



## ALEXANDRINA LIBRARY SERVICES

# HISTORY ROOM

### NEWS

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Last month was very busy in the lead up to History Week but we had a very enjoyable and successful day at the Library on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. The morning sessions were developed for the 140 children who visited from Goolwa Primary and Investigator College. The afternoon included a video of the building of the Goolwa Barrages with an in-depth commentary by Jim Marsh, a highlight being the attendance of Syd Smith who had worked on the Barrage.

There was also the launch of Barry Griffin's book '*King of the Winter Games: Goolwa Football Club 1878-1900*'; a talk on local birds by Lindy Downing; story of the shipwreck of the *Maria*; and a talk on the Goolwa Mortuary.

We had lots of displays with many items being loaned by Goolwa National Trust Museum.

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#### **We have a couple of challenging queries for our readers –**

1. The headstone of Catherine Murphy in the Catholic Cemetery, Pt Elliot states that she died (1868) at **Albury Cottage, Goolwa.**
2. The marriage (1859) of Thomas HENDERSON and Mary PARRINGTON, was held at the home of Mrs Charles Smith of **Crayfish Creek, Pt Elliot.**

**[Can anyone enlighten us as to the whereabouts of 'Albury Cottage' and 'CrayfishCreek'?]**

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I notice in the *Sunday Mail* that the State Library has purchased the only surviving diary kept by Catherine Helen Spence. This will be transcribed to make it accessible to researchers. The State Library now has had two significant purchases in recent months, the previous being Colonel William Light letters.

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### NEW VIRUS

Just got this in from a reliable source. It seems there is a virus called "Senile Virus" that even the most advanced anti-virus programs cannot take care of it....so be warned. The virus appears to affect those of us who were born before 1960!

Symptoms of the Senile Virus:

1. Causes you to send the same email twice.
2. Causes you to send blank email.
3. Causes you to send email to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send email back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach attachments.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished the email.

Remember????

I don't remember if I sent this one out.....

I don't think I did.... Or did you send it to me??

**Mmm! That's me – guilty of all the above!**

### New Books –

This month's edition of *Australian Heritage* has great interest for those of us who live on the river with the 14page article 'Paddlesteamers of the Murray-Darling Rivers'. There is also an article on Farina SA. Its refreshing to find an interstate magazine that doesn't think that Australia is mostly the eastern states. This is an excellent magazine and the Library is now a subscriber, so look on the History Room shelves.

*Personal Notices from the Register Vol 2 & 3.* (This gives us the full set).

*Who do You Think You Are?* The book on the BBC series. (since the screening of this TV show in Britain the applications for certificates from GRO has trebled and they have had to recruit more staff to cope).

*Cruising from Goolwa* –by David Brook

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### Websites –

SA War Memorials(photos linked to some memorials) [www.tributesofhonour.info](http://www.tributesofhonour.info)

Unassisted immigrants who arrived NSW 1842-55

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/indexes\\_online\\_3357.asp](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/indexes_online_3357.asp) then go to immigration

Adelaide City Council Archives holdings <http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com>

(Then go to Quick Search-City Archives-Source Sheets-No14 is Family History records)

National Archives Currency Converter

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency/default2.asp>

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**Don't Forget the Irish** – Pat Roberts has put out an appeal for people with Irish forebears who arrived in South Australia 1836-1885 to get in contact with her. Phone Pat on 8363 4693 and she will explain and post you a form.

I have heard that the **2012 Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry** will be held in Adelaide. Seems a long way off but I guess there is a lot of planning for an event like that.

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State Records advises in their May newsletter that more school records have been transferred to their archival custody. They cover Millicent, Glenburnie and Loveday Primary.

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*The Advertiser* June 7, p33 advises that people can take part in the 2006 Census Time Capsule. This concept was launched by Sports and Arts Minister, Rod Kemp. The capsule gives people the chance to have their Census information kept securely by National Archives for a closed period of 99years. Mr Kemp said that the information would become of great historical value. (*There was no mention on how you go about this!*)

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For those who wish to visit the **National Archives** office in Angas St, Adelaide on a Saturday they will be open on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept and 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9am-1pm. Records need to be pre-ordered. Phone 1300 886 881

[*I was there last week and the public conveniences are something to be seen – very posh!!*]

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*If you're going nowhere in life, any road will get you there.  
Which road are you on?*

Genealogy help is available by appointment on Thursdays, to guide you through your research. Please phone the Library on 8555-7000 to make an appointment. For comments, suggestions or to receive this newsletter – email

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Happy Researching, Dawn

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