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Bookings via phone or email to the PASA Office are essential for the above workshops and should be finalised by 1 Sept. All workshops will be held in the PASA Office. # Please quote the workshop code when booking.

SAME SHIPS: Meeting for descendants of the *Brightman* (1840) on **Wednesday 9 September** at 10am in the PASA Office. Further details on page 4.

PASA AGM: To be held in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, Jeffcott St, North Adelaide on **Monday 21 September**. Arrive for Registration by 7.00pm. Meeting to commence at 7.15pm. Guest speaker is Beth Robertson and the topic *Edward Stirling’s dark inheritance*. Full details of the AGM on page 2.

JUNIOR PIONEER EVENT: **Sunday 18 October**. Visit to St Peters Cathedral. See page 3 for details.

PIioneer GROUP EVENT: Visit to the *City of Adelaide* Clipper ship at Dock 2 Port Adelaide, **Friday 6 November**, 12noon- 2.30pm. BYO lunch. Further details on page 3.

Back in action!

**PASA has a new email address**
The PASA Office has recently been connected to the NBN and we now have a new email address. Please address all future emails to the address below:

pioneerssa@tpg.com.au

Digging Deep with Trove Workshop: Michael Smith (presenter) with Janet Ashton and Jeanette Bell. Reports on pages 4-5
PASA is back in action! This newsletter contains reports of the Family History Workshops and the Same Ships Project which have conducted enjoyable and informative sessions in the PASA Office during the past month. This has signalled a restart to PASA’s regular programme of activities after the lengthy COVID 19 closure. There is also news of the AGM in September and the resumption of major events for the rest of 2020. All these events are being planned and conducted within the requirements of our COVID-Safe Plan.

Our AGM, which is to be held on Monday September 21, is an important meeting and has been very well attended in the past. Some of you may feel that under current COVID circumstances you may not be able to attend this year. However, you can still show your support by completing a proxy vote for the business section of the meeting. This will also importantly assist us to meet our quorum requirements for the meeting. Full details of the AGM will be available in the upcoming Pioneer Journal.

I look forward to catching up with many of you again over the next few months.

Bob Stace, Editor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PASA’s AGM on Monday 21 September will be our first major event since early March, a 6-month gap. It will be held in the Parish Hall of Christ Church North Adelaide (see image above) and the meeting will commence at 7.15pm. Those attending should arrive by 7.00pm to register and to fulfill the requirements of the COVID Safe Plan.

AGM COVID Requirements
To meet the requirements of CCNA’s COVID-Safe Plan and Government regulations, the following will apply:

- On arrival attendees will have their temperature checked, will sanitize their hands and complete their details in the COVID Event Register (to assist with tracing if necessary)
- Social distancing will be maintained.
- Supper will not be provided.

Business Meeting
Full details of the Business meeting are included in a special lift out in the next Pioneer Journal. If you are unable to attend the meeting, then you can still support it and be part of the quorum by completing and submitting a Proxy Form. (Form and instructions in the Journal)

Our Guest speaker Beth Robertson will follow the business section of the AGM. Beth’s topic is Edward Stirling’s dark inheritance.

Beth will tell the story of Edward Stirling who arrived in South Australia in 1839 on board the Lady Bute from Greenock, Scotland. After becoming established as a pastoralist, he made his fortune in the partnership Elder, Stirling & Co. which financed the Wallaroo and Moonta copper mines.

Beth is a great-great-granddaughter of Edward Stirling. She was the State Library of South Australia’s inaugural Oral History Officer, 1987-1999, and has managed the Library’s Preservation services since 2005. Her out-of-hours research obsession is the 1,730 men and women depicted in the Library’s Old Colonists photographic mosaics dating from 1872.

DON’T FORGET
Please wear your PASA name tag to all events
UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR PIONEERS TO VISIT ST PETERS CATHEDRAL

Invitations are being sent to our Junior Pioneers and families for a Junior Pioneer event on **Sunday 18 October** from 1.00 – 3.00pm. The event will include a visit and guided tour of St Peters Cathedral followed by a visit to the nearby Creswell Gardens. Bookings and a payment of $5 per person are needed by Thursday 8 October and should be made to the PASA Office [Event Code: JP]

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PIioneer GROUP EVENT:

**Visit to the City of Adelaide clipper ship on Friday 6 November.**

This is an event to look forward to! This visit to the **City of Adelaide** at Dock 2, Honey St, Port Adelaide is open to all PASA members and guests. This is a lunch meeting and will include a presentation from Tom Chapman AM about the history of the ship and the campaign to bring it back to South Australia. This will be followed by a guided tour of the ship. The event will commence at 12noon and conclude at 2.30pm. Please bring your own lunch.

Cost of the event is $20 for the tour of the ship and is payable on arrival. Bookings are not necessary for this event.

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PIioneer GROUP EVENT:

**1840 A Retrospective 180 years on**

Arrangements have been completed for the annual retrospective which will be held in the Pilgrim Uniting Church Hall, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide (the same venue as previous years) on **Thursday 3 December** from 12 noon to 2.00pm. Twelve members have volunteered to give a 3 minute presentation on a family ancestor or event related to 1840. [NB Thank you, no more volunteers are needed]

This event has grown in popularity over the past few years and this year’s lineup promises to provide much interest. This is a Pioneer Group Luncheon so please BYO your own lunch. Guests are most welcome; cost for members is $2 and for non-members $5, payable on the day.

