

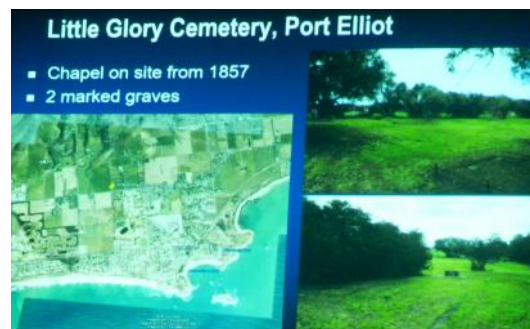


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In a nice use of very modern technology for historical purposes, last August a Flinders University team, commissioned by the Port Elliot National Trust, did a geophysical survey of the Little Glory Cemetery in Waterport Road, a long-unused cemetery with a number of unknown burials. On May 11, Dr. Ian Moffat, (above), the principal investigator, gave a summary report of the results to a well-attended P.E.N.T. Meeting. (It was nice to see foreigners from the V.H. and Goolwa branches there, amongst many others.)

After a brief historical introduction to the cemetery and the project by Lorraine Pomery, Dr. Moffat explained the basic science behind Ground Penetrating Radar, whereby, from a drone or kite (and he explained why a kite is often better), high frequency waves are sent and reflected, and record electro-magnetic changes that tell of earth movement, (or detect contaminants and/or metal). As it detects ground change, it has become, in the last 25 years, a very useful method to find unmarked graves, mapping out the rectangular grave-sites. Dr. Moffat has already done a lot of work in this area internationally and locally, including the Tabernacle (Yilke) Cemetery in Encounter Bay, and work with Ngarrindjeri people.

On the day, the on-ground machinery was surprisingly smallish, as can be seen in the photo on the next page, from Dr. Moffat's written report.

The results, however, were anything but small, with at least 69 unmarked graves found, as well as the location of a chapel that was part of the cemetery. The marvellous map on the next page shows the final outcome. The crowd at the talk were most impressed, and had many questions – Dr. Moffat had to talk and respond for nearly an hour and a quarter, and everyone learned quite a bit.

