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Hi! to you all once again.

Just a reminder that the National Trust and Friends of the Library will be hosting a talk and Power Point presentation on the history of the 'Oscar W' in this, her centenary year.

The speakers will be Anthony Presgrave, Geoff Braddock, and Frank Tuckwell, in the Community Room of the Alexandrina Council/Library at **2pm. this Wednesday 27th February**. No need to book.

New websites:

Stories of the suburbs of London <http://www.ideal-homes.org.uk>

UK National Burial Index (1536-2005) www.findmypast.com

Obituaries from the *Burra Record* www.burrahistory.info/BurraPioneers.htm

SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society advise that they now have a transcription service for Birth 1842-1928, Death 1842-1967 & Marriage 1842-1937 certificates. Some districts may vary. A fee of \$11.00 per certificate applies. For more information contact the Society on (08)8272 4222. Alexandrina Library hold the records for Encounter Bay and Yankalilla.

Who Do You Think You Are? The Australian series is to be repeated on SBS at 7.30pm, **Friday** nights.

29/2 Kate Cebrano

7/3 Geoffrey Robertson

7.30 Sunday nights reverts to the English series.

The **National Archives** advise that they will be open on **Saturdays** on 15th March, 10 May, 26th July, 6th September, 15th November from 9am – 1pm.

Any records required for Saturday research should be ordered a day or two before.

The normal hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-4.30pm.

Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Full information on <http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/publications/fact-sheets/fs01.aspx>

Ancestry.co.uk has completed a project to publish online **British telephone books** 1880-1984. You can search addresses for England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The following is a report by a local settler near Lake Alexandrina to the local Police Constable.

For some weeks an ancient aboriginal man, well-known to the farmer, had camped in his little humpy near the lake's edge, doing a bit of fishing, duck-shooting, and so-on. Just on sundown there came a hullabaloo from the farmer's hen-house and an inspection disclosed the old gentleman with one large black rooster in his hands.

"What goes on, Dick" queried the landowner, "What are you doing with that rooster; don't tell me I have caught you pinching him from me, after all the years I have known you"

Full of dignity and hurt, the old chap drew himself up to his full height, rolled his dark eyes, and in his deep soft voice, said *"Boss, me pinch your rooster? No Sir! That bird has been hanging around my camp for days now, and tonight I caught him getting into my tucker. I brought him back to this place and I'm putting him back on his perch."* (reproduced with thanks from *"Hue & Cry" SA Police Historical Newsletter Feb/08*).

Adelaide Labour Market (1857)

Per Day without Board and Lodgings –

Blacksmiths	10/- to 14/-
Bricklayers	10/- to 11/-
Cabinetmakers	10/- to 14/-
Carpenters	10/- to 12/-
Labourers	7/- to 8/-
Masons	10/- to 12/-
Millers	13/-
Miners	5/- to 6/-
Painters	9/- to 10/-
Plasterers	10/- to 12/-
Shoemakers	8/- to 10/-
Watch & Clock Makers	10/- to 12/-
Tailors	10pence per hour.

[from 'South Australian Register' 19th June 1857]

The poor miners had it rough – hard manual work for the least amount of pay. Not to mention the hard conditions they worked under.

**IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, YOU'RE RIGHT
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN'T, YOU'RE RIGHT AGAIN.**

*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>