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Welcome Niina Marni



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The History Trust of South Australia respects the primary role of First Nations people in the history of this place. We acknowledge that this story commenced long before Governor Hindmarsh proclaimed the establishment of government in the province of South Australia on 28 December 1836. First Nations people have a knowledge, history, and culture that extends millennia into the past. We acknowledge that First Nations lands and sovereignty were never ceded and that building a shared understanding of history is critical to the future of this place.

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Niina Marni and welcome to South Australia's History Festival 2025. This year's theme is Decisions.

South Australia's History Festival in 2025 focuses on decision-making. After all, our history is made by decisions; some that maintain the status quo and others that forge new pathways.

The History Festival celebrates history for all South Australians; from multi-generational stories stretching across decades and millennia, across continents and country, in our urban centres, in our regional communities and natural heritage sites.

With close to 550 events spanning 16 of South Australia's regions, it's over to you to explore the offerings within these pages.

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Visit → festival.history.sa.gov.au

About History Festival events

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
How to make a booking, when required

Not all events require a booking. Those that do will state 'bookings required' at the bottom of the event listing. Our website will provide you with more information about how to make a booking if bookings need to be made online.

Tip → Some events have limited places. Book early to avoid missing out.

Accessibility and toilet facilities



Event organisers self-assess the level of access they can provide. Visit the History Festival website for more detailed event access information or contact the organisers directly.

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-  Partial wheelchair access
-  Full toilet facilities including wheelchair access
-  Toilet facilities

History Trust Museums and Collections program (MaC)


The MaC program is the History Trust of South Australia's development and funding program for community organisations that manage historical collections and operate museums or work in community history. Through advice, assistance, and grant funding, the MaC program helps raise the profile of history and collections and encourages best practice as communities build their physical and digital footprints. Museum Accreditation is also run under the banner of MaC.

Visit → history.sa.gov.au/get-involved/mac-program

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-  Mature audiences recommended

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Festival Forewords



Hon Blair Boyer MP

South Australia's History Festival invites us to reflect on the decisions that have shaped our past and continue to influence our future. History is filled with pivotal moments — choices made by individuals and communities alike — that have determined the course of events and left lasting legacies.

For students and young people, exploring history offers a powerful lens through which to understand these moments and consider the impact of decisions in their own lives. Local history, in particular, provides meaningful opportunities to engage with the stories of our own communities and learn from the experiences of those who came before us.

The Festival's diverse program showcases the value of learning beyond the classroom. It not only fosters curiosity but also reveals pathways to rewarding careers in academic research, education, heritage, tourism, and the arts. Most importantly, it helps young learners see themselves as part of a continuing story — one where their own decisions will shape tomorrow's history.

I encourage all South Australians to take part, reflect, and be inspired by this year's theme. As we learn from the past, may we also envision a future enriched by the stories, lessons, and decisions we uncover.

Hon Blair Boyer MP
Minister for Education,
Training and Skills



Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM

Parliament House, the Town Hall, the Adelaide Club.

What do these three places have in common? They are where some of the biggest decisions affecting South Australia — good and bad — have often been made.

A city's nature is that it is forever changing and full of 'sliding doors' moments. Businesses die others are born, restaurants open and close — what was fine is now staid, people live and people leave, and buildings fall and others rise to take their place.

Beyond the marble and stone, and concrete and glass façades of these landmarks, decisions are handed down that direct that change, altering the course of not just our city's future, but our own.

Decision-making can be driven by public pressure, reflect a crisis, a prejudice, an assumption, a patchy understanding of data, be driven by cautious inaction, and sometimes comes with unintended consequences.

In the last few decades, our city has undergone immense change. Small bars line our laneways, the Adelaide Oval was redeveloped, several beloved pubs have called last drinks and another, the Cranker, has been saved from the wrecking ball.

Each generation must reflect on its past if it is to make sense of its present. While avoiding historical revisionist territory, South Australia's History Festival allows us to turn the clock back and reflect on these decisions — and the buildings where they happened.

The City of Adelaide continues to be a proud supporter of this month-long festival, which curates a program that masterfully seems always to have something for anyone and everyone.

Because as much as the city has changed, the stories of our past are still present in everything from the heritage that lines our streets to the worker's cottages that have been home to generations, and even the new glass towers that hip and shoulder their way upward.

I urge you to grab a program, take part in another fabulous Festival, and learn about the decisions that made us.

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM
The Right Honourable
The Lord Mayor of Adelaide



Elizabeth Ho OAM

This 2025 Festival has a profound theme: Decisions. With thanks to all who have created this fabulous Festival, this is the community's moment to discover and learn!

Let's explore how the decisions of the past serve us today.

Do we like what we see?

Decisions made before us, beyond us and among us shape our world — how we organise our government and laws, how we design the systems, services and enterprises that allow us to be educated, safe and productive, how we plan the built environment, how we protect our food supplies and our natural world, and how we celebrate culture, pursue the spiritual, entertain ourselves and stay fit.

There is an obvious proof that while things may not be perfect, our society has many positives. So many from overseas have become South Australians because bad leadership and decisions threatened life, and took away freedom, safety and stability. Our success and our social cohesion today depend on us truly valuing those fundamentals — we owe it to each other.

As we head towards the 2036 bicentenary of South Australia, what can we do better?

Our history can help us decide. Let's use it to take us forward!

Elizabeth Ho OAM
Chair, History Trust
of South Australia

Decisions

Whether born of hasty choices or carefully calculated conclusions, South Australia's history is shaped by decisions.

Decisive actions, deciding goals, dinner table dilemmas — making bold decisions is part of living fully and embracing an ever-changing future.

Consequential matters are rarely decided alone.

Decision-makers take time, they take counsel, and occasionally, take libations. Decisions have long been wrangled and cemented in South Australia's pubs, in its restaurants, in its public buildings, and traditional gathering places.

In 2025, South Australia's History Festival tells the story of decisions that are forged in our meeting places across our state, where lessons from the past are exchanged to shape the future.



Explore the story of these decisions at festival.history.sa.gov.au/decisions

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Decisions are made at the table Vietnam Restaurant

Vietnam Restaurant sits unassumingly on Addison Road in Pennington, a favourite with families, haunted by countless politicians and Adelaide's business set since its origins in the early 1980s.

The humble façade reveals little, but step inside this long-serving culinary institution and a rich history is proudly displayed. Framed newspaper clippings crowd the walls, recounting the bold decision of a young Vietnamese tailor named Phan Quang Dinh to leave behind his homeland of Vietnam, taking to the sea in a small wooden fishing boat in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.



The Phan family, joined by Hieu Van Le AC and Ted Byrt.

**Decisions are made in
our community spaces**
Burra Town Hall

The Burra Town Hall has existed as a hub of community since its opening in 1874. From miners' meetings to bachelor and spinster balls, and now modern movie nights, the hallowed community hall has seen it all.

It's easy to imagine that all the important decision-making in our state happens in Parliament. Try telling that to Kymm Apostolides (AKA KymmBerlei) and Tina Couper, two of the Burra community's many devoted volunteers. Neither hold political titles (one a former publican and hairdresser, turned drag performer and amateur historian; the other a bridal sewing machinist, turned heritage home restorer), yet each plays an active role in the civic life of Burra, and in the preservation of its history.

And the thread that binds them?
A self-sewn flair for the fabulous
(pictured).



Kymm Apostolides (Kymm Berlei) and Tina Couper, volunteers at the Burra Town Hall.

Decisions are made on Country
Kanyanyapilla

The history of Kanyanyapilla isn't widely written in books, but it can be read on the ancient hills where invasive grasses have been persistently cut back, and native species that nurture the country are slowly cultivated once again. History is traced out in circles, some of stones, others cut into the grass — each an invitation to listen, gather, and turn inward.

The rolling curves and ancient trees contrast with militant rows of vines surrounding the site on most sides.

Karl Winda Telfer, Burka-Senior Man of the Mullawirra Meyunna (the Dry Forest People) holds the license to occupy Kanyanyapilla — Place of Many Eagles — for fifty years. Self-determination is finally afforded to the cultural leader, to practice cultural mentorship and bicultural exchange. The responsibility that sits on his shoulders is immense.

Decisions are made by Karl on caring for Country and kin at Kanyanyapilla, and those who visit and listen can begin to understand the power of self-determination.



Burka-Senior Man of the Mullawirra Meyunna, Karl Winda Telfer.



Decisions are made in business Rundle Mall

Where people gather, decisions are made. Some are trivial; brown shoes or black? Others reach far through the decades, touching countless lives; the decision to close a beloved department store might be one such example.

No examination of South Australia's defining meeting places would be complete without our iconic silver spheres. Who among us hasn't resorted to that common refrain: "I'll meet you at the Mall's Balls!"

And from there, the chief decision is where to go next?

Sitting at the centre of our city since 1977, the spheres have been witness to almost five decades of mercantile history; from the much-mourned closure of SA-icon John Martin's to the arrival of pigs and pigeons. Shoppers flock daily through this hub of history, though few pause to consider the decisions that have brought us to today.

Author Paul Flavel, joined by artist Stavroula Adameitis (FRIDA LAS VEGAS) and Richard Hayward, descendant of the Hayward family (John Martin's).

Decisions are made in the front bar Sir John Franklin Hotel

In 1967, Don Dunstan brought the end of 'the six o'clock swill', letting South Aussie pubs trade beyond 6pm and finally permitting women into the traditional blokes' domain – the front bar. The ladies of SA left their segregated saloons behind, stepping boldly into spaces once denied to them.

Decisions have long been wrangled and cemented in South Australia's historic pubs, as chat flows over chips and folks banter over beers. It's no surprise that South Australia's decision-making history includes a few dubious ones...

The Sir John Franklin Hotel in Kapunda is one such watering hole, a central hub of community in the small but vibrant regional town. Regardless of the hour, no one drinks there alone – a colourful mural of friendly faces clads the walls of its front bar, a visual history of the punters who've given life to the pub as it approaches its 175th birthday this year.



Barman Phil Lipschinski joined by long-term patron Peter 'Wenks' Wenke.

Explore the story of these decisions at festival.history.sa.gov.au/decisions

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Focus Programs



Kodomo No Hi Festival, 2024, Frankie the Creative



Burka-Senior Man, Karl Winda Telfer, 2025, Bri Hammond

Children and Family

South Australia's History Festival is not just for grown-ups; there are plenty of dedicated activities where children can play, learn, discover, and dive head-first into history.

Birdwood Farm Day Adelaide Hills, Sun 18 May, 10am–4pm	71
Century In The Making 1836-1936 Adelaide North, Sun 18 May, 11am–4pm	45
Day in the Life of a Colonial Soldier Adelaide West, Sun 18 May, 1pm–4pm	62
Enfield SES Unit 60th Anniversary Open Day Adelaide North, Sat 10 May, 11am–3pm	46
Falling Bombs and Floating Cards Adelaide West, Sat 3 & 17 May, Sun 4 & 18 May, 1pm–2pm, 2.30pm–3.30pm & 4pm–5pm	55
Kodomo no Hi Japan Festival Adelaide South, Sun 4 May, 11am–4pm	49
Listen to Me: The Things That Matter to SA Kids Adelaide City, Fri 2, 9, 16 & 23 May, Sat 3, 17 & 24 May, 10am–3pm, Sat 10 & Sun 11 May, 11am–5pm	14
Lost Trades Experience Maitland Museum Yorke Peninsula, Sun 25 May, 10am–3pm	92
Playford History Festival Adelaide North, Fri 16 May & Sat 17 May, 10am–3pm	43
Playtime in the Nineteenth Century Adelaide City, Sun 18 & Sat 31 May, 1pm–3pm	26
South Australian Wooden Boat Festival Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 26 April 9am–9pm & Sun 27 April 9am–4pm	83
Train as a WWII Air Raid Warden Adelaide North, Sun 18 May, 2pm–3pm	45

First Nations

Throughout the History Festival, there are opportunities for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Aboriginal Connection to Country Adelaide East, Thu 22 May, 6.30pm–7.30pm	39
Bus Tour: Kurna Life in Campbelltown, Choices and Decisions Adelaide East, Tue 27 May, 10am–12.30pm	36
Carclew: Perspectives Adelaide City, Mon 19-Fri 23 & Mon 26-Fri 30 May, 9am–5pm, Sun 18 May, 9.30am–3.30pm	17
Coming Home to Country Adelaide South, Fri 2 May & Sat 17 May, 10am–12pm	49
Cultural Practices and Artefacts Adelaide South, Sat 3 May, 3pm–5pm, Fri 16 May 10am–12pm	49
Decisions Leading to New Paths For First Nations People Adelaide South, Sun 18 May, 2pm–4pm	54
Hahndorf Museum: Grand Reopening Adelaide Hills, Sun 4 May, 2pm–3pm	69
Hunting and Gathering on Kurna Country Adelaide West, Wed 7 May, 3.30pm–5.30pm	56
Introduction to Ngarrindjeri Weaving with Cedric Varcoe Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 17 May, 10am–12pm	84
Kalawawiyal History: Let's Talk History Limestone Coast, Sat 31 May, 2pm–4pm	90
Kurna Reconciliation Walk: Bridging Now to Next Adelaide City, Sat 31 May, 11am–1pm & 2:30pm–4:30pm	33
Kurna Voices: Cultural Mapping of the Adelaide Park Lands Online, Throughout May, anytime	93
LaLai Dreamtime (1972) by Award Winning Director Michael Edols (1942-2018) Adelaide North, Thu 29 May, 7pm–8.30pm	44
Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration Adelaide City, Wed 28 May, 6.30pm–8.30pm	21
Tarnda Tales: The Story of Garna (Kangaroo) Adelaide South, Sat 24 May, 11am–12pm	52
The Fallacy of Nellie Raminyemmerin Adelaide City, Sat 17 May, 1pm–3pm	32
The Knowledge Project Adelaide North, Fri 30 May, 12.30pm–1pm, 1.30pm–2pm, 2.30pm–3pm, 3.30pm–4pm, 4.30pm–5pm	43
The Knowledge Project Screening Adelaide North, Wed 28 May, 10am–10.30am, 11am–11.30am, 12pm–12.30pm, 1pm–1.30pm, 2pm–2.30pm, 3pm–3.30pm, 4pm–4.30pm, 5pm–5.30pm, 6pm–6.30pm, 7pm–7.30pm	43
Tiati Wangkanthi Kumangka (Truth-Telling Together) Adelaide West, Throughout May, 10am–4pm	60
Waterside Workers Hall: A Guided Tour Adelaide West, Tue 6 May, 10am–10.30am	67
We The People Adelaide West, Sat 3 May, 1pm–6pm	67









Mardi Gras, 2025, History Trust of South Australia

Rainbow Histories

Experience the vibrant and varied histories of our state's LGBTQIA+ communities.

Celebrating 50 Years of Rainbow Law Reform Adelaide East, Sat 10 May, 2pm–3pm	36
Decisive and Divisive Stories at The State Library of South Australia Adelaide City, Mon 26 May, 10.30am–11.30am	33
Priscilla: Frock Up & Find Out Adelaide City, Fri 23 May, 7.30pm–10pm	25
Queering the Port: Rainbow History with a Touch of Teal Adelaide West, Sat 17 May, 11.30am–12.30pm	60
The Art of Work is a Work of Art Adelaide West, Thu 1, Fri 2, Sat 3 May, 7pm–8.05pm & Sat 3 May, 2pm–3.05pm	67
The Rep Theatre Company: A Journey Through the Decades From 1908 Adelaide City, Sun 11 May, 1pm–4pm & Thu 15 May, 10am–4pm	15
Waterside Workers Hall: A Guided Tour Adelaide West, Tue 6 May, 10am–10.30am	67
We The People Adelaide West, Sat 3 May, 1pm–6pm	67

Focus Programs

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Auld Lang Syne Dance Scottish, 2023, Kinsern Yen



Vietnam Restaurant, 2024, Bri Hammond

From Many Places

Experience the rich heritage and traditions of South Australia's diverse multicultural communities.



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Auld Lang Syne: Scottish Country Dancing Adelaide South, Sun 4 May, 2pm–4pm	47
Australian Lebanese Association History Day Adelaide East, Sun 25 May, 10am–5pm	34
Back to Burra: 80 Year Gala Dinner Clare Valley & Mid North, Fri 30 May, 6pm–11pm	81
Beyond the Pitch: A History of South Australian Football (Soccer) Adelaide North, Every Tue in May, 10am–11am, 11.30am–12.30pm, 1pm–2pm, 2.30pm–3.30pm	44
Celtic Music Club of SA (Céilí) Adelaide City, Sat 17 May, 7.30pm–10.30pm	17
Decisions: From Many Places Adelaide Hills, Every Sat in May, 10am–2pm	71
Desert Voices: Cameleer Descendants Share Their 'Afghan' Outback Stories Adelaide City, Sat 3 May, 2.45pm–4.30pm	48
Destitute Asylum Discovery Adelaide City, Tue 6, Sat 10 & Mon 19 May, 11am–12.15pm, Fri 16 & Sat 24 May, 2pm–3.15pm	25
Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery Clare Valley & Mid North, Every Fri–Sun during May, 10am–2pm	48
Finders, Keepers, Storytellers: Exploring SA German Histories Barossa, Sat 10 May, 9.30am–4.30pm	75
From Europe to Polish Hill River in the Clare Valley Clare Valley & Mid North, Every Sun in May, 11am–4pm	79
Guided Burra Heritage Passport Bus Tour: Unlock the Past Clare Valley & Mid North, Sat 31 May, 9.30am–12.00pm	79
Hahndorf Echoes of the Past: Documentary Launch Adelaide City, Thu 15 May, 6pm–8pm	31
History of Migration to South Australia Adelaide City, Thu 1, Sat 17, Thu 22, & Sun 25 May, 11am–12pm & 3pm–4pm	26
Italian Glory Boxes of Love Adelaide East, Sat 24 & Sun 25 May, 2pm–5pm	39
Kernewek Lowender Copper Coast Cornish Festival Yorke Peninsula, Mon 12–Sun 18 May, 9am–10pm	92
Macclesfield Hall: Paddy's Irish Bush Dance Adelaide Hills, Sat 10 May, 7.30pm–10.30pm.	71
Migrant Heritage Walk Adelaide City, Fri 2 & Wed 21 May, 11am–12.30pm, Wed 7 & Mon 26 May, 2pm–3.30pm	26
Multicultural South West: Self-Guided Trail Adelaide City, Throughout May, anytime	19

North Terrace: Via Greco-Romana Adelaide City, Sun 17 & 24 May, 2pm–4pm	23
Port Pirie: They Came From Many Places Clare Valley & Mid North, Throughout May, during opening hours	79
Post WWII Migration: Exhibition Formerly Known as 'Wogs at Work' Flinders Ranges & Outback, Every Thu in May, 1pm–2pm	88
Scoops of History: How Italian Migrants Sweetened SA Adelaide North, Thu 15 May, 6.30pm–7.30pm	43
Silesia to Sanderston: No Longer Pohl's Apart Adelaide Hills, Fri 23 May, 11am–1pm	68
Storytellers Delve Into Dilemmas Adelaide East, Sun 25 May, 1.45pm–4.15pm	41
Suitcase Stories Adelaide West, Thu 1–Fri 30 May, 10am–5pm	60
The Great Overland Gamble: How Anlaby Began Barossa, Every Mon, Wed & Sun in May, 10am–1pm	73
The Greeks of Tashkent: Photos from the Greek Cultural Centre in Uzbekistan Adelaide West, Every Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 3–30 May, 11am–3pm	61
Torrens Island Quarantine Station Tour Adelaide West, Fri 9 & Sun 25 May, 11am–12.30pm	64
We The People Adelaide West, Sat 3 May, 1pm–6pm	67
Zaks in the Outback: Exhibition Launch Adelaide South, Thu 15 May, 5pm–7pm	54
Zaks in the Outback: The Adelaide Zakynthian Connection Adelaide South, From Thu 15 May, during museum opening hours	54

Tasting History

Food has always been at the heart of culture and connection, carrying the stories of generations on every plate and in every glass. The Tasting History Focus Program invites you to explore history through your taste buds, showcasing events where food, beverages, and cooking take centre stage.

80 Years Since WWII: Lunch Adelaide South, Wed 14 May, 12pm–2pm	47
Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour Adelaide City, Throughout May, during opening hours	14
Australian Lebanese Association History Day Adelaide East, Sun 25 May, 10am–5pm	34
Bakeries of the Barossa and Adelaide Hills: WEA Heritage Day Tour Barossa, Sat 3 May, 8.15am–5pm	76
Britannia Kanmantoo: The Passing Parade Adelaide Hills, Throughout May, during opening hours	68
Capturing Family Food Memories Adelaide South, Sat 24 May, 1.30pm–3.30pm	52
Drinking in History: To Brew or Not to Brew Adelaide West, Thu 8 May, 6pm–9pm	64
Happy Birthday SIRJ! 175 Years of the Historic Sir John Franklin Hotel Barossa, Sat 17 May, 12pm–10pm	74
Hugh Stretton Oration 2025: Growing an Appetite for Good Food Policy Adelaide City, Wed 14 May, 5.30pm–7pm	33
Lighthouse Lore & Portside Pour: A Journey Through Port Adelaide's Past Adelaide West, Fri 16 May & Sat 24 May, 6pm–8pm	64
Milang Lakeside Butter Factory: Cheese and Butter Making Workshops Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 17 & Sun 18 May, 11.30am–2.30pm	85
'Rolling up Their Sleeves': The Barossa Cookery Book Barossa, Sat 17 May, 5.30pm–8.30pm	76
Rolling Up Their Sleeves: The Women Behind 'The Barossa Cookery Book' - Tour Barossa, Wed 14 May, 2pm–4pm	73
SACWA: Home Cooking on the Home Front in WWII Adelaide East, Fri 9 May, 2pm–2.45pm	41
Scoops of History: How Italian Migrants Sweetened SA Adelaide North, Thu 15 May, 6.30pm–7.30pm	43
The Colocasi Mystery: How Common Taro Became a Signature Dish of Cyprus Adelaide West, Sun 25 May, 2pm–3.30pm	61
The F Factor: A Taste of Nostalgia Adelaide City, Wed 14, Fri 16, Sat 17 May, 11am–1pm	23
The Pudding Parade Adelaide Hills, Wed 7 May, 6.30pm–9.30pm	72
The What, When, Who, How and Why of the Kent Town Hotel and its People Adelaide East, Tue 13 May, 6pm–7.30pm	39

Open Doors

Explore some of South Australia's most interesting places and spaces. Open Doors is your chance to get behind the façades of some built heritage gems with tours, open days, talks, and more.



Parliament House Tour, 2024, Frankie the Creative

111 Hutt Street: Making Its Mark For Over 150 Years Adelaide City, Sat 10 May, 10am–11am, 11am–12pm, 12pm–1pm, 2pm–3pm	27
150 Years of Schooling: Cambrai, Sedan & Surrounds Barossa, Every Mon & Fri in May, 9am–4pm	74
80 Years Since WWII: Lunch Adelaide South, Wed 14 May, 12pm–2pm	47
ACSA Open Day: Glenside Hospital Historical Tour Adelaide East, Sat 17 May, 11am–12.30pm	39
Adelaide Arcade Guided History Tours Adelaide City, Every Wednesday throughout May, 10.30am–11.30am	14
Adelaide Gaol History Day Adelaide City, Sun 18 May, 10am–4pm	15
Adelaide Showground: 100 Years of Shows, Sport, Superstars, and Events Adelaide South, Thu 8 & 22, Fri 16 & 30 May, 11am–12.30pm	51
Adelaide Town Hall: Guided Colonel William Light Tour Adelaide City, Sat 17 May, 10.30am–12pm	21
Adelaide Town Hall: Guided Tour in French Adelaide City, Fri 16 May, 10.30am–12pm	21
Adelaide Town Hall Virtual Tour Online, Throughout May, anytime	93
A Home With History: The Briars Adelaide East, Mon 5 May, 6pm–7pm	41
'A Land of Limestone and Labourers' Tales from Eudunda's Past Clare Valley & Mid North, Sat 3 & Sat 17 May, 10am–12pm	80
Art Deco Architectural Treasures in the Adelaide CBD Adelaide City, Sun 4 & Sun 25 May, 10am–12pm	16
A Village Walk: Mitcham Village Historic Walk Adelaide South, Tue 6, 13 & 20 May, 10am–12pm	54
Back to Brinkworth School: Celebrating 130 Years of Schooling Clare Valley & Mid North, Sun 4 May, 9.30am–4.30pm	76
Behind Closed Doors Adelaide North, Sat 17 & Sun 18 May, 10am–4.30pm	45
Be on Guard: Tour of Prospect Air Raid Shelter Adelaide North, Sun 4 May, 2pm–3pm	45
Beside the Seaside: Art Deco Architecture in Glenelg South Adelaide West, Sun 4 May, 10am–12pm	55
Births, Burials & Bodysnatching Adelaide City, Thu 29 May, 7pm–8.30pm, Fri 30 May, 6pm–7.30pm & 7.30pm–9pm	25

Blumberg to Birdwood and the Steps Inbetween Adelaide Hills, Fri 2 May & Sun 11 May, 11am–12pm	71
Burra Cemetery Walk and Talk: A Journey Through Early SA History Clare Valley & Mid North, Sat 10 May, 3pm–4pm	80
Burra Courthouse Opening and Historic Clothing Exhibition Clare Valley & Mid North, Sat 31 May, 11am–4pm	79
Cambrai Museum Open Days Barossa, Every Sun in May, 11am–3pm	73
Carclaw: History Tours Adelaide City, Sun 18 May, 9.30am–10.30am, 11am–12pm, 12.30pm–1.30pm, 2pm–3pm	17
Celebrate St Andrews: Strathalbyn's Central Landmark (1848) Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 24 May & Sun 25 May, 9.30am–4pm	86
Christ Church North Adelaide Historical Tour & Concert of Hope and Song Adelaide City, Sun 18 May, 1:30pm–3:30pm	19
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Adelaide Arcade, 2023, Tom Roschi

Adelaide Arcade Guided tour

Adelaide Arcade Guided History Tours

Discover the rich history and grandeur of Adelaide Arcade through a guided tour that takes you on a journey from its inception in 1885 to the present day. Immerse yourself in this iconic landmark's architecture, design, and purpose, and hear fascinating stories of a bygone era that add to its charm.

