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PIONEER GROUP LUNCHEON Wednesday 4 March from 12noon to 2.00pm in the Hall of Walkerville Uniting Church, 17 Smith St, Walkerville.

Speaker: Enid Sutton. Topic: **South Australia's unknown pioneer John Gifford**. BYO lunch; tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Cost: members \$2, non-members \$5. Further details on this page.

GUIDED CEMETERY TOUR of the historic Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery at 10.45am preceding the lunch on Wednesday 4 March. Limited places and bookings are essential. See page 2 for full details.

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APRIL

PUB LUNCH AT "THE ED"



Luncheon at the Edinburgh Hotel, High St, Mitcham on **Wednesday 1 April**, 12 for 12.30pm -3.00pm. Speaker: Emeritus Professor Wayne Sampson. Topic: **Dentists and Dentistry in Colonial South Australia**. 2 course luncheon, members \$50 and non-members \$55. Bookings and payment by 19 March.

SAME SHIPS MEETING on Wednesday 8 April from 10am-12noon in the PASA Office. All those connected to the **Fairfield** (1840) are welcome to attend.

Editorial



This newsletter may appear to be a little disjointed, but it has been completed in bits and pieces interspersed by surgery and time in hospital for your editor. The marvels of modern surgery have meant that I'm now back at the editor's desk and able to complete the newsletter. My thanks to those who have contributed to this edition by providing reports and photos of recent events and news of coming activities.

This February edition brings news of the usual variety of Coming Events over the next 2 months and importantly the first news of PASA's collaboration with the Royal South Australia Society for the Arts during an Exhibition in this year's History Festival. (details on page 4) This will be a MUST visit in May; put a reminder in your diary now.

Bob Stace, Editor

MARCH PIONEER GROUP LUNCHEON



Our next luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 4 March** in the hall of the Walkerville Uniting Church, 17 Smith St, Walkerville from 12 noon to 2.00pm. Our speaker will be Enid Sutton whose topic is

South Australia's unknown pioneer John Gifford.

John Gifford arrived in Adelaide on the *John* in 1840. Enid will use 15 letters John Gifford wrote to his sister to tell the story of his life here in South Australia which took him from Port Adelaide to Mt Barker, the Murray Bridge area, and then southwards to Kingston, Mt Benson and Robe.



SAME SHIPS: Report on February Workshop

What a great response to our very first training session for the Same Ships project!

A mix of PASA members and interested visitors heard from Karina Hutchesson and Julie Neale, assisted by Sue Fox on how best to research and input data on the ships & their passengers.



Karina Hutchesson, coordinator Same Ships project, opening the February Workshop

This introductory workshop session focussed on recording data in a consistent way with a spreadsheet already developed for the purpose. Julie talked through the process with a power point presentation while Karina distributed handout sheets which outlined the basic information required, common abbreviations used in sources and how to cross reference. As well as the basics (birth, death, marriages) this will tell the story of the pioneer – where they lived, what they did, and how they survived in the new colony.

The aim of the project is to record as much information in a consistent format on each of the passengers arriving in the ships from 1836-1846. There will ultimately be a hard copy folder for each specific ship held in the PASA office. The database will be placed online when completed.

Once again, this is a BYO lunch with tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members. Members attending need to note that entry to the Hall will be via a child proof gate in the car park, not the usual main entrance. This change will be well sign-posted.

Cemetery Tour Prior To Lunch



A guided tour of the historic Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery (located directly across the road from the Church) will take place **prior to the Luncheon on 4 March**. The tour will once again be led by **Jim Everett** and will commence at 10.45 am. Prior bookings to the Office are essential for this guided walk as numbers are limited to 20.

APRIL PUB LUNCH:



The April Pub Lunch will be held in the Victoria Room of the historic Hotel Edinburgh, High St, Mitcham, on Wednesday 1 April from 12 noon to 3.00pm. Our luncheon

speaker is Emeritus Professor Wayne Sampson and his intriguing topic, ***Dentists and Dentistry in Colonial South Australia.***



The tooth fairy advises that the cost for the lunch is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members with payment and bookings to the Office by 19 March.



Bronwyn Hall, Kerryn (a visitor) and John Ranford compare notes at the Same Ships Workshop

Anyone interested can choose to do their own pioneer ancestors or choose other passengers or ships that interest them. Julie will record who is doing what so that people researching the same ship or person can share information and work together if they wish; this will save doubling up.

Monthly meetings will focus on a specific ship. This year there are 7 selected from 1840 – chosen because of the number of PASA members who have pioneer ancestors connected with these ships. Research on any other non-listed ships or passengers (1836-1846) can still go ahead, as all information will all be added to the Same Ships database.

Last year research focussed on nine ships from 1839. The folders for these ships are located in the PASA office library and members are very welcome to come in and have a look through to see what can be achieved with help from many hands!



Next Same Ships Meetings

Java: Wednesday 11 March 10am-12noon.
Fairfield: Wednesday 8 April 10am-12noon

Meetings are held in the PASA Office.

