



## AUGUST

**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*. **Payment of \$80 and bookings essential by 9 August.**

**GUIDED TOUR OF QUEEN ADELAIDE EXHIBITION:** Monday 27 August from 10-11am at the Art Gallery of South Australia. Bookings to PASA by Tues 21 August and limited to 20. Cost \$2 payable to PASA at the Gallery.

## SEPTEMBER

**VISIT TO STANGATE HOUSE, ALDGATE:** Tues 4 Sept from 1.30-3.30pm. Meeting with the Mt Barker branch of the National Trust and includes a house and garden tour. Limited to 30 PASA members; bookings to PASA by Tues 21 August. Afternoon tea included. Cost \$5, payable on the day.

**VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE:** Thurs 6 Sept from 10.30-11.30am. The tour features the historic furniture of the House. No cost but limited to 25 members. Bookings required to PASA by Tues 21 Aug. Attendees to meet at the North Terrace Gate House at 10.20am.

**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*.

**POSTER WRITING WORKSHOP:** Wed 19 Sept. 10.30am-12.30pm in the Mothers Union Meeting Room. Support for members planning to prepare a poster for the 2019 Exhibition. Registrations by Thurs 13 Sept.



Stangate House, 3 Edgeware Rd, Aldgate

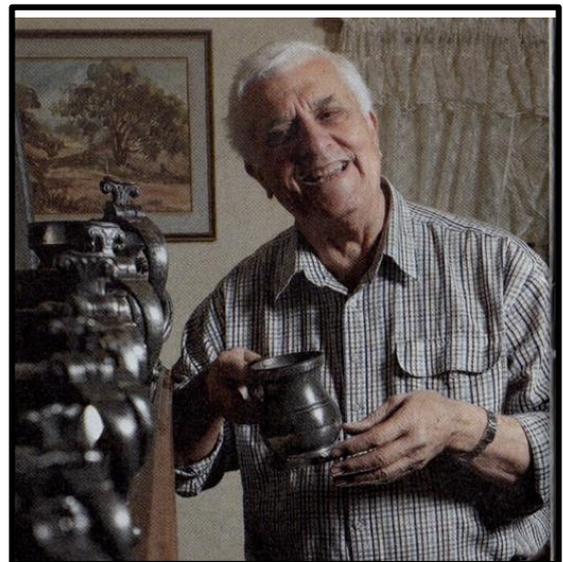
## Editorial

A glance at the Upcoming Events (to the left) indicates a busy August and September. The 2 key annual events, being the Annual Dinner and the AGM, have been previously advertised but several opportunities and invitations have come about in the past month which are too good to miss, and these have been added to our calendar. See page 2 for full details.

Please note that the nature of these three events has required that a limit be placed on the numbers attending. Priority will be given on a "first come, first served" basis, so please book ASAP if you wish to attend.

### ANNUAL DINNER: 17 AUGUST

If you haven't already booked for our Annual Dinner, then you have until next Thursday 9 August to do so! The Annual Dinner is one of the feature events of the PASA calendar and is always an enjoyable, convivial night.



Our guest speaker is Geoff Lock (above) who will tell us the stories behind some of his large collection of historic pewter pots. Geoff's relationships with pubs began as a child when he lived in the Cumberland Hotel at Glanville which was run by his parents. He does not drink these days as he says he did too much

of that in his younger years. However, his link with pubs remains strong through his collection of pewter pots. Before the advent of glasses, pubs in Adelaide served everything in pewter and Geoff's fascination with the pots started when his grandmother dug one up from the back of their hotel in 1962. His collection now extends into the hundreds and he will show and tell the stories of some of them at our Dinner.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Adelaide Pavilion, South Tce, Adelaide. There is ample parking adjacent to the restaurant with access from South Terrace. The evening will commence with a predinner drink and canapes at 6.30pm and the three-course dinner at 7.00pm. Please advise any special dietary requirements when booking.

## GUIDED TOUR OF QUEEN ADELAIDE EXHIBITION



**Samuel Raven, Britain, c.1775—1847, *The Duchess of Clarence, later Queen Adelaide*, c.1818, oil on papier-mache; Gift of Her Majesty Queen Mary 1946, Art Gallery of South Australia.**

A private guided tour has been arranged for PASA members to the current Queen Adelaide Exhibition which is being held at the Art Gallery of South Australia. **The tour is limited to 20 people** and will be conducted on Monday 27 August from 10-11am. Those attending should meet at the rear entrance to the Gallery near the café at 9.50am.

This display explores the representation of Queen Adelaide and King William IV in commissioned portrait prints and in the popular press. It features more than thirty royal and satirical prints, as well as letters, coins and a jewellery box from Queen Adelaide's collection.