Every Wed in May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Adelaide Arcade (opposite the fountain in Rundle Mall) 112-118 Grenfell St, Adelaide

Adelaide Arcade, 8223 5522,
info@adelaidearcade.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$11
Bookings required online



Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour, 2025, Adelaide Central Market

Adelaide Central Market Self-guided tour

Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour

Experience more than 150 years of rich history and culinary heritage as you step into the vibrant world of the Adelaide Central Market. Be captivated by the favourite dishes and products of Adam Liaw and Katie Spain, who will guide you through their cherished Market. Available on Apple & Android apps, just search 'Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour'.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Adelaide Central Market 44-60 Gouger St, Adelaide

Adelaide Central Market, 8203 7494,
admin@adelaidecentralmarket.com

Free



Adelaide City Library Workshop

Family History Research

Need help with a history project or tracing your family history? The Adelaide City Library's History Hub offers one-on-one sessions to guide you! Located at Adelaide City and North Adelaide Libraries, the History Hub provides access to resources like the Adelaide Picture Collection, Trove, and Ancestry Library Edition.

Every Thu in May, 2pm – 3pm

Adelaide City Library 77-91 Rundle Mall, Adelaide

North Adelaide Library 176 Tynite St, North Adelaide

Adelaide Libraries, 8203 7990

Free

Bookings required online



Adelaide City Library Workshop

Safeguard Your Snaps

Learn how to digitise your precious photos and important documents with the help of our tech-savvy History Hub Team. Free event. Bookings essential.

Every Thu in May, 11am – 12pm

Adelaide City Library 77-91 Rundle Mall, Adelaide

Adelaide City Library, 8203 7990

Free

Bookings required online



Adelaide Festival Centre Guided tour

Her Majesty's Theatre Behind-the-Scenes Tour & Talk

Take a peek behind the curtain of over 110 years of rich theatrical history on this guided tour of Her Majesty's Theatre. The tour will lead you through the theatre's storied past and striking architecture, and will include a special curatorial talk on the fascinating history of early recorded sound through a South Australian lens.

Wed 21 May, 10am – 11.30am, 12.15pm – 1.45pm,
2.30pm – 4pm

Her Majesty's Theatre 58 Grote St, Adelaide

Cathy Barrett, 8216 8985,
Cathy.Barrett@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$27.50

Bookings required online



Adelaide Festival Centre's DreamBIG Exhibition
Children's Festival

50 Years of Dreaming Big Exhibition

In 1974 the Youth Program Committee of the Adelaide Festival of the Arts hosted a program for young people so successful that it was reborn as a stand-alone festival, 'The Come Out Children's Festival' (now named DreamBIG Children's Festival). This special exhibition explores the 50 year history of South Australia's beloved children's festival.

Fri 9 May, 10am – 3pm,

Sat 10 & Sun 11 May, 11am – 5pm,

Every Fri & Sat from 16 to 31 May, 10am – 3pm

The Galleries, Festival Theatre
King William Rd, Adelaide

Adelaide Festival Centre, 8216 8600,
DreamBIG@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Free



Adelaide Festival Centre's DreamBIG Exhibition
Children's Festival & the SA Commissioner
for Children & Young People

Listen to Me:

The Things That Matter to SA Kids

Curious to see some of the 65,000 postcards received by South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People via her annual Student Voice Postcards project? This special exhibition celebrates this empowering project and enables children (and grownups) to explore the postcard responses in this highly interactive, fun-filled installation.

Fri 2, 9, 16, 23 May, Sat 3, 17, 24 May, 10am – 3pm,

Sat 10 & Sun 11 May, 11am – 5pm

Children's Artspace, Adelaide Festival Centre
King William Rd, Adelaide

Adelaide Festival Centre, 8216 8600,
DreamBIG@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Free





Adelaide Gaol, 2024, Department for Environment and Water

Adelaide Gaol Self-guided tour

Adelaide Gaol History Day

The Adelaide Gaol's annual History Day, is an event revealing how choices shaped the lives of prisoners and guards. Explore their challenges through a self-guided tour with immersive activities like polls and a decision trail. Enhance your experience with educational talks running throughout the day.

Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

Adelaide Gaol 18 Gaol Rd, Adelaide

Adelaide Gaol, 8231 4062, adelaidegaol@sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$8.50, Concession: \$7,

Child: \$5.25, Infant (under 4yrs): Free

Bookings required online



Adelaide Oval Guided tour

Treasures Behind Glass Tour

Discover the rich history behind Adelaide Oval's treasured memorabilia behind glass. From shining trophies to painted portraits, uncover the fascinating stories of the legends behind them, and the moments that shaped sporting history. Enjoy exclusive insights into these prized artefacts and their journey through time. Light refreshments included.

Sat 24 May, 3pm – 5pm

Adelaide Oval, South Gate

War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide

Adelaide Oval Tours, 8205 4700,
tours@adelaideoval.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35, Concession: \$30

Bookings required online



Adelaide Oval Guided tour

The Bradman Collection Guided Sessions

The Bradman Collection celebrates the life and legacy of the world-renowned sporting icon who called Adelaide home. Showcasing priceless personal memorabilia, this exclusive experience offers a rare glimpse into sporting history. Join Adelaide Oval's expert Ambassadors for a guided viewing, available only during South Australia's History Festival.

Every Mon, Wed & Fri in May, 10am – 11am

Adelaide Oval, South Gate

War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide

Adelaide Oval Tours, 8205 4700,
tours@adelaideoval.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Adelaide Oval Beyond the Boundary Tour, Pennington Gardens, 2025, Adelaide Oval

Adelaide Oval Guided tour

Tour: Beyond the Boundary

Step beyond the boundary on a guided walking tour around Adelaide Oval. Explore the heritage scoreboard, legendary sporting moments, and grand architecture. Hear tales of triumph, tradition, and the heroes who shaped its legacy. Conclude your journey with a taste of modern history and a complimentary beverage at Bespoke Wine Bar & Kitchen.

Every Fri in May, 4pm – 6pm

Adelaide Oval, South Gate

War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide

Adelaide Oval Tours, 8205 4700,
tours@adelaideoval.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$35,

Concession: \$30, Child: \$22

Bookings required online



Adelaide Park Lands Association Guided tour

Guided Walk: Adelaide Botanic Garden (Park 11)

A guided walk, visiting highlights of the Adelaide Botanic Garden, including the International Rose Garden, Bicentennial Conservatory, First Creek Wetland, Australian Forest, Adelaide's oldest tree, Botanic Lake, and the 1877 glass Palm House. Wear sturdy shoes for a walk of over 2km. Children welcome. Only assistance dogs permitted.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 4pm

Conservatory Gate Plane Tree Dr, Adelaide

Shane Sody, 0414 959 125,
president@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$9, Concession: \$6, Child: \$6
Bookings required online



Adelaide Park Lands Association Guided tour

Guided Walk: South Park Lands off Glen Osmond Road (Parks 18 & 19)

You will be led through Peppermint Park/Wita Wirra (Park 18) and Pelzer Park/Pityarilla (Park 19). You will see century-old gardens and enormous river red gums, the stunning Himeji Japanese garden, the community 'hub' in Pelzer Park, and the open woodland and new reed beds along the course of the restored South Park Lands creek.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 4pm

Cnr South Tce & Unley Rd, Adelaide

Shane Sody, 0414 959 125,
president@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$9, Child: \$6, Concession: \$6
Bookings required online



Adelaide Park Lands Association

Guided tour

Guided Walk: Red Gum Park/Karrawirra (Park 12)

A guided walk, through the best-loved parts of your Park Lands, home to public art works, heritage trees, sports grounds, the first arboretum in SA, a memorial to forgotten Australians, Peace Park, and several different gardens. Wear sturdy shoes for a walk of just over 2km, around two hours duration. Dogs are welcome, but on a lead.

Sun 25 May, 2pm – 4pm

Adelaide University Boat Club

War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide

Shane Sody, 0414 959 125,

president@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$9, Child: \$6, Concession: \$6

Bookings required online



The Thomas Nave Room at the Arts Theatre, 2024, Lise Windsor

Adelaide Repertory Theatre

Exhibition

The Rep Theatre Company: A Journey Through the Decades From 1908

Did you know that the Rep is the oldest surviving amateur theatre company in the Southern Hemisphere? The Rep is the custodian of a significant and rare historical collection comprising play scripts, photographs, programs, posters, and costumes. These will be displayed in the Thomas Nave rehearsal room, tracing the Rep's history through the decades.

Sun 11 May, 1pm – 4pm & Thu 15 May, 10am – 4pm

The Arts Theatre 53 Angas St, Adelaide

Lise Windsor, 0401 149 526, lisew@adelaide.com

By Donation



AdeLOL Podcast hosts Dan Schmidt

Special Event

& Tom Stewart

AdeLOL Podcast presents 'Adelaide's Silliest City Stories'

In a triumphant return to the City Library after a sold out 2024 show, Dan and Tom appear once again to record their AdeLOL live podcast, recapping some of our City's wildest true stories. In a comedy extravaganza, take a trip into Adelaide's past, exploring local history with an eclectic style of improvisational comedy and brash banter!

Fri 16 May, 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Adelaide City Library 77-91 Rundle Mall, Adelaide

Adelaide Libraries, 8203 7990,
library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



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Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia, Adelaide Chapter Guided tour

Art Deco Architectural Treasures in the Adelaide CBD

Art Deco was a global design phenomenon between WWI & WWII that changed the world and influenced everything from architecture, transport and industrial design, to art and fashion. Discover our local connections and where to find it and why we encourage you to 'Look Up and Smile'.

Sun 4 & Sun 25 May, 10am – 12pm

Corner of Rundle St and Synagogue Pl
Synagogue Pl, Adelaide

Alison, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Member: \$15
Bookings required online



Art Gallery of South Australia Exhibition

Minimalist Masterpiece Turns 50

Fifty years ago a concrete sculpture incited dispute, anger and even protests over cultural imperialism. Now it is celebrated as a minimalist masterpiece. Revisit the heady 1970s through a talk and display of artist plans, archival material, and a new film on why international artist Donald Judd made his masterwork in Adelaide and why it caused uproar.

Every day in May, 10am – 5pm & AGSA First Friday, Fri 2 May, 5.30pm – 9pm

Gallery 17, Art Gallery of South Australia
North Tce, Adelaide

Art Gallery of South Australia, 8207 7000,
public.programs@artgallery.sa.gov.au

Free



Art Gallery of South Australia Self-guided tour

Picture the Past: Self-Guided Art Tour

Art is a witness to its time. Portraits and landscapes, fashion and furniture let us see people, places, lifestyles, events, decisions, and consequences at the time they lived or happened. Take a self-guided tour of historical art at the Art Gallery to visualise some of South Australia's unique stories, from colonisation to the present. Collect tour maps at reception desk.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Art Gallery of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

Public Programs, 8207 7000,
public.programs@artgallery.sa.gov.au

Free



Artlab Australia Guided tour

Art Conservation Decisions: The Key to Preserving our Cultural Heritage

Experience a unique opportunity to explore behind the scenes at Artlab's paintings, objects, textiles, paper, and book labs. See conservators at work preserving state collections, artworks, historic items and look at the diverse range of services Artlab provides to sustain cultural heritage within Australia and overseas.

Tue 6, Wed 7, Thu 8 May, 10am – 11.30am, 2pm – 3.30pm

Artlab Australia

70 Kintore Ave, Adelaide
(Enter via Morgan Thomas Lane. Artlab is located in the first courtyard on the left),
Carolyn Wade, 8207 7520, artlab@sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Australasian Study of Parliament Group, SA Chapter Special event

The 2002 State Election: A Retrospective

Join former Premiers Hon Rob Kerin and Hon Mike Rann AC CNZM and former political journalist and broadcaster David Bevan in the House of Assembly Chamber as they discuss the lead up to, conduct, and aftermath of the dramatic 2002 state election that saw the Labor Party returned to office with the support of independent MP Peter Lewis.

Wed 7 May, 6.30pm – 7.45pm

Parliament of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide
Shane Hilton, 8237 9387, aspg@parliament.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Australian Airmail Society Talk

Australis-OSCAR 5: The Story of Australia's First Amateur Radio Satellite

When a group of students at Melbourne University decided to try building a ham radio satellite in the mid-1960s, they did not realise they would be making history. Australis-OSCAR 5 became Australia's second satellite and the first amateur radio satellite built outside the US. Hear Kerrie Dougherty tell the story of Australian make-do ingenuity.

Wed 7 May, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

SAPHIL House 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide

Martin Walker, 0418 800 132, saphilatelista@gmail.com

Free

Bookings required online



Australian Postcard Society Open Day

Australian Postcard Society Open Day

The Australian Postcard Society Open Day will feature postcard displays on diverse topics as well as having Club and member trading tables. Club officials can provide valuations and/or offer to purchase collections, particularly old postcard albums. Refreshments including light snacks available. Timed (unmetered) parking nearby.

Sun 25 May, 10am – 4pm

SAPHIL House 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide

David Figg, 0450 073 311, david.figg@internode.on.net

Free



Australian Space Discovery Centre Special event

Decisions That Launched South Australia Into Space

Join us online or in-person at the Australian Space Discovery Centre for a free special event as part of South Australia's History Festival 2025. Join the Australian Space Agency's own Space Historian, Kerrie Dougherty OAM, as she explores the complex web of decision-making that determined South Australia's place in space.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 3pm

Live at the Australian Space Discovery Centre or online via <https://www.space.gov.au/plan-your-visit>
Ground Floor, McEwin Building, North Tce (Lot Fourteen), Adelaide

Australian Space Discovery Centre, 8432 1400,
info@discover.space.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



City of Adelaide Talk

Adelaide Town Hall: Colonel William Light Tour and Presentation

Colonel William Light, South Australia's first Surveyor-General, had an amazing life which began in Malaya. Hear stories of his travels from Penang to England, France, his time in the army in Spain, his honeymoon in Switzerland and Italy, and as a sailor to Egypt.

Tue 7 May, 10am – 11.30am

Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

128 King William St, Adelaide

Helen Davies, 8203 7203, t2@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free



Bob Elliott Guided tour

Historical Adelaide Tours: Victoria Square Tour

Victoria Square tour commences and concludes in front of the Hilton Hotel. Come and learn about a number of murders and deaths at Victoria Square, Gouger Street, Grote Street, and Morphett Street. About 1.5km walk which runs for approximately 80 minutes.

Wed 7-Thu 9, Sat 17 & Sun 18 May, 10.30am – 11.50am

Cnr Victoria Sq & Grote St

Victoria Square, Grote St (in front of Hilton Hotel), Adelaide

Bob Elliott, 0402 576 780, bob@historicaladelaidetours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Bob Elliott Guided tour

Historical Adelaide Tours: Hindley Street Tour

The Hindley Street Tour commences and concludes at the corner of Hindley Street and Bank Street, Adelaide. Learn about some of the grizzly murders and deaths along one of the oldest streets in Adelaide.

Sat 10 & Sun 11, Wed 21-Sun 25 & Wed 28-Sat 31 May, 10.30am – 11.50am, Thu 1-Sun 4, Wed 14-Sun 18, Wed 28-Sat 31 May, 1pm – 2.20pm

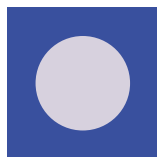
Cnr Hindley St & Bank St

Cnr Hindley St & Bank St, Adelaide

Bob Elliott, 0402 576 780, bob@historicaladelaidetours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



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Bob Elliott Guided tour

Historical Adelaide Tours: Adelaide Arcade Tour

The Adelaide Arcade Tour commences and concludes at the corner of Adelaide Arcade and Rundle Mall. The tour looks at a number of murders, tragic and preventable deaths throughout the streets of Adelaide including Adelaide Arcade, Pirie Street, King William Street, and Rundle Mall. The tour is approximately 75-80 minutes.

Wed 7-Sun 11 May & Wed 21-Sun 25 May, 1pm – 2.20pm, Thurs 1-Sun 4 May, 10.30am – 11.50am, Wed 14-Fri 16 May, 10.30am – 11.50am

Cnr Adelaide Arcade & Rundle Mall

Adelaide Arcade, Adelaide

Bob Elliott, 0402 576 780, bob@historicaladelaidetours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Carclew Guided tour

Carclew: History Tours

Every year, as part of SA's History Festival, Carclew swings open its doors for tours of the house and grounds. Learn about the historical links to significant figures in one of Adelaide's most iconic manors, and its more recent history as the home of youth arts and creativity. Children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.

Sun 18 May, 9.30am – 10.30am, 11am – 12pm, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, 2pm – 3pm

Carclew 11 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide

Carclew, 8267 5111, carclew@carclew.org.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$15, Child: Free

Bookings required online



Carclew Exhibition

Carclew: Perspectives

Carclew, located near the iconic Colonel William Light statue on Montefiore Hill, is hosting an exhibition featuring youth-led artworks. After visiting the statue with the Surveyor General and First Nations cultural experts, children created inspiring pieces with shifting perspectives. Supported by the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Mon 19-Fri 23 & Mon 26-Fri 30 May, 9am – 5pm, Sun 18 May, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Carclew 11 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide

Carclew, 8267 5111, carclew@carclew.org.au

Free



Guy Detot dances with the ADT, c1986, Newspix

Carolyn Corkindale Performance

Let it Dance: From Paris to Penola

This film tells the emotional story of how a Parisian boy overcame childhood disability, determined to become an international ballet dancer. Migrating for love to Adelaide, he was a soloist for the Australian Dance Theatre. In his gallery in Penola, his passion for wood carving led him to sculpt St Mary MacKillop's reliquaries and much more.

Sun 11 May, 6pm – 8pm

Mercury Cinema 13 Morphett St, Adelaide

Carolyn Corkindale, 0412 264 049, carolyn@corkindale.net

Event costs apply Per Person: \$12, Concession: \$10 Bookings required online



Celtic Music Club of SA Performance

Celtic Music Club of SA (Céilí)

Come and try traditional Irish set dancing. A céilí is like a barn dance: party, foot-tapping music and neighbourly gathering. No partner is needed and all experience levels, ages, and backgrounds are welcome. Learn traditional favourites, and enjoy dancing to live music played by the CMC Céilí Band.

Sat 17 May, 7.30pm – 10.30pm

The Irish Hall 13 – 15 Carrington St, Adelaide

The Secretary, cmcadelaide@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: Free Bookings required by email





SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HISTORY FUND

Each year the History Trust supports initiatives to preserve, document, and share South Australian histories with grants of up to \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for organisations. We fund research, interpretation, events, publication, conservation and collection management.

The 2025 Grant round will open on 31 May 2025. Get in touch with the History Trust team if you would like to know more.

Contact us at community@history.sa.gov.au or go to history.sa.gov.au/grants




Explore Adelaide.

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Originally called Tarntanya (red kangaroo place) by the Kurna people, the original owners and custodians of the land, Adelaide is unlike any other city in the world!

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With plenty of award-winning restaurants and bars serving the best food & wine, boutique accommodation, a teeming events and festivals calendar, arts, culture, and a wealth of history, there is so much to see and do.

Your adventure starts here, the choice is yours!

Find out more at cityofadelaide.com.au/history-festival



Christ Church North Adelaide Special Event

Christ Church North Adelaide Historical Tour & Concert of Hope and Song

Discover the history and beauty of Christ Church North Adelaide with a guided tour of its stunning architecture and grounds. Then, enjoy an uplifting concert of hope and song featuring our historic organ and choir. A special afternoon of music and heritage awaits. Donations welcome. All are invited.

Sun 18 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Christ Church North Adelaide

35 Palmer Pl, North Adelaide

Stephen Bloor, 8267 2673, office@ccna.asn.au

By Donation

Bookings required by email



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Early Entertainment in Hindley Street: Self-Guided Trail

Hindley Street through the twentieth century was a genuine mixed-use street; it had industry, retail, cinemas, theatres, restaurants, cafes, hotels, strip clubs, night clubs, brothels, roller skating, ice skating, amusement arcades, plus people lived there. Explore the city's earliest 'entertainment' street and all it has had to offer over time!

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Multicultural South West: Self-Guided Trail

Adelaide has long been a melting pot of diverse cultures. The Adelaide Mosque is the oldest permanent mosque in Australia, Sturt Street featured an Afghani herbalist, and the Prince Albert Hotel was established by the Dreyer family, German settlers. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Famous Faces and Commemorative Places: Self-Guided Trail

This walk reveals the history behind some of our valued busts, statues, memorials, and monuments that adorn both our cultural boulevard (North Terrace) and the Park Lands. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Folks on the Hill: Self-Guided Trail

This trail features Montefiore Hill, Brougham Place, and Palmer Place, well-known for their large mansions and fabulous views. Also featured is Christ Church and Bishop's Court which date from the early 1850s. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Heritage and Folklore 'Above the Canopy': Self-Guided Trail

Rundle Mall was officially opened on 1 September 1976 by Premier Don Dunstan. This walk highlights some of the beautiful heritage-listed façades located above the shop fronts, signage, and canopies in Australia's first pedestrian mall. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Holy Sunday: Self-Guided Bicycle Trail

Migration to South Australia offered a climate of religious freedom and tolerance, with no state religion, and all churches having equal rights and influence – the real reason behind our 'City of Churches' label. This trail explores our ecclesiastical buildings. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Marvellous Mansions, Cottages and Castles: Self-Guided Trail

The western part of North Adelaide is abundant with a mix of mansions, villas, and semi-detached houses, built during the boom period of the 1880s. The church and priory at both St Dominic's and St Laurence's create landmarks of great character for the area. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Modern Marvels: Self-Guided Trail

The architecture of the twentieth century is only now beginning to be recognised as an integral part of our history, culture, and heritage. It is sometimes hard for us to accept that places built in our, or our parents' lifetimes, are now called 'heritage'. So, we encourage you to explore these 'modern marvels' with an open mind.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Stanley Street Stroll: Self-Guided Trail

This self-guided walk highlights the grand mansions of Brougham Place built to address the Park Lands setting and, in contrast, continues to lower North Adelaide which features the Chichester Gardens subdivision located between Stanley, Melbourne, and Jerningham Streets. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

City of Great Buildings: Self-Guided Trail

Discover Adelaide's greatest buildings as voted by the locals! The trail includes the stunning Adelaide Town Hall, the Darling Building – which is as charming as its name, the MLC Building – Adelaide's first post-war skyscraper, and more iconic spots. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide Self-guided tour

Hercules to Heaven: Self-Guided Trail

This walk features several houses, a few pubs, plus the institutional, religious, and educational buildings that make up the Kermodie Street precinct of North Adelaide. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,

m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Access online



City of Adelaide

Self-guided tour

The High Street: Self-Guided Trail

Tynte Street was once the epicentre of life in North Adelaide. Explore the pubs, churches, shops, school, library, residences, and post office, which comprise all that one would expect of such an important local street. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Access online



City of Adelaide

Self-guided tour

Historic Hutt Street: Self-Guided Trail

Serving the local residents' needs in the nineteenth century in this south-east corner of the City was a nearby church, as well as two pubs, and a diverse range of shops along Hutt St which still feature today. Explore this historic street and all it has to offer! Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Access online



City of Adelaide

Self-guided tour

Market Meander: Self-Guided Trail

The Adelaide Central Market is the largest undercover market in the Southern Hemisphere and has been a thriving hub of food and culture for more than a century. Discover the rich stories of the community surrounding the markets through our built history. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Access online



City of Adelaide

Self-guided tour

Village in the City: Self-Guided Trail

In the late-nineteenth century people from all social levels lived in the south-eastern corner of the city. From mansions to villas, and terrace homes to small cottages, examine how they lived, side by side, through our built heritage. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Access online



City of Adelaide

Guided tour

Trailblazer on the Beat: Kate Cocks Walking Tour

Join historian and author Lainie Anderson for a one-hour walking tour of Victoria Square, exploring the legacy of Kate Cocks, Adelaide's trailblazing policewoman and main character of Lainie's best-selling novel 'The Death of Dora Black'. Afterwards, join Lainie at the City Library for a lively chat and cuppa. Perfect for history and book lovers!

Fri 30 May, 10.15am – 12.15pm

Victoria Square - Meet at the fountain
King William St, Adelaide

Adelaide Libraries, 8203 7990,
library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Adelaide

Talk

100 Years of Radio: A Cultural Impact Perspective

Join Ian Smyth from the Historical Radio Society of SA as he takes you on a journey back in time, sharing the fascinating stories and cultural significance of the radio and, in particular, four fabulously restored antique radios. You won't have to wonder what the radios would say 'if these radios could talk', as Ian will speak on their behalf.

Fri 2 May, 11am – 12pm

North Adelaide Community Centre
175 Tynte St, North Adelaide

North Adelaide Community Centre, 8203 7811,
northadelaidecommunitycentre@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



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South-West Adelaide: A Guided Experience

Join our Heritage Architects on a stroll through the historic and eclectic south-west corner of Adelaide. We will share the history of some of our heritage-listed places, the colourful characters that occupied them, the significance of the city layout and Park Lands, and the meaning behind some of the names of our streets. Approximately 2.5km in total.

Fri 16, 23 & 30 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Minor Works Building Community Centre
22 Stamford Ct, Adelaide

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Adelaide Town Hall: Guided Tour in French

Join our passionate and knowledgeable volunteer guide on a tour in French to find out about the Town Hall's interesting architecture and history. Learn about the building's architecture, world famous organ, history, and Colonel William Light: British military officer and the first Surveyor-General of the Colony of South Australia.

Fri 16 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Adelaide Town Hall 128 King William St, Adelaide

Town Hall Tour Enquiries, t2@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Adelaide Town Hall: Guided Colonel William Light Tour

Although numerous signs of Willam Light's historical role as Surveyor-General and 'founder of Adelaide' may be seen in South Australia, no city or museum bears his name. The Adelaide Town Hall compensates for this void. The watercolours and surveying instruments in the Colone Light Room make us relive the setbacks orchestrated by his colleagues.

Sat 17 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Adelaide Town Hall 128 King William St, Adelaide

Town Hall Tour Enquiries, t2@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Adelaide Ghosts and Ghouls Walking Tour

Explore Adelaide's alleged hauntings and crimes while uncovering the city's chilling history. This tour, created by paranormal investigator Allen Tiller, sound recordist Anthony Frith, and Adelaide Libraries, draws from Allen's library residency research, and ghost stories shared during public consultation sessions. Spooky and fascinating.

