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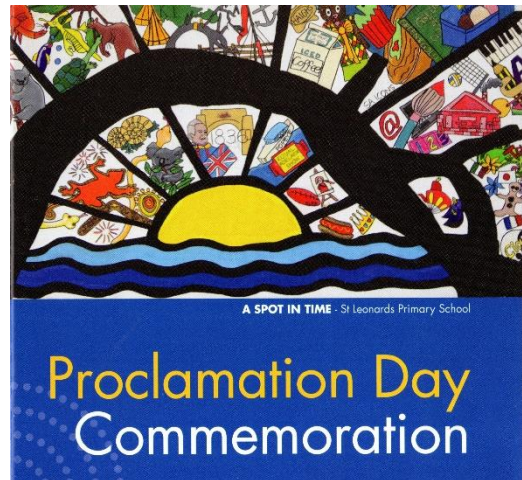
Seasons Greetings to all our newsletter readers.

The quarterly journal was posted to all members a week ago and this should bring you up-to-date with most of the Association news of recent times. This newsletter provides a few end-of-year updates and is a final reminder of the Proclamation Day events on Wednesday 28 December.

Proclamation Day is an opportunity for ALL members wherever you live, to remember your pioneer ancestors and to reflect on and commemorate the lives they led and the role they played in laying the foundations of both our State and our own families.

For those living in or near Adelaide, you can join PASA's celebrations by attending the Ceremony at the Old Gum Tree in the morning and/or attending our lunch at the Glenelg Golf Club in the afternoon.

Bob Stace
Editor



OLD GUM TREE CELEBRATION

PASA members are invited to attend the public celebration of Proclamation Day at the Old Gum Tree, McFarlane St, Glenelg North on Wednesday 28 December commencing at 9.15am. (Wise to be there by 9.00am) The formal part of the event takes about an hour and is followed by free morning refreshments; it gives members ample time to move on to our lunch at the Glenelg Golf Club by 12noon. Why not bring the family and the grandchildren to this important event?

PASA OFFICE CLOSURE



Members are reminded that our Leigh St Office will be closed for 6 weeks during the Xmas-January holiday period. Final day of operation in 2016 will be this Thursday 15 December and reopening in 2017 on Tuesday 31 January.

PASA's PROCLAMATION DAY

LUNCH This is a final reminder that bookings and payment for our lunch at the Glenelg Golf Club are **essential by this Thursday 15 December**. The event commences from 12 noon with a pre-lunch drink, followed by a 3 course luncheon, and our guest speaker Cheryl Williss. This is always a happy and enjoyable event. See you there!

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER PROCLAMATION DAY LUNCH: Wed 28 December at Glenelg Golf Club, James Melrose Drive, Novar Gdns
12noon for pre-lunch drink, with lunch commencing at 12.30pm.
Speaker Cheryl Williss: "Women at the Bay on Proclamation Day".
\$65 for 3 course lunch and drink on arrival. Bookings and payment essential by Thursday 15 December.

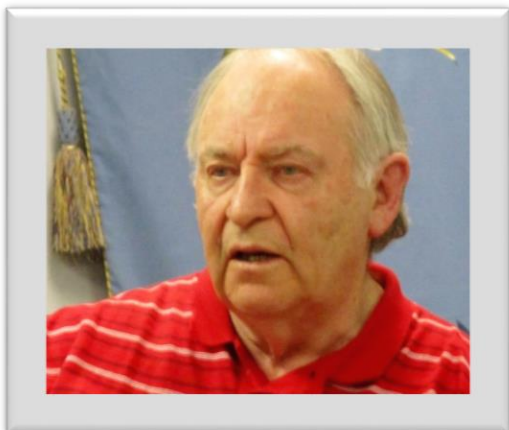
Last chance to book

DEC/JAN PASA OFFICE CLOSURE: Final day open in 2016 is Thursday 15 December. Opens again Tuesday 31 January

FEBRUARY PIONEER GROUP LUNCHEON: Thurs 2 February, 12 noon to 1.30pm in the Mothers Union meeting room.
Speaker Heidi Ing: What became of the early colonists and their descendants?
BYO lunch, tea/coffee available, gold coin donation.

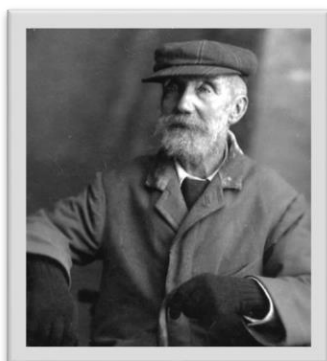
ERNST SIEKMANN: Pioneer of the Mid North

[A report by David Forsaith on the December Pioneer Group Luncheon in the Mothers Union meeting room]



A keenly attentive audience of 36 enjoyed Peter Brinkworth's talk on his ancestor Ernst Siekmann, a pioneering entrepreneur in the early days of Saddleworth and Caltowie.