Bookings to the PASA Office are required by Tuesday 21 August with payment of \$2 per person to be made at the Gallery.

## TOUR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

This tour of Government House has been organized at the invitation of Mrs Lan Le and is a repeat of the one conducted last year. It is specifically designed for those PASA members who, because of attendance limits in 2017, were unable to attend. Again, the tour will be conducted by Anthony Hurl and will focus on the historic furniture of the House.



**East entrance of Government House featuring furniture which came on the *Buffalo***

The tour will be held on Thursday 6 September from 10.30-11.30am; members attending should meet at the Gate House on North Terrace at 10.20am. There is no cost, but bookings are required to the PASA Office by Tuesday 21 August. There is a strict limit of 25 for this event on a first come first served basis.

## VISIT TO STANGATE HOUSE



The Pioneers Association has been invited by the Mount Barker branch of the National Trust to visit Stangate House in Aldgate on Tuesday 4 September from 1.30 pm -3.30pm. Their members have asked to be informed about the Pioneers Association and its

objectives and then will give us a guided tour through the historic house and the famous gardens together with an afternoon tea.

The gardens are recognised by the International Camellia Society as an International Camellia Garden of Excellence (one of only three in SA and 30 worldwide). They should be at their best at this time of year. The house was designed by Adelaide architect Eric McMichael and built in 1940 for Rev Samuel





## SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Thanks to those who have paid their Annual Fees so promptly; it has kept our Treasurer busy for the past month! If you are uncertain whether you have paid your fees, please contact our helpful Office volunteers by phone or email and they can check for you.

Raymond Baron Cornish and his wife Gwyneth. They developed the garden on four acres rerouting the creek to run through it. The property was bequeathed to the National Trust in the 1960s and is listed on the SA Heritage Register.

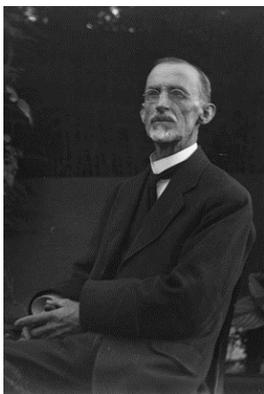
The property is located at 3 Edgeware Road, Aldgate and the cost will be **\$5 per person payable at the door on the day**. Members should book through the PASA office as soon as possible to provide numbers for catering purposes. A maximum of 30 PASA members can be accommodated.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Association's AGM will be held on Monday 17 September in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide, commencing at 7.15pm.**

If attending, please arrive by 7.00pm to allow time to register. An optional guided tour of the historic Church will commence at 6.30pm. The business agenda for the AGM has already been circulated to all members via the Winter Journal. Members who cannot attend, but wish to exercise a proxy vote, should contact the Office now to obtain a Proxy Voting Form.

The AGM is always a great opportunity for members to show their support of the Association and to check out the various annual reports. The business session generally takes about 30 minutes, and this will be followed by the guest speaker, our very own Michael Smith, whose topic is *The Photography of Robert Fraser*.



Robert Fraser was born in Port Adelaide in 1858, the son of a lighthouse keeper. He became a successful draper and proprietor of a large business in St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide. He took up photography as a hobby and became a leading amateur photographer much respected for his expertise.

About 400 of his photos remain today, many with historical and social significance, and Michael will use some of these to illustrate his talk.

Supper and an opportunity to mix and mingle will conclude the evening.

## OFFICE RESEARCH DAYS.

A reminder that the PASA Office is open on a trial basis on the first Monday of each month for members to use our library and other resources for research. The next opening is coming up soon, **Monday 6 August** from 10am-2.00pm.



## HISTORY WEEKEND AT BURRA

It is not too late to express an interest in attending the PASA trip to Burra and Mt Bryan East on the weekend of 27-28 October. (around 35 registered so far)

Details of a preliminary programme are nearly finalised and will be forwarded to those who are registered shortly.

This promises to be a most enjoyable weekend full of new learnings and new friendships.



**Historic Paxton Cottages: Accommodation for the history weekend at Burra.**

## Pioneer Posters 2018-19

Our annual Pioneer Poster Exhibition, which we hold during May as part of History Month, will be a highlight of our PASA calendar again next year. This year's forty posters each gave a snapshot of a pioneer and their various experiences as they established life in South Australia.

We are very hopeful that YOU will consider writing a brief story (300 words) about a pioneer ancestor. If you have never prepared a poster before, lots of support will be available (see below: Poster Workshop). This help will also be available to members who wish to write a second or third poster.

