not trendy issues e.g. aborigines, women
- Fresh, competent, lively topics - avoid antiquarian topics
- S.A. in 20th century
- Half-day sessions with 'inside inspections'
- Ancient civilisations e.g. Greece
- Historians (local and interstate) talking about current work
- 'How to do things' for less erudite audience
- *Australian explorers
- General S.A. history
- Historic houses and public buildings
- Pioneer families
- History of establishment of newspapers in S.A.
- History of laws of defamation in S.A.
- History of development of wool industry in S.A.
- History of Adelaide aboriginal tribes
- Early problems with water supplies
- *Transport around Adelaide
- Early Adelaide entertainment
- Changing role of women in Adelaide society
- Introduction of gas and electricity
- History of education in S.A.
- History of growth of hospitals and health care in S.A.
- Ex-politicians
- Biographies of famous Australians or 'small people' who made a significant contribution to our present way of life
- World War 1 and 2 - personal experiences
- Everyday life of early settlers 1836-56
- History of Far North of S.A.
- Architecture
- General Australian themes placing S.A. in Australian context

QUESTION 2

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR LECTURE MEETINGS cont.

- Economic history - S.A. aspects
- Ask members to investigate old buildings in an area and present findings at meetings
- More women speakers
- Authors of publications
- ocal history e.g. country towns
- Community life in the past
- Early Adelaide pubs
- Heritage restoration and conservation methods
- Beginning of Adelaide development
- Women's history topics
- History of previously neglected areas e.g. childhood
- General social history topics
- Occasional papers in fields other than history

* denotes topics suggested more than once

QUESTION 4

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Council members should be seen more regularly at meetings and play a more visible role
- Expand Journal to include papers presented at recent meetings
- Name tags, members put into small groups on field trips so single members not left out
- Increase size of Journal, book reviews good
- Present an annual prize for most original Masters thesis at Flinders and Adelaide University
- Set up a fund to assist people presenting papers at ANZAAS
- Set up fund to support research fellow in Mortlock Library
- Provide more information re historical societies in other states and review their Journals
- Provide reprints of talks given to Society
- Survey location of country members with view to occasional seminars
- Obtain information from groups who have had successful activities
- How to attract 'Letters to the Editor'
- Schedule activities in school holidays
- Itineraries for country field trips should be detailed so country members can join in at a country destination
- Meetings should start on time, question time too long
- Limit speakers to 1 hour to allow time for questions (some people have to leave early)
- Provide grants for young historians to enable research
- Greater advertisement of Society's activities
- Make slides available for individual lectures
- Instigate a 'looking for' column in Newsletter
- Provide a professional consultative service
- Have name tags at meetings
- Coordinate with other societies for activities
- Limit size and scope of Newsletter
- Work for increase of Mortlock Library opening hours
- More participation of country members
- More articles, reviews, Sunday mini-conferences
- More women speakers/outstanding tertiary speakers
- Hold joint meetings with SAGHS, National Trust, Museums Assoc.
- Provide a guide to State Library, S.A. Collection, Archives
- Set up working parties on issues, plan ahead, promote utility of history

QUESTION 3

FIELD TRIPS-first preferences only

Day of the week

Saturday 29

Sunday 86

Time

Morning 9

Afternoon 72

All day 32

**Sunday afternoon or all day excursions were the most popular choice.

Places suggested

*Moonta/Moonta Mines

Kapunda Mines

Yorke Peninsula

X *Encounter Bay

Tour of oldest buildings, houses (sites) in Adelaide where prominent early pioneers lived

Moorundie

Homesteads and residences of early period.

Townships and industries

Mortlock Library

S.A./Australian Archives or PRO

*Willunga

*Cemeteries

Churches of ethnic communities with guide knowledgeable about architecture and theology

X *Historic buildings (including churches) and houses

Institutions

Mines

X Government House

Historic gardens

Church crawl

McLaren Vale area

Carrick Hill

State Conservation Centre

Cemetery at Currency Creek and old home nearby

Older suburbs e.g. Hindmarsh, St. Peters, Thebarton

Mannum - tour of old buildings and talk about its history

Towns with colourful histories

Country towns close to Adelaide

Lobethal/Birdwood

Walking tour of country towns e.g. Murray Bridge, Goolwa, coastal towns of Fleurieu Peninsula.