Throughout May, anytime

Adelaide City Library 77-91 Rundle Mall, Adelaide

City of Adelaide, 8203 7990,
library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Access online



Good Times: Music Memories and Moments in Adelaide

Celebrate Adelaide's 10th anniversary as a UNESCO City of Music with an exhibition exploring the city's rich musical heritage. From quirky and eclectic ephemera including pressed vinyl, record shop memories, loved venues, and festivals, discover the personal stories and connections that helped shape Adelaide's music scene.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Adelaide City Library 77-91 Rundle Mall, Adelaide

City of Adelaide, 8203 7990,
library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Accessibility icons: wheelchair, hearing aid, and visual aid.

City of Adelaide Concert Band

The City of Adelaide Concert Band presents an afternoon of light classical, jazz, and popular music, under the direction of conductor Sergey Grynychuk. Since 1936, the band has undergone many changes and performed around Adelaide. Band memorabilia will be on display, including the original bass drum dating back to 1926.

Sun 25 May, 3pm – 4.30pm

Baptist Church 65 Flinders St, Adelaide

Kim Weeks, 0437 812 882, Kimweeks32@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Daguerreotype of a woman and two children, c1850s, Private collection, Adelaide

The Sum of Our Decisions? The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Woman

Here is a tale of the surprising life of a middle-class English woman who sailed to South Australia not once but twice in the colony's first three years. Illustrated from the woman's own scrapbook, this story has all the elements of a Victorian melodrama and gives us an insight into the precarious fortunes of the earliest European females in South Australia.

Thu 8 May, 6pm – 7pm

David Roche Gallery
241 Melbourne St, North Adelaide

David Roche Gallery, 8267 3677,
info@rochefoundation.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$25
Bookings required online



Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, Hon Anthony Albanese MP and crowd, 2023, Don Dunstan Foundation

Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration

The Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration honours the legacy of the late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG, a champion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Each year an influential leader delivers a talk that looks at social justice, Aboriginal empowerment, and the world around us.

Wed 28 May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Elder Hall
University of Adelaide, North Tce, Adelaide

Dunstan Foundation, 8313 3364,
dunstan.foundation@adelaide.edu.au

Event costs apply
Bookings required online



Around the Square: Victoria Square

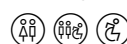
This walking tour explores the area around Adelaide's Victoria Square. Filled with stories relating to our past and the many decisions that have been made shaping South Australia's destiny including women's suffrage, heritage protection, exploration, repurposing of heritage buildings, police, literary resources, and justice systems.

Fri 9 & 24 May, 10am – 12pm

Queen Victoria Statue, Victoria Sq, Adelaide

Graeme Fanning, 0416 082 478,
contact@down-to-earth-tours.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$50, Concession: \$45, Child: \$35
Bookings required online



East End Escapade

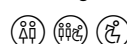
This walking tour explores the south-east corner of the CBD of Adelaide, allowing the participant to wind their way around an area bursting with stories and decisions relating to our past including treatment of wayward youth, agricultural machinery, outback camel patrols, the Overland Telegraph Line, piped water, and mail coaches amongst many others.

Sat 3 & 17 May, 10am – 12pm

General Havelock Hotel
Cnr of Hutt St & Carrington St, Adelaide

Graeme Fanning, 0416 082 478,
contact@down-to-earth-tours.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$50, Concession: \$45, Child: \$35
Bookings required online



Here's to Future's Past

Greetings! I write this offering as July, and my approaching retirement / risorgimento, looms ever closer. This gives me pause to reflect upon the achievements — and the unfinished business — of my decades as a practitioner of cultural development in service of South Australia.

In April 2016 I became Chief Executive Officer of the History Trust. As was fashionable at that time, our organisation adopted the shorthand public-facing name 'History SA'. If there is one thing that one must hope for in public service, it is trust. And so my first decision was to prevail upon our governing Board of Trustees to revert to our full statutory name: 'History Trust of South Australia'. What's a few more syllables when public trust in our ability to objectively reveal the past matters most!

Having previously served on the boards of several cultural organisations, and then for a number of years as head of Arts SA and as Deputy Chief Executive, Cultural Development, I understood what a challenge it would be to take a small-scale organisation dedicated to history and museums and increase its relevance and impact. No-one who knows me well would consider that I shirk from a challenge.

For 22 years now the History Trust has provided an annual platform for South Australia's historians and museums — for both professionals and enthusiasts. In 2004, the first ever History Week was presented by the History Trust, and attracted 150 registered offerings. In 2011, the year of South Australia's sesquicentenary, the program had grown to a month-long duration with 500 events and 400 presenters. This significant cultural collaboration continues to prove its relevance and has grown overall audience engagement with every year of recovery since the pandemic.



The History Trust remains committed to serving South Australians of all ages and walks of life. Our festival's open platform program is inherently inclusive and its temperament democratic. It reflects the passions and stories that both reflect and fascinate our community. Alongside our annual Bay to Birdwood historical motoring event, the History Festival is a powerful way to connect South Australians and visitors to our unique past.

As a new History Festival offering, we are partnering with the National Trust of South Australia, and the good people from the Ayers House Function Centre, to pilot something new: 'The House of History' — a series of over 25 end-of-day talks on South Australia's history and collections, people and places at Ayers House. Come join us. I will be taking to the lectern for some stories of my own adventures in history and beyond — so check out the online full program.

While I will be stepping away from my executive leadership role with the History Trust, it is my hope to remain closely connected — as a History Guardian and raising funds to enable more of our important work to reach ever more South Australians. And finally, my sincere thanks to our Trustees, History Guardians, volunteers, donors and incredible teams for placing your 'trust' in me these past nine years.

Greg Mackie OAM

Chief Executive Officer
History Trust of South Australia

Engineering Heritage South Australia Annual Seminar

Explore the history of engineering decisions that underpin our modern world. In six talks over the course of an afternoon, we will hear about SA's first female engineer, digital preservation, innovations in stone masonry, maritime history, adaptive reuse, and show how engineering decisions shaped the City of Adelaide.

Fri 16 May, 12pm – 5pm

Engineers Australia

Level 11, 108 King William St, Adelaide

Event Coordinator, 8202 7110,
saevents@engineersaustralia.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30

Bookings required online



University of Adelaide

Exhibition

Fay Gale Centre for

Research on Gender

Wise and Wonderful Women Exhibition

Academic women have played a central role in the making of South Australia's universities. Drawing on oral histories with women at Adelaide's universities over the last 50 years, this exhibition celebrates their contributions to knowledge-making and education, and considers how the evolving contexts for universities shaped women's working lives.

Throughout May, 9am – 5pm

Ira Raymond Room, Level 3,

Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide

North Tce, Adelaide

Katie Barclay, katie.barclay@adelaide.edu.au

Free



North Terrace: Via Greco-Romana

Let's go for a meander along North Tce and discover its ubiquitous Greek and Roman influences. Take a closer look at the architecture and sculptural works, the people who created them and their inspiration stemming from antiquity. Arguably Australia's most progressive cultural precinct, you'll never look at North Tce the same way again!

Sun 17 & 24 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meeting Place: National War Memorial of South Australia

190 North Tce, Adelaide

George, Festival Hellenika,
discoversatours@gmail.com

Free

Bookings required online



Flamboyance Tours

Guided tour

City in a Park

On this two-hour walking tour, explore why the Adelaide Park Lands exist as they do and how they were cultivated. Why they now remain a reminder of decisions made across Adelaide's – and Australia's – modern existence. Weave through a pocket of the Park Lands as you hear stories of Adelaide's pioneers and give time to reflective memorials.

Tue 13, Thu 15, Sun 18 May, 10am – 12pm

Light's Vision Monument

Montefiore Hill, North Adelaide

Katina, 0491 453 222, info@flamboyancetours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$40, Concession: \$35

Bookings required online



The F Factor: A Taste of Nostalgia

Get (re-)acquainted with the foods South Australians have known for generations on this two-hour walking tour! Delve into the history of SA products such as Fruchocs, fritz, and frog cakes with born-and-raised Adelaidean Katina. You'll give your tastebuds a hit of nostalgia with samples along the way, and goodies to take home. Lunch is also included.

Wed 14, Fri 16 & Sat 17 May, 11am – 1pm

Haigh's Chocolates

Adelaide Arcade 118 Grenfell St, Adelaide

Katina, 0491 453 222, info@flamboyancetours.com.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$80, Concession: \$75, Child: \$65

Bookings required online



Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide

Guided tour

Botanical Decisions

Join the Garden Guides and discover how decisions have shaped and continued to shape the founding and development of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

Tue 13 May-Sun 18 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Visitor Information Centre Schomburgk Pavilion, Adelaide Botanic Garden, Adelaide

Jan Lindsay, 8222 9367, friendsabg@internode.on.net

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5



Keep an eye out

Look out for these icons and support members of our Museums and Collections program (MaC). Learn more about our MaC program on page 5.



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Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27 May

Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28 May

Thursday 8, 15, 22, 29 May



6 pm Ayers House
Join us at Henry's Bar
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3 X 20 MIN
6:30 pm
Enjoy three 20-min presentations

Time to Learn
passion and narrative!
2 X 40 MIN
6:30 pm
Enjoy two 40-minute presentations

Deep Dive
stories to digest!
1 X 60 MIN
6:30 pm
Enjoy an hour-long in-depth presentation

Repair to Henry's Bar at Ayers House after the presentations for inspired conversation!

Set in a late-night Adelaide Cabaret Bar in 1996, explore the legacy of Don Dunstan, through stories, poetry, and song.

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A powerful, musical journey through politics, race, and identity.



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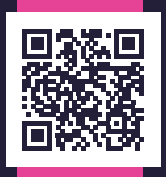
Frock Up & Find Out

Friday 23 May 7.30-10pm



Grab your friends and put on your best 90s outfit for a journey into the dazzling world of 'The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert'. Eat, drink and relive the magic of Aussie 90s cinema.

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Skeletons in the Closet: Finding Secrets in Family History

When embarking on the journey of family history, it's important to expect the unexpected. There's always the chance of discovering surprises in your family tree – some fun and fascinating, some dark and hidden. Join our panel of family historians as we discuss the secrets that they have uncovered in their family history research.

Wed 28 May, 1pm – 2.30pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre

State Library of South Australia, North Tce, Adelaide

Genealogy SA, 8272 4222,

saghs.members@saghs.org.au

Free

Bookings required online



Old Adelaide Gaol Ghost Crime Tour, 2025

Ghost Crime Tours

Guided tour

Old Adelaide Gaol Ghost Crime Tour

The Old Adelaide Gaol, originally built in 1841, and Government House are two of the oldest buildings in South Australia. The gaol was open some 147 years from 1841 to 1988, with 45 executions by hanging happening onsite.

Sat 10, Wed 14, Sun 18, Thu 22, Mon 26 & Fri 30 May, 7.15pm – 10pm

Old Adelaide Gaol 18 Gaol Rd, Adelaide

Ghost Crime Tours, 1300 044 678,

bookings@ghost-crime-tours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$44.95

Bookings required online



History of Science, Ideas
& Technology Group

Talk

The Great Migration Question: How Aboriginal People First Came to Australia

Though there are many versions of how Indigenous Australians first reached this continent, researchers are narrowing down the possibilities of the migration route. James Batemen describes old theories and new sciences to provide a clearer picture of the circuitous route of First Nations people to Australia's northern shores.

Sat 3 May, 2pm – 3.20pm

Mawson Lecture Theatre

University of Adelaide, Adelaide

Jonathon Dyer, 0403 155 695, HSITG.SA@gmail.com

By Donation

Bookings required by email



'The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert', 1994, Amazon MGM

History Trust of South Australia

Special event

Priscilla: Frock Up & Find Out

Grab your friends and put on your best 90s outfit for a journey into the dazzling world of 'The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert'. Eat, drink, and relive the magic of Aussie 90s cinema. Test your knowledge on classics like 'The Castle', 'Muriel's Wedding' and 'Strictly Ballroom' with Glambassador and Quiz Queen Vonnii! Get a peek behind the curtain of the History Trust's Priscilla bus restoration and hear from key project contributors. Ticket includes complimentary drink and appetisers.

Fri 23 May, 7.30pm – 10pm

The Conservatory, Ayers House

288 North Tce, Adelaide

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200,

events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$40, Concession: \$30

Bookings required online



Destitute Asylum buildings at dusk, 2024, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia

Guided tour

& Migration Museum

Births, Burials & Bodysnatching

Join us at the Migration Museum, located on the site of the former Destitute Asylum, to learn about the darker side of Adelaide's history. Explore our heritage buildings by candlelight and learn about life and death in the early days of the colony of South Australia. The Destitute Asylum – which operated in the nineteenth century – housed many impoverished and vulnerable people, including women, children, and the elderly, and had a long history of hardship and suffering. Disease, death, and destitution are guaranteed!

Thu 29 May, 7pm – 8.30pm, Fri 30 May, 6pm – 7.30pm & 7.30pm – 9pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide

Elizabeth Emery, 8151 3250,

migration@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



Installation of names of babies born at the Destitute Asylum, 2025, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia
& Migration Museum

Talk

Mothers & Babies of the Destitute Asylum

Join us at the Destitute Asylum Lying-in Home where 1,678 babies were born between 1880 and 1909. A special curator's tour of the building on Mother's Day has been arranged to remember the babies and their unwed, widowed, and deserted expectant mothers who were housed here. Experience touching and unusual highlights of some of the former residents.

Sun 11 May, 3pm – 4pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide

Elizabeth Emery, 8151 3250,

migration@history.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Armory Building, 2024, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia
& Migration Museum

Guided tour

Destitute Asylum Discovery

This walking tour uncovers the forgotten footprint and architecture of Adelaide's Destitute Asylum which housed South Australia's poor, especially new arrivals, and mothers with children between 1850 and 1918. Discover the fascinating history and learn about lives of those who lived here. Tour is subject to weather conditions and involves walking, standing, and steps, runs approximately 60–90 mins.

Tue 6, Sat 10 & Mon 19 May, 11am – 12.15pm,
Fri 16 & Sat 24 May, 2pm – 3.15pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide

Elizabeth Emery, 8151 3250,

migration@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online





Migration Museum, formerly Adelaide's Destitute Asylum, 2025, History Trust of South Australia

History Trust of South Australia & Migration Museum Guided tour

History of Migration to South Australia

Experience a fascinating insight into the history of migration to South Australia. Understand the migrants, their stories, and the many cultures that have helped diversify our state, while learning about personal stories and historic artefacts displayed throughout our galleries.

Thu 1, Sat 17, Thu 22, & Sun 25 May, 11am – 12pm & 3pm – 4pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide
Elizabeth Emery, 8151 3250,
migration@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Vietnamese Boat People Monument, sculpture by Tony Rosella, Ash Badios, Judith Rolevink, and Tim Thomson, 2021, City of Adelaide.

History Trust of South Australia & Migration Museum Guided tour

Migrant Heritage Walk

Join us for this guided discovery of some of the significant citizens who migrated to SA and learn about their connections to the area surrounding the Migration Museum. Stroll down some of the Jubilee 150-year Walkway learning about migrants featured on various plaques. Tour is subject to weather conditions and involves walking, standing, and steps.

Fri 2 & Wed 21 May, 11am – 12.30pm, Wed 7 & Mon 26 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide
Elizabeth Emery, 8151 3250,
migration@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Education Program, 2025, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia & Migration Museum Special event

Playtime in the Nineteenth Century

Spend some time outdoors interacting with the kids playing some historic games that kept children occupied during the nineteenth century. Historic games like hoops and sticks, quoits, knucklebones, hopscotch, skittles, kolchee, and 'Game of Life' will be available for you to enjoy as a family.

Sun 18 & Sat 31 May, 1pm – 3pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide
Elizabeth Emery, 8151 3250,
migration@history.sa.gov.au

Free



Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris SC OAM, 2025, Government House

History Trust of South Australia & The Wilkins Project Talk

Sir Hubert Wilkins Oration: Decisions in the Dark

Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris SC OAM has long been inspired by historical figures who staked more than their reputation to advance the quest for knowledge, exploration, and betterment of humanity. As Patron of the Wilkins Project, hear how Harry makes life-threatening decisions in the dark and continues to draw resolve and resilience from this great South Australian explorer.

Thu 1 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground
Victoria Dr, Adelaide
History Trust of South Australia, 8151 3200,
team@history.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Lutheran Archives & Friends of Lutheran Archives

Talk

Talking Together: Schürmann's Adelaide and Port Lincoln Mission Diary 1838-1845

Living among the Kaurna, Schürmann's familiarity with their culture grows as he plants gardens, attends a funeral, joins a hunt, records their speech, teaches, and preaches. In Port Lincoln, he defends the Barngarla in tense times, learns, teaches, and preserves their language. Dr Greg Lockwood presents moments from his new full translation of the diary.

Thu 22 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church
139 Archer St, North Adelaide

Lutheran Archives, 8340 4009,
lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

By Donation



Modernist Adelaide Walking Tour, 2022, Nicky Create

Modernist Adelaide Guided tour

Modernist Adelaide Walking Tour

Immerse yourself in the mid-century jet age of Mad Men-era Adelaide, when a new wave of modernist architecture redefined the city's streetscapes and skyline. Stuart Symons' award-winning tours of Adelaide's 50s, 60s, and 70s modernist gems have attracted international acclaim and a local cult following. "Jewel-like" – Kevin McLeod, Grand Designs

Sun 25 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Faraway House 21 Franklin St, Adelaide
Stuart Symons, 0421 705 947,
info@modernistadelaide.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$22.50
Bookings required online





111 Hutt St, after its conversion to a private hotel 'Ulysses', 1940, Sue Trott

Naval Military & Air Force Club of SA Special event

111 Hutt Street: Making its Mark for Over 150 Years

Since its construction in 1873, the house on this site has hosted key decision-makers. Hear from presenters about a range of interesting milestones; 1873, 'Landunna' built for first owner John Rounsevel; 1921, Adelaide's first private radiology practice established; 1940, Art Nouveau conversion to a private hotel called 'Ulysses', later leased to the USAAF; 1957, current owners moved in. Stories abound in this wonderful building.

Sat 10 May, 10am – 11am, 11am – 12pm, 12pm – 1pm, 2pm – 3pm

Naval Military & Air Force Club of SA
111 Hutt St, Adelaide

Member Services, 8223 2422,
MemberServices@navmil.org

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35
Bookings required online



Artist John Dowie AM, B-24 Liberator, and 111 Hutt Street building 'Ulysses', Naval Military and Air Force Club of SA

Naval Military & Air Force Club of SA Talk

111 Hutt Street: This Old House, the Club and WW2

This old house may be in a lot better nick than its rock n' roll namesake, but it still has plenty of stories associated with the people who have passed through its doors. There are three unique sessions; check the NAVMIL website for details about topic, time and cost, all held on premises. All are catered, but a lecture-only option is available.

Wed 7 & 21 May, 12pm – 2pm, Fri 30 May, 4.30 – 5.30pm

Naval Military & Air Force Club of SA
111 Hutt St, Adelaide

Member Services, 8223 2422,
MemberServices@navmil.org

Event costs apply
Lunch & History Festival Lecture - Per Person: \$59,
Lecture Only: \$17

Bookings required online



Dr H Loessel, c1860s, Lutheran Archives

Noel Schoff Talk

Locked out! A Very Lutheran Dispute: Pastor Loessel at Bethlehem, Adelaide

Second Pastor of Bethlehem (1863-1867), Dr H Loessel was cultured and diligent; his church-filling sermons led to ambitious building plans. His dramatic dismissal led to public claim and counter-claim and a Supreme Court case, while he faithfully served his country parish. Historian Noel Schoff will tell the intriguing story. Light afternoon tea included.

Sun 4 May, 1pm – 3pm

Bethlehem House 12 Sudholz Pl, Adelaide

Gillian Mickan, 0413 792 981,
Gillian.mickan@gmail.com

Free



Speaker robing, 2022, Capture the Present Photography

Parliament of South Australia Guided tour

Parliament After Dark

Back by popular demand! Come along for an after-dark tour of Parliament House. This is a great opportunity for locals who need time outside of business hours to come in and experience the beautiful building. We will also cover some extra content suitable for an after-dark crowd, such as Speaker beheadings, deaths in Parliament House, and more.

Fri 16 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Parliament of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

Community Education Office, 8237 9443,
events@parliament.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Parliament House Dining Room, 2021, Capture the Present Photography

Parliament of South Australia Special event

The Speaker's Devonshire Tea

The Speaker of the House of Assembly invites you to morning tea in the historic Dining Room at SA's Parliament House. With special items on display, such as tableware used for Queen Elizabeth II, you can take in the history, ornate architectural detailing, and enjoy sweet and savoury treats. A rare opportunity for the public to see the Dining Room.

Fri 23 May, 10am – 11.30am

Parliament of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

Community Education Office, 8237 9443,
events@parliament.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$40
Bookings required online



Parliament of South Australia Special event

Parliament Quiz Night

Join us for a quiz night at Parliament House — a special event for this year's History Festival. Test your knowledge and pick up some new facts, as you make your way through historical, process, and political themed rounds. Light refreshments provided. Bookings for whole tables only — 8 per table max. Gather your team and book your place.

Tue 6 May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Parliament of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

Community Education Office, 8237 9443,
events@parliament.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Parliament of South Australia Guided tour

Themed Tours of Parliament House

Join us for themed tours covering art, architecture, women's suffrage, and Westminster connections. Take a deeper dive into more specific content about your Parliament of South Australia. Westminster Connections Tour: Friday 2 May. Architecture Tours: Tuesday 20 May. Suffrage Tours: Thursday 22 May. Art Tours: Tuesday 27 May.

Tue 20, Thu 22, Tue 27 May, 2.30pm – 4pm,
6.30pm – 8pm & Fri 2 May, 2.30pm – 4pm

Parliament of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

House of Assembly, 8237 9467,
assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online





Old Parliament House, 2024, Parliament of South Australia

Parliament of South Australia Guided tour

General Public Tours at Parliament House

Join us for a guided tour of Parliament House, where you will see the original parliamentary chamber (1840s), the current House of Assembly (1889), and the current Legislative Council (1939). This is a general tour of the building where you will learn about heritage features, history, and parliamentary processes. Bookings are not required.

Every weekday in May, 10am – 10.45am & 2pm – 2.45pm

Parliament of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide
House of Assembly, 8237 9467,
assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au

Free



Philatelic Society of South Australia Display

Philatelic Society of South Australia Open Day

Join us in celebrating 137 years of philately in South Australia. View displays featuring educational and historical aspects of the interesting hobby of stamp collecting. Free help and expert advice available for your collection. Trading tables (buy and sell) as well as light lunch and refreshments will be available.

Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

SAPHIL House 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide

David Holmes, 0417 444 742,
davidholmes1940@gmail.com

Free



Pioneers Association of SA Exhibition

The Decisions Our Pioneers Made

Explore the decisions made by our pioneers and how they impacted their lives. Our poster collection highlights the challenges they faced, the decisions they made, and the outcomes they achieved. This is a great opportunity to connect with the past and reflect on the achievements of our pioneering ancestors.

Every Tue & Thu in May, 10am – 2pm

Pioneers Association of SA
Level 2, 25 Leigh Street, Adelaide

Pioneers Association of SA, 0409 251 185,
events@pioneerssa.org.au

Free



Pilgrim Uniting Church Display

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Many decisions were necessary to the developing church in the new colony. From personal decisions to follow in the way of Jesus; to a small group committed to the formation of a church; the church today, still bearing evidence of those early decisions. A volunteer will help you discern their story.

Every weekday in May, 12pm – 2pm

Pilgrim Uniting Church 12 Flinders St, Adelaide

Julie Bradley, 8212 3295, office@pilgrim.org.au

Free



Radelaide Tours Guided tour

Adelaide, City of Music: Walking Tour

Adelaide is celebrating 10 years of recognition as a UNESCO City of Music. Join us and discover the reasons why Adelaide was the only Australian city to be given this honour. We will pass iconic music venues, visit laneways and see street art influenced by Adelaide musicians, and uncover our city's rich musical heritage.

Fri 16, 30 & Sat 17, 31 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Meet outside the Crown and Anchor Hotel
196 Grenfell St, Adelaide

Dax Cottam, 0437 517 997,
info@radelaidetours.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$35, Child: \$20
Bookings required online



Who paved Adelaide's bustling city streets and squares? Where do street names like Grote, Wakefield, Light and Gouger come from? How did the city of Adelaide come to be established, and why?

Step back in time with historian and author Dr Jeff Nicholas, who digs deep into the biographical archaeology of the philosophical radicals and political reformers who forever changed 1830s Britain and shaped Adelaide.



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South Australian Inventions and Innovators Tour

South Australia has contributed an eclectic assortment of inventions to the world. We have a rich history of social and political innovation – making claim to a number of world and Australian firsts. We will share these captivating tales on this 90-minute tour. Sunscreen, boxed wine, and the ‘Oodie’ are just a few that we will intrigue you with.

Sat 3 & Mon 5 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Meet on the steps of the Parliament of South Australia

Cnr of North Tce and King William St, Adelaide

Dax Cottam, 0437 517 997, info@radelaidetours.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$30, Child: \$15 Bookings required online



Quaker Meeting House

This is an opportunity to visit the Historic Quaker Meeting House and ask any questions you have of the Quakers present. Designed by Henry Manning, the pre-fabricated Meeting House was sent out from London aboard the ‘Rajashan’ in 1840. The Meeting House has been used for its original purpose since then.

Sat 10 May, 10am – 4pm

Quaker Meeting House

40A Pennington Tce, North Adelaide

Judy Greeves, 0416 785 937, Wmsadelaide@quakersaustralia.info

Free



E Colson and P Haines as they are about to leave Blood's Creek, 1936, Royal Geographical Society of South Australia

Triumph and Tragedy: Early Decisions That Shaped South Australia

Explore the collections of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia and some of the early decisions that have shaped this state. Have all these decisions had good outcomes?

