



## ALEXANDRINA LIBRARY SERVICES

# HISTORY ROOM

### NEWS

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We are still in the throes of warm sunny days with no sign of rain. The weather has been kind to all the tourists that have been inundating our area during the Easter break.

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**State Library of SA** are offering Personal Research Assistance, - bookings are essential for these ½hour one-on-one clinics with a research specialist, on a Tuesday or Thursday morning at 9.00am and 9.30am. Phone 8207 7269 for an appointment.

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18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May is SA History Week, the fourth annual SA History Week. The full range of History Week activities will be published soon. The website is

[www.history.sa.gov.au](http://www.history.sa.gov.au)

Local events will be –

National Trust Goolwa, 23 May – a talk by Anthony Presgrave ‘Goolwa Railways 1854-1884’.

Alexandrina Library, 24 May ‘Bring your project Show and Tell’ – a chance to show what the volunteers are doing, inside and outside the History Room.

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An entry in the Marriage Register of Encounter Bay raised some interest among the volunteers in the Alexandrina History Room.

**John Cutler, bachelor**, Goolwa, married 4<sup>th</sup> December 1871 in the office of the District Registrar Pt Elliot, **Douglas Faulkner, spinster**, of Goolwa. Her name was definitely Douglas and that is the first time I have seen it as a female Christian name.

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

*Ancestral Streams – notes from the Murray Valley* by Danny O’Neill, a potted history of the Murray River. The author weaves colourful characters past and present into his journey down the river.

*Who owns the Murray?* A resource book edited by Peter S. Davis & Phillip J. Moore.  
*South Australian Passenger Vessels* a photographic album by W. John Thomson.

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In February (History Room News No 31) I wrote a story on the breastplate found in the far north of SA. It was to be auctioned last month but ‘*The Advertiser*’ 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007 reports that the sale was stalled when Aboriginal heritage experts were asked to investigate it’s importance. I’ll keep you up to date!

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*War does not determine who is right – only who is left. Bertrand Russell*

This month we will be commemorating **Anzac Day**; last year I listed the soldiers mentioned on the Goolwa Soldiers' Memorial and this year you will find below the men honoured on the Pt Elliot War Memorial, and plaques erected in the Soldiers' Memorial Gardens, Horseshoe Bay, Pt Elliot.

Frank Willoughby  
Eric G. Padman  
Lance Swift  
Eric Walker  
Roy A. Bright  
Alex Hiltunen  
Douglas C. Coote

Howard G. Dodd  
Clarence S. Padman  
Vernon C. Lanyon  
Leslie Alexander  
A. E. Vince  
E.A. Clarke  
Raymond J. Richardson

W.R. Baker  
Sidney F. Swift  
Ernest G. Lovell  
Gilbert J. Snell  
L.Ray Pellew  
J.A. Jordan  
Gordon F. Highman

Mr R.J. Miller, PO Box 106, Pt Elliot 5212 or phone 08-8554 2498 would like to know whether anyone has photos taken since 1922 of the gardens that he may copy, or does anyone have information on who planted the memorial Norfolk Island pines, and when? Also has anyone a copy of the plan of the above gardens?

You may recall that in History Room News No 31, Lorraine Pomery, 23 The Strand, Pt Elliot 5212 was also after details and photographs of the men.

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British WW1 service records are online for the first time [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Aust.Soldiers.in.the.Boer.War.1899-1902](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/Aust.Soldiers.in.the.Boer.War.1899-1902)

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/military/intro.htm>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission [www.cwgc.org/](http://www.cwgc.org/)

British War Brides [www.warbrides.co.uk/](http://www.warbrides.co.uk/)

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The popular UK show *Who Do You Think You Are?* is showing once again on PAY TV in Britain, and for a first ever will go live with the 'National History Show' 5-7<sup>th</sup> May at Olympia, London. This popular show researches a person's ancestry. Jack Thompson is likely to be the first Australian celebrity to have his ancestry probed on a local version of the series, which will screen on SBS later this year.

(The Age, March 22, 2007)

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CHOICE magazine recently tested a number of Family Tree Software programs. **Personal Ancestral File** was probably the best choice if you're unsure how far you want to go, and also it is free to download.

**ROOTS MAGIC** rated highest for ease of use.

[For the full report read CHOICE Magazine January/February 2007 p43.]

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### Population from the Sands & McDougall's South Australian Directory 1885

Town	Persons	Males	Females	Houses
Goolwa	688	310	378	146
Currency Creek	61	33	28	13
Middleton	130	65	65	21
Pt Elliot	258	116	142	57

*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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<http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/site/page/cfm>