

Established in 1974, the **Historical Society of South Australia** comprises people with an interest in history – amateurs, professional historians, and academics – all of whom come together to share and learn about South Australia's fascinating history.

Membership

Your valued membership supports the Society in its efforts to preserve and promote South Australia's history.

Individual Membership of HSSA is for one calendar year and includes access to our fascinating monthly History Talks, the informative bi-monthly Newsletter, and the Society's highly regarded annual Journal.

Family Membership is for two people at the same address and includes a single copy of the newsletter and journal.

Concession Membership is available for full-time students or pensioners.

Term Membership is for a period of ten years.

Payment

Membership fees can be paid in person at a meeting by cash, or by posting a cheque or money order; we do not recommend sending cash in the post. If you pay by credit card, please kindly add \$2 to your subscription to cover the bank fee charged to the Society. **We only accept VISA or Mastercard.** Alternatively, you can pay by EFT: please include your surname and initials as the payment reference.



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Colonel William Light,
Self Portrait, c1815.
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2026 PROGRAM



History SA Newsletter

The Society publishes *History SA*, a bi-monthly newsletter, which provides full details of speakers and field trips, along with news items, updates, and articles of general interest to all fellow history enthusiasts. In order to reduce our postage costs, the newsletter is sent as an email attachment – please tick the relevant box on the Membership Form if you cannot access email and need us to post it to you.

Journal

Since 1975, our widely respected scholarly *Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia* has been an important outlet for research and analysis into all aspects of our state's history, with contributions from notable academics, professional historians and highly regarded amateur historians. Please indicate on the Membership Form if you would like to receive the journal in electronic form.

Website, Facebook & YouTube

For all the latest information, visit our website or Facebook page where you will find details of speakers and field trips, along with information on our publications and a subject index for articles published in the Journal from 1975 to 2014. Our Youtube channel carries recordings of past History Talks.



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Visiting SA's History

In addition to the monthly History Talks, field trips and other activities are organised throughout the year.

Full details, including itinerary, costs, and departure points will be published in our *History SA* newsletter and on our website. Bookings are essential, and you are more than welcome to invite friends!



*JM Skipper,
Rapid Bay,
South
Australia,
1836.
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History Talks

The Society meets each month from February to November on the first Friday of the month in the Burnside City Uniting Church to hear a talk on the broad topic of South Australian history. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm.

Our speakers come from all walks of life and are well-versed in their subjects. They speak for about 50 minutes, with questions and discussion encouraged at the conclusion of the talk. Visitors are always welcome to attend, and are kindly asked to make a \$5 cash donation on entry.

2026 Speakers

6 February Taylor: *Echoes of Exploration: Colonel Light's Campsite Rediscovered at Rapid Bay*

6 March John Mayo: *Two Lives in Adelaide in the 1840s: George Mayo and Maria Gandy*

10 April Ian Hopley: *Headstone Project SA*

1 May Ian Smyth: *Celebrating 100 years of broadcasting in South Australia*

5 June Malcolm Ashwood: *The Definitive Rulebook: SA Sporting stories*

3 July Richard Venus: *More to Todd than a Telegraph Line*

7 August Gavin Scrimgeour: *Mitcham Camp and the Training of AIF Volunteers in SA 1914-1918*

4 September Karen Agutter: *SA Migrant Work Camps*

2 October John Walker: *George Fife Angas' speech on Aboriginal South Australia*

6 November Richard Maerschel: *South Australian Motor Racing 1902 - 1961*

Further details on each month's History Talk are provided in the *History SA* newsletter and on the Society's website.

Please note that the program is subject to alteration and speakers may change.



Membership Form 2026 calendar year

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*The Treasurer, Historical Society of SA Inc
PO Box 519, Kent Town SA 5071*

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Individual Member \$55.00

Overseas Individual Member \$70.00

Family (two Members at same address) \$65.00

Concession: Full-time Student or \$50.00

Pensioner Card No _____

Associated Society or Institution \$65.00

Term Member (to 31 December 2035) \$400.00

Life Member \$900.00

Journal only (includes postage in Australia) \$40.00

Donation (Thank you!) \$ _____

Credit card surcharge \$2.00

Total Payment \$ _____

For payments by cheque or money order, please enclose with this form. Alternatively, you may pay by cash or cheque in person, at one of our monthly History Talks.

For payments by EFT*, please deposit the funds in the following account, utilising your surname and initials as the reference: **BSB 105 027 Account No 129320740**

*Contact the Treasurer to confirm receipt and contact details.

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