

# PIONEER e-Xpress

Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneers Association of South Australia Inc  
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## EDITORIAL

This edition of the newsletter is being distributed earlier than usual to act as a final reminder of the Association's AGM. This meeting is a great opportunity for members, who live within driving distance of the City, to attend and show their support for the Association. As a bonus there will be a high calibre guest speaker and convivial supper.

Page 2 brings news of two different but connected initiatives which will give members the opportunity to not only perpetuate and commemorate their pioneer ancestors, but to produce records and stories of their ancestors for the benefit of present and future generations. I encourage you to participate in both the ongoing Pioneer Ancestor Story Poster Project, and the new Writers' Workshops which are planned for early 2018.

Bob Stace

## A REMINDER: PASA AGM

Members are reminded that the Association's Annual General Meeting will be held next **Monday 18 September at the Parish Hall of Christ Church North Adelaide commencing at 7.30pm**. There will be an optional guided tour of the historic Church from 6.45-7.15pm and those who are attending the meeting should arrive to register in the Hall by 7.15pm. Parking

is available at the front of the Church in Jeffcott Street or at the rear in Palmer Place.



**Christ Church Parish Hall;  
view from Jeffcott Street**

The business component of the meeting should be concluded within 40 minutes and then we will hear from our guest speaker the Right Honourable Martin Haese, The Lord Mayor of Adelaide with his topic being "The development of Local Government in Adelaide". Supper will conclude the evening.



Guests are welcome to attend the meeting, but only Pioneer Members and Life Members may vote during the business section.

## COMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER PASA AGM: Monday 18 Sept at 7.30pm in the Christ Church Parish Hall, Jeffcott St, North Adelaide**  
Please arrive for the meeting by 7.15pm. AGM commences at 7.30pm. Full details above on page 1.

**OCTOBER LUNCHEON: Thursday 5 October 12noon -2.00pm in the Piper Pavilion at Prince Alfred College.**  
Speaker Jason Shute: "Laying foundations for royal visits to come – Henry Ayers and Prince Alfred"  
Light lunch provided, cost \$20. Bookings and payment essential by 26 September.

**ADELAIDE TOWN HALL OPEN DAY: Sunday 8 Oct, 10.30am – 4.00pm (details in August Newsletter)**

**PIONEER GROUP LUNCHEON: Thurs 19 Oct, 12 noon to 1.45pm in the Mothers Union meeting room.**  
Speaker Dr Jim Longmire: "The emigrant ship *Baboo* and the Lace makers of Calais."  
BYO lunch, tea/coffee available, gold coin donation.

**JUNIOR PIONEER VISIT TO TEA TREE GULLY HERITAGE MUSEUM: Sunday 22 Oct 1.30-4.30pm**  
General PASA members welcome to attend. Full details on page 3 of this newsletter.

## CREATE A PIONEER POSTER

Over the past 4 years our members have produced 125 posters depicting the stories of our own pioneer ancestors. **This is a project which caters for the participation of ALL members** whether you live in Adelaide or New York! It is a simple but rewarding task, well within the capabilities of all members who have already researched some of the basic facts and dates about their pioneer ancestor.



**Margaret Lewis proudly exhibiting the poster of her pioneer ancestor, Mary Bell**

All you need to do to participate in this project is to contact the PASA Office to register your interest and you will then be supplied with an “information guide” which clearly outlines the tasks you need to complete before you submit your materials for editing, formatting and publication by our Poster Publishing Committee.

Don't put it off! Now is the time for you to start the process by obtaining your “guide” from the Office. All new posters will be displayed in next year's Exhibition.

## WRITERS' WORKSHOPS IN 2018



Do you have ancestors whose everyday lives reflect bygone times of hardship and courage? Have you always thought about publishing the

story of your ancestors but doubted your ability to tell their story in a way which catches the reader's attention? Or would you like to write an historical article on a topic of interest to PASA members and have it published in the Journal?