*Barossa Valley

Inner suburbs e.g. Bowden, Brompton

Morphett House

Morphettville Racecourse

Exploration of sites of interest in Adelaide environs with occasional day trips to sites further afield

Factories and industrial sites important to S.A. history e.g. Islington Railway Workshop

QUESTION 3

FIELD TRIPS - Places suggested cont.

- X *Adelaide Gaol
- Hindmarsh
- Old copper mines of Flinders Ranges
- 'Old 'Norwood
- *Glen Osmond Mines
- *Port Adelaide
- *Fleurieu Peninsula
- River Murray environs
- Coorong
- Historic suburbs around Adelaide
- Second Valley
- Old Adelaide areas - city, suburbs, environs
- Walleroo
- Auburn
- *Burra
- Places on River Murray of historical interest (aboriginal/European)
- Day or weekend trip to Kangaroo Island
- Adelaide Hills
- Victor Harbour
- Colonial domestic architecture (commercial and industrial also)
- *Law courts
- West Terrace Cemetery
- Mount Lofty area
- Places within an hour's drive of city
- Clare
- Cape Jervis via Tilbricke Trail with Aboriginal guide



North Terrace in an earlier age.
Mortlock Library photograph B21701.

Report on March field trip

On Sunday 27 March 1988 Dr John Tregenza led a band of 25 or so members and friends in an assault on Mount Lofty. 'Assault' perhaps is not the right word - it was more of a leisurely stroll once Zig Zag Hill was taken. Indeed it proved to be a delightful day, John Tregenza leading us to eight positions from which the artist Eugene von Guerard sketched the hills in 1855, and commenting as he went on his own search for von Guerard's route to the summit. History and natural history blended ideally throughout the day.

Report on the March Lecture

Bill Stacy, Treasurer of the Society, delivered the lecture on Friday 11 March 1988, his subject the history of the Pichi Richi railway and its preservation as an operating museum.

Engineering history has figured infrequently in the annual programme of the Historical Society, in part because it has been seen as a distant cousin of more conventional political and social history. But it is certainly not devoid of interest as Bill Stacy demonstrated in this illustrated address. The Pichi Richi railway enjoyed a chequered history from the outset and if a section of it has survived at all it is due in no small measure to good fortune and sheer hard work on the part of many volunteers.

Half of Mr Stacy's talk was given over to the problems involved in operating the railway as a working museum. Some problems are financial: that will come as no surprise. Others are, for want of a better word, aesthetic. Should wooden sleepers be replaced by concrete sleepers? The latter would be more durable but not in keeping with the line's history; so the Society opted for the wood. Then there are human problems. Pichi Richi is a long way from Adelaide where most members live. More than that, the Society has had to work out some way of ensuring that essential but unpopular maintenance tasks are carried out without denting the enthusiasm of members who would really prefer to pursue their own pet projects. Not surprisingly burn out has been a problem among the hundred or so members who form the working core of the Pichi Richi Society. A final problem has been wear and tear on the Society's machinery. As Bill Stacy said, people want to see an operating museum, but the acid rain effect the trains produce does nothing for the longevity of the rolling stock and other plant.

Tony Stimson.

The AGM was held on Friday 8 April 1988 in the main chamber of Old Parliament House Museum. The Society thanks Dr Brian Crozier, Director, for making the chamber available.

The President, Dr Robert Nicol, reviewed the year's activities and thanked the many people who contributed to the success of those activities. As in the past, a full account of the President's address will be published in the annual Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia.

The President also announced the composition of the new Council, twelve nominations having been received for the twelve vacant positions. Margaret Roberts, Secretary, and Dr Christopher Nance have retired from Council. The new member is Susan Marsden, Historian in the History Trust.

Bill Stacy, Treasurer, then commented on the Society's finances. He spoke at some length about the life membership category and explained why Council had made significant alterations to it. A balance sheet was published in the March newsletter.

In the absence of questions from the floor Dr Nicol then closed the meeting after making a small presentation to Dr John Playford, editor of the Journal, on behalf of the Society. The AGM was followed by Susan Marsden's address.

