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# HISTORY ROOM

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Well, all the mad rush of Christmas and New Year is over, and I hope everything is back to normal after all the celebrating.

This month on the 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Australia Day. It was celebrated in Sydney as early as 1818, and the day was first proclaimed a public holiday in 1838. It was known by different names in various Australian states, until, in 1931 Victoria officially adopted Australia Day, and eventually the other states followed. In 1946 the Commonwealth agreed to observe one national day, but it was not until 1994 that all states celebrated Australia Day on the actual day.

It is often claimed that the defenders of the Eureka Stockade were the first to fly the Australia Flag in 1854, when the rebel miners hoisted a banner airing the stars of the Southern Cross. Three years earlier on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1851 the Australian Anti-Transportation League used a 5 star emblem as its battle flag, which is now preserved in the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston.

After the Commonwealth was inaugurated in 1901, a competition was held to find a new Australian Flag.



Above are 2 photos taken at The Eureka Stockade. On the left is a display of the 5000 signatures of those who petitioned and took part in the uprising. Middle photo is the Eureka flag. Picture on the right is the Anti Transportation League Flag.

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State Records of SA magazine *Pathways*, report on recent transfer of records to the archives. Records are from – Dept of Mines; Apprenticeship records; School Records at Risdon Park, Yarrah, Kulpara, Nangari, Teal Flat/ Purnong, Clinton North, Nuron Rural, Loveday, Pirie East and Cowandilla. Further details phone 08 82267750 or email [rsraPublicAccess@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:rsraPublicAccess@saugov.sa.gov.au)

They also advise that you can now download old photographs of SA as wallpapers at <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/publications/wallpaper.html>



Royal cesspit emptier. A trade card, c1823. Samuel Foulger could undertake most jobs, clean and dirty, especially ones that no-one else would touch. Notice the Freemasons' symbol of square and compasses, top right.

This is a trade card c1823 for a night cart operator or nightman (Royal no less). Residents of long standing would remember night carts operating in Goolwa and night cart lanes can still be seen in the Little Scotland area.

In fact, Joe Barton had a funny story to tell in his oral history, of his brother, Cliff.

*[In those days, the night cart used to have a light on them. You'd take the light off the night cart, and go in to get the can, and come out, and bring the night light out with him. Well Cliff ran in the back of the night cart!*

*Old Dr Douglas and Dr Shipway were the only two doctors we had in those days. Dr Shipway said "It would have been worse, Barton, if the lid had been off".]*

( from the Oral History of Joe Barton – talking of his brother Cliff ).

Trade card from Family tree magazine April/May 2005

### Websites

To backup your Outlook Express email and contacts <http://www.tinyurl.com/4liy>

Cheap Internet for senior's [www.tadaustconnect.org.au](http://www.tadaustconnect.org.au)

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### GENEALOGIST'S DISEASE

**WARNING:** This condition is very contagious to adults.

**SYMPTOMS:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

**TREATMENT:** Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend family history workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

The unusual nature of the disease is – the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

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A BIG THANKYOU TO SHAUN FOR TYPING THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!

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Happy Researching, Dawn

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