

PIONEER e-XPress

Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneers Association of South Australia



September 2021

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Wednesday 6 October, 10 am – Bookings Closed

E21-17 Junior Pioneers - Visit to **Police Historical Museum**, Gaol Rd, Thebarton.

“Early Police Stations and Buildings in SA 1838 – 1870”.

Cost: Juniors free, accompanying adults \$10 (one per family)

Morning snack provided.

Parking limited weekdays but try Gaol Road - alternative is to use public transport -Tram stop at RAH or Tram stop opposite Coca Cola

Bookings through PioneersSA email: events@pioneerssa.org.au

Wednesday 13 October, 10am - 12 noon

E21-18 - Same Ships, *Cleveland* 1839

Venue: Pioneers SA, 2nd Floor Stafford House, 25 Leigh St, Adelaide.

Cost: Free - Max 15 people.

Sunday 24 October, 1 - 4 pm

E21-19 Visit to **Police Historical Museum**, Gaol Rd, Thebarton

Speaker: John White, Curator of Museum: “Early Police Stations and Buildings in SA 1838 – 1870”

Cost: \$10 per person to be paid at the Museum on entry. Afternoon Tea included.

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Parking on Sundays available at the Museum and along Gaol Road.

Wednesday 27 October, 10am - 1pm

E21-24 Visit to Police Historical Museum (Repeat)

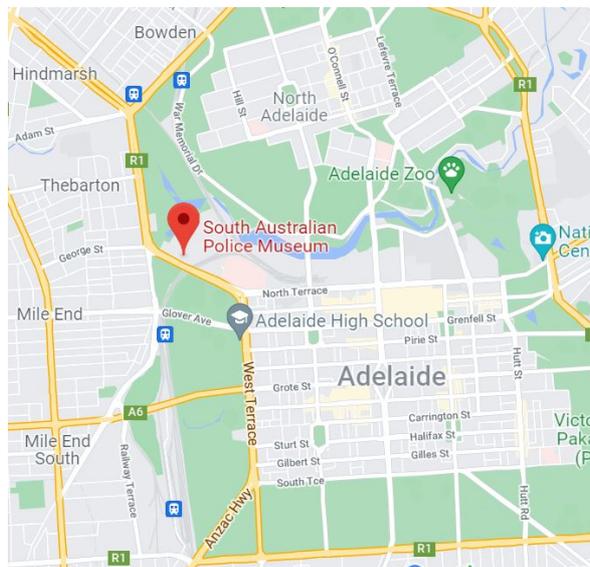
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Bookings can be made by email (preferred) at events@pioneerssa.org.au, or phone either 8231-5055 or mobile 0490043264. Please ensure you quote the designated booking code **[Printed in red adjacent to each event]**.

When events have an attendance limit, bookings will be confirmed in order of date of receipt of booking. If a payment is required, you may make an EFTPOS payment. This facility is available by either emailing your credit card details to finance@pioneerssa.org.au or telephoning us on the landline (08) 82315055 during opening hours (Tuesday & Thursday 10.00 – 2.00).

Please leave a message giving YOUR name and phone number and we will return your call. (We ask that the \$2 or \$5 donation for lunch meetings still be

cash). We will also be able to accept EFTPOS payments at events. Of course payments will still be accepted through electronic transfer (EFT), cheque and cash.

The South Australian Police Historical Society

represents the spirit of policing in its endeavour to provide both the history enthusiast and the casual observer an opportunity to glimpse the hardships, trials and successes of the South Australia Police from its genesis in 1838 to the proud service it has become today.



The goals of the society are to collect and preserve our policing history, to research and educate South Australia on the work and history of the South Australia Police, and to build the reputation of the South Australia Police in the local community.

DISPLAYING SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY

At the South Australian Police Historical Society, we are very keen to preserve Police History in a more tangible sense. Our five galleries are filled with interesting and unusual items that the police have used to do their job in protecting the South Australian public.

See police cars, radio equipment, police uniforms, STAR Group equipment, and breath analysis machines amongst other equipment.