Tony Stimson

NEWS

NEW MANAGER FOR MORTLOCK LIBRARY

Ms Elizabeth Ho has been appointed as the new manager of the Mortlock Library of South Australia to replace Ms Margy Burn, who has gone to Sydney to become the Mitchell Librarian.

Ms Ho's previous appointment was with the Education Department as Senior Education Officer and her experience has been wide ranging. She was Executive Officer and Coordinator of the Jubilee 150 and Australian Bicentennial Education programmes and was directly responsible for the Heritage Now! Grants Scheme which enabled 140 schools to undertake research

projects. She has also participated in the development of numerous publications including: Living in S.A. - A Social History, Come into the Past - J150 Classroom Activities and the J150 Education Series.

Her interest in the heritage field has been recognized through her membership of the J150 and Australian Bicentennial History and Conservation Committees, the Board of the Centre for S.A. Settlement Studies, and the S.A. Women's History Task Force. Elizabeth is a former Secretary of our Society and we congratulate her on her appointment.

Brian Samuels

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RETURN OF CAR 90 TO SERVICE

The November 1986 issue of the Newsletter had an article on the restoration of Car 90 by the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society. This carriage was reissued to revenues service by Mr Gordon Porter, Regional Manager (Flinders/Outback region) of the South Australian Department of Tourism at a small ceremony held in Quorn on Saturday afternoon 12 September 1987. Car 90 was then attached to the afternoon train to Woolshed Flat and has been used on subsequent trains. It has taken several years of work to restore this vehicle using essentially the carriage building techniques of 1888. The result has been a sympathetic reconstruction of the original Car by a blend of accurate rebuilding with the needs of a current operational railway so that there is great similarity between Car 90 of 1888 and the Car 90 of 1987. Before its return to service the carriage was operated to Saltia on 8 August 1987.

In the morning of 12 September 1987 Dr Norman Etherington, Chairman of the History Trust of South Australia, officially opened Stage 1 of the new Rolling Stock Restoration Workshop. This building, located within the Society's depot at Quorn, will provide the proper facilities for the large task ahead of restoring the Society's extensive collection of valuable rolling stock.

Bill Stacy

ENGINEERING HERITAGE

The Institution of Engineers, Australia, is the body representing more than 40,000 professional engineers of all disciplines such as Mechanical, Civil and Electrical engineers. It takes a great interest in engineering heritage and has formed a National Panel to provide advice, for it believes that the retention of items and records of engineering development are of importance for the understanding of current practices and for the education of young engineers.

A program of plaquing historically significant engineering works and sites in Australia has been commenced by the Institution to increase the awareness amongst the general community of our engineering heritage and bring deserved public recognition of the vital role played by engineers in the development of this nation. Two plaques have been placed in South Australia to date, the first commemorating John Wratham Bull and John Ridley for their contributions to the development of early Australian grain harvesting technology, and the second commemorating Richard Bowyer Smith of Kalkabury, who is popularly credited with the first stump jump plough design, and his brother Clarence.

Following initiatives by Denis Cumming over a decade ago the South Australian Division Committee formed a sub committee to advise on matters of engineering heritage. Foremost among the sub committee's achievements was the establishment of a comprehensive register of significant historical engineering items in South Australia.

In December last year the Division formed an Engineering Heritage Branch to replace the former sub committee. The objects of the new Branch are to ensure that engineering heritage is properly assessed, recorded and if possible preserved. Each year the Branch will organise two or three lectures and a tour to places of interest. Two lectures have been organised for 1988:-

On Wed 20 July, Prof C. O'Connor from the University of Queensland will speak on "Historic Bridges of Australia". Prof O'Connor published his books "Spanning Two Centuries" and "Register of Australian Historic Bridges" following a commission from the Australian Heritage Commission.

"Prometheous Unbound - The Industrial Heritage of Britain" will be the subject of Dr Neil Cossons' talk on Wed 16 November. Dr Cossons is the Director of the Science Museum, London.

The lectures are held in the Chapman Hall at the Institution's office, 11 Bagot Street, North Adelaide, commencing at 6:00 pm, preceded by a light tea at 5:30 pm. Further details may be obtained by phoning the Institution on 267 1783.

Bill Stacy

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY

Members who enjoyed Bill Stacy's talk on the history of the railway and museum may be interested in the 1988 timetable reproduced below. Applications from membership should be addressed to: The Secretary, Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Inc., Quorn Station, Railway Terrace, Quorn, SA 5433.

