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JULY

WRITERS WORKSHOP NO 3: Wednesday 18 July, Mothers Union meeting room. 10-30am-12.30pm

AUGUST

PIONEER SPEAKER SERIES: Wednesday 1 August, 11am-12.15pm at Rigoni's Restaurant, 27 Leigh St, Adelaide. Pam Rajkowski OAM: *Elder's Innovation: Camels and Afghans from Bikaner to Beltana.* (more details page 2)

ANNUAL DINNER: Friday 17 August, 6.30 for 7.00pm at the Adelaide Pavilion, South Terrace, Adelaide. Speaker: Geoff Lock, *Pewter drinking vessels used in Colonial times.* 3 course dinner with canapes and drink on arrival: **Payment of \$80 and bookings essential by 9 August.**

SEPTEMBER

PASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Monday 17 September at the Parish Hall, Christ Church, Jeffcott St, North Adelaide, 7.00pm for **7.15pm start.** Speaker: Michael Smith, *The photos of Robert Fraser*

Editorial

This edition of the newsletter focusses on two important annual events coming up in August and September. Our Annual Dinner and the AGM are both functions where members can demonstrate their support of the Association. They are always interesting and enjoyable (Yes, even the AGM!) so if you are able to attend it's time to make bookings.

The upcoming AGM also signals that it's time for nominations for next year's Council and to also express our appreciation to the current Council for its positive leadership over the past PASA year.

Bob Stace, Editor

ANNUAL FEES DUE Discount still available



Thanks to those members who have already paid their 2017/18 Annual Subscription Fees which were due on 1 July. There is still time to utilize the **prompt payment discount of \$5** per membership category for all fees paid by the end of this month.

An invoice was sent to members with the Winter Journal. Fees are \$55 (\$50 with discount) for single membership and \$85 (\$80 with discount) for family membership where two members live at the same address and opt to receive only one copy of the Journal. Payments can be made online via a bank transfer, by cheque, or in person at the PASA Office.



NOMINATIONS FOR THE PASA COUNCIL

The PASA Council, which currently has a membership of 13, meets monthly and performs an important governance and management role on behalf of our Association. New members of Council are sought to fill several vacancies that are likely to occur for the new Council year.

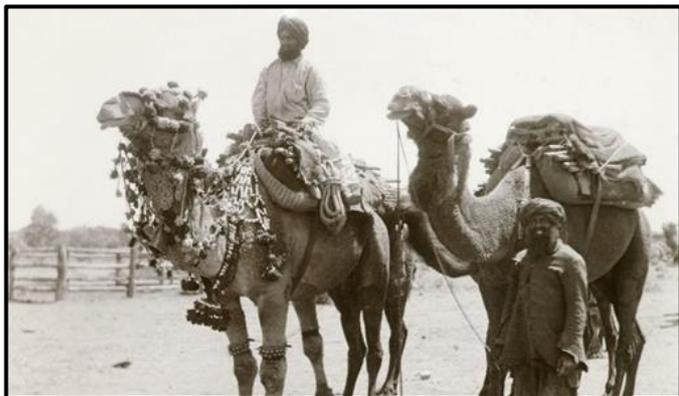
Further information and Nomination Forms are available from the PASA Office. Completed forms need to be returned to the Office by Monday 6 August.

OFFICE OPEN FOR RESEARCH

Normal opening times in the Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays can often be quite hectic. If you are looking for some quiet research time in the Office, then it is now open on a trial basis on the first Monday of each month from 10.00am-2.00pm. This is a great opportunity for members to use the resources of the PASA Library for individual research without having to compete with the "busyness" of normal office hours. The next research day will be Monday 6 August.

NEXT EVENT

Camels and Afghans at Rigonis



Our next event is on Wednesday 1 August when Pam Rajkowski OAM will speak on the topic of *Elder's Innovation: Camels and Afghans from Bikaner to Beltana*. The event will be held at Rigoni's Restaurant in Leigh

Street (next door to the entrance to the PASA Office) and commence at 11.00am finishing by 12.15pm.

Members attending should note that food and beverage cannot be taken to this event, however coffee can be purchased prior to the meeting. You are most welcome to stay on for lunch at Rigoni's afterwards or head to the PASA Office for a tea or coffee.

PASA ANNUAL DINNER



Our Annual Dinners are always a very pleasant night out. They are an opportunity to celebrate our membership of the Association and to enjoy the company of our PASA friends. It is now time to book for this year's dinner which will be held at the Adelaide Pavilion on Friday 17 August. The evening will commence at 6.30pm with a welcome drink and canapes, and this will be followed by a 3-course dinner from 7.00pm.

Cost for the dinner is \$80 with **payment and bookings required by Thursday 9 August**. Members with special dietary needs should advise this at the time of booking.

Our guest speaker for the night will be Geoff Lock with his topic being, *Pewter vessels used in Colonial times*.



Ease of parking, the pleasant environment of the Adelaide Pavilion, quality food, and the convivial company of fellow members, make this a night not to be missed.

PASA AGM: Monday 17 September

The Association's AGM will be held on Monday 17 September in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide.