For more information, go to the web site

<https://southaustralianpolicehistoricalsociety.com/>

The South Australian Police Gazette commenced publication in 1862. Compiled to be distributed amongst the police force only, the South Australian Police Gazettes contain unique information and details unavailable elsewhere. Produced at regular intervals (usually once a week), it was intended to make information available to all in the police force throughout the state. The information contained in the Police Gazettes varies somewhat from year to year, but overall you will find details such as:

- changes within the police force e.g. promotions, demotions, discharges, resignations, deaths
- house break-ins
- robberies
- arson
- murders
- deserted seamen
- warrants
- prisoners discharged
- missing friends
- lost and found items

Anyone researching their family tree may have a 'lost' family member or two! It is possible that they may be listed in the Police Gazettes, having found themselves on the wrong side of the law or possibly as a victim of a crime. Or maybe they were in the police force and were transferred to another department or division. As well as names and age, you may discover the physical description of the person you are searching for e.g. height, hair colour, eye colour, distinguishing features and even the colour of their clothing.

Far from being just a unique and extremely fascinating resource for local, family and social historians, these gazettes are useful for anyone with an interest in South Australia from the 1860s onwards.

Further information about the Police Gazettes can be found at:-

- State Library of South Australia, Click [HERE](#) for a link to the webpage.

- State Records SA, Click [HERE](#) for a link to the webpage.
- National Library Australia, Trove, Click [HERE](#) for a link to the webpage.

Annual General Meeting News



Good attendance at the AGM



Dr Philip Jones' talk on George French Angas

Our Annual General Meeting was very well attended on Monday evening, 27th September. We recorded 67 in attendance, plus our guest speaker, Dr Philip Jones; 22 apologies were tendered and we had 3 members who registered for proxy voting.

The AGM is an opportunity for members to learn about the operations of the organisation for the preceding twelve months. The 2020-21 Council were pleased to be able to report a sound financial position with a twelve month operational profit of \$4,090.

Even though many community events were curtailed during this period, we were still able to offer ten events (July – June) for members and friends. The SameShips project continued to grow in interest and participation. Seven workshops were offered in the same period.

Membership grew to 685 from 647 at the same time in 2020, but has increased since then to 705 at the beginning of September 2021. This positive trend is continuing.

Honorary Life Membership was awarded to **Bob Stace** for his contributions to the Pioneers Association over more than twenty years. We recognised his Presidency 2012-2016, Council Membership 2010–2021, and active participation on many committees. He was the inaugural e-Xpress editor 2012 – 2021, a monthly newsletter which is always welcomed by members and eagerly read.



We were very pleased to acknowledge his dedication and enthusiasm, and an addendum should be included - he is a really great bloke.

In his acceptance speech, Bob spoke of his pride in being honoured for his voluntary work and his overwhelming feeling of gratitude for being recognised in this way. The word he used was 'chuffed'. He also mentioned his pleasure in belonging to such a wonderful organisation and spoke of the great times enjoyed and friends made. Bob was presented with a Framed Certificate.

President's Words

My report highlighted the incredible achievement that the Pioneers Association has been in existence for 87 years due to the efforts of volunteers.

For 2020-21 the efforts of 43 regular volunteers have achieved much. Council members, Committee members, Project Managers, SameShips researchers, writers and editors of our various publications, regular posts on Facebook, and the management of our Library are all aspects of our work which are generously undertaken.

A significant amount of time and effort has seen our organisational management systems and procedures being vastly improved, ensuring we can interact with our members in much more efficient ways. This work will continue during the coming year also.

All documents relating to our AGM are available to members on our website www.pioneerssa.org.au in the members' section.

2021-22 Councillors - Your Representatives



Left - Right Standing: Deb Bryant, Sue Fox, Lew Owens, Anthea Taylor, Rebecca Geisler, Judith Francis

Eight councillors were elected. Two additional members were co-opted. In a very brief meeting following the AGM, the new Council elected Judith Francis as President and Karina Huchesson as Treasurer. All other Executive positions will be filled at Council meeting on 11th October.

In nominating for the Council each member was asked to provide a brief statement outlining her/his reason for seeking election and how they hope to work with Council to achieve its goals. Their key points are listed below.