TRAINS depart QUORN		1988	a.m.	p.m.
EASTER				
Saturday	2nd	APRIL	10.00	2.00 5.15
Sunday	3rd	APRIL	10.00	2.00
Monday	4th	APRIL	10.00	—
ANZAC WEEK-END				
Saturday	23rd	APRIL	—	2.00
Sunday	24th	APRIL	10.00	—
ADELAIDE CUP WEEK-END				
Sunday	15th	MAY *Steam Motor Coach	10.00	11.45 2.00
Monday	16th	MAY	10.00	—
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END				
Saturday	11th	JUNE *Steam Motor Coach	—	11.45
Sunday	12th	JUNE	10.00	2.00
Monday	13th	JUNE	10.00	—
JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
Sunday	3rd	JULY *Steam Motor Coach	10.00	11.45 2.00
Tuesday	5th	JULY	—	2.00
Thursday	7th	JULY	10.00	2.00
Saturday	9th	JULY	10.00	2.00
Sunday	10th	JULY	10.00	—
SEPTEMBER				
Saturday	3rd	SEPTEMBER	—	2.00
Sunday	4th	SEPTEMBER	10.00	—
SEPT. - OCT. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & LABOUR DAY				
Saturday	24th	SEPTEMBER	—	2.00
Sunday	25th	SEPTEMBER	10.00	—
Saturday	1st	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00
Sunday	2nd	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00
Tuesday	4th	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00
Wednesday	5th	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00
Thursday	6th	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00
Saturday	8th	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00 5.15
Sunday	9th	OCTOBER	10.00	2.00 5.15
Monday	10th	OCTOBER (LABOUR DAY)	10.00	—

TIME FOR RETURN JOURNEY approx. 2 hrs. 50 mins.

BOOKINGS — RESERVATIONS

To ensure accommodation on a train BOOK AHEAD at
THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CENTRE
 Adelaide 18 King William Street, Phone: (08) 212 1644
 Telex: AAB2487 — 'SATOUR' Fax: (08) 212 4251
 Melbourne 25 Elizabeth Street, Phone: (03) 614 6522
 Sydney 143 King Street, Phone: (02) 232 8388
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 93 William Street, Phone: (09) 481 1268
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Phone reservations only available at Quorn.
 Phone reservations must be collected at Quorn Station at least 30 mins before train departure time.
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FARES — 1988

RETURN TRIP: QUORN — WOOLSHED FLAT — QUORN	
REGULAR TRAINS	
ADULTS \$12.00	PENSIONERS \$7.50
CHILDREN (5-14 yrs, inclusive) \$7.50	
CHILDREN under 5 yrs. — FREE — (No provision for a seat)	
Tickets issued indicate carriage No. and a seat will be provided for each ticket holder. Specific seat numbers are not allocated.	
Passengers can board carriages 30 minutes before train departure.	
Fares remain constant irrespective of distance travelled.	
STEAM MOTOR COACH No. 1 "THE COFFEE POT"	
* 1st Class \$30.00	* 2nd Class \$24.00 *
NO CONCESSION FARES	
* "Coffee Pot" fare includes light picnic luncheon	

'REGISTER' FACSIMILE PROJECT

[The Society is pleased to report that the preparation work associated with publication by the Government Printing Division of a facsimile volume of the State's first newspaper, the South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register, is now well advanced. It is hoped that details of the date on which the volume will become available, and the price per copy, will be known in time for inclusion in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, because of his personal commitment to the project, Mr R.H.B. Kearns (a Past President of the Society) agreed to provide the following details of the work itself, and the background of events which eventually brought it to the final stages. I know Council would want me to place on record the Society's debt to Dick Kearns and also to Deane Manuel and Ron Gibbs. Ed.]

The first issue of the South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register (which later became known as the 'Register') was printed in London on 18 June 1836; issue number 2 was printed by Robert Thomas in Hindley Street, Adelaide, on 3 June 1837. The Register was published at irregular intervals until 24 February 1838, when it began to appear weekly.

