



## APRIL

**PUB LUNCH: Wednesday 3 April** in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel, 7 High St, Mitcham, 12 for 12.30pm. Speaker: Rhondda Harris, **True crime in early Adelaide: stories from the journal of the first governor of the Adelaide Gaol.**

Members \$45, non-members \$50 (includes 2 course luncheon, tea/coffee.)

Bookings and Payment essential by 26 March.

**JUNIOR PIONEERS EVENT, Monday 15 April** from 10.15am – 12.30pm. **Roaming Rundle Mall** – a guided tour with Glen Woodward. Cost \$5 per person. Bookings and Payment by Tues 2 April.

**SHIPPING GROUP MEETING: Wednesday 17 April** from 10.00am – 12 noon in the PASA Office. Descendants from the *Canton* (1838).

## MAY (History Month)

Refer to page 3 for full details of these 5 events

**PIONEER GROUP LUNCHEON Wed 8 May** from 12 noon – 2.00pm at Pilgrim Uniting Church Hall, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide. “The passengers on the *Coromandel* 1837”.

**MORE ON THE COROMANDEL: Wed 8 May** from 7.30pm – 10.00pm at the Blackwood Uniting Church Hall. “Spotlight on the people of the ship *Coromandel* 1837”

**PASA SCANFEST: Sunday 19 May** (1.00 – 4.00pm) and **Monday 20 May** (10.00am – 2.30pm) in the PASA Office.

**EXHIBITION OF PIONEER POSTERS: Sunday 19, Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 May** in the basement of Stafford House.

**GLENELG HISTORICAL SOCIETY** presents “The 1837 *Coromandel*: arrival of the working class” on **Sunday 26 May** from 4.00 – 5.30pm at the Jetty Hotel, Glenelg.

## Editorial

The recent

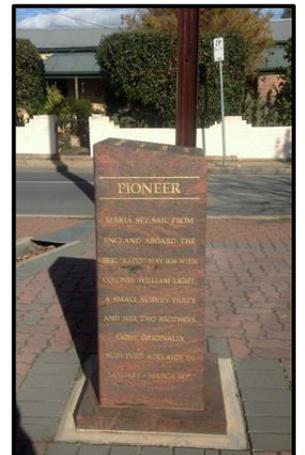
International Women’s Day on the 8 March focussed on the important issues facing women today. But it also reminded me that we owe much to the mostly unsung pioneer women of early settlement in South Australia. Judith Francis’s article on page 5 reminds us of this and highlights the difficulties we often face in researching the lives of these pioneering women.

For me, Maria Gandy, who accompanied Colonel William Light on the *Rapid* and who was his partner and companion for the 3 years of his life here in Adelaide from 1836, epitomises the significant but rarely recorded role played by these pioneering women. Maria provided great support, love and care for Colonel Light during the many difficulties he endured during their life together in Adelaide. This was particularly so during the dark days of his illness which led to his death in October 1839. Yet, because she was living with Light in an unmarried state, she was ostracised by the Adelaide “gentry”. After Light’s death Maria went on to marry Dr George Mayo and have 4 children.

Today she is remembered by a small but poignant monument on the site of the home she shared with Colonel William Light at Albert St, Thebarton. The monument has 4 sides representing her role as **Pioneer, Settler, Carer and Mother**. Not only does

this reflect the significant role played by Maria, but it also commemorates all those pioneering women who frequently endured hardship as they battled to help establish a new life for their families in the fledgling Colony.

**Bob Stace, Editor**



## NEXT EVENT: April Pub Lunch

Our next event is the April Pub Lunch which will again be held at the Edinburgh Hotel in Mitcham on **Wednesday 3 April** from 12noon for a 12.30pm start for lunch. Our guest speaker, Rhondda Harris will address the topic, *True Crime in Adelaide; stories from the journal of the first governor of the Adelaide Gaol*. This promises to be a most interesting insight into the 'underbelly' of Adelaide life in the first 20 years of the Colony.