Throughout May, Tue to Fri 10am – 1pm, Sun 1pm – 4pm

Library of the Royal Geographical Society of SA Level 2 South, Mortlock Wing, State Library of South Australia, North Tce, Adelaide RGSSA Librarian, 7424 6312, library@rgssa.org.au

Free



James Ashton, 'Full Summer', oil on canvas, c1911, Private collection, Ken Orchard

James Ashton: Artist of the Fleurieu Coast

A major exhibition of paintings and watercolours by James Ashton (1859-1935), the first in nearly 100 years, includes many works never before seen in public. Sourced from public and private collections, this exhibition will provide a unique opportunity to revisit the work of one of SA's most prominent and prolific artists.

Opening Event: Sun 27 April, 2pm Kate Pulford, Archivist, Prince Alfred College opens the exhibition.

Talk: Sun 4 May, 2pm

Ken Orchard in conversation with Kate Pulford, discussing Ashton's historical legacy.

Talk: Sun 25 May, 2pm

Ken Orchard in conversation with Julia Garnaut, discussing key works in the exhibition.

Every weekday in May, 10.30am – 3.30pm, Every weekend in May, 1pm – 4pm

RSASA Gallery, Level 1, Institute Building

Level 1, Institute Building, Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide

Ken Orchard, 8232 0450, rsasarts@bigpond.net.au

Free



Harry Boyd from Norwood and Will Snelling from Sturt after being announced as joint winners of the Magarey Medal, 2024. SANFL Image/David Mariuz

SANFL Football History Tour at Adelaide Oval

Join us at the iconic Adelaide Oval to view the largest collection of Magarey Medals ever assembled, as well as historic honour boards and SANFL Club displays. This is a special event not to be missed and numbers are strictly limited.

Wed 14 & Fri 16 May, 10am – 11am

Adelaide Oval War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide Christine Halbert, 8424 2200, history@sanfl.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



'Bindy-I', the cottage erected in 1925 to house researchers working in the Koonamore Project, 1935, The Koonamore Project Photographic Collection

The Koonamore Project: 100 years of Study of Vegetation in the Outback

We will recount the rich history and stories of this project. Cohorts of students have been trained there and fell in love with the outback. The study also produced worldwide influential research. We will look at how it began and how, by sheer resolve of various academics, the project reached 100 years. A book about this story will be presented.

Thu 22 May, 5.30pm – 7pm

Napier Building Room G04, North Tce Campus, The University of Adelaide 259 North Tce, Adelaide

A/Prof Jose M Facelli, 0438 027 464, jose.facelli@adelaide.edu.au

By Donation



Church on the Corner, 2025, Madeleine Stocks

The Church on the Corner

Scots Church, at 174 years old, is the second-oldest remaining church in Adelaide, and has an active Uniting Church congregation. Please join us for a guided tour, or sit quietly and watch the video. Discover the building and its peoples' wonderful history, including the 'Burning Bush' pulpit and the 'The Celebration of Creation' stained-glass window.

Every Tue & Thu in May, 11am – 12pm

Scots Church Adelaide 237 North Tce, Adelaide

Scots Church Adelaide, 8223 1505, office@scotschurch.org

By Donation





National Trust
South Australia

Pioneer Women's Trail Walk

Sunday 18 May 2025

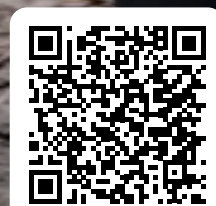
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Join one of our most popular annual events – a celebration of pioneering women and the trek they made from Hahndorf to the city to sell their produce.

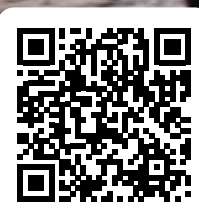
Walk country roads, laneways and bush tracks through a delightful section of the Adelaide Hills, passing historic homes and deciduous trees in their autumn colours.

Enjoy stunning city views on the way to Beaumont House where food vans, live music and a beautiful garden awaits so you can unwind with your fellow walkers and newly-made friends.

For more information and to register scan the QR Code or visit: www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/pioneer-womens-trail-walk



Bookings



Location

Remember Me? Our Evolving Public Memorials

What is the past and future of memorialisation? Applied History students share their learning about the 'statue wars' globally and locally, discussing diverse sites across the Torrens Parade Ground precinct. This project is supported by the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the History Trust of South Australia.

Wed 7 May, 10am – 11am

RSL Memorial Hall, Torrens Parade Ground
Victoria Dr, Adelaide

Elsbeth Grant, 8445 2944,
elsbeth.grant939@schools.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required online



Lubasch Barn / Hahndorf Echoes of the Past, 2025,
Hahndorf Walking Tours

Sharon Pippas & Keith Conlon

Special event

Hahndorf Echoes of the Past: Documentary Launch

Join Sharon Pippas and Keith Conlon for the launch of the documentary 'Hahndorf Echoes of the Past'. The film explores the resilience, faith, and community that shaped Hahndorf. Through diaries, family records, and oral histories, we bring to life the legacy of Hahndorf's pioneers. After the documentary and Q&A session, enjoy a light supper to help raise funds for the Hahndorf Community Association (HCA), supporting the reconstruction of a historic barn. Door prizes have been generously donated by Beerenberg Family Farm and local MP Rebekha Sharkie.

Thu 15 May, 6pm – 8pm

Mercury Cinema 13 Morphett St, Adelaide

Sharon Pippas, hahndorfechoesofthepast@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$25

Bookings required online



South Australian Heritage Council

Talk

Mount Gambier Sinkholes: Creating a Heritage Trail

Life in a Limestone Land. Ian Lewis will talk about combining Mount Gambier's mysterious sinkholes into a Sinkhole Heritage Trail. The Limestone Coast landscape has been shaped by ancient sea floors, sand dune ranges from a dozen Ice Ages, caves, sinkholes, volcanoes, and vast rainwater aquifers.

Thu 8 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Ayers House 288 North Tce, Adelaide

David Hanna, 0472 548 205, david.hanna@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Metropolitan Fire Brigade Headquarters, [B 22786], c1893,
State Library of South Australia

South Australian Metropolitan
Fire Service

Display

South Australian Fire Service Pop-up Museum

Step back in time and explore the rich history of the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service at our exclusive pop-up museum. Set within the iconic headquarters of the MFS, this unique exhibition showcases the evolution of firefighting in South Australia and offers featured exhibits including historic fire engines, hoses, helmets, and uniforms.

Fri 23 & Sat 24 May, 10am – 3pm

South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service
99 Wakefield St, Adelaide

General Enquiries, 8204 3600

Free



St John's Church interior, Halifax Street, Adelaide, 1999,
Caroline Adams

St John's Anglican Church

Guided tour

St John's Church: Old Building, New Stories

Come and discover the history and beauty of St John's Church, once known as 'St John's in the Wilderness', the second-oldest Anglican church in SA. Guides can show you around the church. Learn about its architectural history and the building of the present church. View the 'Arts and Crafts' features and learn about some of its early parishioners.

Sat 3 May, 10.30am – 2pm

St John's Anglican Church 379 Halifax St, Adelaide
Caroline Adams, 0437 620 311, Caro@senet.com.au

Free



St Peter's Cathedral, 2025, St Peter's Cathedral

St Peter's Cathedral

Guided tour

St Peter's Cathedral: An Adelaide Icon

This iconic building, founded in 1869, was built over a 35-year period. Its architecture, stained-glass, sculptures, woodwork, world-famous bells, and historic pipe organ are all notable features. Tours will detail the history of the cathedral's construction and its many notable features. Saturday tours will be preceded by a short organ recital.

Every Wed & Sat in May, 11am – 12pm

St Peter's Cathedral
27 King William Rd, North Adelaide
Cathedral Office, 8267 4551,
events@stpeters-cathedral.org.au

Free
Bookings required online



State Library of South Australia

Special event

John Martin's Display: Curator's Talk

Join Paul Flavel, researcher and author of 'John Martin's: The Story of South Australia's Beloved Department Store', for an engaging curator talk. Paul will share fascinating behind-the-scenes stories of some of the iconic pieces selected from our collection, offering unique insights into the history and legacy of this beloved institution.

Tue 6 May, 11am – 12pm

Treasures Wall, first floor of Spence Wing,
State Library of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300,
slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



State Library of South Australia

Talk

GMH: From Local Business to Engine of the War Economy

Discover the fascinating history of General Motors Holden, from its humble beginnings as a leather supply store to its key role in World War II. Founded in 1856 in Adelaide, Holden started as a saddlery before transitioning into the automotive industry in 1898 and becoming the dynamic engine driving Australia's war economy in 1940 – 45.

Tue 20 May, 12pm – 1pm

State Library of South Australia, Hetzel Lecture
Theatre, Institute Building North Tce, Adelaide

State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300,
slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



The John Martin's Story

Join Paul Flavel, researcher and author, as he shares the story from his research of one of South Australia's iconic department stores, John Martin's. Thanks to the stories from former staff and customers, the doors to John Martin's are open once more. Rarely seen photographs and Paul's research fill the pages of his new book.

Thu 1 May, 11am – 12.15pm

State Library of South Australia, Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building North Tce, Adelaide

State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300, slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Discover Hidden Treasures at the State Library: A Librarian's Tale

Join our Published Collections Librarians and see some of the Library's fascinating rare books, maps, and documents. Discover the stories behind these incredible items, including some surprisingly early publications and hear what our librarians have learned along the way.

Tue 20 & Wed 21 May, 10am – 11am

Institute Room in the Institute Building, State Library of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300, slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



State Records Information Hub

Calling all family historians. Visit the State Records of South Australia Information Hub at the State Library of South Australia to learn about government archives and how they can assist with your research. Staff members will be available to provide you with specialised knowledge of where to look and what to search.

Mon 5-Fri 9 May, 10am – 5pm

State Library of South Australia North Tce, Adelaide

State Records of South Australia, 7322 7077, staterecords@sa.gov.au

Free



State Records of South Australia, National Archives of Australia & State Library of South Australia

History Hits and Misses: A Tourism Tussle

Join the State Library of South Australia, State Records of South Australia, and the National Archives of Australia as they compete to share the most interesting stories from their collections. This year the stories will highlight the history of travel and tourism promotions in SA. Be part of the action as the audience votes for their favourite story and decides who wins.

Mon 26 May, 12pm – 1pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre North Tce, Adelaide

State Records of South Australia, 7322 7077, staterecords@sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



'Nellie Raminyemmerin' – more likely to be Nellie Bews née Wilkins (1845-1917), taken by Townsend Duryea at the reception for Prince Alfred, McBeath's station, Hindmarsh Island, South Australia, 1867.

The Fallacy of Nellie Raminyemmerin

An Indigenous woman historically recorded as Mary Manalto Wilkins, is now mistaken for being the same woman as Nellie Raminyemmerin. Hear the true stories of Manalto, her daughter Nellie, and Nellie Raminyemmerin – an exegesis of South Australian Aboriginal history.

Sat 17 May, 1pm – 3pm

Box Factory Community Centre
59 Regent St, South, Adelaide

Steven Page, stevenpage18@gmail.com

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



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Visit → festival.history.sa.gov.au



THE SIR HUBERT WILKINS ORATION DECISIONS IN THE DARK

with Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris SC OAM

HISTORY FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT

1ST MAY 2025 | 7:00 PM

Presented in partnership with the Wilkins Project



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Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris SC OAM

HISTORY TRUST
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Stretton Institute, The University of Adelaide Talk

Hugh Stretton Oration 2025: Growing an Appetite for Good Food Policy

Adam Liaw will discuss how we as a society need to start to take the question of 'good food' a little more seriously. At present, we actively regulate everything around food, but have little appetite for specifically tackling the way we eat. Do we need to look at a structure of food policy that starts with food, rather than ending with it?

Wed 14 May, 5.30pm – 7pm

Elder Hall, The University of Adelaide
North Tce, Adelaide

Stretton Institute, 8313 2202,
strettoninstitute@adelaide.edu.au

Free
Bookings required online



The Australasian Begg Society Open Day
of Orthodontists

P Raymond Begg Museum

Dr Begg is Australia's most famous dentist and Adelaide's first orthodontist. The museum displays genuine artefacts from Dr Begg's orthodontic practice and demonstrates why he is so highly regarded worldwide. This year is the centenary of his return from specialist training in the United States of America. Volunteers will show you around and explain the significance of the collection.

Every Tues & Fri in May, 10am – 4pm,
Sun 18 May, 1pm – 5pm

P. R. Begg Museum 89 King William St, Adelaide

Wayne Sampson, 8278 7661,
wayne.sampson@adelaide.edu.au

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The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre and Architecture Museum, UniSA Exhibition

Enduring Rationalism: The Architecture of Guy Maron

Award winning South Australian Architect Guy Maron is responsible for some of Adelaide's most iconic buildings. This retrospective exhibition of his work shows his belief in 'finding rational solutions to intricate problems', something evident across the housing, educational facilities, commercial, and cultural projects on display.

Every weekday in May, 9am – 6pm

Kerry Packer Civic Gallery
Level 3, Hawke Building, 55 North Tce, Adelaide

Hawke Centre, 8302 0371,
HawkeCentre-Events@unisa.edu.au

Free



The Graham F Smith Peace Foundation Guided tour

Kaurna Reconciliation Walk: Bridging Now to Next

Celebrate Reconciliation Week with the Kaurna Reconciliation Walk: Bridging Now to Next. Led by a Kaurna guide. This unique two-hour walk invites participants to reflect on shared histories, learn about Kaurna culture, and explore the impacts of colonisation.

Sat 31 May, 11am – 1pm & 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Adelaide Festival Centre
King William Rd, Adelaide

Naomi Ebert Smith, 0429 101 181,
naomi.ebertsmith@gmail.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$28, Concession: \$22 Family: \$60,
Member: \$22, Child: \$10
Bookings required online



University of South Australia - Creative Special event

Decisive and Divisive Stories at The State Library of South Australia

Experience storytelling transformed—where history meets the future. Powered by the next wave of media visionaries from UniSA - Creative, this immersive project will decide or divide. Expect history reimagined, fiction redefined, and reality bent. Step into a world where stories aren't just told, they're felt.

Mon 26 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

State Library of South Australia
Institute Building, North Tce, Adelaide

Dr Sarah Neville, 0438 796 217,
sarahneville@hotmail.com

Free



Trinity Church Adelaide Guided tour

The Decisions That Built a Community: Trinity Church Adelaide

Step inside Trinity Church Adelaide, South Australia's oldest church, and uncover the decisions that shaped its story. This guided tour and exhibition explore key choices from its founding to today that influenced both the church and city. Discover artefacts, architecture, and stories that still shape the community.

Every Mon, Wed & Fri in May, 10am – 2pm

Trinity Church Adelaide 88 North Tce, Adelaide

Trinity Church Adelaide, 8213 7300,
adelaide@trinity.church

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



University of South Australia Library Guided tour

Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library Tours

As President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions and Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke made decisions that impacted Australians and influenced the decisions they made in their everyday lives. Explore this remarkable history through a tour of the treasures of the Bob Hawke Collection at the University of South Australia.

Thu 8 May, 2pm – 3pm, Tue 13 May, 11am – 12pm,
Sat 24 May, 10am – 11am & 11.30am – 12.30pm

Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library
Level 5, Hawke Building, 61-73 North Tce, Adelaide

Kate Sergeant, 8302 0279,
kate.sergeant@unisa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required online



WEA Adult Learning Guided tour

Discover West Terrace Cemetery: WEA Walking Tour

Take a guided walk through our oldest working mainland cemetery for an introduction into history and symbolism. Discover the diverse religious beliefs and customs, history, and life stories of many of our earliest settlers and Quakers, and visit the old Catholic sections. Also visit the first crematorium in the Southern Hemisphere.

Sun 4 May, 10am – 12.30pm

West Tce Cemetery 161 West Tce, Adelaide

WEA Enrolments Office, 8223 1979,
enrolments@wea-sa.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$71
Bookings required online



WEA Adult Learning Talk

Exploring the WEA Archives: WEA Clubs

The WEA has been providing learning opportunities for more than 110 years. The first WEA Club was the WEA Ramblers Bushwalking Club Inc established in 1925. Join us as we explore the WEA Clubs of yesteryear, as well as those which are still active including the Ramblers Club, Jane Austen Club, SA Microprocessor Group, and French Scrabble Club.

Tue 20 May, 6pm – 8pm

WEA Adult Learning 223 Angas St, Adelaide

WEA Enrolments Office, 8223 1979,
enrolments@wea-sa.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



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Kate Hendry studio, Open Day 2024, Sam Roberts

Adelaide Central School of Art Open Day

Open Day: Adelaide Central School of Art

Our Open Day includes campus tours, lecturer presentations, students working, open studios, as well as coffee and a bake sale. Our teaching building, administration, and art gallery operate within state heritage Glenside Hospital buildings built in 1884 and 1899 respectively.

Sat 17 May, 10am – 4pm

Adelaide Central School of Art
7 Mulberry Rd, Glenside

Adelaide Central School of Art, 8299 7300,
info@acsa.sa.edu.au

Free



Adelaide Haunted Horizons Guided tour

Z Ward Asylum: Dark History Tour

Let us breathe life into the 'criminally insane' ward as it was known: Z Ward. This tour is designed to introduce you to the faces of Z Ward and the inmates who roamed within the walls. Follow eight historical murderers who were imprisoned in this building and learn about their crimes, their victims, and their fate.

Mon 5 & Tue 6 May, 7pm – 9pm

Z Ward Rear of 65 Conyngham St, Glenside

Alison Oborn, 0407 715 866,
alison@adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$39

Bookings required online



Australian Lebanese Association Exhibition

Australian Lebanese Association History Day

Learn the histories of pioneers of Lebanese migrants who arrived in South Australia in the mid-1800s. Visual and recorded information describes their participation in business, military, community, sport, and the arts, and cultural areas of both regional and city settlements. View artefacts from pioneers from those early days.

Sun 25 May, 10am – 5pm

Fullarton Park Community Centre, Banquet Room
411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton

Kaleeda Rasheed, 0401 698 363,
kaleedargm@gmail.com

Free



Australian Plangon (Antique & Modern Doll) Collectors Club Exhibition

History Through Dolls: Dolls, Bears, Toys and Collectables Exhibition

Dolls have always played a fun and educational role in childhood. They also represent the change in fashion and accessories throughout history. Come along to our annual display to see a collection of antique, vintage, and modern dolls, as well as many other toys, teddy bears, and collectables. Trading tables, and light refreshments also available.

Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

Fullarton Park Community Centre
411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton

Jeanette Mossop, 0407 800 460,
jrmossop@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$7, Child: \$3



Burnside Historical Society Guided tour

Wheal Watkins 1843 Heritage Mine: Above Ground Tour

Visit Wheal Watkins, part of Glen Osmond's historic silver-lead mines, Australia's first metalliferous mining area. This above ground tour of a 180-year old mine site is a general introduction to the origins of Cornish mining in South Australia. Sturdy footwear and good mobility needed. School-aged children welcome.

Sun 11 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm & 3pm – 4pm

Wheal Watkins

Follow the temporary signs and park near
23 Allandale Ave, Glen Osmond

Burnside Historical Society, 0422 705 916

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by phone or email



Burnside Historical Society Guided tour

Secrets of Dulwich: Discover the Untold Stories of Dulwich

Polly Dundon, author of 'Secrets of Dulwich', will conduct a guided walk through part of Dulwich. Heritage houses, famous residents and their siblings, and links to the Sands and McDougall Directory, will be discovered and discussed.

The two-hour walk will end at the Dulwich Community Centre in the 'Lost Village of Dulwich'.

Sat 3 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet in front of Gillberries Cafe
37 Dulwich Ave, Dulwich

Burnside Historical Society,
secretsofdulwichsa@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by email



Burnside Historical Society Guided tour

Secrets of Dulwich Part Two: Discover More Untold Stories of Dulwich

Polly Dundon will lead you through the old suburbs of Ascot Vale and Victoria Park which are now part of Dulwich. Street name changes during WWI, beautiful heritage houses, Royal Mail Livery and Letting Stables, and the cabinet maker who passed coffins over the fence to the funeral home. These are just some of the discoveries you will make on this walk.

Wed 14 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet outside Artitude Art Studio
39A Dulwich Ave, Dulwich

Burnside Historical Society,
secretsofdulwichsa@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by email



Burnside Historical Society Guided tour

Eastwood: Burnside's Smallest Suburb, Yesterday and Today

Take a guided walk through Eastwood, one of Adelaide's oldest urban villages, with Ally Preiss, a resident of 20 years. Learn about the early industries and shops, the variety of housing types, and the colourful stories of its back lanes. Learn about the early lifestyles and interesting characters of the past.

Tue 6 & Wed 7 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at the Main St Reserve 4 Main St, Eastwood

Burnside Historical Society, 0422 705 916

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by phone or email



Burnside Historical Society Talk

The Defiant Anti-Conscriptionist: The Curious Life of Ephraim Henry Coombe

This talk by Pat Booth and Helen Hennessy examines the life of EH Coombe (1858-1917), journalist, newspaper editor, and member of Parliament for the Barossa District. He advocated for proportional voting, women's suffrage, and against the discrimination of Lutherans during WWI. His steadfast anti-conscription stance also led to accusations of cowardice.

Mon 19 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Burnside Community Centre Hall
401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Historical Society, 0422 705 916,
burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com

By Donation



Burnside Library Workshop

Researching House History

Trace the history of your home at this house history workshop. Discover how records from the City of Burnside Local History Collection and online resources can help you uncover the stories of where you live. Please bring along a laptop or device to access the internet as part of this workshop.

Tue 6 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Burnside Library Meeting Room
401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Burnside Library

Workshop

Researching Military History

Do you have a family member who served in a war? Dive into military history with a personalised research session from the Burnside Military History Research Group. You will work directly with an experienced researcher to explore primary sources and online records. Please bring along a laptop or device that can access the internet.

Wed 14 May, 10am – 12pm

Burnside Library Local History Room
401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Burnside Library

Talk

The Strange Death of Mr Buchanan: A Cold Case From 1839

Step back to 1839, when a young gentleman arrived on the 'Bardaster' seeking a fresh start. His badly decomposed body was later found at Glen Osmond—was it suicide or murder? Hear the case and decide for yourself. Join Robyn Heitmann, a passionate collector of historical stories, for this intriguing talk.

Mon 5 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Burnside Library

Talk

Author Talk: The Life and Legacies of Sir Thomas Playford GCMG

Join history enthusiast Raymond Marin as he shares the remarkable story of Sir Thomas Playford GCMG, who served as Premier of South Australia for an impressive 38 years, starting from 1938. Learn more about his contributions towards the growth and development of South Australia.

Thu 8 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Burnside Library

Talk

Book Launch: Juventus Motorcycle Club – A History

In mid-1956, three motorcyclists met in the Burnside Council Chambers to form the Juventus Motorcycle Club. Many members have achieved fame racing both locally and internationally, while mentoring young riders. Join us for an afternoon with the 'tea and bickies' club as they launch their book filled with stories, photos, and memorabilia.

Sun 25 May, 2.30pm – 4pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Burnside Library

Talk

Costume as a Social Statement

Sandy Whitelaw, the Costume Collection Curator at the National Trust, presents an engaging talk that explores the evolution of fashion from the Georgian period through to the 1940s. Discover how the Regency, Victorian, Edwardian, and early twentieth-century eras reflected social changes and global events. Entry by donation to National Trust of SA.

Thu 29 May, 6.30pm – 8pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

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Bookings required online



Burnside Library &

Burnside Historical Society

Workshop

History Research Enquiry Hours

Do you have a local history enquiry? The Local History Research Team are here to help. Pop in with your family history, property history or local history enquiry to receive personalised assistance from the team. Discover how the records from the Local History Collection and online resources can help you uncover the past.

Every Mon in May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Local History Room, Burnside Library
401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Free



SOUTH AUSSIE FAMILY OWNED HISTORY MAKERS

Beginning as a small, three-laned supermarket in 1974, Drakes Supermarkets has become the largest independent grocery retailer in Australia with 68 stores across South Australia and Queensland, employing over 6,000 team members nationwide.

Owned and operated by the Drake family, Drakes strength lies in operating with customers front of mind and on the principles of supporting local manufacturers, farmers, suppliers and the local community at large, having employed over 50,000 staff over the last 50 years.

Marking their 50th year in business in 2024, the team at Drakes have expressed their sincere gratitude to their loyal customers and hardworking team members and attributes the business's success on their unwavering commitment to their customers and pledge to give back to the South Australian and Queensland communities.

Drakes Supermarkets are looking towards an exciting future with ambitions to open more stores over the next few years and remain focused on the most important part of their business - their customers, striving to always provide superior customer service and an unbeatable range of products and services in each store.

Drakes will always be a family-owned business with family centric values that extend throughout the whole team, promising to provide all Australians ingredients for every day, for generations to come.



Drakes.



ingredients for every day

Burnside Library & Wend/
Sorb Society of SA Talk

Wend/Sorb Traditional Costumes: Their Continuing Relevance

The Wend/Sorb culture of south-east Germany has a rich tradition of ceremonial costumes. Wendish emigrants to South Australia in the mid-nineteenth century brought few of these costumes with them. The reasons will be discussed. Come and see a traditional wedding gown and a dance costume.

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Historical Society Open Day

Lochend House: Open Day and History Talk

The Campbelltown Historical Society proudly presents the historic home of pioneer farmer, Charles James Fox Campbell. Designed by Colonial Architect George Kingston, the home has been lovingly restored to reflect its 1850s heritage. History talks and video presentations will be held and Devonshire Tea available for purchase for \$5 (cash only).

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 4pm

Lochend House Lochend Dr, Campbelltown

Anna Leombruno, 0418 806 118,
cr.leombruno@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

By Donation

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Public Library Talk

Celebrating 50 years of Rainbow Law Reform

Join Dr Gertrude Glossip, Queen of the Walk, on this journey of legislative liberation. From the dreadful drowning murder of Dr George Duncan, May 10 1972, which led to the first attempt at Gay Law Reform, to the banning of Conversion Therapy in 2024, these important legislative changes have had a profound impact on the lives of many South Australians.

Sat 10 May, 2pm – 3pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton

Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Public Library Talk

Two Truths and a Lie

Join us for a fun and interactive quiz-style session to channel your inner detective. Learn about the fascinating stories found within the national archival collection and put your skills to the test to uncover the truths, reveal the lies, and solve the mystery behind each story.

