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Christmas & New Year has come and gone and we are back in full swing again. Well some of us anyway!

What's On:

The Tour Down Under will be in our local district on Thursday 24th, and Friday, January 25th. Now that the Tour has International status the local area will possibly feature on overseas television.

Australia Day will be celebrated on Saturday January 26th and in the Alexandrina District there will be ceremonies in Strathalbyn from 9am and Goolwa from 10.30am with breakfast earlier at both towns. For further information phone Alexandrina Council on 8555-7000.

National Trust and Friends of the Library will be hosting a talk and Power Point presentation on the history of 'Oscar W' as this year is her centenary year. This will be held at **2pm on Wednesday 27th February**. No need to book. The speakers will be Geoff Braddock, Frank Tuckwell, and Anthony Presgrave. For further information phone Anthony on 8555 3311.

Tea Tree Gully Library has advised that they will be having **Family History courses, starting in February**. Further information can be obtained from the Library on 8397 7333 or on www.teatreegully.sa.gov.au

On Australia Day the **National Anthem** will be sung all over the country. From 1788-1974 the National Anthem was God Save the Queen (or King). Despite many competitions over the years, starting in 1840, it wasn't until 1974 after a government sponsored competition was held, short-listing the entries to – Advance Australia Fair, Waltzing Matilda, and Song of Australia. Advance Australia Fair polled 51% of the votes and was selected.

I have been advised that Lieutenant Commander Peter Ashley retired, has proposed to erect a plaque at Sallyport in Old Portsmouth, England in Oct 2010, to commemorate the bi-centenary of Matthew Flinders return. We will follow this with interest considering the ties the **Fleurieu Peninsula has with Matthew Flinders and Capt Baudin**.

A Genealogy Addict: One who has more photos of dead people than living ones!

I thought I should pass on this warning that was sent in by a reader of *Australian Family Tree Connections* this month. She writes that scammers are now targeting genealogists. Please be aware where you leave your details. Further information is in the *Australian Family Tree Connections/January 2008* p6, a copy of which is in our History Room.

I suppose many of you are watching the TV series ‘**Who Do You Think You Are?**’ on Sunday nights on SBS. It’s very interesting, but I’m afraid that amateur researchers think that it all happens so easily, and we all know that unfortunately it’s not like that. I’m afraid I’ve already seen the backlash of that in our History Room. Apart from that it is an interesting show.

New Books in the Family History Collection:

Convict Records in Australia – by Cora Num

New Information on the History Room Computer:

Advertiser Funeral Notices 2007 – by Gerald Saville.

Graham Jaunay in his ‘*Proformat News*’ advises that the **Hindmarsh District BDM records** are now at the Hindmarsh Library, Port Rd, Hindmarsh, after having been moved from the Hindmarsh Historical Museum in mid-December.

Websites:

Wills of Royal Naval Seamen (1786-1882)

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/seamenswills.asp>

German headstones in Australia

<http://www.familienarchiv-papsdorf.de/ozcemeteries.htm>

Australian Dictionary of Biography online

<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/adbonline.htm>

Have you got a story to tell? The State Library is looking for SA memories

www.samemory.sa.gov.au

Admission to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London 1852-1914

www.smallandspecial.org

Jill Statton advises that registration is free and recommended, as otherwise searches only show the first 20 results. There is no record of parents, so no real ID other than address is given. There is also a future plan to release the records of the hospital’s convalescent home – Cromwell House.

Copies of Actual Correspondence received by a Family History Dept.

Our 2nd Great Grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library. He was married 3 times in the endowment house and has 21 children.

He and his daughter are listed as not being born.

I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.

*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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Back copies of this newsletter can be sourced on the Alexandrina Council website –

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