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**ANNUAL FEES REMINDER**

Thanks to those members who have completed the payment of their PASA annual membership fees which were due on 1 July. If you have overlooked paying your fees, then our Treasurer is looking forward to hearing from you soon.
PROCLAMATION DAY LUNCH

This year’s Proclamation Day Lunch will once again be held at the Glenelg Golf Club.

Details in brief for your diary:
Date: Monday 28 December, 12 for 12.30pm
Speaker: Dr Gillian Dooley

Topic: Matthew Flinders: the man and his voyages of discovery.

Cost for the 3 course luncheon with drink on arrival: members $75, non-members $80.

Bookings and payment essential by 8 December.

SAME SHIPS PROJECT

[Report provided by Julie Neale]

At last the Same Ships Project has started up again with the recent meeting for the Eliza which arrived in 1840. A small group met giving the opportunity for much discussion and the sharing of stories. The Shipping Project team provided information about the ship itself and a brief outline of the passengers and we look forward to receiving pioneer family histories concerning these passengers. PASA will add these to our growing catalogue and all materials received will be made accessible through the PASA Library with the name of the submitter acknowledged.

Our next Same Ships meeting is on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 10am for the Brightman (1840). Members connected to this ship will be contacted by email. If you have a connection to, or an interest in, the Brightman please contact us. pasa.sameships@gmail.com

Everyone is most welcome to attend, but our Office Safe COVID Plan requires that bookings are essential.

Future Same Ships meetings for 2020

Wed 9 Sept: Brightman
Wed 14 Oct: Birman
Wed 11 Nov: Research and Q & A
All meetings are held in the PASA Office.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

The series of interactive family history workshops under the theme of “Finding Family in the Genealogical Forest” have been well received by those who attended. It was also great to observe the PASA Office playing host to our members and providing such a positive and effective venue.

Using School Records

Alison Hicks’ knowledge of old South Australian public school records was soon apparent as was...
her passion for her subject. She has gathered information and records from some 1083 early South Australian public schools many of which are no longer in existence and only marked today by a fence post, a small pile of masonry or a line.

Alison highlighted how the early school registers can reveal a wealth of information about the lives of our ancestor families. Parent’s names, addresses, previous schools attended, dates of enrolment, exam results, parent occupations all have the potential to give greater insight into the lives of our ancestors and their families. Thank you, Alison, for providing such a fascinating insight into the use of old school records.

If you are interested in further information about this topic then you can contact Alison via the PASA Office where she is a regular volunteer in the Library.

Digging Deep with Trove

Michael Smith commenced his presentation with the comment that “Trove was indeed a very deep mine” of information. After explaining some of the nuances of the New Trove, Michael then gave a very practical insight into accessing information in Trove and how using the “Tag” and “List” functions makes retrieval and sharing of your articles easy. If you missed this workshop, then Michael is happy to do a repeat. Contact the Office and leave your name on the “wait” list and if there are sufficient numbers Michael will arrange another workshop.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Memories

Last months’ questions and answers brought back memories for several members. Barbara Biggins, Rebecca Geisler, and Joan Martin all confirmed that the Police Barracks located just off North Terrace and behind the Museum were the location of the Children’s Library back in the 1940s-50s.

Barbara responded that “I can remember being taken there quite often during the second half of the 1940s by my mother. An enchanted place I thought.”

Joan Martin remembered taking her boys to the Children’s Library to discover clues to the mystery books’ competition as part of the ABC Children’s Club during the 1950s/60s.

Joan also had an early memory of Ruthven Mansions (featured in the 1917 photo of Pulteney St). She remembers visiting Ruthven Mansions with her mother as a young girl and being amazed as the doors opened when standing on the welcome mat.

Deane Kemp had memories of the tram which ran along Pulteney St and of the signal box which stood at the intersection of Pulteney and Wakefield Streets.

[Your Editor always enjoys receiving feedback about memories or knowledge evoked by the Knowledge Test]
July Answer: Prior to 1967 the name of the southern section of present day Pulteney St from Wakefield Street to South Terrace was called Hanson Street after Sir Richard Davies Hanson (1805-1876) who was a relatively young man when he had the honour of having a key Adelaide street named after him by the Street Naming Committee in 1837.

He eventually came to Adelaide in 1846 and until his death in 1876 was arguably the most important legal figure who lived in South Australia during that time. He progressed through such positions as Advocate General, constitutional lawyer, Member of Parliament, Attorney General, Premier of SA (1857-60), Chief Justice, Acting Governor and Chancellor of the University of Adelaide. Governor MacDonnell referred to him as “the ablest man I have met in the colonies”

(source: p523, Behind the Streets of Adelaide, Dr Jeff Nicholas)

A plaque placed in Hurtle Square is a reminder of this name change. (see below)

August Question:
As advised, PASA’s AGM will be held in the Parish Hall of Christ Church North Adelaide. Almost directly across Jeffcott St is the building below (photo and sketch of property).

Question: What is this building’s connection to the Church and what was its original purpose?

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