To help our members become confident writers we are offering a series of **three workshops** in 2018 for budding authors to hone their writing skills. **Heidi Ing** will facilitate the workshops which will be held on **Wednesday mornings on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> July**. From these initial workshops we hope to develop an ongoing interest group which will offer continuing encouragement and support. The workshops will be fun filled, informative and enjoyable. **There is no cost to members.**

If you are interested in participating in the Writers' Workshops next year, then please register your interest and contact details ASAP to: [pioneersa@chariot.net.au](mailto:pioneersa@chariot.net.au): Attention Judith Francis. If you need further information, please contact Judith on 08 82315055 during Office hours.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Never take the present for granted,  
for it is the gift of the past.*



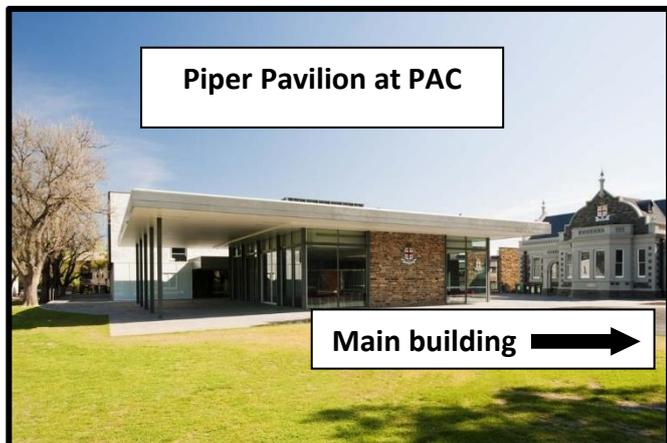
## NEXT LUNCHEON IS AT PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE

Our next luncheon on Thursday 5 October will be held in the Piper Pavilion at Prince Alfred College, Kent Town, and will commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the royal visit to Adelaide by HRH Prince Alfred, the Duke of Edinburgh in October-November 1867. Our guest speaker Jason Shute will address the topic “Laying foundations for royal visits to come – Henry Ayers and Prince Alfred”.

A light lunch will be provided for \$20 and bookings and payment must be completed by Tuesday 26 September. Members and guests (most welcome and plenty of room for them!) should arrive from 12noon with lunch commencing at 12.15pm and the speaker at 1.00pm. The luncheon should conclude by 2.00pm.

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The Piper Pavilion is at the front of the school facing the school oval and is part of the school hall complex which is to the left of the main building if looking from Dequetteville Tce. Those arriving by car should enter from the back of the school via Parade West and park in the school grounds; it will be school holidays so ample parking is available.



Cars will also be leaving the PASA Office at 11.30am to help with transport for those who may not be able to travel to PAC by public transport but can get as far as our Office. Please book this return transport when registering for the lunch.

## BACK TO THE OLDEN DAYS FOR THE JUNIOR PIONEERS



The Junior Pioneers next activity will be held at the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum, 3 Perseverance Road, Tea Tree Gully, on Sunday 22 October from 1.30-4.30pm. Junior Pioneers and their families should already have received their invitations. PASA members are also welcome to attend what promises to be a most interesting journey “back to the olden days”. Cost is \$5 for children and \$10 adults which covers the entry fee, a range of activities and afternoon tea. Bookings and payments need to be finalised by Tuesday 10 October.

## EXTRA OCTOBER LUNCH

An extra luncheon has been planned for Thursday 19 October in the Mothers Union meeting room from 12noon-1.45pm. This coincides with a visit to Adelaide by our speaker Dr Jim Longmire who will tell the most interesting story of the emigrant ship the *Baboo* which brought a small group of economic refugees to South Australia in 1848. These refugees became known as the “Lace makers of Calais” and were part of a larger group of over 700 who came to Australia at that time. The fact that these refugees were neither French nor lace makers, makes for an intriguing story!

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The August Quiz asked you to identify the first resident of South Australia to be knighted. It was of course **James Hurtle Fisher (1790-1875)** who was knighted in 1860 for his significant contribution to the State. He arrived on the *Buffalo* in 1836 as our first Resident Commissioner, was Adelaide’s first Mayor in 1840 and again from 1852-54, was elected to the Legislative Council in 1853 and was its President from 1857-1868. The full list of his achievements over a 40-year period of outstanding service to South Australia can be found in the [Australian Dictionary of Biography](#)



### September Quiz:

With the Adelaide Town Hall featuring in our Coming Events, it is appropriate to pose the following two questions for this month’s quiz:

1. What is the name of the Town Hall’s tower? (Easy!)
2. Who donated the clock in the tower? (Harder, but an interesting story)