Deb Bryant – I worked on the posters for the Art Exhibition, produced my own poster and now manage the project. This involvement demonstrates both my passions for family and South Australian history. I have worked as a teacher, manager, advisor, course developer and curriculum writer. These roles have allowed me to develop specific knowledge, experience and skills to support the work of the Council.

Sue Fox – Since joining PASA I've worked on the Events Committee, SameShips and as Event photographer. I now also produce the PioneersSA Facebook page.

I have experience on government and community advisory and development boards, focusing on education and community engagement.

I am enthusiastic about creating opportunities that seek out and share the stories of our pioneers and their part in our state's development.

Lew Owens – I am former President of the National Trust, Member of the SA Heritage Council and have been active in mining history activities. I am currently Secretary/Treasurer of the Friends of Warriparinga. I have been a Reconciliation Ambassador since 2010. I am keen to work with other members on continuing the excellent work of the Association.

Anthea Taylor – I have been a PioneersSA member for 17 years and served on Council 2020/21. I offer an excellent skill set in business management and believe I can continue to work on Council to promote South Australia's unique history.

Rebecca Geisler – My skills lie in computer proficiency, written communication, data management, report writing and attention to detail. I have had over 20 years' committee experience. The history of South Australia is very important to me and the part our pioneer ancestors played is an integral connection between that history and our activities today.

Judith Francis – I believe in the work of the PioneersSA and want to assist in building membership and increase public awareness of our work through targeted promotions. I am able to support the implementation of strategic planning. Enjoy working with others in a collaborative way.

Ann Doolette – My motivation for serving on the PionersSA Council is to contribute to preserving South Australian pioneer and colonial history, which is

imperative for our community. I have extensive experience on governing boards in Australia and overseas. To survive in a more diverse and complex society, PioneersSA must modernise and provide interest for a more diverse cohort of members and potential members.

Michael Smith – My working life has provided me with experience in setting up the systems to manage business processes and data. I gained experience and training in change management. Twenty years ago I started researching my family history. This led to some fantastic discoveries about my pioneer ancestors. My endeavour is to think progressively, and I am prepared to take on a challenge of moving organisations forward.

Karina Hutchesson – I wish to assist in decision-making which will ensure the longevity of the organisation. I hope my enthusiasm and willingness to undertake new and challenging roles can help with the ongoing development and growth of the Association.

Jeanne Hurrell – I am committed to the Association's objectives to promote and remember those settlers who were part of the early years of European settlement. My writing, communication and editing skills are useful to these goals. As a team player I can listen, debate, negotiate and reconcile.

I am sure you will agree that we have a very talented group who bring diverse but complementary skills in support of our organisation. We are all looking forward to working together.

I thank the retiring Council members, Elizabeth Harris, Pam Skurray, Colin Routley, Bob Stace, Susan Cole, Bobbie Mulholland, Sally Grundy, Julie Russell and Tom Chapman for their interest and wish them well.

Bobbie and Elizabeth will continue to be involved on the Events Committee and Julie will continue as Membership researcher and e-News editor and compositor.

I received many complimentary remarks about how well the evening went. My thanks to the Events Committee for their planning and organisation, the many members who helped on the evening and to Dr Philip Jones for his wonderful presentation on George French Angas.

We will include a detailed report on his talk in our next edition of the e-Xpress.

Feedback from Philip: "I was pleased to have such an interested and engaged audience on Monday evening".

(Philip is eligible for membership so we are expecting his application any day now!)

Judith Francis

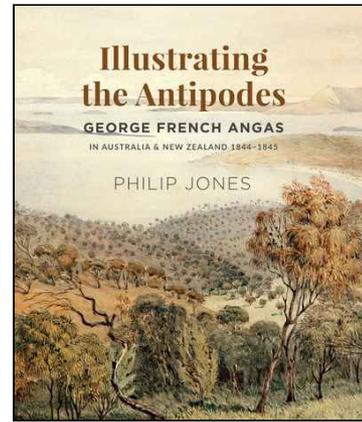


BOOK SALE

Philip brought five copies of his recently published book

Illustrating the Antipodes
George French Angas
in Australia & New Zealand 1844 -1845

which were quickly sold at a special reduced cost for our members.



I spoke with Philip and asked if he was prepared to make available some more copies for purchase. He is happy to offer another lot for the cost of \$55.00 each, an excellent reduced price.