Tue 6 May, 2pm – 3pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton

Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Public Library Bus tour

Bus Tour: Kurna Life in Campbelltown, Choices and Decisions

Join Uncle Ivan-Tiwu Copley, a respected Peramangk and Kurna Elder, as he shares his deep knowledge of language, history, and culture. Take part in a culturally significant bus tour of the Campbelltown district, and discover the choices and decisions that shape Kurna culture and the enduring connection to Country.

Tue 27 May, 10am – 12.30pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton

Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Public Library Special event

A Musical Journey: From the 1950s to Today

Join Mario Scalzi for an engaging show that takes you on a nostalgic musical journey. Through a captivating video documentary, Mario brings to life the music, moments, and milestones that shaped our collective memories. Perfect for anyone who loves reminiscing about the past while enjoying a rich tapestry of cultural history.

Wed 7 May, 6pm – 7pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton

Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Public Library Talk

Decisions That Shaped Women's Lives

Join Verna Kershaw to discover the pivotal decisions made by the inspiring women of the Country Women's Association (CWA). With a rich history of advocating for, and contributing to, shaping social change, explore how women's decisions in the CWA impacted lives, strengthened communities, and created a lasting legacy.

Sat 24 May, 2pm – 3pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton

Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Campbelltown Public Library Talk

Hiram Telemachus Mildred 1836: Cabin Boy on the 'Rapid'

Anne Martin shares the story of her great uncle, Hiram Mildred. At just 13 years of age, Hiram Mildred sailed for the new colony of South Australia aboard the 'Rapid', a surveying brig, accompanied by his uncle George Mildred in 1836. Hiram's father the Hon Henry Richard Mildred of 'Clairville' in Campbelltown, arrived the following year.

Thu 15 May, 2pm – 3pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton

Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



City of Burnside Guided tour

Discover History Through the Trees of Hazelwood Park

Visit trees that existed before Adelaide. Discover wildlife apartments and the 'wood-wide-web'. Join a guided walk to discuss the history of the park and the environmental, cultural, and economic significance of the park's trees. The content is most suitable for adults and older children. Meet at the entrance of the George Bolton Swimming Centre.

Tue 6 May, 10am – 12pm

Hazelwood Park Howard Tce, Hazelwood Park

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



City of Burnside Guided tour

Discover the Burnside District Fallen Soldiers' Memorial

Established in 1919, the state heritage-listed Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in Rose Park is a high-quality example of a living war memorial. Join a guided walking tour to learn about the history of this significant site and discover stories of the WW1 soldiers commemorated there. Meet at the Dulwich – Rose Park United Parish hall.

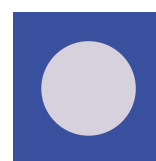
Tue 6 May, 9.30am – 11.30am

Dulwich–Rose Park United Parish
27A Prescott Tce, Rose Park

Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

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Bookings required online



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City of Burnside & Australian Army Band Adelaide Performance

Australian Army Band Adelaide, Band Favourites: Old and New

Join the Australian Army Band Adelaide for a captivating musical journey of timeless classics and contemporary favourites, evoking cherished memories, and creating new favourites. Gold coin entry with all donations supporting Legacy.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 3pm

Burnside Ballroom 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore
Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

By Donation
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Exhibition

Messages From the Grave: Awakening the Living and the Dead in Cemeteries

Cemeteries — a place for the living or a place for the dead? Through the stories of graves, uncover insights into the lives of those honoured, the customs of people who memorialised them, and the shifting beliefs that have shaped our views on remembrance. Exhibition launch Friday 2 May, 6pm. All welcome.

Opening: Fri 2 May, 6pm – 8pm,

Exhibition: Every Mon, Tue, Thu in May, 9.30am – 5.00pm, Every Wed in May, 9.30am – 1pm,

**Every Sat in May, 10am – 4pm,
Every Fri from 9 May, 9.30am – 5.00pm**

The Gallery, St Peters Town Hall Complex
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters

City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop

Online Genealogy: Finding Burials & Cemeteries Online

Learn how to use Ancestry, the world's leading family history website, and other platforms to locate family burial and cemetery records. All South Australian library users have free access to Ancestry Library Edition on library computers. Assumed knowledge for this workshop – basic PC skills and ability to perform internet searches.

Mon 26 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

St Peters Library 101 Payneham Rd, St Peters
Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Adjunct Associate Professor Shyla Mills, Palliative Care SA Talk

Compassionate Communities: Palliative Care in South Australia

All of us will know or care for someone who experiences serious illness, dying, or grief throughout our life, yet often we don't know what we can do or say or where to access support. Join us for an enlightening session designed to provide information and answer questions. Don't miss the chance to learn about this important stage of life.

Tue 13 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Payneham Library and Community Facilities Main Hall
2 Turner St, Felixstow

Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Bowen Funerals Open Day

Darroch House: 19th Century Stately Home – 21st Century Funeral Home

In 1885, prominent Rundle St retailer, James Marshall Esq. built a magnificent two storey, sandstone mansion on 13 acres between Payneham Rd and the River Torrens. Today, the building is a funeral home. Examine some of the original features and learn about the varied uses of this beautiful, old property over the last 140 years. Talks 2pm and 3pm (15 min).

Fri 23 & Sun 25 May, 1pm – 4pm

Darroch House 6 Briar Rd, Felixstow
Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Donate Life SA Talk

The Gift of Life: Glenys' Story

Each year thousands of Australian lives are saved and transformed through the generosity of organ and tissue donors and their families. In 2017, following a rapid health decline due to Cystic Fibrosis, Glenys received a double lung transplant. Hear her first-hand account of the journey through the transplant process, recovery, and her heartfelt message.

Tue 27 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Banquet Hall, St Peters Town Hall Complex
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters

Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Loretta Cooper, Adelta Legal Talk

Wills, Estate Planning, Powers of Attorney & Advance Care Directives

Planning for your future legal, financial, and health decisions is easier than you think. Join us for an interactive session with our guest speaker Loretta Cooper, from Adelta Legal, to answer all of your questions about estate planning. Find out more about protecting you and your loved ones now, and into the future.

Tue 13 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Banquet Hall, St Peters Town Hall Complex
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters
Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Payneham Cemetery Self-guided tour

Payneham Cemetery Self-Guided Tour

Established in 1864, Payneham Cemetery is the resting place of many well-known local pioneers. Explore their stories and examine changing social customs using examples of headstone symbols and inscriptions. Download a free guide when making your booking.

Throughout May, 8.30am – 4.30pm

Payneham Cemetery Marian Rd, Payneham
Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters and Rhiannon's Service Talk

Dying as we Live: Storytelling, End of Life Doulas & Living a Meaningful Life

A short history of how death, dying, and funerals have changed in Australia, and how End of Life Doulas can help individuals and communities start important conversations and break down taboos around death and dying. Contemplate how storytelling can be a vehicle for a more meaningful life, end of life planning, death, and legacy.

Thu 22 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Banquet Hall, St Peters Town Hall Complex
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters
Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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Your Collection

What do the Port Adelaide Lighthouse, Lady Holden's Holden, Don Dunstan's pink shorts and Colonel Light's Plan of the City of Adelaide have in common? They are among the 37,000 treasures in the State History Collection, managed by the History Trust on behalf of the people of South Australia.

Founded in the early 1980s, the State History Collection continues to grow and develop with our state and its people. Each addition to the Collection enhances our ability to tell South Australian stories.

Recently, descendants of Captain Matthew Flinders generously donated the lead nameplate from his coffin. Flinders was buried in St James churchyard, London, in 1841, but extensions to Euston station in the late 1840s obscured the location of his grave. Over 160 years later, another rail project, the London to Birmingham High-Speed line, led to archaeological excavations of the area. The plate on Flinders' coffin had endured, and enabled identification. Flinders was re-buried in 2024 at his birthplace, Donington, Lincolnshire, during a weekend of celebrations honouring his achievements as a naval officer, navigator, and cartographer. The coffin plate was accepted on behalf of the History Trust by the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Hon Frances Adamson AC.



Nurse's bag (HT 2023.0827),
History Trust of South Australia



Coffin Plate - Matthew Flinders (HT 2024.0403),
History Trust of South Australia

Another recent addition was nursing uniform belonging to Amy Payne, who cared for injured soldiers in England during WWI. She migrated to South Australia after she married one of her patients, Gunner Morris Basey. The Collection also includes objects relating to contemporary events that will, in the future, be seen as history — such as the Covid 19 pandemic, South Australian bushfires, and the Voice referendum.

Among the Collection are objects large and small, ranging from locomotives (which you can see on loan at the National Railway Museum) to locket, and from boats to bonnets. Caring for these amazing historical objects is a big task. The History Trust is delighted to be working with the State Government and our colleagues from the South Australian Museum, the State Library of South Australia, the Art Gallery of South Australia and Artlab Australia to prepare, pack, and move a significant portion of the State Collections, including the State History Collection to a new, purpose-built collections store in 2026.

Visit our museums during the History Festival to see objects from the Collection on display or log on to our online collections portal any time:

→ collections.history.sa.gov.au

Mandy Paul

Head of Collections
History Trust of South Australia

City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop
and Stitch Paint Burn

Life Journal Workshop

Join us for an inspiring and creative workshop where you will learn the art of bookbinding while creating a unique 'Life Journal' filled with thoughtful prompts to celebrate your life. All materials provided. Ages 15+.

Sat 10 May, 12.30am – 3.30pm

Banquet Hall, St Peters Town Hall Complex
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters

Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Talk
and Stuart Symons

Modernist Adelaide: An Architectural Revolution

Stuart Symons is helping people better appreciate Adelaide's mid-century architecture. Author of 'Modernist Adelaide: 100 Buildings 1940-1970s', Stuart will discuss the architectural revolution that transformed post-war Adelaide, share his favourite buildings and designers, and explore what they can tell us about ourselves today.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Payneham Library 2 Turner St, Felixstow

Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop
and Studio Ruby Chew

Nature Themed 3D Artworks for Plinths

Unleash your imagination and learn the practical skills to create your own 3D artwork under the expert guidance of visual artist and educator Ruby Chew. This hands-on, supportive and fun workshop is suitable for beginner and intermediate artists. Ages 7+. All materials included. Booking fee proudly subsidised by the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

Wed 21 May, 11.30am – 1pm & 1.30pm – 3pm

Banquet Hall, St Peters Town Hall Complex
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters

Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30

Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop
Payneham Cemetery and Deborah Smalley

Tombstone Sketching

Learn how to create your own black and white wobbly-line sketch of historic tombstones at the Payneham Cemetery under the guidance of experienced local artist Deborah Smalley. Hear stories of early pioneers interred there since 1864. No drawing experience necessary. All art materials provided. BYO drink, sun protection, and chair. Ages 18+.

Thu 15 & Fri 23 May, 9.50am – 12pm

Payneham Cemetery Marian Rd, Payneham

Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555,
townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



Clayton Wesley Uniting Church Open Day

Social Decisions Over 170 Years by Clayton (Congregational) Church

Discover Clayton Church, the 'Spire on the Parade', celebrating 170 years of community involvement and leadership. Founded in 1854 by people who were not afraid to make decisions to promote their social responsibilities. Also view the newly restored 1912 western window and experience the magnificent 1897 J E Dodd pipe organ.

Tue 13 & 20 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Clayton Wesley Uniting Church,
cnr The Parade & Portrush Rd, Beulah Park
280 Portrush Rd, Beulah Park

Dr Geoffrey Bishop, 0468 345 025,
gcbishop@westnet.com.au

By Donation



East Residents Association Talk

Urban Histories: Suburbs of Burnside

The rich history of Burnside suburbs like Toorak Gardens, Dulwich, and Rose Park will be explored. Learn how the character of these areas has evolved over the last 100 years. Heritage will come alive with stories about the people, the buildings, and the activities that have transformed the area into the leafy residential hub it is today.

Fri 30 May, 4pm – 5pm

Dulwich Community Centre 14 Union St, Dulwich

Ian Crundall, eastresidents@hotmail.com

By Donation

Bookings required online



East Residents Association Talk
& Kuma Kaaru

Aboriginal Connection to Country

Get a first-hand account of the special relationship Aboriginal people have with Country. Learn about its critical role in identity, culture, and wellbeing. Hear how Aboriginal people lived on local lands prior to European settlement and why Country remains fundamental in linking the past and the present.

Thu 22 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Burnside City Council Library
401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore

Ian Crundall, eastresidents@hotmail.com

Free

Bookings required online



Glenside Hospital Historical Society Guided tour

ACSA Open Day: Glenside Hospital Historical Tour

Join David Buob from the Glenside Historical Society for a tour of select heritage buildings. Originally part of the Parkside Lunatic Asylum the buildings are now the Adelaide Central School of Art campus. Learn about the buildings and their function over the past 125 years.

Sat 17 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Adelaide Central School of Art
7 Mulberry Rd, Glenside

Adelaide Central School of Art, 8299 7300,
info@acsa.sa.edu.au

Free

Bookings required online



Historical Society of South Australia Talk

Prince Alfred College History

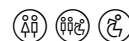
Established in 1869, Prince Alfred College is a fascinating example of independent school education. Join members of the Historical Society of South Australia for this presentation by College Archivist, Kate Pulford, to hear more about its people, built environment, treasures, stories — the result of decisions made over the past 155 years.

Fri 2 May, 7.30pm – 8.40pm

Burnside City Uniting Church
384 Portrush Rd, Tasmore

Lyn O'Grady, 0409 305 908, lynogrady691@gmail.com

Event costs apply



Laura Di Martino-Kempton & Claudia Callisto Exhibition

Italian Glory Boxes of Love

Explore a display of hand-crafted dowry items belonging to SA women of Italian heritage. Hear about the history of the Italian Glory Box phenomenon (2pm – 2.30pm) and then visit the exhibition (2.30pm – 5pm) and learn about the family stories behind the items on display. Share your own stories, whatever your cultural background, over a coffee e biscotto.

Sat 24 & Sun 25 May, 2pm – 5pm

Co-ordinating Italian Committee (CIC)
84 Payneham Rd, Stepney

Laura Di Martino-Kempton, 0411 035 189,
laura.kempton@gmail.com

Free



Liquid History Talk

The What, When, Who, How and Why of the Kent Town Hotel and its People

A social history of the Kent Town Hotel. Exploring the what, when, who, how, why, and the decisions made by publicans, patrons, and others regarding the founding and ongoing survival of the pub. Presented by Craig Hill, Liquid History. Includes an 'Ordinary' (roast dinner).

Tue 13 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Kent Town Hotel 76 Rundle St, Kent Town

Craig Hill, KThevent@liquidhistory.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30

Bookings required online



Mary MacKillop Museum Guided tour

Kensington-Norwood Guided Mary MacKillop Heritage Walk

Join us on the Kensington-Norwood Mary MacKillop Heritage Walk. Listen to stories from the past as you follow in the footsteps of Australia's first saint, discovering where she lived and worked for 11 years, reaching out to those in need. Learn more of Mary's inspirational story as you explore Norwood and Kensington with an experienced guide.

Thu 5 May, 10.30am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3pm

Mary MacKillop Museum 19 Phillips St, Kensington

Sr Mary Ryan, 8130 5916, mary.ryan@sosj.org.au

By Donation

Bookings required online



Multi Award-Winning Mary MacKillop Museum

The award-winning Mary MacKillop Museum is a light-filled, contemporary space that utilises interactive technology. It tells stories of Australia's first saint, those who supported her pioneering work in education and social reform, and how her legacy continues. A little slice of South Australia's history, you'll find a story to touch your heart.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Mary MacKillop Museum 19 Phillips St, Kensington

Mary MacKillop Museum, 8130 5910, admin.mmpsa@sosjspirit.org.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$12, Concession: \$10, Family: \$25, Child: \$8



Starting Out Young: Mary MacKillop the Radical Decision-maker

As an 11-year-old, Mary MacKillop made a huge decision. She discovered that the nurse who was caring for her very ill mother, was drunk. With her father away, Mary sacked the woman and took over her mother's care. Throughout her life, Mary was faced with challenges that called for radical decisions with often painful consequences.

Sat 17 May, 10am – 11am

Bethany at Mary MacKillop Precinct 4 High St, Kensington

Sr Mary Ryan, 8130 5916, mary.ryan@sosj.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



What the Working Classes Wore Exhibition

Costume Collection of clothing of working class people - especially women - who, until recently have been hidden from written history. Their clothing has been overlooked and under-represented in museums due to low survival rate by thrifty reuse or worn-out condition. There has also been a tendency for museums to collect and preserve elite fashions rather than utilitarian clothing.

Sun 4, 11, 25 May & Sat 10, 24, 31 May, 10am – 3pm

Beaumont House 631 Glynburn Rd, Beaumont

Chris Perriam, 0468 866 492, burnside@nationaltrustsa.org.au

Event costs apply

Per Person: \$25, Concession: \$20, Member: \$20



Maureen Sherlock as 'Bibs' and Kathryn Fisher (seated) as 'Madge', 2024, Prospect Productions

Madge & Bibs and the Advancing Girls

Madeline Rees George ('Madge') dominated girl's education in SA for almost half a century.

She was the long-serving Headmistress at the revolutionary 'Advanced School for Girls' and an indomitable figure in the colony. Always with her with her, but in the shadows, was her younger sister, Marian ('Bibs'). "Engrossing and entertaining" – Greg Mackie OAM

Fri 16 May, 11am – 12.15pm

Dulwich Community Centre 14 Union St, Dulwich

Rob George, 0417 804 307, roomoo@ozemail.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



Geoffrey Dutton against background of Anlabey Station, 1975, Francis Dutton

The Many Loves of Geoffrey Dutton

Winner of Best Biographical Film at the 2024 New York International Film Awards. Dutton made his mark as a writer, poet, publisher and founder of the Adelaide Festival and Writer's Week.

The film challenges the reputation of one of Australia's great arts figures. Features interviews with family and friends, and home movies from the 1940s to the 80s.

Thu 15 May, 11am – 12.15pm

Dulwich Community Centre 14 Union St, Dulwich

Rob George, 0417 804 307, roomoo@ozemail.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



Von and Max Harris c1950, Photographer unknown

Von Loves Her Modernist

Von Hutton falls in love with the brilliant and precocious poet, Max Harris, while still at school. He is Adelaide's 'enfant terrible'; a promoter of modernism in art and literature, he is riding high until he falls victim to the notorious Ern Malley hoax. An intriguing glimpse into Adelaide's vibrant cultural life in the 1940s.

Wed 14 May, 2.30pm – 3.35pm

Dulwich Community Centre 14 Union St, Dulwich

Rob George, 0417 804 307, roomoo@ozemail.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



St Martin's Anzac Walk and Historical Cemetery Tour

Start your afternoon with free Devonshire tea in our cafe. Your self-guided tour starts at the 1925 Soldiers' Memorial and follows our Anzac Walk to the original 1854 St Martin's Church. You can then explore the rich local history in our heritage cemetery and find tributes to Campbelltown's pioneering families, farming exhibits, and a sculpture.

Thu 22 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

St Martin's Church Cafe 3 Gorge Rd, Paradise

Greg Rosser, 0423 715 464, gregrosser@adam.com.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Presentation: Stained-glass Windows

Highly acclaimed professional glass artist, designer and author, Cedar Prest AM, will speak about stained-glass windows. Ms Prest has directed large and complex contemporary stained-glass projects across Australia, and instigated the world's first community glass projects. View at close quarters Ms Prest's 'Pelican' windows in the Church.

Wed 28 May, 2pm – 3pm

St Matthew's Church Kensington

146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville

Office Administrator, 8332 7715, office@stmatts.asn.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



St Matthew's Church Kensington Guided tour

Historic Stained-glass Windows Tour at St Matthew's Church

The broad range of windows in St Matthew's tell the story of our past, present and hint at future life in our church. Symbolic of the faith and hopes of earlier parishioners, they allude to the full range of life's experiences.

Thu 8 May, 10.30am – 11.30am & Tue 20 May, 2pm – 3pm

St Matthew's Church Kensington
146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville
Office Administrator, 8332 7715,
office@stmatts.asn.au

Free
Bookings required online



St Matthew's Church Kensington Guided tour

St Matthew's Church Historic Local Area Walk

St Matthew's Anglican Church was built in the centre of a thriving local congregation. Generations have responded to the changing needs of the church, reflecting dedication and commitment to the faith and belief of the church. The original St Matthew's Day School still exists as a hall in Bridge St.

Tue 6 May & Mon 26 May, 10am – 12pm

St Matthew's Church Kensington
146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville
Office Administrator, 8332 7715,
office@stmatts.asn.au

Free
Bookings required online



St Matthew's Church Kensington Guided tour

Historic Gravestone Tours at St Matthew's Church

St Matthew's Kensington was established in 1848 and has some of the oldest burial sites in Adelaide. Come along and hear a fascinating and informative, and sometimes tragic, narrative of the many and varied South Australians buried at St Matthew's.

Mon 5 May, 2pm – 3pm & Sat 24 May, 10am – 11am

St Matthew's Church Kensington
146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville
Office Administrator, 8332 7715,
office@stmatts.asn.au

Free
Bookings required online



St Matthew's Church Kensington Special event

Hymns of Praise From Bygone Days

Praise can be enhanced greatly by song, but hymn styles and words have varied over the years. Older people will recall foot-tapping militaristic hymns of their younger years. Come along to join the chorus of voices from people singing as best they can – the organ and words will be supplied. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards.

Sun 25 May, 4pm – 5pm

St Matthew's Church Kensington
146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville
Office Administrator, 8332 7715,
office@stmatts.asn.au

Free
Bookings required online



St Matthew's Church Kensington Open Day

Open Church at St Matthew's Kensington

Visitors are welcome at one of the early churches built in Adelaide where you can view historical features and memorials, pray, sit in peaceful contemplation, or walk outside in the recently planted Sanctuary Garden. Host parishioners will be on hand to assist with questions.

Tue 13 May, 2pm – 4pm & Wed 28 May, 3.30pm – 5pm

St Matthew's Church Kensington
146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville
Office Administrator, 8332 7715,
office@stmatts.asn.au

Free

St Peter's College Archivist, Elisabeth Bramford Guided tour

St Peter's College History Tour

Join us for a guided tour of St Peter's College and explore the history of one of the oldest operating independent schools in South Australia. The tour will delve into the key decisions that led to the founding of the school and provide insight into how it evolved during its early years, with a visit to the Heritage Precinct.

Wed 21 May, 10am-11.30am

St Peter's College
Bruce Gates, Trinity St, Hackney
Elisabeth Bramford, 8404 0536,
archivist@stpeters.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required online



A Japanese 'Kamishibai' story at a monthly meeting, 2023, Sue Khoo

Storytelling Australia (SA) Performance

Storytellers Delve Into Dilemmas

Adults love stories. Come, listen to tales of danger, drama, and delight involving our ancestors, and contemporaries, grappling with pesky decisions. Luckily, after the anguish of one's ship sinking, migration, weird fish, heavy social responsibility or silly moments, there's a good yarn. Join a warm gathering for some unexpected stories.

Sun 25 May, 1.45pm – 4.15pm

Knightsbridge Guide Hall
Cnr Howard Tce & Rochester St,
off Glynburn Rd, Leabrook
Sue Khoo, 0419 860 880,
contact@storytellingsa.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



The South Australian Country Women's Association Special event

A Taste of Home: SACWA on the Homefront in WWII

Discover the vital roles of SACWA members in WWII – feeding troops, raising funds, making camouflage nets, sheepskin jackets, and knitting comforts from home. Their efforts boosted morale and strengthened communities. Experience history by tasting the food they served. A tribute to their resilience, generosity and hard work.

Fri 9 May, 2pm – 3pm

SACWA State Office 30 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town
Jan Kershaw, 8332 4166, pandp@sacwa.org.au

Free

The Town of Walkerville Guided tour

A Home With History: The Briars

Join Lyn O'Grady to uncover the fascinating history of The Briars in Medindie. Once the home of politician, George Charles Hawker, this 30-room mansion later became the McBride Maternity Hospital for 80 years. Discover the stories of Hawker, the nurses, and the unwed mothers who were part of the home's history.

Mon 5 May, 6pm – 7pm

Walkerville Library 66 Walkerville Tce, Gilberton
Town of Walkerville, 8342 7100,
walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



The Town of Walkerville Guided tour

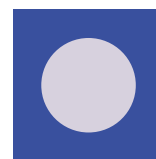
Historic Vale House: Town of Walkerville

Join local historian, Lyn O'Grady, to learn the fascinating history of 'Vale House' South Australia's earliest significant house. Explore the preserved residence and its surrounding garden, now part of Walkerville, after being gifted by the last of the Levi family.

Thu 29 May, 11.50am – 1pm

Vale House 1A Harris Rd, Vale Park
Town of Walkerville, 8342 7100,
walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



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Anglican Parish of Broadview & Enfield Open Day

The Hopeful Decision: Building Our Church

Nestled between car yards, shops, and government offices on Main North Road is St Clement's Church, a heritage building started in 1858. What began as a hopeful decision faced delay due to lack of funds. The parishoners' hopes remained strong, and nine years later the church was opened in 1867. In the past 167 years, further works have been realised.

Thu 22 May, 10.30am – 11.35am

St. Clement's Church 354 Main North Rd, Blair Athol Grant Brindal, 0417 838 635, bigred@chariot.net.au
Free



Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia, Adelaide Chapter Guided tour

North Adelaide Art Deco Walking Tour

Discover the pockets of early twentieth century modernity that dared burst forth in the then very nineteenth-century established leafy streets of Adelaide's most desirable suburb. Meet at Deepacres Apartments. Tour concludes at the stunning Piccadilly Cinema where refreshments are available.

Sun 18 May, 9.30am – 11.30am

Deepacres Apartments
283 Melbourne St, North Adelaide
Alison O'Loughlin, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Member: \$15
Bookings required online



Australian Traditional & Bush Dance Society Special event

Come and Try Australian Bush and Folk Dancing

Why come? In a word: fun! Easy to learn dances with no fancy steps required. Friendly atmosphere and great music. Come with a friend or on your own. No previous experience needed. Flat shoes are best. All dances are walked through; you learn by doing them. A social occasion where you'll likely change partners and dance with everyone.

