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HISTORY ROOM

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It has been a busy month for us. The September 26th talk on local bridges, by Anthony Presgrave from the National Trust, was a resounding success, as was 'Goolwa Alive' on September 30th. The organizers of this event are to be congratulated! With the closing of the street it became a wonderful family day and the Friends of the Goolwa Library were kept very busy with their book sale and sausage sizzle.

New Books in the History Room-

Remember when-how to unlock your life story - John Hockney.

Beginner's guide to writing your life story - Graham L Ascough.

Ngarrindjeri nation:generations of Ngarrindjeri families - Doreen Kartinyeri.

If you are a regular visitor to our History Room you will notice that books have been moved from their usual position. The new system will be easier to follow especially for local township areas which will be catalogued together (first 3 letters of township – MID for Middleton (instead of by author). Riverboat books will be first 3 letters of boat- i.e. OSC for Oscar W or if more than one boat – first 3 letters of author's name. *Hope I haven't made it sound more complicated than it is!*

The Registrar General for Scotland is planning to introduce a new public record to be known as the "**Book of Scottish Connections**" (BSC). For the first time people all over the world, with a Scottish ancestry can apply for birth, death or marriage abroad to be also registered in Scotland and preserved as part of a family history record.

[From Rampant Scotland Newsletter- September 2007]

Websites:

Scotland People Register of Corrected Entries (RCE) is now available on www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

Australian Cemeteries Index has a searchable site (mostly NSW) of cemeteries & headstones on <http://cemindex.arkangles.com/>

Family Chest is a searchable database of English & Welsh property deeds on www.familychest.co.uk/default.htm

In the April newsletter (No33) I gave the **population of Goolwa as 688 persons** [from the *Sands & McDougall's South Australian Directory 1885*].

It is interesting to note that the population actually went down, as the Directory for 1910 gives the population as 586.

In 1911 a total of 601

1922 a total of 563 persons. [I can only assume the with the demise of the river trade that residents left Goolwa to seek work elsewhere.]

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LAUGHING GAS 10/6
 EXTRACTIONS 2/6

‘Southern Argus’ January 5, 1899

‘A French scientist says electricity is likely to supersede laughing gas in the extraction of teeth. The current, when turned on to a tooth, produces, he claims, the most complete local anaesthesia lasting ten minutes. [The Adelaide Chronicle April 5, 1902]

[I don't know about you but I'm all for the laughing gas!]

Remember – you don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing!

SA shares a border with each mainland state and the Northern Territory, and each corner has been given an official name, except the NSW-Victoria-SA intersection that involves the River Murray. The join with NSW-Qld is **Cameron Corner**; SA-Qld is **Haddon Corner**; SA –NT is **Poeppel Corner**; and SA-WA intersection is **Surveyor General's Corner**. Each is marked with a concrete pillar.

[Sunday Mail 18th March 2007]

**Why the hyphen, like the comma, is so important –
 Church Bulletin:**

‘The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement this Saturday.’
 [Kindly supplied by Frodo Krochmal.]

*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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