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I feel rested after having a few weeks holiday and now it's newsletter time again. We travelled the Eyre Peninsula, which is showing the effects of the drought.

Firstly, I must thank my mate Frodo for producing such an interesting edition in my absence. I don't think we had any trouble with the emails reaching subscriber's this time, if so, please let us know.

This week I viewed the interesting display '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1956 Flood' at Signal Point, and on the 'Dart' a barge moored at the Goolwa wharf. It will be at Goolwa until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. While there I purchased the book 'Where were you when the waters broke? – Recollections of the 1956 Flood' which has many stories of people's experiences. Goolwa township was not really affected greatly by the floodwaters but Allan McInnes & Claude Sim from Milang; Gerry & Maureen Newell, & Jean Grundy from Mundoo and Hindmarsh Island gave their interesting accounts. Frank Tuckwell wrote of Matki (Matti) Hamalim/Hamalainen's drowning during the flood.

## **New Books in the History Room –**

The JG Arnold legacy and his time on Aust Murray River – Tony Orman

Easy Family History – David Annal

Illuminating your family history with picture postcards – Philip Chapman

Finding genealogy on the Internet – Peter Christian

Family Search on the Internet – David Hawgood

Talking together guide to community oral history projects – Lesley Jenkins

Teapot genies family tree checklist – Kaye Vernon

The South Australian Deaths Index 1916-1972 has been ordered for our History Room. It has not been loaded on to the computer as yet but should not be long. A word of warning if you are purchasing this index intending to load it on more than one computer – it will only work on one computer (**i.e. one original disk per computer**)!

## **New websites-**

Cornish Local History Collection [www.cornwall.gov.uk/CornwallCentre](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/CornwallCentre)

Historic images of Cornwall [www.cornwallphotoimagebank.co.uk](http://www.cornwallphotoimagebank.co.uk)

British BDMs and Burials at sea <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nzbound/bdm.htm>

Convict connections & old n.p. [http://home.overflow.net.au/~vicval/research\\_news.htm](http://home.overflow.net.au/~vicval/research_news.htm)

Aust Dictionary of Biography online [www.adb.online.edu.anu.au](http://www.adb.online.edu.anu.au)

Change of place names during WW1 [www.rootsweb.com/~billingsh/chngplac.shtml](http://www.rootsweb.com/~billingsh/chngplac.shtml)

WW1 SA servicemen deaths [www.adelaideco-op.familyhistorysa.info](http://www.adelaideco-op.familyhistorysa.info)

### Nick Vine Hall 1944-2006

Nick Vine Hall, probably the most recognised name in Australian genealogy, recently passed away at the age of 62 after some months of illness. His contribution as genealogist, broadcaster, speaker, publisher and maritime historian has been considerable. No doubt many tributes will follow, highlighting much of this.

For my part I have known Nick since his time as Director (1978-88) of the Society of Australian Genealogists – when it grew many fold to one of the largest genealogy societies in the world. His contribution to “Saving the Census” for posterity has been immense. He has been widely heard on radio throughout Australia for over 25 years (57 stations-he claimed), with Archive CD Books Australia on occasions getting some notice.

He has lectured widely including at our premises for our sister company, Gould Genealogy, who has for many years marketed his books, microfiche directories and now his CDs. He was an unmatched salesman – “it’s all in my book”. More recently Gould Genealogy has co-published and distributed many of his publications.

His loss will be felt by many. Our sympathy especially to Patricia and his children and grandchildren.

Sent to us by-

Alan Phillips

Archive CD Books Australia

### Miep Veenstra (14.8.1927 - 25.10.2006)

Miep, widow of the late Keith, was the matriarch of the well known Veenstra family who have lived in the Goolwa-Hindmarsh Island district for many years. Emigrating from Holland many years ago, they made their mark with boatbuilding and tourism. Miep was buried in the Currency Ck Cemetery and leaves three sons, Jock, Richard and Christopher.

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Sorry it’s such late notice but Ancestry.com are giving free access to all their immigration records for the rest of November. Between 1820 and 1960, more than 41 million people left their home countries seeking a better life in the United States. The website is -

<http://landing.ancestry.com/immigration/main/>?

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As our History Room is becoming very busy and the Library staff do not always have the time to assist, we are in the process of recruiting more volunteers to help our visitors do their search. Training will be given and I’m sure you would find it rewarding. If you are interested please either give your name to the Library staff (with a message for Dawn) or phone me on 8555-2885.

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How many times do we stop to really look at a \$50 note? *Australian Heritage Summer 2005* has an interesting series on ‘Noteworthy People’. The article in this edition features David Unaipon who was born 28 September 1872 at Raukkan Mission, Pt McLeay on Lake Alexandrina. David was the son of Ngarrinderi man James Ngunaitponi.

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If you keep on doing what you have been doing,  
You’ll keep achieving what you have been achieving.

Happy Researching, Dawn

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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