If you would like to purchase a copy for \$55.00 please email president@pioneerssa.org.au before Friday 29th October 2021. We will place an order with Philip after this date, and delivery to PioneersSA will take approximately two weeks. Copies can be collected from PioneersSA in Leigh Street or we can post for an additional \$15.00.

Please do not send any money until your order is confirmed.

Email Comment:

"I thoroughly enjoyed Phillip Jones' talk last night. I thought it was excellent and I learnt a lot. I am now enjoying his book also. I am so pleased that we had the opportunity to purchase a copy at a discounted price.

Thank you.

Kindest regards

Ken Jacobs"

EVENT REPORTS

State Dinner – Farewell to His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le

Michael Smith and I were pleased to be able to represent the Pioneers Association of SA at a State Dinner on Friday 3 September, to acknowledge and honour South Australia's former Governor, Hieu Van Le AC.

The dinner was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Nearly 800 South Australians attended, representing the approximately 200 community organisations of which the former Governor was patron, as well as Government officials, elected parliamentarians, Service personnel and Government House staff members.

Many of the speakers highlighted the generous and caring approach Hieu Van LE & Mrs Lan Le had brought to their official roles. This was demonstrated by the incredible number of events they attended, their approachability, their interest in those they met from a wide ranging variety of settings, and the way they embraced South Australians in times of disaster.

They both travelled extensively throughout the State during Governor Lieu's tenure of seven years and offered many opportunities for South Australians to visit Government House.



Governor Lieu and Mrs Lan Le were guests of the Pioneers Association's Proclamation Lunch several years ago, and were gracious and interested guests. At this event an idea for a Junior Pioneers visit to Government House was discussed and was able to be brought to fruition this year to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Juniors' group. Those who were able to speak with the couple found them to be very interested in pioneering history and the connections our members have with these early settlers.

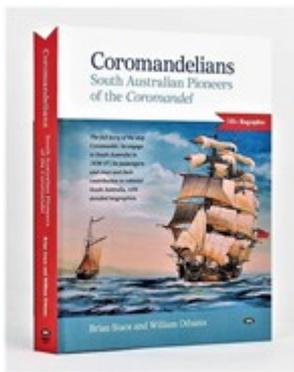
A resolution from the inaugural meeting of The Pioneers Association in 1935, meant the Governor of SA was to be invited to be patron. The initial approach was accepted. This practice lapsed during the Presidency of Keith Borrows but was reintroduced in 1999. Since then, all Governors have accepted.

We have continued this tradition by inviting Ms Frances Adamson AC to be our patron when she is sworn in in October this year. Ms Adamson has accepted our invitation to be our honorary guest, along with her husband, at this year's Proclamation Day lunch, so this will be an opportunity for us to meet her early in her tenure.

Bookings are open for our lunch if you wish to attend. Click [HERE](#) for more information in the Events Calendar on our website

Judith Francis

Amusing Stories Of Coromandelians



Our lunch meeting on 15 September was very well attended and it was particularly pleasing to welcome a number of descendants of “The Coromandelians”, including two descendants of John Parsons, one of the ship’s crew deserters.

We also sold 7 copies of the worthy volume authored by our members Brian Stace and Bill Othams. But why Coromandelians as the title? William Wyatt, *John Renwick’s* Surgeon noted that he had attended a dance on 11 February 1837 held by “The Coromandelians” who apparently knew how to party! We now know that the origins of the book’s title was drawn from Wyatt’s writings.

Bill Othams shared fascinating stories of five Coromandelian couples, all varied. The characters differed, described as “Saints and Sinners”!

Most successful were James and Catherine Chambers who assisted the Gold Escort, albeit with a tank of brandy under the wagon, and who later funded John McDouall Stuart’s northern expedition.

Benjamin and Mary Anne Hobson [Hopson] built two cottages in Hopson’s Place off Wright Street, Adelaide, before purchasing 5 acres on Goodwood Road near our meeting venue.

Bill raised a chuckle when he described his own ancestor, William, as a Wife-beater and Boozer although he and wife Ann had eight children. He was a skilled painter and glazier.