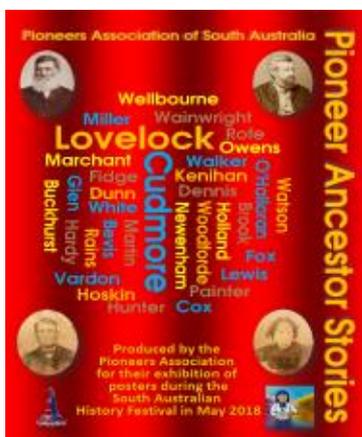


Sue and Rob Fox at the 2018 Exhibition with Sue's poster of ancestor Peter Hunter

Details about how to prepare a poster, the information to include on the poster, and timelines for submission, will be included in the next newsletter, the Journal and the PASA website.

## Poster Writing Workshop

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in the Mothers' Union Meeting Room.



If you are considering writing a poster for 2019, you will be pleased to hear we have decided to present a short workshop to get you started. We will explain what information we would like you to provide to us, what to include in your brief family story and

how to send the information and photographs to us. The workshop will be very hands-on. We will problem solve together, talk about validity of sources for information and where to locate photographs. We are going to have a different format for you to follow this year so that hopefully you will find this easier to manage. If you are interested in attending, then please register your name with [pioneersa@chariot.net.au](mailto:pioneersa@chariot.net.au): Attn. Judith Francis or telephone the office on 08 82315055.



## Writers' Workshops

A Report from Judith Francis

The inaugural series of the PASA Writers' Workshops finished on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Our three workshops were well supported by *twenty-one* members with an average attendance of *eighteen*. We worked together in small groups and had animated discussion on varied topics which included; How to Engage the Reader; Precise & Concise Writing; The Benefit of Feedback; Finding Sources including searching on-line with TROVE, findmypast, FamilySearch and Ancestry; Verifying Sources; How to Accurately Reference our Writing and Giving a Context for our Stories. The group identified these topics as being the most important to help develop their writing skills.

Heidi Ing, a PhD candidate at Flinders University co-presented the sessions with me. We both really enjoyed working with such an enthusiastic group of people.

**If you are interested in joining our Writers' Group next year, the good news is that we will be offering another three workshops during 2019 and Heidi has agreed to co-present again.**

Dates, times and venue for 2019 will be notified later this year. If you wish to find out more information in the meantime, please email or phone the PASA Office: Attention Judith Francis.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

It was great to get a response to the July Quiz from overseas member Mary Cannell from Auckland, NZ. Mary correctly answered that the small monument

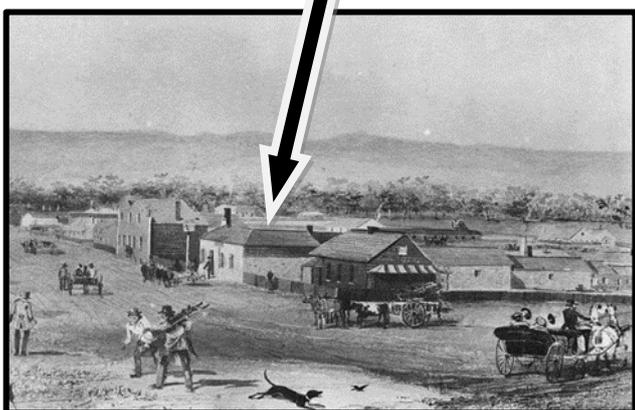


(enlarged left) is a [memorial to Maria Gandy](#), the partner/companion to Colonel William Light. It is located on the corner of Maria and Albert Streets, Thebarton, adjacent to where they built and shared a home from early 1839 until his death from TB in October that year. The 4 sides of this small but poignant street monument are dedicated to Maria as **"Pioneer"**, **"Settler"**, **"Carer"** and **"Mother"**. In 1840 Maria

married Dr George Mayo with whom she had 4 children. (hence "Mother"). She died of TB in 1847 at the age of 36. A true Pioneer.

[The monument is well worth a visit if you are in the area: Ed]

**The August Quiz:** Geoff Lock's presentation at the Annual Dinner on pewter pots and pubs leads us to the following questions relating to a very early pub in the 1845 sketch by ST Gill (below). This pub still exists today.



