The very good representation of members at our recent Annual Dinner and AGM is a strong indication of the current good health of our Association and the high level of interest and support from members. The work of the PASA Council in the past year has continued to underpin this positive and successful nature of our Association and has led to the growth of activities and services which are now provided for members.

In his annual report President David Forsaith commented that “the Council members have brought strong commitment and a diverse range of expertise to managing the affairs of the Association”.

A photo of the 2019/20 Council appears below with a list of new key executive positions on page 3.

Bob Stace, Editor

NEW PASA COUNCIL 2019/20

Captain Charles Sturt
c 1853
JM Crossland
Art Gallery SA

The new PASA Council posed for a photo together after the recent AGM.
Back Row (L-R) Bob Stace, Colin Routley, David Forsaith, Graham Smith, Judith Francis, Elizabeth Harris.
Front Row (L-R) Sue Fox, Karina Hutchesson, Di Skull, Susan Cole, Julie Neale, Michael Smith.
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
AWARDED TO PETER BRINKWORTH

One of the highlights of the recent PASA AGM was the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to Peter Brinkworth who is known to most members as the Editor of our Journal, The Pioneer. The Award, which was presented by President David Forsaith, cited Peter’s meritorious service to our Association and in particular:

- as Editor of our quarterly journal "The Pioneer" for 15 years
- as a member of the Council for 9 years
- as an editor of our Pioneer Posters for 6 years
- for developing a Consolidated Index to the Publications of the Association, and
- for his sustained exemplary research of the early pioneers of South Australia.

Congratulations Peter on this much deserved award.

NEXT PASA EVENT
PIONEER GROUP LUNCHEON
This coming Monday 30 September

It is 175 years ago that John Charles Darke set off on his ill-fated exploration of South Australia’s Eyre Peninsula. PASA member Tom Chapman AM will recount the story of his ancestor at a Pioneer Group Luncheon this coming
Monday 30 September in the Hall of the Walkerville Uniting Church at 17 Smith St Walkerville. Please BYO lunch for a 12 noon start and 2.00pm finish. The usual tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The cost is $2 for members and $5 for non-members. Bookings are not required.

JUNIOR PIONEERS TO VISIT
URRBRAE HOUSE

The second Junior Pioneer event for the year will be a visit to Urrbrae House on Sunday 20 October from 1.30-4.00pm. Invitations have been sent to Junior Pioneers and their families and PASA members are also welcome to attend. Bookings are needed for this event by Tuesday 8 October along with the payment of $5 for Juniors and $10 for adults. As usual a most enjoyable and educational programme has been arranged including a walk in the Arboretum Labyrinth and high tea in the spacious gardens. If attending, please meet at the entrance to the house at 1.15pm; access to the house is adjacent to the gatehouse on Fullarton Road near the intersection of Cross Road and then along Walter Young Avenue. Parking is available adjacent to the house.

PHONE FOR SALE

Following a recent upgrade to the PASA Office phone system we have a 12-month-old twin pack, Panasonic Cordless Phone for sale. In good working order. $40 or near offer. Contact Michael or Judith in the PASA Office.
PASA 3 DAY VISIT TO THE FLEURIEU

Over 60 members and guests have registered for PASA’s midweek visit to the Fleurieu Peninsula from Tuesday 29-Thursday 31 October. The visit will be based at the New Terry Resort at Wirrina Cove and take in historical visits to nearby Second Valley, Normanville and Yankalilla. A final programme will be sent to registrants very soon. This promises to be another great get-away and time of fellowship, fun and historical learning similar to our recent annual trips to Clare, The Copper Triangle and Burra.

VISIT TO “THE GRANGE”

This year marks the 175th anniversary of Captain Charles Sturt’s expedition to inland Australia in 1844/45 and so it is very fitting that PASA will be visiting his historic home The Grange to mark the many contributions this explorer and public servant made to the early history of South Australia. The visit will be held on Wednesday 13 November from 11.00am -1.30pm and will include a tour of the house and exhibitions, a talk and morning tea.

Please bring your own lunch as per our usual Group Luncheon meetings. Admission is $6 which is payable upon arrival at The Grange. If planning to attend, please book through the PASA Office by Tuesday 5 November.

PIONEER POSTER PROJECT

The Pioneers Association has amassed a collection of over two hundred Pioneer Posters, written by PASA members, since 2014. These posters commemorate the lives of the early colonists.