Cost for the 2-course lunch is \$45 for members (\$50 for non-members) and bookings and payment must be finalised by 26 March. [Be quick as only limited places remaining]



**William Baker Ashton, Governor of the Adelaide Gaol (at centre) outside the gaol gate in 1850.**

## JUNIORS TO ROAM RUNDLE MALL

Junior Pioneers and their families have received an invitation to attend their next function which will be held on **Monday 15 April**. Renowned Adelaide guide Glen Woodward will lead the Juniors on a walk along Rundle Mall which will highlight its most interesting and intriguing past. This is an opportunity not to be missed. If attending the "Roam," please meet at the Beehive Corner at 10.15am. The walk should



conclude by 12.30pm. PASA members are most welcome to join our Juniors at this event. Bookings and payment of \$5 for all those attending is required by 2 April.

## SHIPPING GROUP NEWS



### FIRST SHIPPING GROUP HAS MET

Descendants of pioneers who arrived on the ship *Pestonjee Bomanjee* met in early March in the PASA Office as part of the

revitalisation of our Shipping Project. Members present shared information, stories and thoughts about their ancestors and the ship which brought them to Adelaide in 1838. All participants offered to research their own ancestor and others on the passenger list; this information will be added to our Shipping File on the *Pestonjee Bomanjee*. Several members offered to supply copies of substantial family information to add to this file.

### NEXT SHIPPING GROUP MEETING

PASA members whose ancestors arrived in South Australia on the *Canton* in 1838 are invited to attend their shipping group meeting on **Wednesday 17 April** from 10.00am – noon in the PASA Office.

If you are unable to attend but would like to connect with this group, then please contact Karina Hutchesson at: [pasa.sameships@gmail.com](mailto:pasa.sameships@gmail.com).

### FUTURE SHIPPING MEETINGS FOR 2019

Some slight alterations have been made to the previously advised schedule for future Shipping Group meetings. The following meetings will be held in the PASA Office on Wednesdays from 10.00am-12noon.

**17 April: *Canton* (arr 2 May 1838)**

1 May: *Buckinghamshire* (arr 21 March 1839)

19 June: *Eden* (arr 24 June 1838)

17 July: *D'Auvergne* (arr 21 March 1839)

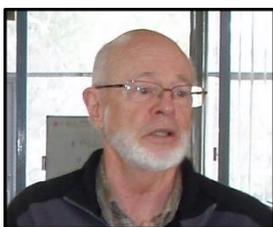
7 August (tentative date): *Navarino* (arr 6 December 1837)  
4 September: *Hooghly* (arr 17 June 1839)  
2 October: *John Renwick* (arr 9 February 1837)  
November TBA; *Moffatt* (arr 19 December 1839)

Please contact the Shipping Group coordinator Karina Hutchesson at the above address if you need further information about this project.

## PASA EVENTS DURING THE MAY HISTORY FESTIVAL

### The Coromandel Trilogy

PASA members Brian Stace and Bill Othams will be presenting a Trilogy Series on the ship *Coromandel* (1837) and its passengers during the May History Festival.



**Brian Stace**



**Bill Othams**

Each of the 3 topics will showcase a different aspect of their research on the *Coromandel* which will culminate with the publication of a book later this year. These presentations will be of interest to not only descendants of the *Coromandel* but all who had ancestors sail to South Australia and settle here as pioneers in the early years. Anyone researching their family history will also benefit from the many “tricks of the trade” that Bill and Brian will be sharing during their presentations.

**The 3 Coromandel events appear below:**

### Wednesday 8 May from 12noon - 2.00pm

**Pioneer Group Luncheon** in the Hall of Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide

Speakers: Brian Stace and Bill Othams

### The passengers on the *Coromandel* 1837

BYO Lunch; tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

Cost: \$2 members and guests. No bookings needed.

Speakers will commence at 12.30pm.

### Wednesday 8 May from 7.30pm -10.00pm

#### Spotlight on the people of the ship *Coromandel* 1837

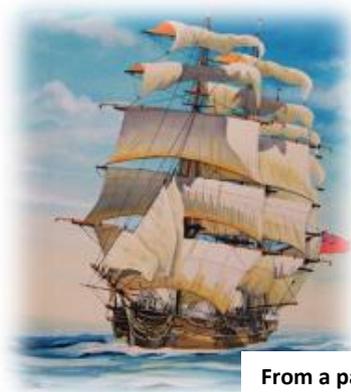
[The topic will include stories and biographies of the deserters and those passengers who became pioneers of the Adelaide Hills]

Presented by the Coromandel Valley Branch of the National Trust and the Blackwood Action Group.