Tue 13 & 27 May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Prospect Town Hall 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect
Merilyn Taylor, 0409 670 205, enquiries@atbdsdancesa.com.au

Free



CALHN Health Museum Exhibition

Nursing: Heroes DO Wear Capes

Explore the extraordinary impact nurses have made at Royal Adelaide Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre. Celebrate the dedication, compassion, and life-changing decisions nurses make every day. Through stories, histories and objects, discover how their choices shaped lives and made a difference.

Every weekday in May, 9am – 3pm, (Thu 1 & Fri 2 May, 10am – 3pm)

CALHN Health Museum
207-235 Hampstead Rd, Northfield
Margot Way, 8222 1444, Health:RAHHeritageOffice@sa.gov.au

Free



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Guided tour and Adelaide Cemeteries Authority

Enfield Memorial Park: Guided Tour

Cemeteries are changing. This is your chance to delve behind the scenes of a modern crematorium, visit natural burial ground Wirra Wonga, and learn how the diverse beliefs and practices of many cultures and religions are thoughtfully considered. Experience Evergreen Community Precinct's state-of-the-art reflection rooms, lounges and cafe, 1947 Coffee Co.

Fri 16, Wed 21, Mon 26 May, 9.30am – 11am

Vale Room, Evergreen Community Precinct
Gordon Ave, Clearview
Norwood Town Hall, 8366 4555, townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



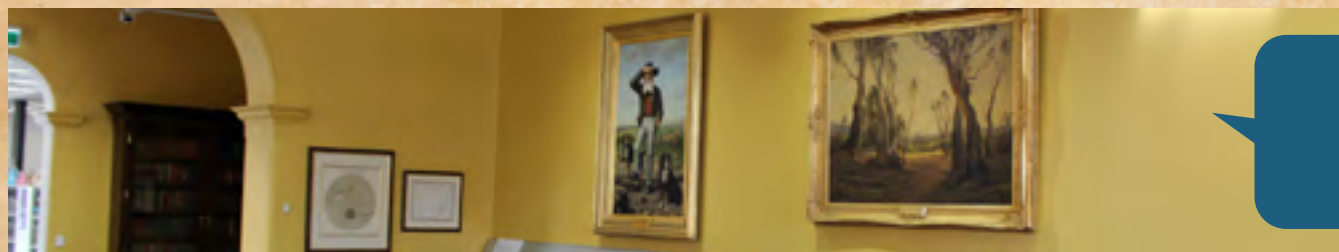
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HISTORY

Experience SA's oldest town like never before at the Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre

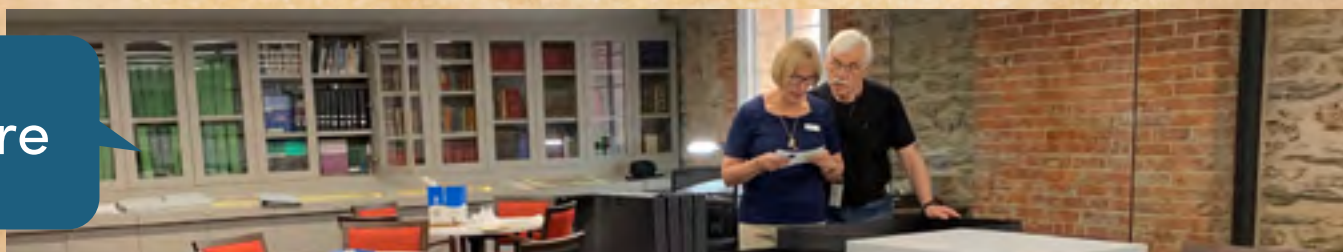
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For further information please contact Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre, 89-91 Murray St, Gawler, via email heritage@gawler.sa.gov.au or phone 8522 9268

City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Guided tour
and CALHN Health Museum

Exploring the Infectious Diseases Hospital

Explore Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre's abandoned buildings, usually off-limits to the public. See what life was like in an infectious diseases hospital as you explore the mortuary, old kitchen, and gatehouse. The tour concludes at the CALHN Health Museum featuring an exhibition on Nursing – 'Heroes DO Wear Capes'.

Thu 1, Mon 12, Fri 16, Tue 20, Thu 22, Wed 28,
Sat 31 May, 10am – 11.30am & 1pm – 2.30pm

Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre,
Administration Building
207-235 Hampstead Rd, Northfield
CALHN Health Museum, 8222 1444,
Health.RAHHeritageOffice@sa.gov.au

By Donation
Bookings required online



City of Playford Library Special event

Playford Quiz Night

Test your mettle and celebrate Playford's past in a quiz through time. Charcuterie, prizes, and fun await. Historical garb encouraged.

Fri 16 May, 6pm – 9pm

City of Playford Civic Centre
10 Playford Blvd, Elizabeth

Sarah Nelson, 8256 0140, library@playford.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10, Table of 8: \$80
Bookings required online



City of Playford Library Special event

Playford History Festival

Learn, discover, play. Featuring performances, workshops, interactive activations, and games for all ages. Learn more about our rich history, get a taste of life from years past, learn new skills, and capture your own stories.

Fri 16 May & Sat 17 May, 10am – 3pm

City of Playford Civic Centre
10 Playford Blvd, Elizabeth

Sarah Nelson, 8256 0140, library@playford.sa.gov.au

Free



City of Prospect & Corinne Ball Talk

Brushes With Fame: The Life of William Smith, SA's Armless Artist

Join Corinne, award-winning author of 'Three-ring Circus' and History Trust curator, as she uncovers the life of William Smith, SA's hidden artistic gem. Explore the Glenelg tragedy that sparked his extraordinary career and discover the story of the most famous South Australian artist you've likely never heard of.

Tue 20 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Eliza Hall, Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Blake Hemsley, 8269 5355,
admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Prospect & Lainie Anderson Talk

Woman in Uniform: Kate Cocks, SA's Pioneering Policewoman

In 1915, South Australia's Fanny Kate Boadicea Cocks became the first policewoman employed on the same salary as men and with the same powers of arrest. Join writer and historian Lainie Anderson as she delves into Cocks' fascinating life and shows how fact became fiction in her debut murder mystery 'The Death of Dora Black'.

Tue 6 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Eliza Hall, Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Blake Hemsley, 8269 5355,
admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Prospect & Laura Di Martino Talk

Scoops of History: How Italian Migrants Sweetened SA

Join local author Laura Di Martino as she explores the inspiration behind her debut novel, 'Cremona House', set in Adelaide during the first-half of the twentieth century. Based on an Italian immigrant's journey, the novel tells of building an ice cream factory, enduring loss, facing WWII internment, and fighting to save the cherished Cremona House.

Thu 15 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Eliza Hall, Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Blake Hemsley, 8269 5355,
admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Prospect & Prospect Local History Group Special event

Scan Your History: Prospect Pictures

Do you own a piece of Prospect's past? Bring your photos or documents to the Prospect Local History Research Room at City of Prospect library to scan, preserve, and grow our history collection. You can also learn more about scanning fragile historic items on the day.

Tue 13 May, 2pm – 4pm & 10am – 12pm

Local History Research Room, Payinithi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Catherine Manning, 8269 5355,
admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Prospect & Robyn Heitmann Talk

Cold Case 1839: The Strange Death of Mr Buchanan

Take your place on the inquest jury for the case of Mr Buchanan. Arriving on the ship 'Bardaster', a young Mr Buchanan sought a fresh start in the colony of South Australia. When his badly decomposed body was discovered at Glen Osmond, it was clear he had met a gruesome end. Was it by his own hand, or was it murder? Hear the case and decide for yourself.

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 3pm

Eliza Hall, Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Blake Hemsley, 8269 5355,
admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Tea Tree Gully Special event

The Knowledge Project Screening

An insight into Kurna history, spirituality, and language. Discover Kurna history from pre-colonisation to today, exploring key experiences and milestones that have shaped their living culture. Explore Kurna spirituality and customs, uncovering their deep connection to Country and the significance of specific ceremonies. Film duration: 30 mins.

Wed 28 May, 10am – 10.30am, 11am – 11.30am,
12pm – 12.30pm, 1pm – 1.30pm, 2pm – 2.30pm,
3pm – 3.30pm, 4pm – 4.30pm, 5pm – 5.30pm,
6pm – 6.30pm, 7pm – 7.30pm

City of Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury

City of Tea Tree Gully Library, 8397 7225,
library@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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Fri 30 May, 12.30pm – 1pm, 1.30pm – 2pm,
2.30pm – 3pm, 3.30pm – 4pm, 4.30pm – 5pm

Gallery 1855 2 Haines Rd, Tea Tree Gully

Arts and Cultural Development Officer, 8397 7492,
arts@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free



City of Tea Tree Gully Guided tour

Historical Sketch Tour in Tea Tree Gully

Starting at Gallery 1855, your tour guides will take you on a walking tour, with basic instructions on how to start to capture the historical characteristics of the beautiful architecture. While you sketch, listen to historical insights about the buildings and the area to get to know its rich history. Suitable for artists of all skill levels.

Fri 16 May, 1pm – 3pm

Gallery 1855 2 Haines Rd, Tea Tree Gully

Arts and Cultural Development Officer, 8397 7492,
arts@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Tea Tree Gully Exhibition

Back in my Day

Gallery 1855 will showcase photos, objects, and creative works that bring to life the people, places, and moments that shaped our city before the year 2000. Perfect for all ages, this exhibition offers young people a chance to see how life was lived before the new millennium and explore our shared heritage.

Every Wed to Sat in May, 12pm – 5pm, until 24 May

Gallery 1855 2 Haines Rd, Tea Tree Gully

Arts and Cultural Development Officer, 8397 7492,
arts@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free



Introduction to Ancestry and Trove

Led by our experienced family history volunteers, this session will explore how online resources Ancestry and Trove can help you discover the missing pieces in your family history tree.

Mon 5 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

City of Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury

City of Tea Tree Gully Library, 8397 7333,
library@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Family History Open Day: Tea Tree Gully

Drop in to the Tea Tree Gully Library on Wednesday 14 May to see what the Tea Tree Gully Library have on offer to assist you with your family history research. Our experienced volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and guide you on how to best start or finish your family tree research.

Wed 14 May, 10am – 1pm

City of Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury

City of Tea Tree Gully Library, 8397 7333,
library@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free



Beyond the Pitch: A History of South Australian Football (Soccer)

Every Tuesday in May at ServiceFM Stadium, the home of football in South Australia, experience an engaging journey through the sport's rich history. Discover how immigrant communities shaped the origins of football (soccer) in SA, view artefacts like trophies and photos, and be guided by museum volunteers. A must for fans, history buffs, and curious minds.

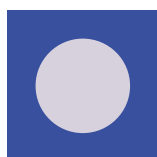
Every Tue in May, 10am – 11am, 11.30am – 12.30pm,
1pm – 2pm, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

ServiceFM Stadium
Matildas Dr (Cnr Briens Rd), Gepps Cross

Football SA Museum, 0423 427 497,
MbeXs7251@outlook.com

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



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Interior of St George's Anglican Church, 2017,
Gawler History Team and Neil Jacobs

St George's Anglican Cemetery Tour

Join us for a captivating journey through history at St George's Anglican Cemetery, a serene refuge holding stories of the past. This guided tour will take you through the hallowed grounds, where you will learn about the rich heritage of the cemetery, notable figures interred here, and the architectural significance of the headstones and monuments.

Sat 24 May, 2pm – 3pm

St George's Anglican Cemetery
42 Cheek Ave, Gawler East

Kasey Aplin, 0403 997 165, kasey.aplin@gmail.com

Free



Interior of St George's Anglican Church, 2017,
Gawler History Team and Neil Jacobs

How Decisions of Our Past Affect Our Future

Join us for an engaging and reflective experience with Gawler Anglicans as we delve into the rich history of our community since 1848. This program invites participants to examine the significant decisions and events that have shaped our heritage and influenced our present and future.

Every Sat in May, 10am – 2pm

Church of the Transfiguration
734 Adelaide Rd, Gawler South

St George's Anglican Church
1 Orleana Sq, Gawler

Kasey Aplin, 0403 997 165, kasey.aplin@gmail.com

Free



Historic Hotels of Gawler Guided Walk

Take a leisurely stroll through time visiting Gawler's historic hotels. Most of these buildings are well over a century old and have witnessed the growth and development of Gawler. From farewelling great explorers and Gawler's youth in WWI and WWII to welcoming ordinary men and women, Gawler's hotels have witnessed much. Morning tea included.

Fri 2, 9 & 30 May, 9.30am – 11am

Sat 24 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Gawler Visitor Information Centre
2 Lyndoch Rd, Gawler

Gawler Visitor Information Centre, 8522 9260,
visitorcentre@gawler.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Concession: \$16
Bookings required by phone or email



LaLai Dreamtime (1972) by Award Winning Director Michael Edols (1942-2018)

In the 1970s, the Worrora of the Kimberley asked Edols to use the power of film to record their ancient stories. The task was to preserve for future generations their lore and culture in the face of the destruction of their Country. Witness the return of a Worrora Elder and his family to their Spirit Country. A powerful lesson in telling history.

Thu 29 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler
Denise Schumann, denise@schumann.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



'The Nature of the Hidden World: A Mega Story' Exhibition Opening

In 1891, Thomas Molan was digging at the back of his cottage in Gawler near the South Para River. His shovel struck something strange, it looked like an old bone. Molan had unwittingly discovered the rare skeleton of a giant Diprotodon. What can a shared understanding of Country, science and history tell us about extinction and cultural beliefs?

Wed 7 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268,
jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



The Nature of the Hidden World: Exhibition Tours

Join Cultural Heritage Centre staff as we take you on a guided tour of our new exhibition: 'The Nature of the Hidden World: A Mega Story'.

Wed 14 May, 2.30pm – 3pm,

Wed 21 & Tue 27 May, 10.30am – 11am

Heritage Gallery, Gawler Civic Centre
89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268,
jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free



Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre Talk

Burial Rites: An Archaeological Dig at Gawler's Pioneer Cemetery

Join archaeologists Ella Kelty and Angela Gurr, as they talk about their current project at Gawler which has uncovered graves where we did not expect to find them and yielded interesting artefacts which have increased our understanding of Gawler's early colonial past.

Tue 13 May, 2pm – 3pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268, jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings required online



Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre Exhibition

Gawler Underground

Step into an eclectic exhibition where art collides with mixed media visuals, weaving history and whispers of ghostly tales. Immerse yourself in creativity that blurs the line between past and present, reality, and ghostly apparitions. Underground Gawler will take you deep into Gawler's most historic buildings. A hauntingly beautiful journey awaits.

Tues 13, Wed 14, Fri 16, Mon 19, Tues 20, Wed 21, Fri 23, Mon 26, Tue 27, Wed 28, Fri 30 May, 9am – 5pm, Thu 15, 22 & 29 May, 9am – 6pm, Sat 17, 24 & 31 May, 9am – 1pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268, jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free PG, wheelchair, hearing, and vision icons.

Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre Talk

The Mystery of the Megafauna

In 1891 a skeleton of a Diprotodon, a giant marsupial, was discovered behind a cottage in Gawler's main street. An authority on Diprotodon, Dr Aaron Camens, will discuss what caused the extinction of the megafauna. He will captivate the audience and explain how Australia's fossil history is crucial to survival and understanding a changing world.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 3pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268, jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings required online



Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre Guided tour

Gawler Civic Centre Guided Tour

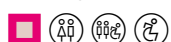
Explore the multi-award winning redevelopment of two iconic state heritage-listed buildings to become a place of connection, community celebration, and lifelong learning. The Gawler Civic Centre exemplifies thoughtful adaptation of historic buildings to create twenty-first-century community spaces.

Sat 10 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268, jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings required by phone or email



Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre Guided tour

Picture This... Gawler Civic Centre Artworks Tour

Join us for a tour of the artworks currently hanging in the Gawler Civic Centre. Experience one of the largest collections of Andrew MacCormac colonial portraits in the country together with contemporary, and First Nations artworks.

Sat 24 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268, jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings required by phone or email



Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre Exhibition

From White Flowers to White Goods: How We Have Celebrated Mother's Day

The second Sunday of May has been celebrated as Mother's Day in South Australia since 1909. In the beginning, church goers were simply asked to wear a white flower to honour their mothers, but it soon changed. Come and see how the nature and meaning of Mother's Day has been affected through the years by commercialism and changing social values.

Thu 1 & 8 May, 9am – 6pm, Fri 2 & 9 May, 9am – 5pm, Sat 3 & 10 May, 9am – 1pm, Mon 5-Wed 7 May, 9am – 5pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler

Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268, jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au

Free PG, wheelchair, hearing, and vision icons.

National Railway Museum Guided tour

Behind Closed Doors

Join us at the National Railway Museum for 'Behind Closed Doors'. Enjoy tours through carriages, locomotives, and a signal cabin that will be open specifically for this event. Take a trip on the Redhen railcars, and behind small steam engine 'BUB'. Great fun for the whole family.

Sat 17 & Sun 18 May, 10am – 4.30pm

National Railway Museum 76 Lipson St, Port Adelaide

Gabrielle Sexton, 8341 1690, cbm@nrm.org.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$20, Family: \$46, Member: Free, Concession: \$12, Child: \$8, Children under 5: Free



National Trust of SA, Tea Tree Gully Branch Display

Century in the Making 1836-1936

Early European migrants trekked across the Mount Lofty ranges to settle in a valley which they named Strathalbyn. The town became the gateway to the region and the various modes of transport were one of the keys to regional prosperity. Horses, carriages, vintage cars, motorcycles, and bicycles; hear their stories and see them in action.

Sun 18 May, 11am – 4pm

Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum Perseverance Rd, Tea Tree Gully

Gill Starks, 0417 104 380, starksgill@outlook.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5, Concession: \$4



Chapel of the Resurrection, 2025, North Road Cemetery, Adelaide Anglicans

North Road Cemetery Self-guided tour

North Road Cemetery: Self-Guided Tours

North Road Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in the state, and is the resting place of early pioneer settlers, aviators, politicians, explorers, sporting greats, and service personnel. The cemetery also contains many magnificent monuments. To explore our rich history, self-guided tour brochures are available from the cemetery office.

Throughout May, 9.30am – 5pm

North Road Cemetery Cemetery Ave, Nailsworth

Andrew Boucaut, 8344 1051, cemetery@adelaideanglicans.com

Free



Prospect Local History Group Guided tour

Be on Guard: Tour of Prospect Air Raid Shelter

Learn about the power of ordinary people in civil defence roles during WWII. A short film made in 1942 illustrates the efforts to prepare the population for the event of an air attack. Gain an understanding of the role of air raid wardens, and women and children's war efforts, set within the 1940s social context.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 3pm

Prospect Air Raid Shelter Willcox Ave, Prospect

Neil Rossiter, 0402 719 626, njrossiter@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5 Bookings required online



Prospect Local History Group Guided tour

Train as a WWII Air Raid Warden

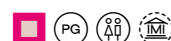
Betty and Bert Button, fictional air raid wardens, will lead training activities such as evacuation, checking supplies, over and out, and finding unexploded bombs. Learn about the power of ordinary people on the homefront during WWII. Suitable for children 8–12 years of age. Must be accompanied by an adult.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 3pm

Prospect Air Raid Shelter Willcox Ave, Prospect

Neil Rossiter, 0402 719 626, njrossiter@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5, Children Under 8: Free Bookings required online



Prospect Local History Group Talk

Agatha Christie: Her Life

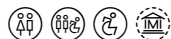
In this light-hearted and well-illustrated talk, author David Kilner discusses the world's favourite crime writer and her fascinating life. From her upbringing, tragic first marriage, her successful, second marriage, to her family, her character, her travels, and a little on her books. A copy of one of our books to the value of \$5 is included in the price.

Sat 17 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Irish Harp Room, Payinithi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Prospect Local History Group Talk

Crime Fiction: Will it be the Death of Us?

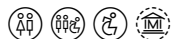
In this light-hearted and well-illustrated talk, author David Kilner examines crime fiction from its origins 200 years ago through the years to contemporary fiction. Along the way, he looks at the impact of film and television on crime writing. Each paid ticket includes a copy of one of our books to the value of \$5.

Sun 11 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Irish Harp Room, Payinithi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Prospect Local History Group Talk

Researching Your House's History in the City of Prospect

In this talk, you will learn how to successfully research the history of your house. The speaker will share the many tools now available to assist you and provide you with an illustrated example of how to best research the history of a local house. The cost includes a copy of one of our books to the value of \$5.

Sun 4 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Irish Harp Room, Payinithi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Prospect Local History Group Talk

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: His Life

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is best known as the creator of Sherlock Holmes, but this fascinating man was far more than that; a wide-ranging writer, an amateur detective in his own right, and a spiritualist. This illustrated talk will explore his life from a broad perspective. Price includes a free copy of one of our books to the value of \$5.

Sat 24 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Irish Harp Room, Payinithi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



SA State Emergency Service, Open Day
Enfield Unit

Enfield SES Unit 60th Anniversary Open Day

Celebrate 60 years of Enfield SES. Founded in 1965 during Cold War tensions, the Enfield SA Civil Defence Unit (now SES) was formed to support the community. Join us for a fun day with historical displays, interactive exhibits, kids activities, and more. Enjoy a BBQ and drinks while discovering how our volunteers assist in various emergencies.

Sat 10 May, 11am – 3pm

Enfield SA State Emergency Service Unit
46 Hoods Rd, Northfield

Kon Kotsiou, 0417 083 413,
kon.kotsiou@sasesvolunteer.org.au

Free



Salisbury and District Historical Society Guided tour

Historical Walk Around Old Salisbury

This easy paced two-hour walk around Historic Old Salisbury with access to historic buildings and cemeteries is wheelchair friendly. Your tour with informed commentary has a visit to a working water wheel. Join us after the walk for a country-style afternoon tea.

Sun 4 & 18 May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Folk Museum 3-5 Ann St, Salisbury

Terry Sloan, 0427 277 302,
salisburyhistory706@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$7
Bookings required by phone or email



Salisbury Library Service Talk

Ghosts of Salisbury with Allen Tiller

Allen Tiller, author of 'The Haunts of Adelaide', and star of the television show 'Haunting Australia', talks about the ghosts and haunted places in the Salisbury area. As a paranormal investigator, blogger, historian, photographer, poet, cinematographer, and director, he will bring the haunted history of Salisbury alive.

Wed 21 May, 6pm – 7pm

Salisbury Community Hub 34 Church St, Salisbury

Teresa O'Grady, 8406 8207,
togrady@salisbury.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Salisbury Library Service Talk

Don Loffler and the Cars We Used to Drive

Don Loffler, well-known Holden author, reveals his lifelong interest in all makes of cars on Australian roads from the years 1946 to 1966. Don has assembled a remarkable collection of 280 colour slides, and black and white photographs, of owners and their cars. Featuring many makes which have long since disappeared from the new car scene.

Thu 8 May, 2pm – 3pm

Salisbury Community Hub 34 Church St, Salisbury

Teresa O'Grady, 8406 8207,
togrady@salisbury.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Salisbury Library Service Talk

Getting Started on Your Family History

Want to start your family history? Don't know where to begin? Come and listen to our guest speaker from Genealogy SA for guidance, help, and tips, to get you started.

Thu 1 May, 2pm – 3pm

Salisbury Community Hub 34 Church St, Salisbury

Teresa O'Grady, 8406 8207,
togrady@salisbury.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Salisbury Library Service Talk

Growing up on John Street in the 1950s–1970s

Join Peter Goers as he interviews former local Salisbury resident and media personality Paula Nagel, who will share stories of growing up on John Street. Two local residents will also talk about their experiences of growing up in the 1950s–1970s.

Thu 15 May, 2pm – 3pm

Salisbury Community Hub 34 Church St, Salisbury

Teresa O'Grady, 8406 8207,
togrady@salisbury.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



St Ann's College Plummer and Price Buildings, 2021, Leia Reis

St Ann's College Guided tour

St Ann's College Historical Guided Tour

St Ann's College invites the wider Adelaide community to explore our rich historical heritage. Join us for a guided walking history tour amongst our Spanish-style buildings (c1927). The tour will last approximately 30 minutes, followed by morning tea in the Gilmore Sitting Room, which was a set for the movie 'Rabbit Proof Fence'.

Fri 9 May, 10am – 11am

St Ann's College 187 Brougham Pl, North Adelaide

Lauren Waters, 8267 1478,
lauren.waters@stannscollge.edu.au

Free





Principal Wendy Fleming filming 'St Ann's College: An Intimate History', 2024, Rob George

St Ann's College & St Ann's College Collegians Association Special event

St Ann's College Historical Documentary Premiere

Together with the St Ann's College Collegians Association, St Ann's College is proud to debut its new documentary 'St Ann's College: An Intimate History', filmed in 2024. Join us to explore the rich history of the college, as told firsthand by past and present principals and students. Runtime approximately 45 minutes, preceded by a welcome event.

Thu 15 May, 6.30pm – 8.15pm
The Piccadilly 181 O'Connell St, North Adelaide
Lauren Waters, 8267 1478,
lauren.waters@stannscollege.edu.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30
Bookings required online



State Records of South Australia Open Day

Archives Open

Come and visit the State Records of South Australia archive and get a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the biggest archival collections in the country. State Records staff will guide you through the Gepps Cross facility, provide some background about the collection, and you will be able to view historic original records on display.

Fri 16 & 23 May, 10am – 12pm, 1pm – 3pm

State Records of South Australia
115 Cavan Rd, Gepps Cross

State Records of South Australia, 7322 7077,
staterecords@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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Auld Lang Syne, 2023, Adelaide & Districts Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Adelaide & Districts Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Special event

Auld Lang Syne: Scottish Country Dancing

Come and try Scottish country dancing. Discover its origins, how it has developed and evolved over the years. No longer confined to Scotland, it has become popular in many countries throughout the world. Enjoy a fun afternoon, all abilities welcome to come and join in, with easy dances being taught and walked through.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 4pm
Institute Hall, Mitcham Cultural Village
103C Princes Rd, Mitcham
RSCDS Adelaide, 0448 835 025,
secretary@rscdsadelaide.org.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: Free
Bookings required online



Army Museum of South Australia Special event

80 Years Since WWII: Lunch

A two-course lunch with tea, coffee, and talk about the 80 years since WWII. After the lunch served by our volunteers, we will conduct a 45-minute talk and discussion about our heritage and the role that WWII has played in our development as a nation. Beverages available for an additional cost. A tour of the museum is included.