If you are interested in developing a Pioneer Poster in 2019-20 then please register your interest (including the name of the pioneer) by emailing Judith Francis at: pasaposters2019@gmail.com

You will receive detailed information and support throughout the writing process.

PASA COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 2019/20

President: David Forsaith
Vice President: Judith Francis
Secretary: Colin Routley
Treasurer: Di Skull
Exec Member: Michael Smith
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

August Quiz Answer.

The gentleman who lived at Urrbrae House from 1877-1923 was Peter Waite (1834-1922), pastoralist and benefactor who generously donated Urrbrae Estate and House to the University of Adelaide in 1913.

September Quiz

This monument (above) on Hindmarsh Island, overlooking the mouth of the River Murray and unveiled on 19 January 1930, is a memorial to Captain Charles Sturt and one other officer. Who was the other officer and why is he memorialised at this spot?

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

On Thursday 22 August a group of PASA members enjoyed a visit to Government House to view the rooms and their treasures. This was the third such visit in as many years and we are very grateful to our Patron, His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mrs Lan Le for according us this access. Mrs Le met us on our arrival and made us very welcome.

The tour of the rooms was conducted by Mr Anthony Hurl, the Proprietor of Tusmore Antiques and consultant specialist with Sotheby’s Australia. The tour was very informative, and Anthony answered all of our many questions. He explained the history of many of the mainly nineteenth-century furniture and furnishings in the rooms. The earliest pieces either came out on the early ships from England or were 1820s and 1830s colonial furniture made in NSW. Their importance is primarily in the history associated with them. The paintings on the walls are mainly on loan from the Art Gallery of SA and private collectors and are changed every few months. As these rooms are used for formal occasions and host many important visitors, the art works on display showcase South Australia and its history.

One item we noticed on display was a candelabra originally owned by Sir George Strickland Kingston that had been donated by PASA member and Kingston family descendant Denise Goward a few years ago. Kingston as Government Architect at the time (1839), was heavily associated with the original section of the Government House that stands today, and where our tour began. Sir George Strickland Kingston
will be the subject of our guest speaker Justin Gare at the 2019 PASA Proclamation Day lunch.

[Report of visit from David Forsaith]

PASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our recent AGM held at Christ Church was attended by over 80 members and guests, some of whom enjoyed a tour of the historic Church prior to the meeting.

A feature of the business section of the meeting was President David Forsaith’s Annual Report in which he highlighted successes and improvements in such areas as the library, communications and publications, the revival of the Shipping Groups and the range and quantity of events and activities. David thanked all volunteers and members who had contributed to the successful year and concluded that “it had been another big year for the Pioneers Association and following our relocation (to new premises) we are better equipped for the future. We are very active and focussed on our aims and objectives......and our strong membership underpins the organisation” A full copy of the Annual Report is available from the Office and will soon be placed on our website.

After the completion of his report President David presented well deserved Honorary Life membership to Peter Brinkworth. (see photo and report on page 2)

Having heard previously from our Guest Speaker Heidi Ing about the initial stages of her doctoral research with its emphasis on the settlers who came on the first 9 ships to arrive in South Australia in 1836, we were all looking forward to her progress report entitled “An analysis of the grandchildren of South Australia’s first fleet”. Heidi revealed that she had needed to halve the sample of early pioneer settlers by restricting it to those on the first six ships which made up the “first expedition” (Duke of York, Lady Mary Pelham, Emma, John Pirie, Cygnet and Rapid). This gave her a starting number of just over 200 which made the expansion of numbers into the next 2 generations more manageable. Heidi’s intergenerational study of these early settlers and their families over 3 generations is examining a range of social issues including geographic mobility, social mobility, marriage trends, and occupational change and has involved painstaking and persistent research and analysis. We are all looking forward to further insights once this project is finished next year.

A convivial supper to conclude the evening was enjoyed by all. Once again, we thank Christ Church for the use of their very pleasant Parish Hall; it is a great venue and a very appropriate setting for our AGM.

**Kath Donnellan and David Forsaith enjoying a cuppa at the conclusion of the visit.**

**Touring the Church with guide Cheryl Williss**

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AGM SNAPSHOTS

Members at the AGM
1. Julie Neale (standing) registering with Judith Francis.
2. Heidi Ing (L) with Sandy and Yvonne Facy
3. Bob Stace and Sally Grundy
4. Joy and Russell Gardiner
5. Tom Chapman and Deane Kemp
6. Felicity Lord, Carolyn Kemp, Margie Schomburgk
7. Bob Allan and Colin Routley

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