When completed, the facsimile volume will be approximately similar in dimensions to the present Sunday Mail. It will contain facsimiles of 224 pages of the Register, comprising 49 issues, commencing with vol. 1 issue No.1 on 18 June 1836 to vol. 1 issue 49 on 29 December 1838. The volume will include an Introduction, a Preface, a comprehensive Index, and will be bound in a hard cover.

The concept of the project dates back to 1980 when the Society decided to commemorate South Australia's Sesquicentenary in a suitable manner. A sub-committee was formed, numerous proposals were examined, and eventually a decision was made to ascertain the feasibility of publishing a volume of facsimile issues of the Register. At that time, consideration was given only to the reproduction of the first 25 issues, that is, up to the period of the recall of Governor Hindmarsh in July 1838.

Printing quotations were obtained ranging from \$15000 to \$20000 per 1000 copies. Enquiries from the State Library of South Australia revealed that it no longer published facsimiles of historical works. Advertiser Newspapers (which acquired the Register in 1931) indicated that the company was not interested in sponsoring publication of the volume.

As a result, in 1981 the Council of the Society came to

the conclusion that, because the cost of printing and marketing the volume was beyond its financial resources and expertise, the matter should be referred to the newly formed Jubilee 150 Historical Publications Committee. Unfortunately, at that stage the Jubilee 150 Board had not formulated a policy on the nature of assistance to be granted to authors of suitable historical manuscripts, and the matter languished for several months.

In 1982 the subject was revived by the Society and it was decided that the volumes should comprise all issues up to 29 December 1838. Mr R.H.B. Kearns undertook to be responsible for the project, a role which has continued to the present time.

In the expectation that private funding could be required, the matter was approached as a commercial proposition. To ensure that only the best available copies were reproduced, a close examination was made of the pages of volumes held by the State Library of South Australia, the Barr Smith Library (Special Collection) of the University of Adelaide, and the Parliamentary Library of South Australia; a list was compiled of the best quality pages, and the relevant sources. An updated estimate of printing costs was kindly provided by Lutheran Publishing House; enquiries confirmed that the publication would attract Government Book Bounty; and the publishers of the facsimiles of the Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser and of the Hobart Town Gazette and Southern Reporter provided details of print runs and the time taken to sell all copies.

To ascertain a likely market for the Register volume, figures relating to the membership of several organisations were obtained, i.e. the Historical Society of South Australia, the Royal Geographical Society, the Pioneers Association of South Australia, the National Trust of South Australia, and the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society, plus 110 city and country historical bodies - a total of almost 15000 members which undoubtedly included those who were members of more than one of these organisations. In addition, other sales outlets would comprise schools, universities, interstate and overseas libraries, together with members of the public whose interest in family and South Australian history had been kindled by the forthcoming commemoration of the State's 150th birthday. It was considered that a print run of up to 2000 should eventually find a receptive market.

Before the Society initiated efforts either to attract a publisher or obtain the necessary financial support from private sources, an official application, complete with the foregoing details, was addressed to the now fully functional Publications Committee of the Jubilee 150 Board, seeking assistance with research and indexing costs. However, the application was retained by the Jubilee 150 Board, pending

further developments.

A dramatic change of scene took place in April 1983 with the announcement by the South Australian Government that Wakefield Press had been established to publish books produced for the Jubilee 150 celebrations in 1986. This was a major breakthrough, and the Society lost no time in ensuring that the Register was included in the list of publications to be produced, funded and distributed by Wakefield Press. The Register volume was subsequently named as a Wakefield Press publication among 70 other works detailed in a Press brochure.

In 1984 several discussions were held between Mr Nicholas Walker (Publishing Manager of Wakefield Press) and Messrs. R.M. Gibbs and R.H.B. Kearns (representing the Historical Society of South Australia) on a number of aspects of the project but, because of other commitments little, if any, action was taken by Wakefield Press until 1985. In that year Wakefield Press arranged for a complete check to be made of the quality of issues for reproduction, having reference to the list of imperfect copies previously provided. Mrs Lynda Pierce supervised the operation, which resulted in full-sized negatives being produced from the best available issues.

Discussions were held with Wakefield Press as to the form of the Index and, more importantly, the engagement of a person suitably qualified to compile an accurate, comprehensive Index of the 49 issues of the Register. Late in 1986 Ms Chris Gradolf, proprietor of Adelaide Transcription Bureau, agreed to undertake the task, and sample entries from a number of issues were prepared for consideration by Messrs. R.M. Gibbs, D. Manuel, and R.H.B. Kearns.