Venue: Blackwood Uniting Church Hall,  
266 Main Road, Blackwood

Speakers: Brian Stace and Bill Othams

Cost: \$5, supper included



From a painting by John Ford

### Sunday 26 May from 4.00pm-5.30pm

**Meeting of the Glenelg Historical Society** at the Jetty Hotel, Jetty Road, Glenelg

#### The 1837 *Coromandel*: arrival of the working classes

Speaker: Bill Othams

Free Entry

PASA members are welcome to join Glenelg members for dinner at the Hotel after the meeting.

### Scanfest: Pioneer Faces

Sunday 19 May from 1.00pm – 4.00pm and

Monday 20 May from 10.00am – 2.30pm

The Scanfest will be conducted in the PASA Office.

**Full details of this event can be found in the flyer sent with this newsletter.**

### Pioneer Poster Exhibition

Sunday 19 May from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Monday 20 May from 10.00am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 21 May from 10.00am – 2.30pm

Venue: The basement of Stafford House adjacent to the PASA Office.

## THE LIBRARY IS WAITING FOR YOU.

Members attending the PASA Office have found that the recently reorganised library and research area is functioning very effectively. The new **Tiny Cat** library cataloguing system, which can be easily viewed on line, provides a comprehensive listing and cross refencing of all our Library resources, and the new space and reorganised shelving is supportive of member's research and reading. When you're next in the City during PASA Office hours, come in and check the Library out; there are some great reads in the family history section.

**Library volunteer**  
**Alison Hicks is waiting**  
**to help you in the new**  
**Library space**



3. Another task is to continue to check the accuracy of our entries on *Tiny Cat*, our library catalogue, with the actual books in our collection.

ALL these jobs will have clear instructions on how to proceed and will be well supported by other volunteers.

### Skills needed:

- Sense of humour
- Able to work in a team
- Able to relate to different people and their needs
- Basic to intermediate level computing skills – knowledge of Word, email and perhaps spreadsheets. Tutoring available.
- Willingness to volunteer on either Tuesday or Thursday. Amount of time is negotiable from 2 - 4 hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Salary – personal satisfaction for time well spent

*If you would like to join in, have fun, learn more about our organisation and contribute to our priorities then contact Judith Francis during Office hours on 8231 5055 or email [pioneers@chariot.net.au](mailto:pioneers@chariot.net.au)*



## We NEED you!

The Pioneers Association is currently undertaking several important projects which will improve the experiences of our members.

1. We are updating our Pioneer Poster online presence. We want to have a searchable database, ensure all posters are historically accurate and include a watermark and disclaimer on each poster. As we have over 200 posters this is a significant undertaking.

2. An important task is to audit our current members' contact details. This includes checking original applications, and checking current details of email addresses and telephone numbers. We will need to contact members both electronically and by phone.

## Family Reunion:

### Descendants of John and Susanna Adams

-John William and Susanna Adams arrived on the "Buffalo" in 1836. Descendants are invited to the



66th reunion on **Sunday 5th May 2019** at Lockleys Primary School, 37 May Tce, Brooklyn Park from 11.30am to 3.30pm. Bring a plate of food for pooled lunch. Further details at: [www.adams1836.com.au](http://www.adams1836.com.au)

### Current PASA Membership

#### You might be interested?

Current adult membership of the Association is 653; 544 living in South Australia, 96 Interstate and 13 Overseas.

## RESEARCHING OUR FEMALE PIONEERS: The difficulties we face and the stories we uncover.

The challenge for all family researchers is to unearth even the smallest evidence of female forbears' lives. Women's difficulties, labours and achievements during the patriarchal society of the 1800's (and for centuries before) were not seen as being worthy of being recorded for posterity. Women's and girls' lives were primarily spent in service to others. The hierarchy of the times relegated them to be nurturers and supporters of the menfolk.

Public notices in newspapers celebrated births, engagements, marriages, anniversaries and solemnly and reverently duly recorded deaths and burials, but these brief announcements do not give an insight into women's lives.