After arriving from Prussia in 1853 and spending a few years retailing in Adelaide and Burra, Siekmann moved to Saddleworth. He built a very successful business as a merchant and wheat buyer in partnership with his brother-in-law. He became the leading person in the town successfully lobbying government for better roads and a rail connection. These were essential for local development and for Siekmann's businesses. He added further value to his business by building Saddleworth's first flour mill. In addition, Siekmann was involved in almost every community activity in the town including being the first Chairman of the District Council.



In 1878 Siekmann moved to Caltowie as the northern areas were opened up for agriculture. There he repeated all that he had done in Saddleworth. Again he successfully lobbied for a rail connection from

Gladstone to Caltowie, and he privately funded a spur-line from the Caltowie station to his wheat handling facility. In Caltowie he was involved in all

kinds of community activities just as he had been in Saddleworth.

Financial disaster came in 1881 when the partners became insolvent through having extended too much credit to local farmers. Siekmann, however, managed to continue as a wheat buyer, land agent and auctioneer.

His final business venture was establishing a company in 1890 to mine iron ore at what is now Iron Knob. By 1899, however, control of the mine passed to the Broken Hill Proprietary Company.

Siekmann and his wife Mary (nee Brinkworth) lived their final years in Adelaide. Mary died in 1894 and Ernst lived on until 1917, maintaining an active interest in business and political affairs until the end. The couple had seven children.

Peter Brinkworth's biography of Ernst Siekmann can be borrowed from the PASA library.



Some of the attentive audience



First time attendees at the lunch with Peter Brinkworth L-R: Tanya Saint, Julie Neal (foreground), Ray Jew (guest), Peter Brinkworth, David Forsaith (first meeting as President) and John Simon.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

If you are reading this newsletter and have not received your December journal then it is highly likely that our records indicate you have not paid your current fees which were due on 30 June 2016. Under the PASA constitution you are no longer a member of the Association. However, you can remedy this situation quite easily by contacting the Office and arranging to pay the outstanding fees.

IS THIS YOU?



One unknown member paid \$55 into the PASA Account by bank transfer on 23 September but failed to identify themselves on the transfer. Our best attempts to identify the person have been to no avail. Please contact the Office if this might be you!

PASA COUNCIL ROLES

The new 2016/17 PASA Council has met and has allocated the following roles and responsibilities:

David Forsaith: President

Ken Jacobs: Vice-President

Colin Routley: Secretary and Membership Officer

Di Skull: Treasurer

Susan Benham-Page: Publicity and Promotion
Officer

Jill Davy: Librarian

Elizabeth Harris: Programming Officer

Karina Hutchesson

Michael Smith: Health & Safety Officer

Bob Stace: Newsletter Editor and Publications Liaison
Officer

Brian Uren: Minute Secretary

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Peter Brinkworth Journal Editor

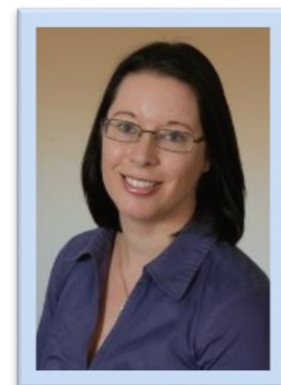
Sally Grundy Facebook Manager

Caroline Hewitson Junior Pioneers Co-ordinator

Rose Miller Public Officer

FEBRUARY LUNCH MEETING

Our first event in the new year will be on Thursday 2 February when Heidi Ing will present the topic "What became of the early colonists and their descendants?" This promises to be a most interesting and informative presentation as Heidi is completing a PhD which encompasses this topic, and will have much new information to add to the story of our pioneer ancestors. If you are a relatively new member and haven't as yet attended one of our bi-monthly Pioneer Group Lunch meetings in the Mothers Union meeting room, then this is highly recommended!



Please note that this event will take place even if the forecast temperature for the day is in excess of 35C.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers to the November quiz are listed below. These questions were the same as those given at the AGM in connection with Keith Conlon's theme of "South Australian Firsts". You will need to refer to the questions in the November newsletter and link them to these answers.

1. Coromandel
2. SA Gazette and Colonial Register
3. Samuel Stephens or Elizabeth Beare or Robert Russell
4. James Hurtle Fisher
5. Rev Charles Howard
6. Adelaide to Port Adelaide
7. Michael Magee
8. Rev Stow
9. Dr Cotter
10. The first sewerage system in Australia.



Office volunteers preparing the December journal for mailing to members.