Mr Deane Manuel, M.A., undertook to write a Preface to the volume, having previously been involved in detailed study of the Register and other early South Australian newspapers. The Preface describes the character of George Stevenson as the first Editor of the Register, and the influence he had on the citizens of the new colony with his eloquent and often controversial criticisms of the manner in which the appointed leaders were conducting the affairs of the State.

The Introduction by Sir Walter Crocker, Patron of the Historical Society of South Australia, emphasises the role of the Society in the project and acknowledges the involvement of libraries, institutions and individuals associated with the preparation of the volume.

Although it was indicated in the press in October 1986 that the South Australian Government had received several offers to acquire Wakefield Press, the possibility of selling the Press was not regarded as a serious threat, in view of the following statement issued at the time of launching

Wakefield Press in 1983:

"It has been formed primarily to publish books produced for the Jubilee 150 celebrations, but is expected to have an ongoing life in which it will publish profitable books of lasting value. A part of its function may be that of a scholarly press, to publish works written by members of the South Australian universities and other educational institutions."

Understandably, there was considerable concern when, in January 1987, the Premier of South Australia, Mr J.C. Bannon, announced that the Press had been sold to the proprietors of The Adelaide Review, leaving the fate of proposed and partially completed works in the balance. It was subsequently disclosed that the new owners of Wakefield Press were not obligated under the Contract of Sale to complete the publication of unfinished works and, in fact, the purchasers of Wakefield Press did exercise their right not to complete outstanding publications.

The sale of Wakefield Press was not only an unexpected setback to the Society and to a number of authors who were placed in a similar position, but South Australia thus became the only State which does not sponsor the equivalent of a University Press.

The mechanics of disbanding the Jubilee 150-sponsored Wakefield Press were left in the capable hands of the Jubilee 150 Board's Executive Director, Mr G.J. Mulvaney, who kept R.H.B. Kearns fully informed on developments which concerned the Society. With the announcement that all Jubilee 150 matters were to be finalised by 31 March 1987, an urgent request was made on 4 March that a final submission on the Register volume be lodged with the Premier's office by the following day. The typing of an amended application and accompanying statements, which included a suggestion that the publication now be regarded as a Bicentenary project, was completed at midnight by Mrs Aileen Kearns, and lodged with the Premier's Department at 9 a.m. on 5 March. The Historical Society of South Australia is indebted to Mr George Mulvaney for the part he played in the final crucial stages of the submission, and the fate of the Register volume.

On 20 March the Premier, Mr J.C. Bannon, advised that the Government Printer would undertake publication of the volume, and that suitable arrangements were being made in respect of the Index.

Since then, Messrs. Gibbs, Manuel and Kearns have worked in close liaison with the indexer, Ms Chris Gradolf, and the Managing Editor of the Government Printing Division, Mrs Jenny Walker. The Index has been completed in a form acceptable to the Government Printing Division, most of the

material has been typeset and - at long last - it can safely be said that the Register facsimile volume is slowly but surely moving in a forward direction.

The attention of members is again drawn to the fact that a few pages of the volume contain the same imperfections which appear on the best of the original issues of the Register and, in this connection, it must be remembered that the early copies were produced on a manually operated printing press, often under difficult conditions. So far as is known, only six copies of the issues contained in volume 1 are in existence, although random issues may be held in various State or overseas libraries, or in private collections. (Because the early issues of the Register were also the official Government Gazette for the new colony - and in what was imagined would prove to be a feat of literary detection - a letter was forwarded to the British Library, London, asking if the required issues of the Register were held. In reply, the British Library was pleased to advise that copies of all the early issues were held on microfilm - which had been obtained from the State Library of South Australia.)

The successful completion of the Register project will mark a significant, satisfying achievement by the Historical Society of South Australia.