For many women, an obituary might hint at the hardships endured, tell of the children borne and those who died, the homes established and then left behind, and perversely, the achievements of either her father, brothers or husband.

But we know women's efforts and decisions were central to the success of the immediate and extended family in the early days of European settlement in South Australia. Within their family sphere and in the wider community women were inventive, creative, brave, adventurous, had fortitude, curiosity, were hardworking and resilient. They influenced decisions and contributed significantly in establishing settlements throughout the virgin, and in some cases the unforgiving land which forms South Australia.

This year our Pioneer Poster authors have been encouraged to focus on the lives of our women pioneers. Ten women pioneers' lives are being celebrated this year and join our growing collection. Their stories are being told from their point of view.

Two women's stories which are included in this year's posters, are highlighted below. Their pioneering achievements have remained largely hidden from view. These snapshots may entice you to read further.

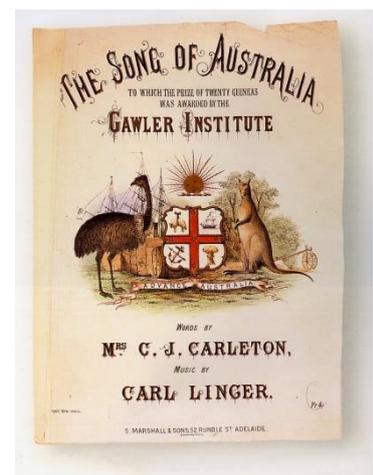
**Jane Hillier** was the first person (not only the first woman) to set up a school, in January of 1838, in the fledgling colony of South Australia. Her situation was such that she needed to quickly establish an income to provide for her family. Her previous experiences as a school teacher were called upon. She advertised her school for young ladies, which was centrally located, and which would provide excellent opportunities to the young women of Adelaide.



Another woman pioneer whose talent is widely acknowledged but disappointingly remembered for only one significant contribution to Australian history was **Caroline Carleton (nee Baynes)**. She was a colonial poet who achieved wide acclaim

within literary circles throughout Australia in her own lifetime.

In 1857 Caroline wrote a poem entitled 'The Old Gum Tree' in commemoration of the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Proclamation of the colony. Caroline is also the author of the words to 'The Song of Australia', written in 1859 as an entry in the Gawler Institute's contest for a patriotic poem which could be set to music. There were 93 entries. Caroline signed her entry 'Nil Desperandum' primarily to conceal she was a woman in a male dominated area of music



and literature. She was awarded ten guineas as first prize. The Gawler Institute retained the copyright. This year marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of the song.

A volume of poems by Caroline entitled 'South Australian Lyrics' was published by J.H. Lewis in 1860. It is claimed that this was the first poetry book published in Australia. The nineteen poems included in the anthology were written over the preceding years Caroline had spent in South Australia. Included is the poem 'South Australian Song' written in 1859. Interestingly, when John McDouall Stuart returned to Adelaide from his successful expedition in 1862, Caroline wrote a two-verse poem in his honour. She later added two more verses.

**The challenge is: - Who are your women ancestors? Can you tell their story?**

Judith Francis

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### February Answer

The February Quiz sought the name of the original owner of Lochend House where we will be holding our meeting on 5 June.



**Lochend House and Charles Campbell**

The owner was Charles James Fox Campbell who was from the Isle of Skye in Scotland and who arrived in Adelaide in 1838 as part of Joseph Hawdon's first overland cattle drive from the east. Charles Campbell quickly established himself, and by the early 1840s had purchased land to the NE of Adelaide on the River Torrens where he built his "town house" Lochend. He

gave his name to the suburb of Campbelltown and Charles Campbell College (R-12 school).

### March Quiz:

The Junior Pioneers who go "a roaming" in Rundle Mall in April will find out the answers to this month's quiz which involves two historic coats of arms.

#### 1. This coat of arms is found in Rundle Mall



Questions:

- 1.1 On which building is it located?
- 1.2 What is interesting about this coat of arms?

#### 2. This coat of arms is not located in the Mall but Is only a short distance away.



Questions:

- 2.1 Where is it located?
- 2.2 What organisation does it represent?

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