Wed 14 May, 12pm – 2pm
Building 34A Keswick Barracks
3 Anzac Hwy, Keswick
Nick Meredith, 0438 875 900,
amosafuncions@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35
Bookings required online



Blackwood Action Group Talk

We Are Their Heirs

Their names appear on street signs, reserves, and buildings around the Mitcham Hills – but who were these European pioneers? This illustrated talk focuses on the people who saw the district develop from forest to farmland, until the thriving townships of Blackwood, Belair, Coromandel Valley, and Eden Hills were established. Refreshments provided afterward.

Thu 22 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library and Community Centre) 4 Young St, Blackwood
Anne Hazell, ahazellau@gmail.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by email



Blackwood Action Group Guided tour

Hills Train Journey With a Natural History Focus

Journey by train through scenic Mitcham Hills to appreciate the work of the Ashby family on their farmland. Travel on the line that bisects Watiparinga National Trust Reserve, a model of Grey Box grassy woodland restoration. Walk from Coromandel Station to Wittunga where the Ashbys pioneered native and South African flora. Refreshments provided afterward.

Tue 13 & 27 May, 8.50am – 12pm
Blackwood Railway Station
Blackwood Railway Station, Station Road, Blackwood
Anne Hazell, ahazellau@gmail.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by email



Blackwood Action Group Bus tour

Belair National Park: Off the Beaten Track (Tour A)

Tour Australia's second-oldest national park in a minibus with a guide to sites of historic significance, including Old Government House. Walk in the bush to learn about native flora and fauna. Cost includes refreshments and entrance to the National Park and Old Government House. This tour commences at 8.30am.

Sun 4 May, 8.30am – 2pm
Belair National Park Upper Sturt Rd, Belair
Anne Hazell, ahazellau@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35
Bookings required by email



Blackwood Action Group Bus tour

Belair National Park: Off the Beaten Track (Tour B)

Tour Australia's second-oldest national park in a minibus with a guide to sites of historic significance, including Old Government House. Walk in the bush to learn about native flora and fauna. Cost includes refreshments and entrance to the National Park and Old Government House. This tour commences at 10.50am.

Sun 4 May, 10.50am – 5pm
Belair National Park Upper Sturt Rd, Belair
Anne Hazell, ahazellau@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35
Bookings required by phone or email



Morris & Co: An Adelaide Obsession

This exhibition celebrates the artistry and enthusiasm of the Barr Smith women, exploring the intimate role of Morris & Co in the home. Featuring rare objects from the Carrick Hill archive, the Art Gallery of South Australia, and private collections, it highlights Adelaide's love for the arts and crafts movement and its enduring legacy.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Carrick Hill 46 Carrick Hill Dr, Springfield

Carrick Hill, 7424 7900, admin.carrick@sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$17, Concession: \$13

Bookings required online



Centennial Park Cemetery, War Graves, c1950, Centennial Park Records

Centennial Park Cemetery Guided tour

Centennial Park's War Stories: Decisions and Development

Explore the profound effects of war on Centennial Park, highlighting significant challenges and lasting impacts during the cemetery's early development. Visit the resting places of brave individuals who served in WWII, as well as those whose decisions influenced South Australia's growth, learning their stories and important life choices.

Tue 6 & 20 May, Thu 15 & 29 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Centennial Park Cemetery
760 Goodwood Rd, Pasadena

Centennial Park, 8276 6011,
marketing@centpark.org.au

Free
Bookings required online



Protestors gather in Elder Park, c1971, Garry Disher

Christine Belford & Carolyn Corkindale Special event

What Are We Fighting For?

The Vietnam War and conscription had devastating effects on those who went to fight, but what about those young people whose beliefs made them decide to resist? Fifty years on, this film uses interviews with protesters, archival footage, original photos, and music to illustrate how individuals in South Australia brought about powerful political change.

Fri 9 May, 11am – 12.10pm & 6.30pm – 7.40pm

Wallis Cinemas - Mitcham Shopping Centre
Belair Rd, Torrens Park

Christine Belford, christinebelford@ymail.com

Event costs apply Senior: \$15, Child: \$16,
Adult: \$20, Concession: \$18

Bookings required online



City of Marion Libraries Talk

Meet the Author: Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar, Merging Fact With Fiction

Join Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar to hear how she uses her extensive research to add depth and integrity to her historical fiction. She will draw on examples from her most recent novel 'Stolen', set in colonial South Australia, including her contact with First Nation cultural consultants. Books available for purchase and signing.

Tue 6 May, 2pm – 3pm

Park Holme Library 2A Duncan Ave, Park Holme
Yasmin Neal, 8375 6755,
libraryevents@marion.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Onkaparinga Libraries Display

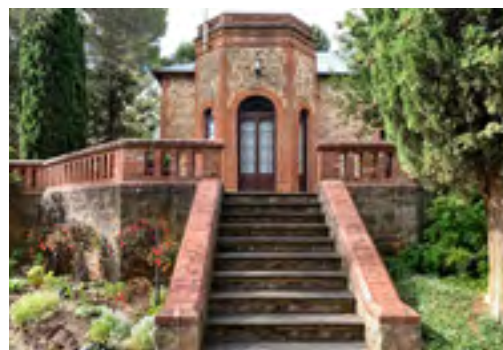
Flax, Farms and Vines: Our Land Army Women in WWII

Visit Noarlunga Library throughout May to see a display of photographs and ephemera depicting the efforts of local women in our community contributing to the war effort. Commemorating the eightieth-anniversary of the end of WWII.

Every weekday in May, 10am – 5pm,
Every Sat in May, 10am – 3pm

Noarlunga Library Hannah Rd, Noarlunga Centre
Kelly Hudswell-Strahan, 8384 0655,
Kelly.Hudswell-Strahan@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free



Old Government House, Belair National Park, 2024, Wayne Gallasch

Friends of Old Government House Guided tour

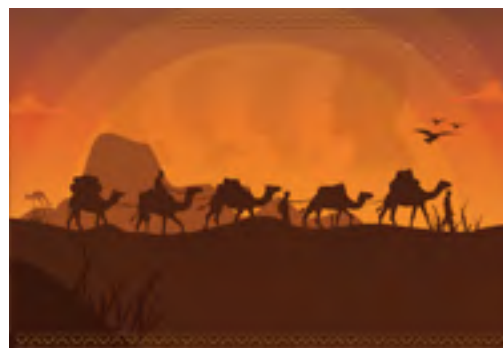
Tea and Tour of Old Government House

You are invited to a guided tour and afternoon tea at Old Government house, in the heart of Belair National Park. The property is the former Vice-regal summer residence for some early governors of South Australia. Restored during the 1970s and upgraded in 2001, the building represents a significant period in South Australia's state history.

Every Sun in May, 1pm – 4pm

Old Government House Queens Jubilee Dr, Belair
Noeline DuBois, 0438 687 788, nabsputd@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15
Bookings required online



Desert Voices: cameleer descendants share their Afghan outback stories, 2025, History Trust of SA

History Trust of South Australia & Migration Museum Foundation Talk

Desert Voices: Cameleer Descendants Share Their 'Afghan' Outback Stories

From Marree and Oodnadatta to Port Augusta and beyond, hear the voices and share in a city reunion of Australia's cameleer descendants. Discover the legacy of the original 'Afghans' – South Asian, Aboriginal, and European heritage – and explore living history and culture. Enjoy fascinating stories, live music and a complimentary light lunch served at 2.15pm courtesy of Australian Sikh Support. Proudly supported by the Migration Museum Foundation.

Sat 3 May, 2.45pm – 4.30pm

Church of the Trinity
318 Goodwood Rd, Clarence Park
Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200,
events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$25, Concession: \$15
Bookings required online





Chrysler Australia Limited, Tonsley Park, c1963, 'SA Motor' Gordon Nobbs, National Motor Museum Photographic Collection

History Trust of South Australia & National Motor Museum

Bus tour

Chrysler Heritage Bus Tour

A rare tour of T J Richards, Chrysler Australia, and Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited historical sites. Delves into the history of the Richards family and the company, from inception through to incorporation into the multi-national empires of Chrysler, and finally takeover by Mitsubishi Motors. Includes former Richards' family home, manufacturing sites, and later expansions. Arrive at 9.45am for 10am departure.

Sun 4 May, 9:45am – 3:30pm

Meeting Place: Outside Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200, events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$40 Bookings required online



Japan Australia Friendship Association Special event

Kodomo no Hi Japan Festival

The Kodomo no Hi Japan Festival presents a program of performances, exhibitions, and demonstrations with lots of activities for kids and a variety of food and craft stalls offering items for sale. This year's festival will focus on Okinawa with participants from Okinawa and interstate presenting an exciting program of cultural performances.

Sun 4 May, 11am – 4pm

Unley Town Hall Precinct Oxford Tce, Unley Mike Dunphy, 8370 8771, kaicho@jafa.asn.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5, Family: \$10



Julian McNeil

Display

Veteran Cars in South Australia

The decisions to assemble (Ford–1925) and mass-manufacture (Holden–1948) cars in Australia were taken in association with American car companies. We will show examples of American vehicles from the first quarter of the twentieth century that helped to introduce motoring to the masses and influenced those decisions.

Sun 11 May, 1pm – 4pm

Colonel Light Gardens RSL and Community Centre 4 Prince George Pde, Colonel Light Gardens

Julian McNeil, 0419 868 680, julianjmcneil@gmail.com

Free



Karl Winda Telfer coming home and caring for Country at Kanyanyapilla, 2025, Claire Lock

Kanyanyapilla

Guided tour

Coming Home to Country

Country holds deep memories and songs from ancient times. Come walk with Burka-Senior Man Karl Winda Telfer to listen to what cultural, ecological, and spiritual renewal of Country means for a Traditional Owner at Kanyanyapilla, McLaren Vale. As you walk Country, you will see and feel the ancient cultural landscape from Karl with ecological sharing by Claire Lock.

Fri 2 May & Sat 17 May, 10am – 12pm

Kanyanyapilla - Place of Many Eagles Pethick Rd, McLaren Vale

Karl Telfer, yarn@kanyanyapilla.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$89, Child: \$39 Bookings required online



Karl Winda Telfer standing with his 'mullabakka' (clan shield) and 'uwinda' (spear of defence), 2025, Claire Lock

Kanyanyapilla

Talk

Cultural Practices and Artefacts

Come sit on Country as Burka-Senior Man Karl Winda Telfer tells story about artefacts and the cultural practices of his ancestors. Hold ancient stone tools, feel the skins used by the Old People, and learn about other tools, weapons, and seasonal practices.

Sat 3 May, 3pm – 5pm, Fri 16 May 10am – 12pm

Kanyanyapilla - Place of Many Eagles Pethick Rd, McLaren Vale

Karl Telfer, yarn@kanyanyapilla.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$89, Child: \$39 Bookings required online



Marion Heritage Research Centre & City of Marion Libraries

Talk

Extinct Suburbs of Marion

Elmwood, Ackland Gardens, Bessington, DaCosta Park, Dunleath, Mirreen... Did you know that there are over 50 suburb names that no longer exist in the Marion council area? What decisions led to them being formed? What led to their disappearing? Join us for our recently updated talk that includes even more about these suburbs, and plenty of pictures.

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 3pm

The Domain Theatre, Marion Cultural Centre 287 Diagonal Rd, Oaklands Park

Yasmin Neal / Danielle Trewartha, 8375 6755 heritage@marion.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



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Mitcham Historical Society Guided tour

Brownhill Creek: Recreation Park Walk

Take a guided walk with Francesco di Zazzo in Brownhill Creek Recreation Park, one of the oldest parks in South Australia. Gain a fascinating insight into the area that was once a favourite camping, hunting, and gathering ground for the Kurna people. Hear about the early European settlement and the heritage of this historic site.

Sun 4 & 28 May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park
Brown Hill Creek Rd, Mitcham

Ian Strout, 0400 027 117, istrout@bigpond.net.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Mitcham Historical Society Guided tour

Brownhill Creek: Ellison Gully Walk

Discover the beauty of Ellison Gully with Andrew Tilley. See a historic stone bridge and disused silver mine shafts.

Sun 11 & Sun 25 May 1pm – 4.30pm

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park
Brown Hill Creek Rd, Mitcham

Ian Strout, 0400 027 117, istrout@bigpond.net.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online

Onkaparinga Libraries Talk

Electric Vehicles: Stories, Myths and Developments

Electric vehicles have developed from tiny underpowered city cars to powerful supercars, with domestic, commercial, and aviation implications. Presenters will discuss these changes, clear up misconceptions that stop people from switching to electric vehicles, and share some travel experiences.

Thu 22 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Seaford Library 586 Grand Blvd, Seaford

Connie Wilson, 8384 0044,
Connie.Wilson@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Onkaparinga Libraries Guided tour

Historic Old Reynella: Walking Tour

Discover many of the historical sites where settlers of the area once lived and worked. After the walk, meet back at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre for light refreshments.

Thurs 15 May & Fri 16 May, 10am – 12pm

Reynella Neighbourhood Centre
164 Old South Rd, Old Reynella

Kaitlyn Gotley, 8384 0050,
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Onkaparinga Libraries Talk

From Bangka Island to Beachport: Remembering South Australia's WWII Legacy

On the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, award-winning podcaster Megan Spencer will discuss two pivotal events that shaped South Australia's wartime legacy, as featured in VWMA podcasts, 'The Sudden Storm' and 'When the War Comes Home', highlighting the importance of remembrance, honouring those who served, and their lasting impact.

Thu 8 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Noarlunga Library Hannah Rd, Noarlunga Centre

Kaitlyn Gotley, 8384 0050,
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Onkaparinga Libraries Guided tour

Catherine: 170 Years of a Morphett Vale Village

It's been a few years since we last toured here, and we are back! Join us for a walk around historic Catherine and hear the stories of its early inhabitants, old buildings, and strange and wonderful events. This year marks the 170th anniversary of its founding in 1855 by Morphett Vale misfit and patriarch, Alexander Anderson.

Tue 13 & Sat 17 May, 10am-12pm

Morphett Vale Community Hall
William St, Morphett Vale

Kelly Hudswell-Strahan, 8384 0655,
Kelly.Hudswell-Strahan@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Onkaparinga Libraries Talk

Life On The Homefront During the World Wars

May is the eightieth anniversary of victory in Europe. The story of the battles, armies, and their leaders are well known but less well known are the experiences of those on the homefront. Come along to hear our talk about these experiences and learn about war industry, emergency measures, supporting the troops, rationing, and more.

Thu 8 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Hub Library Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park

Cyprian Maynard, 8384 0100,
Cyprian.Maynard@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



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Victory Swing: Celebrating 80 Years of VE Day

Step back into the 1940s and celebrate the eightieth anniversary of VE Day with an enchanting cabaret evening. Enjoy a dazzling performance by 'Three Little Sisters', showcasing the hits of the iconic Andrews Sisters. Immerse yourself in the music, harmony, and nostalgia of an historic era. A night of unforgettable entertainment awaits.

Fri 9 May, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Aldinga Library 11 Central Wy, Aldinga Beach

Erinna Boyce, 8384 0022,
Erinna.Boyce@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Maureen Sherlock as 'Bibs' and Kathryn Fisher (seated) as 'Madge', Prospect Productions

Prospect Productions

Special event

Madge & Bibs and the Advancing Girls

Madeline Rees George ('Madge') dominated girl's education in S.A. for almost half a century. She was the long-serving Headmistress at the revolutionary Advanced School for Girls and an indomitable figure in the colony. Always with her, but in the shadows, was her younger sister, Marian ('Bibs'). "Engrossing and entertaining" – Greg Mackie OAM

Sun 25 May, 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Marino Community Hall 44 Newland Ave, Marino

Rob George, 0417 804 307, roomoo@ozemail.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Geoffrey Dutton against background of Anlaby Station, c1980s, Francis Dutton

Prospect Productions

Special event

The Many Loves of Geoffrey Dutton

Winner of Best Biographical Film at the 2024 New York International Film Awards. Dutton made his mark as a writer, poet, publisher, and founder of the Adelaide Festival and Writer's Week. The film challenges the reputation of one of Australia's great arts figures. Features interviews with family and friends and home movies from the 1940s to the 80s.

Sun 18 May, 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Marino Community Hall 44 Newland Ave, Marino

Rob George, 0417 804 307, roomoo@ozemail.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Von and Max Harris circa 1950, Photographer unknown

Prospect Productions

Special event

Von Loves Her Modernist

Von Hutton falls in love with the brilliant and precocious poet, Max Harris, while still at school. He is Adelaide's 'enfant terrible'; a promoter of modernism in art and literature, he is riding high until he falls victim to the notorious Ern Malley hoax. An intriguing glimpse into Adelaide's vibrant cultural life in the 1940s.

Sun 11 May, 7.30pm – 8.35pm

Marino Community Hall 44 Newland Ave, Marino

Rob George, 0417 804 307, roomoo@ozemail.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Capri Theatre, then known as the 'New Goodwood Star Theatre', c1941, Capri Theatre.

Capri Theatre

Guided tour

Tour of the Capri and Demonstration of the WurliTzer Theatre Pipe Organ

This tour covers the history of the heritage listed Capri, its beautiful 'Art Moderne' architecture and a demonstration of its WurliTzer theatre pipe organ, where you'll find out what makes this installation unique in the world. Morning tea - 10:15am, tour - 10:30am, finish - 12:00pm. Bookings are essential.

Fri 2 & 16 May, 10.15am – 12pm

Capri Theatre 141 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood

Capri Theatre, 8272 1177, information@capri.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15
Bookings required online



Horse and cart in Royal Adelaide Show Grand Parade on the Main Arena, 1957, RA&HS Archives

Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA

Guided tour

Adelaide Showground: 100 Years of Shows, Sport, Superstars, and Events

You are invited to a rare glimpse behind the scenes to celebrate 100 years at the venue that hosted many of the most iconic moments in our state's history. From the beloved Royal Adelaide Show, The Beatles, Big Day Out, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Billy Graham, harness racing, SANFL, and the events that have brought millions of people together.

Thu 8 & 22, Fri 16 & 30 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Adelaide Showground Goodwood Rd, Wayville

Erin Reardon, 8210 5218,
history@adelaideshowground.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



SA Churches and Welfare 1995-2025: Decisions, Directions, Dilemmas

Join a panel discussion about changing social welfare policies, with some key workers from the field. How are services best managed and delivered? Who makes decisions when the system becomes competitive and larger corporate agencies take over smaller, locally-based services that once involved volunteers and churches? Who wins and who loses?

Sat 17 May, 2pm – 4.30pm

UCA Church of the Trinity
318 Goodwood Rd, Clarence Park
Rev Dr Dean Eland, 0419 112 603,
djeland@bigpond.com

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South Australian Historical
Tool Association

Display

SA Inventions: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

South Australia has been the home of many inventions which are incorporated into everyday life. Many of these are historical and SAHTA will celebrate, display, and discuss examples of these at this event. Companies such as Shearer, Simpson, Pope, Hercus, Clisby, Hills, Laubman & Pank, Caroma, and Seeley all produced products we now take for granted.

Fri 21 May, 7pm – 9pm

Colonel Light Gardens RSL
4 Prince George Pde, Colonel Light Gardens

Steve Sullivan, 0429 674 745,
steve.adelaide@gmail.com

By Donation



St George's Church Goodwood

Exhibition

Sacred Threads

Our exhibition focuses on church fabrics, many of them made by local women over 100 years ago in the arts and craft style. The church building, in a simple gothic style, has significant local stained glass by Charles Tute and wooden carvings by Nathaniel Hitch.

Sat 3, 17 & 31 May, 11am – 3pm

St George's Church 153 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood
Fr Scott Moncrieff, 0408 668 876,
stgeorges8@bigpond.com

Free



Museum displays at St John Ambulance Museum, 2024,
St John Ambulance Historical Society

St John Ambulance SA
Historical Society

Display

St John Ambulance Museum

Explore 130 years of St John Ambulance in South Australia. View first aid and home nursing equipment, ambulances from the 1970s, a 1949 motorcycle and sidecar, and uniforms worn over the years. Guides will answer your questions, explain how things worked in the past, and changes to technology in first aid and ambulance care over the decades.

Every Sun in May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

St John Ambulance Museum 7 Arundel Rd, Brighton
Peter Gill, 0418 818 852, peter108228@gmail.com

Free



The City Of Mitcham

Workshop

Capturing Family Food Memories

Liz Harfull, an SA author passionate about sharing stories of everyday Australians, offers a workshop to help you preserve treasured family recipes. Whether passing down dishes through generations or creating your own cookbook, this session will help capture the wisdom of inspiring cooks and the precious memories tied to their recipes.

Sat 24 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library & Community Centre) 4 Young St, Blackwood

Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library & Community Centre), 8372 8255

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



The City Of Mitcham

Workshop

Writing Engaging Family History

After years researching your family tree, come and learn how to turn all of that information into an engaging family history. Progress your project and improve your writing skills in a two-hour workshop. Learn how to plan your writing project and discover creative writing techniques that will bring your story's history to life, including practical exercises.

Thu 15 May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Tiwu Kumangka
(Blackwood Library & Community Centre)
4 Young St, Blackwood

8372 8255

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Companion Card

Some History Festival events accept Companion Cards which grant complimentary tickets to companion carers. Keep a look out for this icon while browsing History Festival events.



The City Of Mitcham

Talk

Tarnda Tales: The Story of Garna (Kangaroo)

Join Jade Brook for an enchanting family storytelling event featuring the legendary tale of Garna the Kangaroo. You will hear about the rich culture and traditions of the Kurna people in this captivating story event as Jade Brook shares her passion, knowledge, and Kurna culture with our community in an engaging age appropriate experience.

Sat 24 May, 11am – 12pm

Tiwu Kumangka
(Blackwood Library & Community Centre)

4 Young St, Blackwood

8372 8255

Free

Bookings required online



The City Of Mitcham

Workshop

Getting Started on Family History: A Beginner's Guide

This beginner's session will guide you through the basics of starting family history research. Learn how to start your journey, gather and organise information, and document your findings. Our volunteer, Alan Tucker, will provide valuable tips and resources he used to help uncover his family's unique story.

Mon 12 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Tiwu Kumangka
(Blackwood Library & Community Centre)
4 Young St, Blackwood

General Enquiries, Tiwu Kumangka
(Blackwood Library & Community Centre),
8372 8255,

Free

Bookings required online



The City Of Mitcham

Guided tour

History of St Marys: Church & Cemetery Tour

Learn about the history of St Marys and the historic St Mary's Anglican Church, built in 1847. Then take a fascinating guided tour through the St Mary's Cemetery on the church grounds. Hear about St Marys earliest pioneers and identities for a glimpse into some very interesting lives that helped shape the suburb of St Marys and South Australia.

Wed 14 & 28 May, 10.30am – 12pm

St Mary's Church 1167 South Rd, St Marys
Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free

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Gone But Not Forgotten: Mitcham Cemeteries Tour

Take an informative and entertaining guided walking tour through the heritage-listed Mitcham Anglican and General Cemeteries, both opened in 1854. Join an award-winning tour guide as you visit the resting places of many of Mitcham's and Adelaide's earliest pioneers and identities, hearing about their fascinating stories.

Thu 8, 15 & 22 May, 10am – 12pm

Rotunda, Mitcham General Cemetery
Old Belair Rd, Mitcham

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings required online

Repat Health Precinct Museum Tours

Located on the sprawling hospital complex known as the 'Repat', this historic museum contains a wealth of memorabilia relating to the hospital's history as well as both World Wars and other major conflicts. Take a fascinating and informative guided tour through the museum, and other historical buildings of interest including the Repat Chapel.

Every Mon, Wed & Fri in May, 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Repat Health Precinct Museum, Gate 8
Oxford Circus, Daw Park

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

By Donation
Bookings required online



Writing Engaging Family History

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Sat 17 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Mitcham Memorial Library 154 Belair Rd, Hawthorn
Mitcham Memorial Library, 8372 8244,

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



Getting Started on Family History: A Beginner's Guide

This beginners session will guide you through the basics of starting family history research. Learn how to start your journey, gather and organise information, and document your findings. Our volunteer, Alan Tucker, will provide valuable tips and resources he used to help uncover his family's unique story.

Mon 12 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Mitcham Memorial Library 154 Belair Rd, Hawthorn
Mitcham Memorial Library, 8372 8244

Free
Bookings required online



Happy Anniversary: Interpretive Photographic Exhibition

Come and view an interesting, informative, and interpretive photographic exhibition, celebrating the anniversaries of the Mitcham suburbs of Clapham (175th), and Pasadena (100th). Also, the iconic Mitcham landmark, the Mitcham Reserve's 'Keystone Bridge' (175th). All on display inside the Mitcham Memorial Library.

Thu 1 May-Sun 25 May, during opening hours

Mitcham Memorial Library 154 Belair Rd, Hawthorn
Mitcham Memorial Library, 8372 8244

Free

A Village Walk: Mitcham Village Historic Walk

In 1840 a new village called Mitcham was born. See and hear how Mitcham Village has evolved on a fascinating and informative guided tour around the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation area, including the 175-year-old 'Keystone Bridge'. Admire the heritage architecture and learn about the lives of the early and current residents of the village.

Tue 6, 13 & 20 May, 10am – 12pm

Mitcham Local History Service,
Mitcham Cultural Village 103C Princes Rd, Mitcham
Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings required online



Gallery One Presents: Gary Lee-Gaston Art Exhibition & Book Launch

Gallery One showcases the life and art of artist Gary Lee-Gaston OAM. Featuring historical paintings and sketches of Mitcham. The exhibition coincides with the book launch of 'The Art of Gary Lee-Gaston' by his son, Peter Gaston, a book celebrating Gary's art and poetry, giving an intimate insight into the life of a truly remarkable local artist.

Sun 18 May, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Gallery One 1 Torrens St, Mitcham

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261,

Free
Bookings required online



Zaks in the Outback: Exhibition Launch

Join us for the launch of Zaks in the Outback. We celebrate the unique and beautiful Island of Zakynthos and its people, and recognise those living among us in Adelaide. Try some local food and learn about the Zaks remarkable culture that continues to thrive right here in our city.