Along the tortuous path of six years of delays, expectations, disappointments and ultimate success, acknowledgements must first be made to the members of the Council of the Society for their patience, confidence and total support; to Sir Walter Crocker, Patron of the Society, for his encouragement and advice; Mr G.J. Mulvaney, Executive Director of the Jubilee 150 Board to whom reference already has been made; Dr Peter Howell, History representative on the Jubilee 150 Board, for ensuring that the work was kept to the fore; Dr John Tregenza, Chairman of the Jubilee 150 Publications Committee, his successor, Dr John Playford, and the members of the committee; Mrs Helen Pearce, Dr C. Nance, R.M. Gibbs, Deane Manuel, Brian Samuels, Dr R.J. Nicol and Dr A.J. Stimson, Society sub-committee members; Len Marquis, Margy Burn, Valmai Hankel, Liz Durward and Brian Tuffin of the State Library and the Mortlock Library of South Australia; Mr N.Walker and Mrs Lynda Pierce of the Jubilee 150 Wakefield Press; Ms Chris Gradolf (Adelaide Transcription Bureau); and to both the Department of Environment and Planning and the Department of Local Government for financial assistance. The list would not be complete without official thanks to my wife, Aileen, for her typing skills and valued assistance in checking, and for suggesting refinements to the numerous drafts of correspondence and documents.

R.H.B. Kearns

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DOCUMENTS

SKATING IN THE TOWN HALL?

[Did you know that roller skating was all the rage in the late 1860s? So much so, that ideal venues must have been hard to come by. However one keen skating club secretary wrote to the Town Clerk of Adelaide requesting permission for skaters to use the floor of the newly completed Town Hall. As one might expect, the Town Clerk was not sympathetic to Mr Turnbull's request. Source - City Archives, letters received, 265/1868 (11 July 1868). Pat Sumerling.]

Sir,

On behalf of the proposed Adelaide Skating Club I beg to make application to your corporation for the use of the Town Hall say for one month on the following days

Wed & Sat afternoons
Tuesday & Friday evenings

2 hours each day with the exception of Saturdays, when we would require it for 3 hours.

I would call your attention to the very severe test the Hall got this afternoon, and considering the treatment it received at the hands of so many inexperienced skaters, the floor was not cut up to an extent which would damage same for any other purpose, certainly a good deal of the loose wood on the flooring was skinned off, yet I would submit, that should the corporation grant our request, they will find that after these splinters are removed, no further damage will be done.

For your information and guidance, I may add that 69 gentlemen have agreed to become members, and for that number, I should say the average would not exceed 20 skaters on the floor at one time.

Waiting your reply as to terms,

Geof. M. Turnbull

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Jim Faull

Life on the Edge.
The Far West Coast of South Australia

432 pages with 302 illustrations and bibliographical sources index. Hard cover. Published by the District Council of Murat Bay. Pre-publication price \$26.00 (plus \$5 postage) if ordered before 28 May 1988.

Jim Faull, a former member of the Council of this Society, is an experienced writer of local histories. His latest offering is a history of that district once described, incredible as it may seem, as 'the California of South Australia'. Aboriginal, maritime, medical and other branches of history are touched upon.

The book is available from the District Council of Murat Bay, O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna, SA 5690.

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Brian Dickey

Holy Trinity. The History of a City Church

Approx. 200 pages with 70 illustrations. Published by Trinity Church Trust Inc. Pre-publication price \$25 (plus \$4 postage).

Trinity Church was the first Anglican church built in South Australia. Christians have worshipped on Acre 9, North Terrace, for 150 years. This history vividly traces the chequered history of this city congregation which on more than one occasion nearly expired, and on others was possibly the fastest growing Anglican congregation in Australia.

The author, a reader in history at Flinders University, and a member of this Society, has used the rich collection of parish records to present an account of the successive generations who have gathered at Trinity, led by their incumbents from Charles Beaumont Howard, Colonial Chaplain, 1836-43, to Reg Piper, 1980 onwards.

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Shirley Wilson

South Australian Women Artists.
Since Colonisation to the Present.

230 pages with 60 colour and numerous black and white illustrations. Published by Ivory Press, 81 Stephen Terrace, St Peters 5069. Pre-publication price (for Bicentennial limited edition) \$90 including postage.

Wilson's book, which was edited by Alison Dolling, a member of the Society, covers early art societies, art exhibitions, sketch clubs and art periodicals. It features many South Australian women artists, among them Edith Birks, Stella Brown, Bessie Davidson and Jacqueline Hick.

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