JULY

D’AUVERGNE SHIPPING GROUP MEETING: Wed 17 July from 10.00am-12 noon in the PASA Office, Basement of Stafford House, 25 Leigh St, Adelaide.

AUGUST

PASA ANNUAL DINNER: Friday 2 August, 6.30pm for 6.45pm at the Adelaide Pavilion, South Terrace. Speaker: Dr Roger Irvine, Colonial Settlers along the River Torrens. 3-course dinner with drink on arrival. Cost $77 ($80 for non-members) with bookings and payment essential by 23 July.

NAVARINO SHIPPING GROUP MEETING: Wed 7 August from 10.00am-12 noon in the new PASA Office, Level 1 Harmer House, 5 Leigh St, Adelaide.

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE: Thursday 22 August from 10.30am-12 noon. Guided tour focussing on the historic furniture of the House. Limit on bookings; see page 2 for details.

SEPTEMBER

HOOGHLY SHIPPING GROUP MEETING: Wed 4 September from 10.00am-12 noon in the PASA Office, Level 1, Harmer House, Leigh St, Adelaide.

PASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Monday 16 September in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, North Adelaide commencing at 7.15pm.

Speaker: Heidi Ing, An analysis of the grandchildren of South Australia’s first fleet – a progress report. Further details on page 3.

RELOCATION UPDATE

Some preliminary packing and moving to the new office will commence this week and continue until the removal day which is scheduled for Tuesday 30 July. There is likely to be some dislocation of normal services (ie phone, email, mail) during this time particularly in the few days before and after the moving day. Our volunteers will also be prioritising the packing during this time and may not be able to give their normal speedy responses to member inquiries. If you are planning to pay your fees before the end of July or make bookings and payment for the Annual Dinner it would be best to attend to these matters ASAP.
Contact details for the new Office:

Location/Address: Level 1 Harmer House, 5 Leigh Street, Adelaide, 5000
Access: The entrance door to Harmer House is in Leigh St, just 20m in from Hindley St. Take the lift in the foyer to the first floor and follow the signs.
Phone: (08) 82315055 [remains the same]
Email: pioneersa@chariot.net.au [remains the same]

A celebration opening event will be planned for later this year with details in the September Journal.

PASA VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Once again PASA has been invited to visit Government House for a small group guided tour focussing on the House’s historic furniture.

This year’s tour will again be conducted by Anthony Hurl who led enjoyable and informative PASA tours in 2017 and 2018. The visit will be held on Thursday 22 August from 10.30am – 12 noon with those attending required to meet at the Government House gate at 10.15am.

Preference will be given to those who were not part of either the 2017 or 2018 visits. Remaining places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **Please book ASAP but no later than Tuesday 13 August.** These visits have been very popular in the past and this one will fill quickly. We thank our Governor and Mrs Le for their generosity in making this visit possible.

ANNUAL SUBS REMINDER

Thanks to the many members who have already paid their annual subscription fees. This prompt response was good news for our Treasurer Di Skull when she returned from her recent overseas holiday. **There is still time to finalise payments before the $5 discount for prompt payment expires at the end of this month.**

SHIPPING GROUP NEWS

The next get-together of the Shipping Groups will be held this Wednesday 17 July when descendants of the *D’Auvergne*, which arrived on the 21 March 1839, are invited to attend a meeting in the PASA Office (basement of Stafford House) from 10.00am – 12 noon.

The following Shipping Group meeting will be for the descendants of the *Navarino*. This will be held in the new PASA Office, Level 1, Harmer House, 5 Leigh St Adelaide on Wednesday 7 August.

If you have an ancestor who arrived on either of these 2 ships you are most welcome to attend these meetings to network and exchange information with other descendants. Please contact Karina Hutchesson at pasa.sameships@gmail.com for further details.

LOCHIEL CELEBRATES 150

The town of Lochiel will celebrate 150 years on 12th and 13th October 2019. The organising committee are looking for photos and stories of the town/people and close surrounding district i.e. Sunny Hill, South Hummocks, Waukabie, Cameron, Salt Lake, Bumbunga.

If you can help or need further information, then please contact Anne Gardner (PASA member) on 0417827008 (after hours) or email: ankgardner@bigpond.com
PASA AGM: Monday 16 September

Members are invited to attend this year’s PASA AGM which will be held on Monday 16 September in the Parish Hall of Christ Church North Adelaide.

The AGM will commence at 7.15pm but members attending are asked to be present by 7.00pm to ensure there is enough time to register. There will be an optional tour of the historic Christ Church prior to the meeting from 6.30 – 7.00pm.

Following the short business session our guest speaker Heidi Ing will speak on the topic An analysis of the grandchildren of South Australia’s first fleet – a progress report. As many members know, Heidi is completing a longitudinal research study of the pioneer settlers who arrived in 1836 and their descendants for her thesis. Her presentation should be of great interest to all PASA members.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

June Quiz Answer
The June quiz showed a painting of ST Gill depicting an important event in the streets of Adelaide in 1844. It was the departure of Captain Charles Sturt’s expedition in August 1844 to the centre of the continent where he discovered Cooper’s Creek and crossed Sturt’s Stony Desert. His expedition confirmed the confluence of the Darling and Murray Rivers, refuted the concept of an inland sea, found no large river and determined there was no central dividing range.

Later this year PASA will mark the 175th anniversary of this epic journey of exploration when we visit Sturt’s home The Grange (image at right) for a function on Wednesday 13 November.

July Quiz
At this year’s December meeting in the 1839 Retrospective, we will be looking back to the events of 1839. Whilst life in most of the new town of Adelaide was still very basic, there were some sections with a degree of elegance as shown in this Martha Berkeley painting of Hindley Street in 1839 (below on page 4)
July Question: Who is the driver of the horse drawn gig who is also the owner of the house on the right?

VISIT TO WESLEY UNITING CHURCH
KENT TOWN Report from Elizabeth Harris

Beautiful Wesley Kent Town Uniting Church was the venue for an interesting historical presentation given by PASA member, Jim Everett. 24 members were present to view a series of stained-glass windows and marble memorials recording the lives of notable South Australians.

Perhaps most poignant was that of 19 year old Flight Lieutenant Reginald Davey, Killed in Action in 1916 while flying with the RAF. Davey knowingly sacrificed his life by handing the sole life jacket to his Commander when going down over Scarpa Flow in the Orkney Islands. Other members of the Davey family were also memorialised.

Well known business names of early Adelaide were featured including FG Waterhouse, George Harris [of Harris Scarfe], Dunn [ son of the miller] and Mrs Elizabeth Gartrell. There were memorials to those who had served as Ministers of the Church and as Headmasters of Prince Alfred College. The Church has had a long association with PAC including the College’s founding 150 years ago and boarders regularly attended Sunday services often under the watchful eye of the Headmaster.

Many families were interconnected, and Jim told us of congregational members from the areas nearby who served their local community. Our special thanks to Jim for sharing his knowledge of the Church and its people.

For PASA Council member, Karina Hutchesson, it was an opportunity to again stand on the spot of the 150 year old church where she made her wedding vows 29 years ago.

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PASA members gathering for the group photo with guide Jim Everett (centre front with folder).

Note the memorials and stained-glass windows which are a feature of the Church’s interior.