Two London couples Elizabeth and Lewis Isaacs and Henry and Brina Levy were possibly the first Jewish settlers to arrive in SA. The women were sisters. A colonist thought Henry Levy had secreted a Coromandel deserter in his tent. It appears Levy led the search party to his tent, a reward for information probably the inducement! Levy, a butcher, was recorded at Hindmarsh in SA’s 1841 census.

The Isaacs moved to NSW and after Lewis died, Elizabeth was a storekeeper and then managed to purchase freehold her own hotel. On her leaving the district, residents presented Elizabeth with an inscribed watch for 30 years’ service.

Thank you, Bill!
Elizabeth Harris.

On Wednesday 22nd September I invited Past Presidents of PioneersSA to meet with me for lunch. The reason for this was to establish a team, share some of the history of the Pioneers, and discuss changes that have occurred, and to seek their opinions on where the future of PioneersSA lies.

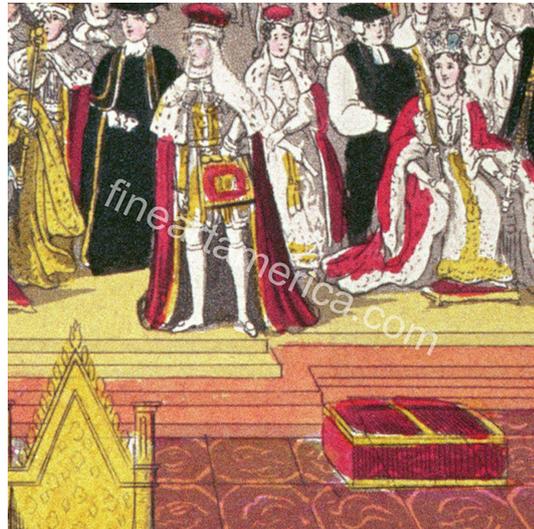
Lyn and Chris Gill, Pam Skurray, Deane Kemp and Bob Stace met with me and we had a wonderful chat. Their memories of past members and their experiences, good and bad, kept us talking for many hours. Jeff Nicholas would have liked to attend but family health issues at the moment restricted his availability.

I appreciated learning from their experiences and I know I can always approach them should I need advice or counsel.

Judith

Looking Back - Queen Adelaide's Coronation

Submitted by Ken Jacobs



September marks the 190th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Adelaide and King William IV. The English early autumn day of 8th September 1831 was miserable and cold. King William was wearing his Admiral's uniform of the British navy and Queen Adelaide wore gold gauze over a white satin petticoat with a magnificent diamond stomacher. Her train was purple velvet with a white satin lining and featured a border of rich gold and ermine. There were two very notable people absent, the Heiress Apparent Princess Victoria and her mother, Duchess of Kent.

The coronation took place in Westminster Abbey. The ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London preached the sermon.

Lord Macaulay, who had attended, wrote "The Archbishop mumbled. The Bishop of London preached well enough but not as effectively as the occasion required. The King behaved very awkwardly and his bearing made the foolish

parts of the ritual appear monstrously ridiculous. The Queen behaved admirably, with wonderful grace and dignity.”

That night the King hosted a great dinner at St James Palace. It was such a great success that a few days later he decided to repeat the occasion.

It was a huge mistake as he made an exhibition of himself in front of the 90 guests with a long, rambling speech in French followed by a very coarse toast. He was simply earning the reputation and nickname of Silly Billy. In the crowded drawing room ladies fainted and had to be carried out.

13 days after his Coronation on 21st September the Reform Bill was passed through Parliament which resulted in the birth of modern civilization and it was not long after this that plans were being made for the new Province of South Australia.

Heritage on Sunday

SPRING IN THE GARDEN

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 2021

Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum

3 Perseverance Road, Tea Tree

Gully, 5091

phone: 0431 080 062

Explore 13 rooms within the building, four display pavilions, blacksmith, police cell, and laundry all in a charming garden setting.

Live Music
Plants for Sale
Cake Stall
Craft and Raffles
Hands on activities
Sausage Sizzle

Devonshire Tea
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The Museum will be adhering to SA Health Covid guidelines.

Entry: Adult \$5, Conc. \$4, Children Free

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