Please notify Karina Hutchesson at:

pasa.sameships@gmail.com

if you can attend or if you have any enquiries.

HANS HEYSEN: His Early Life

[Report from Elizabeth Harris]

The St. Peter's Cultural Centre hosted 57 PASA members and guests at our luncheon meeting on 5 February and everyone really enjoyed the presentation by Denise Schumann OAM on Hans Heysen.

All knew of Heysen's paintings, but few knew of his family background in Hanover and his growing up in East Adelaide. Denise spoke of the influences of an early teacher, his employer at a local timber yard, the strong German community and environment in the Hackney, Stepney and St. Peter's area where he had access to the river to paint its stately gums. A special visitor to the lunch was the granddaughter of Otto Heysen, Hans' brother. Our thanks to the Council for their hospitality and to Denise for her informative talk.



Can you help our Treasurer?

Our long-serving treasurer Di Skull is looking for assistance with our financial record-keeping as she has recently taken on more grand-parenting responsibility (otherwise known as baby-sitting). She would like to have a small team working with her to share her PASA role and will help you learn the financial recording process used by PASA. We use the MYOB accounting package and any accounting or MYOB knowledge would be helpful. Please contact Di through the PASA office if you might be able to offer her any assistance.

TRAILBLAZERS: Pioneer lives brought to life



A History Festival Event 2020

Our History Festival poster exhibition in April-May will be a little different from previous years. This year PASA is staging a collaborative exhibition with the Royal South Australian Society of the Arts at their gallery in the Institute Building on the corner of North Terrace and Kintore Avenue.

The exhibition runs for three weeks from 26 April until 17 May. Our pioneer posters and related works of art created by members of the RSASA will hang side by side bringing to life the stories of our early pioneer settlers. We look forward to seeing you at this exhibition



The Institute building on North Terrace, home of the RSASA

The RSASA will be responsible for running the exhibition throughout that period and will have staff present at all times. PASA will also be looking for a larger than usual group of History month volunteers so that we have a representative present for as much of that period as possible. As in previous years, your role will be to engage with visitors and tell them about our activities. We will have supporting material at the

exhibition for you to give to those who are interested. It will be a relaxing and enjoyable experience and you will be able to absorb the exhibition at your leisure.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED Please contact the PASA office ASAP if you can be available for a morning or afternoon session at any time during the exhibition. The exhibition is open all day during the week and in the afternoon on weekends.

The exhibition will be opened on 26 April by the Chair of the History Trust of SA, Elizabeth Ho OAM.

PASA 2020 Pioneer Poster Exhibition

PASA's usual History Festival event of an Exhibition of new Pioneer Posters has been postponed until August this year. This will allow us to focus on the joint Trailblazers Exhibition with the RSASA during the History Festival. There are already around 20 new posters in preparation for 2020. Details of the August Exhibition, which will be held in the PASA Office, will be announced soon.

PASA VISIT TO KANGAROO ISLAND



Reeves Point, KI, site of Settlement Day celebrations

Government and local leaders have called on the population to support our bushfire affected regions in any way possible including through tourism. In recent years we have had four PASA tours to regions in SA. This year a tour to Kangaroo Island is being organised for late July to coincide with their Settlement Day commemorations.

Although this is in mid-winter, it is an appropriate time for an organisation like PASA to visit as Settlement Day commemorates the arrival of the *Duke of York* in Kingscote on 27 July 1836,

the first ship to arrive with pioneer settlers. Winter is also the low season for the KI tourism industry making any visits at that time appreciated. If you might be interested in joining this visit, **please contact David Forsaith via the PASA office** so that he can keep you informed as the itinerary develops.



Landing Site, Nepean Bay KI: Painting by Colonel William Light 1836

JUNIOR PIONEER EVENT

Thursday 16 April



Junior Pioneer members and their families will shortly receive an invitation to attend a **Tour and Tasting Walkabout at the historic Adelaide Central Market** which will be held on Thursday 16 April from 10.30am- 1.00pm. The tour will be followed by a short mystery walk to a surprise destination for cake and coffee to celebrate the 21st year of Junior Pioneers in PASA.

Cost for the tour and tastings is \$10 per person and bookings and payment are due to the Office by 9 April. If attending, please meet at the Victoria Square entrance to the market at 10.15am. PASA members are most welcome to join our Juniors on this occasion; please book and pay in the usual way through the PASA Office.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

January Answer

The “contraption” in the photograph of the January question was a purpose-built caravan which belonged to Sir Hans Heysen. He used this as his accommodation when painting on location in the Flinders Ranges. The caravan is still in good order; the photo was taken at an exhibition of Heysen’s works in Melbourne in 2019.

February Question



This historic Adelaide building (above) was constructed in the early 1850s and completed in 1856. (photo 1928)

1. What is the building’s name?
2. For what purpose was the building used?
3. Who was responsible for its construction?

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