**August Quiz Questions:**

1. What is the name of the hotel today?
2. In which street is it located?

## PASA VISIT TO THE BORROW COLLECTION, FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

[Report by Elizabeth Harris]



On Wednesday 4 July, 8 members of PASA visited the Borrow Collection in the Flinders University Library. This special collection donated by Keith Borrow (1917-2005, and a past President of PASA) contains many resources relating to the early history of European settlement in South Australia. Our visit allowed us to gain an insight into the extent and variety of items held in the Special Collections area. The Librarian had selected a number of requested items for us to view while having access to the small Borrow Room to see the many books, boxed collection of photographs, drawers of index cards on subjects relevant to SA carefully recorded by Keith Borrow in periods. There is much which could still be done with the Collection if funding were available. An application for a grant from the History Trust of SA would enable a project to be pursued by PASA. This could be considered.

We were encouraged to use the Collection with one positive outcome being that we could make a catalogue of relevant Borrow Collection books and papers available on our Members Only Website, thus effectively making it an extension of our own Library with members able to make online requests for books to access in the Special Collections Reading Room at Flinders Library. The Collection is relevant to PASA's period of interest but we would not have the capacity to house as big a collection. The Special Collections area is open between 10am and 4 pm Monday to Friday.

Heidi Ing, who helped facilitate the visit, suggested that PASA members may be able to identify individuals in photographs which are un-named in the Collection as many would be citizens of early Colonial families. Heidi has a great passion for the Borrow Collection and the resources it has available for researchers.

Those attending felt it had been a worthwhile visit with positive links established.



**Keith Borrow and his wife Eleanor Yelland**

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Osmond Gilles, c.1865.  
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## Osmond Gilles

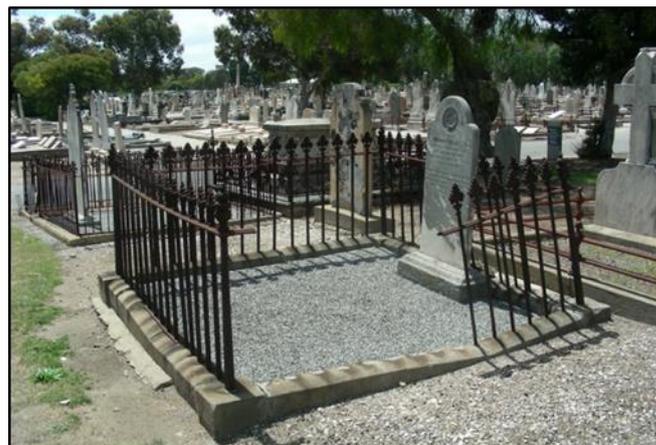
Osmond Gilles (1788-1866) was one of the most significant and colourful of the early South Australian colonists.

Prior to coming to South Australia, Osmond Gilles had been a merchant in Hamburg from 1816-1833; during this time he married Patience Oakden, who died without issue and he did not remarry. He was appointed Colonial Treasurer for the new colony of South Australia and arrived with Governor Hindmarsh in *HMS Buffalo* in December 1836. The fledgling colony struggled financially and the Treasury relied on personal loans from Gilles. In October 1839 Hindmarsh's replacement, Governor Gawler, unable to obtain satisfactory statements of accounts, caused Gilles to resign and loans amounting to almost £12,000 were repaid.

In contrast to his performance in public office, Gilles was an astute and successful businessman. Although a controversial figure, with a quick temper when excited or provoked, Gilles was highly regarded for his generosity in aiding the establishment of numerous churches, cultural societies and charitable institutions. He is credited with encouraging Germans to settle and facilitated the development of early industries. Prior to arrival he was responsible with others for securing the Adelaide parklands, which are enjoyed by all today. Many sites in South Australia bear his name,

including the suburb of Glen Osmond, Gilles Street, Gilles Plains and O.G. Road, to name just a few.

Gilles died in September 1866 and was buried in West Terrace Cemetery. His obituary in *The Adelaide Observer* described him as 'one of our oldest and best-known colonists ... [whose] name ... is so intimately connected with the history of the colony from its foundation'. It further commented that 'Mr. Gilles's strongest and most enduring tie to the world was his benevolence'.



### Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Project

Osmond Gilles' grave is in a sad state of neglect and in urgent need of conservation and restoration. He had no descendants, so public donation is required.

The National Trust and the Burnside Historical Society have launched an appeal to support restoration of the grave. A tax-deductible donation can be made by visiting: [www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa/).

As an historically significant monument, work will be done in accordance with the report by the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority (ACA) heritage consultant. ACA is supporting the project. The estimated cost of the works is \$30,000.

**[Article provided by Ross Both of the Burnside Historical Society]**

### PASA DONATES TO GRAVE RESTORATION

**In keeping with our long-standing practice of establishing and restoring pioneer plaques and monuments, the PASA Council voted at its July meeting to support the Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Project with a donation of \$1000.**

**Individual PASA members may who wish to donate should visit the donation website above.**