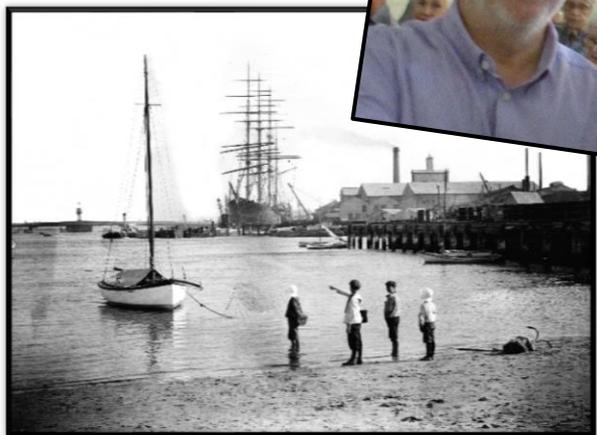


The meeting will commence at 7.15pm but members attending should arrive by 7.00pm to ensure they are registered in time for the meeting. An optional 30-minute tour of the historic Church will commence at 6.30pm. Full details of the business section of the AGM were included in a lift out in the Winter Journal.

Proxy Voting at the AGM: Members who are unable to attend the meeting may use a proxy vote to vote on all resolutions put at the meeting. Proxy Voting Forms and instructions can be obtained via post or email from the PASA Office. Please contact the Office by 16 August if you are planning to use this option.

The **speaker at the AGM** will be our very own Michael Smith and his topic will be, *The Photography of Robert Fraser*, which will be an interesting follow up to Howard Speed's presentation earlier this year.

Robert Fraser was a prominent and respected photographer in Adelaide during the latter half of the nineteenth century and Michael will present some of his collection of over 400 photos, like the one of Port Adelaide below, to illustrate their historical significance.



HISTORY WEEKEND AT BURRA

There are already over 20 members who have expressed an interest in attending the PASA trip to Burra and Mt Bryan East on the weekend of 27-28 October. Details of a preliminary programme for the weekend were notified in the previous Newsletter. If you are considering attending this weekend, then **please register your expression of interest to the PASA Office by the end of July**. This will ensure that you receive details of the programme when it is available in August.

Preliminary planning indicates that this will be another enjoyable and interesting weekend, much like our recent visits to Clare and the Copper Triangle.

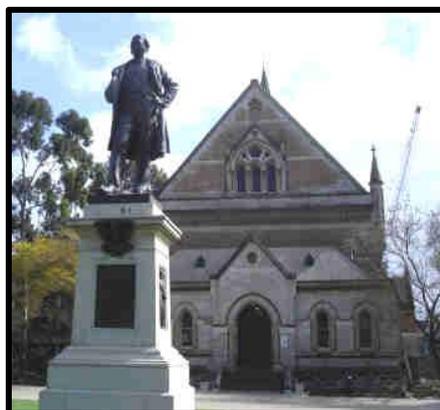


Miners' Cottages, Paxton Square, Burra

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The June Quiz was quite straightforward. The two photos depicted the Adelaide Rotunda and Elder Hall, both built due to the philanthropy of wealthy businessman, pastoralist and parliamentarian [Sir Thomas Elder \(1818 -1897\)](#) The Rotunda was purchased by Elder in Glasgow in early 1882 and shipped to Adelaide where it was erected on its present site between King William Road and the River Torrens. (now Elder Park). It was opened on 28 November 1882 amidst great fanfare.

The construction of Elder Hall took place after Elder's death as a result of a very generous bequest to the University of Adelaide and the School of Music which Elder had previously funded. Elder Hall was opened in 1900.



A statue of Elder is located on the University lawns in the front of Elder Hall. It is a reminder of the life and influence of one of the most significant South Australians of the nineteenth century.

The **July Quiz** seeks answers to the following two questions in relation to the diminutive monument (below) which is located in the inner Adelaide suburb of Thebarton.



1. To which pioneer settler is this monument dedicated?
2. Why is it located at this spot?

TINY CAT??



The PASA Library is changing

The PASA Library is changing. Very soon we will launch the new online PASA library catalogue. The *TinyCat* link will be accessed on the Library page of the PASA website and an update will be posted once *TinyCat* goes “live”.



The Library page of the PASA website.
Watch out for the introduction of *TinyCat*

Over the past few months the library team have been very busy transferring the library catalogue from an excel spreadsheet to ***TinyCat***, the online catalogue solution for tiny libraries that PASA members can access and browse anywhere. *TinyCat* provides an easy to use search interface for all the books in the library. The library itself is continually growing as new books are added but in the past the PDF spreadsheet was not always as up to date as we would have liked.

You will be able to enter any search term into the search box, such as an author's name, a book title, or a genre such as 'mining' to get recommendations. You will be able to see if each book is available in the library for borrowing or if it is a reference book. In addition, we have significantly increased the details for each book so that you will be able to better assess if the book suits your purpose.

Jill Davy (PASA Librarian)

TALKING HISTORY

PASA members who missed the presentation by Helen Stagg at our February meeting might like to catch up with her story of the Locks on the River Murray and the families who built them when she speaks at a History Trust of South Australia function on Tuesday 17 July. The event will be held at the Torrens Parade Ground from 5.30 – 7.00pm with nibbles and wine from 5.15pm.



PASA member Helen Stagg to speak in the “Talking History” series on Tuesday 17 July

These are popular events and you will need to book. Further details of the function and booking via Eventbrite can be found in the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/talking-history-harnessing-the-river-murray-a-journey-of-discovery-archives-and-voices-from-the-past-tickets-47289207292?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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