Thu 15 May, 5pm – 7pm

Unley Museum 80 Edmund Ave, Unley

Unley Museum, 8372 5111,
museumadmin@unley.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Zaks in the Outback: The Adelaide Zakynthean Connection

Zakynthos has a fascinating and rich culture. Unley and South Australia has become home to many of its people. Discover this unique and beautiful island, and explore the stories of the diasporic Zakynthians and their remarkable culture that continues to thrive right here in our city.

From Thu 15 May, during museum opening hours

Unley Museum 80 Edmund Ave, Unley

Unley Museum, 8372 5111,
museumadmin@unley.sa.gov.au

Free



Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG, 2021, Leanne King

Decisions Leading to New Paths For First Nations People

In the past most decisions were made for First Nations without consultation. However, significant First Nations leaders have been bold enough to make decisions for their people which have led to the righting of wrongs and a recognition of their unique contribution to the whole nation. Come and hear stories of the late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG and others.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 4pm

Unley Uniting Church 187 Unley Rd, Unley

Jonathan Barker, 0438 012 227,
jkimbarker@bigpond.com

Free

Historic Waite Campus (Including Urrbrae House and Gatehouse) Tour

Discover the lesser-known history of the University of Adelaide's Waite Campus with historian and Urrbrae House manager, Lynette Zeitz. See inside Urrbrae House (built 1891) and the relocated Gatehouse, join us for a cup of tea or coffee, and enjoy a small group guided tour of some of the heritage buildings at the Waite campus.

Wed 14 & Sat 24 May, 10am – 12.30pm

Urrbrae House 12 Walter Young Ave, Urrbrae

Kathryn Pearson, 8313 7497,
urrbraehouse@adelaide.edu.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$18
Bookings required online





Lost to Time, 2025, Julie Strawinski

Urrbrae House Historic Precinct, University of Adelaide Exhibition

Lost to Time: Love, Art, and Jewellery Stories

Matilda Waite's engagement ring. The decisions that migrants make. A collection of 400 rare antique letterpress blocks used to print Victorian jewellery catalogues. An Edwardian letterpress. Multidisciplinary artist and collector, Julie Strawinski weaves these elements into a unique art exhibition at Urrbrae House.

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 5 - 22 May, 10am - 3pm & Sun 11, 18, 25 May, 1pm - 4pm

Urrbrae House 12 Walter Young Ave, Urrbrae
Kathryn Pearson, 8313 7497,
urrbraehouse@adelaide.edu.au

Free



Urrbrae House, 2019, Lynette Zeitz

Urrbrae House Historic Precinct, University of Adelaide Open Day

The Doors are Open at Urrbrae House

See inside Urrbrae House, built in 1891 for pastoralist, Peter Waite, and later bequeathed to the University of Adelaide. Explore the public rooms of this elegant, heritage-listed house and its beautiful gardens at your leisure. Tour guides (in costume) are on-site to answer questions.

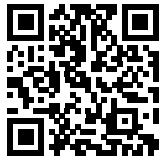
Sun 18 May, 1pm - 4pm

Urrbrae House 12 Walter Young Ave, Urrbrae
Kathryn Pearson, 8313 7497,
urrbraehouse@adelaide.edu.au

Free



Adelaide West



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- Open Doors
- Children and Family
- First Nations
- From Many Places
- Rainbow Histories
- Tasting History

WEA Adult Learning Guided tour

Historic North Brighton Cemetery: WEA Walking Tour

Take a guided walk through the historic North Brighton Cemetery and hear the stories of our early settlers in the district. Hear their amazing stories of courage and hardship, and how they opened up the surrounding land to farming, transport, and other industries.

Sun 18 May, 10am - 12.30pm

North Brighton Cemetery
301 Brighton Rd, Somerton Park
WEA Enrolments Office, 8223 1979,
enrolments@wea-sa.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$71
Bookings required online



Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia, Adelaide Chapter Guided tour

Port Adelaide's Art Deco and Modernism Architectural Delights

We know Port Adelaide for its colonial architecture - but did you know there are also many fine Art Deco and Modernism examples? The Port is undergoing change like it did in the 1930s. Discover its twentieth-century secrets on this walking tour. Bookings essential.

Sun 18 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide
Alison, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Member: \$15
Bookings required online



Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia, Adelaide Chapter Guided tour

Beside the Seaside: Art Deco Architecture in Glenelg South

A guided walk around the streets of Glenelg South, featuring lovely examples of the 'moderne new flats' that captured the aspirational lifestyle of the 1930s, a time of great change in the world. Join the Adelaide Chapter of the Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia as you discover the Art Deco architectural treasures of Glenelg South.

Sun 4 May, 10am - 12pm

Broadway Hotel 61 Broadway, Glenelg
Alison, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Member: \$15
Bookings required online



Australian Society of Magicians Open Day

Falling Bombs and Floating Cards

Join the oldest magic club in Australia in their underground club rooms for some history, nostalgia, and a live magic performance for all ages. This is a rare opportunity to look behind the scenes of this most secretive of performing arts. Go behind the smoke and mirrors, and tour Australia's only magic club rooms.

Sat 3 & 17 May, Sun 4 & 18 May, 1pm - 2pm, 2.30pm - 3.30pm & 4pm - 5pm

Thebarton Air Raid Shelter
Cnr South Rd & Ashley St, Torrensville
Phil Ahrens, 0438 055 188, phil@wizzbangmagic.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



CALHN Health Museum Talk

From Ships to Silveracre: Simpson Family and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Join us for a fascinating talk about Jessie Connor (née Simpson), her family, and the decisions that shaped their legacy. From Capt Henry Simpson's 1836 arrival in SA to the Black Diamond Shipping line and Silveracre estate - now home to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. See history brought to life!

Tue 6, 10am - 11am, Wed 7, 10am - 11am & 1 - 2pm, Sat 10 May, 10am - 11am

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Clinical Education, Level 2, Teaching Room 2
28 Woodville Rd, Woodville South

Margot Way, 8222 1444,
Health:RAHHeritageOffice@sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



History in the Front Bar

The history of hospitality surely goes back as far as people do — a history of coming together to share food and drink, under a common roof. South Australia is dotted with historic hotels, pubs and restaurants. Their front bars, bistros and beer gardens are often the beating heart of their communities, home to social clubs and long-serving staff, the regulars, young families, and strangers passing through.

Duxton Pubs counts numerous historic venues amongst its portfolio. The Sir John Franklin Hotel in Kapunda, named for the Arctic explorer and former Governor of Tasmania, boasts walls adorned with a mural of its many punters through the decades. The Cremorne Hotel in Unley brings together a metropolitan crowd, though few know

its backstory (spoiler: it features a rogue elephant). As for the Royal Oak Penola, many speculate that the town itself owes its name to the pub! It's said that in the language of the local Pinchunga Aboriginal people, 'Pena' meant wood and 'oorla' meant house. Consequently, as an early translator recorded: 'Penola: Pena oorla; wooden house'.

In many regional communities, the history of a pub is inextricable from the history of the town. And in the present day, we're keeping hospitality tradition alive: welcoming all, sharing good food and drink, and always, always time for a yarn. Duxton Pubs are proud to be supporters of South Australia's History Festival. We'll see you at the front bar.

→ duxtonpubs.com



Sir John Franklin Hotel, Kapunda, 2025, Bri Hammond



M R Bugney Fruit Shop, Stroud St Cheltenham, Paul Simons

Charles Sturt Community Centre Guided tour

Shopping Before Shopping Centres: Walk and Talk Tour

Explore the era of corner store greengrocers and haberdasheries when the clerk at the counter was more than likely also your neighbour. A guided walking tour around Cheltenham's old shop fronts offering profound insights and tales in neighbourhood life during a much simpler time. Led by Dean J Eland, sociologist and former Cheltenham resident.

Wed 21 May, 9.30am – 11am

Cheltenham Community Centre
62 Stroud St N, Cheltenham

Cheltenham Community Centre, 8408 1390,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Sarah Francisco by Emilia Mazzoleni, 2024,
Cheltenham Cemetery Art Walk

Charles Sturt Community Centre, Guided tour
Elizabeth Williamson & Hayley Morton

The Art of Living and Leaving: Walk and Talk Tour

Witness how stobie pole art elegantly connects the past and the present thus transforming the streetscape into memory lane. Marvel at wonderful art pieces and the stories behind them like that of inspiring local survivor of domestic violence, Sarah Francisco (1839–1916); a reformed, formerly notorious Adelaide Gaol inmate first convicted in 1872.

Wed 28 May, 9.30am – 11am

Cheltenham Community Centre
62 Stroud St N, Cheltenham

Cheltenham Community Centre, 8408 1390,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Pine Forest, 1838, J M Skipper (Extract from AGSA Collection)

Charles Sturt Community Centre, Workshop
Robert Taylor & David Booth

Hunting and Gathering on Kurna Country

Journey back to when the Mikawomma 'Open Plains' was once a tree-studded grassy plain from Yerta Bulti (Port River region) to Tandanya (location of Adelaide) and a place for hunting and gathering. A riveting workshop offering dynamic perspectives on bushtucker, First Nations' culture, and a full kit of artefacts for participants to experience.

Wed 7 May, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Cheltenham Community Centre
62 Stroud St N, Cheltenham

Charles Sturt Community Centre, 8408 1390,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$8
Bookings required online





Author Paul Flavel & 'John Martin's: The Story of South Australia's beloved Department Store', 2023, Broadcast Books

Charles Sturt Libraries

Talk

Remembering Johnnies with Author Paul Flavel

Join Paul Flavel for a talk on the history of John Martin's, South Australia's beloved department store. Paul will share his journey of research, writing, and self-publishing his book, which tells the untold story of this iconic retailer for the first time. Don't miss this fascinating glimpse into its legacy.

Fri 2 May, 1pm – 2.30pm

Ngutungka West Lakes 9 Charles St, West Lakes
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



The Recollections Collection: A People's History, Karen Joyce & Colin Ball

Charles Sturt Libraries

Talk

The Recollections Collection: Author Talk with Karen Joyce & Colin Ball

Join authors Karen Joyce and Colin Ball as they share the rich history of Hindmarsh, Adelaide, through compelling stories and historical photos. Explore the lives of locals in Bowden, Brompton, and Hindmarsh from the 1890s to the 1980s, featuring interviews, personal memories, and reflections on community struggles and triumphs.

Fri 16 May, 2pm – 3pm

Ngutungka West Lakes 9 Charles St, West Lakes
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Don Loffler and his 1953 Holden, 2025, Don Loffler

Charles Sturt Libraries

Talk

Weird, Whacky & Wonderful: Don Loffler

Explore a collection of strange and unique cars from the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. This exhibition features one-off creations, quirky production cars that flopped in Australia, ugly-yet-famous vehicles, futuristic designs, and expensive models. Also showcased is an extravagant car that contributed to its company's downfall. Bookings required online.

Tue 20 May, 11am – 12pm

Ngutungka West Lakes 9 Charles St, West Lakes
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries

Workshop

Searching Ancestry.com & Trove

Discover how to access and navigate genealogy resources on Ancestry.com and Trove in this free two-hour session. You'll learn how to refine your searches, as well as how to print, save, and email records. Feel free to bring your own device (iPad or laptop) and/or a USB drive.

Thu 8 & 22 May, 1pm – 3pm

Ngutungka West Lakes 9 Charles St, West Lakes
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries

Workshop

Searching Family and Local History Resources on the Internet

Learn how to find family and local history resources online, including Ancestry.com, Trove, the State Library's Family History Resources, and more. Feel free to bring your own device (iPad or laptop) and/or a USB drive.

Thu 29 May, 1pm – 3pm

Ngutungka West Lakes 9 Charles St, West Lakes
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries

Workshop

Searching Online Military Records

Uncover your ancestors' military records in this informative session, focusing on key online military resources from Australia and abroad. Feel free to bring your own device (iPad or laptop) and/or a USB drive.

Thu 1 & 15 May, 1pm – 3pm

Ngutungka West Lakes 9 Charles St, West Lakes
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries

Talk

Antique Roadshow

Do you have a hidden treasure? Lachlan from 'The Auction Rooms' will appraise your antiques, collectibles, and decorative objects. Submit quality images and descriptions to library@charlessturt.sa.gov.au by Tuesday, 20 May 2025, and Lachlan will evaluate them at the main event.

Sat 31 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Ngutungka Henley 378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries

Workshop

Scanning Old Photographs and Slides

Learn how to digitise old photographs, slides, and film using our new Epson scanner in this hands-on, one-hour session. We'll guide you through the scanning process for various media types. Bring along your old photos, slides, and film negatives, as well as a USB drive to save your scanned images.

Tue 13 May 10am-11am,
Mon 19, 26 May 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm

Hindmarsh Library 139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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Tue 13 May, 1pm – 3pm

Hindmarsh Library 139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh
Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
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Free
Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries Workshop

Searching Australian Pioneer Indexes

Discover how to search the Australian Pioneer Indexes, including those for Tasmania, New South Wales, Western Australia, and Victoria. Please bring a USB drive if you wish to save any records.

**Tue 6 May, 2pm – 3pm & 11am – 12pm,
Tue 20 May, 11am – 12pm**

Hindmarsh Library 139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh

Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries Workshop

Searching Family and Local History Resources on the Internet

Learn how to find family and local history resources online, including Ancestry.com, Trove, the State Library's family history resources, and more. Feel free to bring your own device (iPad or laptop) and/or a USB drive.

Mon 12 & Tue 27 May, 1pm – 3pm

Hindmarsh Library 139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh

Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Libraries Workshop

Searching SA Births, Deaths, and Marriages

Curious about how to search the South Australian Births, Deaths, and Marriages database for your ancestor's records? Join us for a group session where you'll learn how to search, print, and export family history records. Don't forget to bring a USB to save your records (optional).

**Mon 5 May 1pm – 2pm, 2pm – 3pm, 3pm – 4pm,
Tue 6 May 10am – 11am, 3pm – 4pm,
Tue 20 May 10am – 11am.**

Hindmarsh Library 139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh

Charles Sturt Libraries, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Charles Sturt Museum Special event

A Lifetime of Decision-Making: Charles Sturt

Charles Sturt's decision in 1839 to relocate his family to Adelaide and build a home in the Reedbeds was driven by high expectations. In reality, that key decision was thwarted by political circumstance and financial burden. Hear Prof Scott Smith (Trustee) talk about this decision and its repercussions. Enjoy tours and Devonshire teas.

Every Sunday in May, 2pm – 5pm

Charles Sturt Museum 39D Jetty St, Grange

Margaret Phillips, 0422 434 403,
markethistory@bigpond.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay Guided tour

Guided Tour of St Jude's Cemetery

St Jude's Cemetery in Brighton was established in 1854 and is the final resting place of many notable South Australians, including Sir Douglas Mawson and Catherine Helen Spence. Join us on a stroll around the cemetery and discover the hidden stories of this state heritage-listed cemetery.

Tue 20 May, 10am – 11am

St Jude's Cemetery 444 Brighton Rd, Brighton

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online

City of Holdfast Bay Guided tour

Devonshire Tea at Partridge House

Built in 1899, Partridge House is known for its spacious rooms, ornate decor, and magnificent gardens. Join us on a guided tour of this historic home followed by Devonshire tea in the dining room.

Mon 12 May, 9.30am – 10.20am, 10.30am – 11.30am

Partridge House 38 Partridge St, Glenelg

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay Guided tour

Guided Tour of Paringa Hall

Built in 1882 for pastoralist James Francis Cudmore and designed by architect Edmund Wright, this historic mansion still contains much of its opulent decoration, including a stairwell of rare dark mahogany.

Sat 24 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Paringa Hall (Sacred Heart College)

195 Brighton Rd, Somerton Park

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay Guided tour

Historic Seacliff & Kingston Park Walking Tour

Join a guided walking tour of historic Seacliff and Kingston Park. This walk will follow the coastal path to explore the historic sites important to the Kurna people and later the history of settlement. Remember a jacket and good walking shoes. Bookings essential.

Tue 27 May, 10am – 11.30am

Opposite Seacliff Hotel (beach side)

221 Esplanade, Seacliff

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay Guided tour

Guided Tour of the Glenelg Air Raid Shelter

Built in 1942 as part of Adelaide's wartime communication network, the Glenelg Air Raid Shelter now houses a display of local stories and memorabilia. This guided tour will explore the history of the wartime network and the role of the shelter during WWII. Entrance via steep stairs.

Sun 4 & 25 May, 10am – 11am, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Glenelg Air Raid Shelter
Rugless Tce, Glenelg East

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay Open Day

Glenelg Air Raid Shelter Open Day

Come down the stairs and explore the Glenelg Air Raid Shelter. Built during WWII, the shelter was one of seven constructed in Adelaide. It was formed as part of a communication network. In 1995, the shelter was converted into a museum in honour of the service of local men and women in military conflicts. Entrance via steep stairs.

Sun 18 May, 1pm – 3pm

Glenelg Air Raid Shelter Rugless Tce, Glenelg East

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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City of Holdfast Bay Guided tour

Devonshire Tea at Dunluce Castle

Enjoy a guided tour of Dunluce Castle, built in 1912 for the Macully family, followed by scones and tea in the dining room. All proceeds go to the Cancer Council SA and Holdfast Bay History Centre. Devonshire tea includes scones, coffee, and tea.

**Mon 5 May, 10am – 11.30am, 12pm – 1.30pm,
2pm – 3.30pm**

Dunluce Castle 12 Yester Ave, Brighton

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay Workshop

Trace Your Family Tree Workshop

Tracing your family tree has never been easier with vast online resources available to help you on your journey. This workshop will arm you with some tricks of the trade to help you on your journey. Bookings essential.

Mon 19 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Brighton Library 20 Jetty Rd, Brighton

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

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City of Holdfast Bay

Talk

An Evening with Kitty: The Fabulous Story of Brighton's Kitty Whyte

An inside look into the fascinating life of Brighton's Kathleen Duncan Campbell 'Kitty' Macully. A talk by Brighton local and history buff, Grant Tinney.

Mon 12 & Mon 19 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Brighton Civic Centre 24 Jetty Rd, Brighton

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay

Guided tour

Stitches Through Time

A journey through the history and creation of wedding gowns featured in a bridal fashion retrospective, 'I Do'. Delve into the fascinating stories behind the brides and learn about the evolution of the wedding dress. Bubbles on arrival.

Mon 5 & Fri 9 May, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay

Exhibition

I Do, Stitches Through Time

Drawing on the Bay Discovery Centre's collection of wedding gowns from the late 1890s to the 1980s, this exhibition explores 100 years of bridal fashion.

Thu 1 - Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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City of Holdfast Bay

Guided tour

Historic Glenelg Walking Tour

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the historic precinct of Glenelg. Learn about the people, places, and events that helped shape this iconic Adelaide location. Tours include free entry to the Bay Discovery Centre.

Mon 5 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay

Guided tour

Mansions of Glenelg Walking Tour

By the mid-1880s the sand dunes of Glenelg had long given way to the summer residences of wealthy South Australians. Enjoy a guided tour and discover the stories behind some of Glenelg's finest, such as 'Seafield Tower', 'Glenara', 'Stormont', and 'Albert Hall'. Please bring a jacket and walking shoes. Bookings essential.

Tue 13 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



City of Holdfast Bay

Exhibition

Tiati Wangkanthi Kumangka (Truth-Telling Together)

An exhibition exploring the true history of South Australia in collaboration with the Kurna Nation. Learn about the Letters Patent, colonisation, and the proclamation of South Australia. Children can explore the exhibition through our activity book while discovering the objects, documents, and paintings which help form the story of our state.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9916, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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Port Adelaide Football Club Museum, Alberton Oval, 2024, City of Port Adelaide Enfield Libraries

City of Port Adelaide Enfield Libraries

Talk

Port Adelaide Football Club Talk

It's football season. Brrrrr...ing your club scarves and woollies, and join us to hear Mark Shephard and David Hutton share stories about decisions that have changed the shape of the Port Adelaide Football Club.

Sun 18 May, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre

66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Local History, 8405 6580, local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



City of Port Adelaide Enfield Libraries

Guided tour

Port Adelaide Heritage Plaque Walk

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield has established a Heritage Plaque Scheme to recognise state and local heritage listed properties throughout the council area. Come with us on a walking tour of Port Adelaide to view our latest blue plaques and learn about the history of the properties and why they are significant to the area.

Fri 16 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre

66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Local History, 8405 6580, local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



City of Port Adelaide Enfield Libraries

Exhibition

Suitcase Stories

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield, Uniting SA, and St Patrick's School Mansfield Park present 'Suitcase Stories', an exhibition. This storytelling project explores themes of migration, displacement, and belonging. In this project, students created suitcases containing symbolic items, that include reflections describing what they value most.

Thu 1-Fri 30 May, 10am – 5pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre

66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Local History, 8405 6580, local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free



Dr Gertrude Glossip at Port Adelaide Uniting Church, 2024, City of Port Adelaide Enfield Libraries

City of Port Adelaide Enfield Libraries

Guided tour

Queering The Port: Rainbow History With a Touch of Teal

'Herstory' in the making. Join Dr Gertrude Glossip PhD (Formal Drapery) Curtin University, author of 'Queen of the Walk' and 'Gert by Sea', on her Port Walk. 'Naughty-cal' tales of the early colony. Tales from oral histories, Vitalstatitix, Feast Festivals and AFLW. Celebrate 50 years of law reform. Something old, new... and always a little blue.

Sat 17 May, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Near Dock 1 66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Local History, 8405 6580, local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Clipper Ship City of Adelaide Performance

Women of the Ship, by Women of the Ship

The Clipper Ship 'City of Adelaide' undertook 23 return journeys between UK and Adelaide between 1864-1887. This performance recognises the many women passengers in the newly established colony. From 1893 the ship was an isolation hospital in Southampton and from 1923 a ship of the Royal Navy. Nurses and WRNS are also recognised in this session.

Sat 31 May, 3.15pm - 5pm

Clipper Ship 'City of Adelaide'
2 Honey St, Port Adelaide

Peter Christopher, 0418 846 638,
peterchristopher@internode.on.net

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35
Bookings required online



Doctor D Fergus Maximus Performance

City of Music

Award-winning songwriters Doctor D, Fergus Maximus and Marta Bayly explore key events, heroes, heroines and villains, and the decisions they faced in the making of modern SA — its art, culture and people — through original songs and the stories that inspired them. Fun, facts, reflection and humour in this entertaining re-telling of our history.

Sat 31 May, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Zoé Brotherton, 8405 6560,
visitorinfo@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free



A crop of Colocasi (taro), in a suburban Adelaide backyard, 2025, Dr Noris Ioannou

Dr Noris Ioannou & Cyprus Community of South Australia Special event

The Colocasi Mystery: How Common Taro Became a Signature Dish of Cyprus

In this illustrated talk, Dr Noris Ioannou takes you on a journey exploring the astonishing ethnobotanical and culinary history of Colocasi (taro) in Cypriot cuisine. Blending scholarly research and his personal recollections as a Greek-Cypriot migrant. Describing its ongoing cherished preparation as a culinary staple of Greek Cypriot families, Dr Ioannou will highlight Colocasi's symbolic significance as a distinctive feature of Cypriot cuisine. Afterwards, traditional Colocasi dishes will be available for tasting by audience members.

Sun 25 May, 2pm - 3.30pm

Cyprus Community of South Australia
6-8 Barrpowell St, Welland

Dr Noris Ioannou, 0409 092 129,
noris.ioannou@internode.on.net

Free



Young Greek women perform a Greek dance in front of Lenin's portrait c1970s, Greek Cultural Centre Tashkent

Festival Hellenika, Organisation of Hellene and Hellene-Cypriot Women of Australia (SA) - OEEGA, and Greek Museum of Adelaide Exhibition

The Greeks of Tashkent: Photos from the Greek Cultural Centre in Uzbekistan

At the end of the Greek Civil War (1946-1949) 12,000 political refugees were secretly evacuated from Albania to the USSR and resettled in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This move, orchestrated by Stalin, saw combatants resettled in former POW camps and many were not allowed to return to Greece until an amnesty in 1982. Visit the Cowandilla Community Room to see a selection of rare photos from this period.

Every Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 3-30 May, 11am - 3pm

Cowandilla Community Room
175 Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Hilton

Joanna Tsalikis, 0422 617 015,
joannatsa@bigpond.com

Free



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Fort Glanville Historical Association Open Day

Day in the Life of a Colonial Soldier

An afternoon featuring nineteenth-century military drill in contemporary uniforms with cannon fire and musketry demonstrations, designed to portray the everyday events and activities of our SA Colonial soldiers. Children may be invited to join a drill parade and learn to be a soldier! Visitors are also able to wander freely throughout the historic fort.

Sun 18 May, 1pm – 4pm

Fort Glanville 359 Military Rd, Semaphore Park
Russell Sheldrick, 0403 275 160,
russell.sheldrick@bigpond.com

Event costs apply

Adult: \$20, Family: \$40, Child: \$10, Concession: \$10



Port Adelaide Ghost Crime Tour

Ghost Crime Tours Guided tour

Port Adelaide Ghost Crime Tour

Port Adelaide is one of the oldest suburbs in Adelaide, with a nickname of 'Port Misery', it was effectively founded on 6 January 1837, and since then has been home to countless murders and ghost sightings! Our Port Adelaide Ghost Tour will take you to some of the most haunted buildings in the Port today.

Fri 9, 23 & every Sat in May, 7.15pm – 10pm

1 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Ghost Crime Tours, 1300 044 678,
bookings@ghost-crime-tours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$44.95
Bookings required online



Fort Glanville Historical Association Performance

The Fort by Lamplight

A program featuring nineteenth-century military drill in contemporary uniforms with cannon fire and musketry demonstrations, all in the soft glow of lamplight — you should see the gun-flashes! A colourful and sometimes noisy event set in South Australia's historic Fort Glanville.

Sat 3 May, 7pm – 9pm

Fort Glanville 359 Military Rd, Semaphore Park
Russell Sheldrick, 0403 275 160,
russell.sheldrick@bigpond.com

Event costs apply

Adult: \$20, Family: \$40, Child: \$10, Concession: \$10



Henley & Grange Historical Society Open Day

Henley & Grange Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Dedicated to the local men and women who served in the Great War (1914-1918) and those who served in subsequent conflicts. It includes service and honour rolls and photos of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The stained-glass window is considered a significant work. Only open on a few special days of the year.

Sun 11 & 25 May, 11am – 2pm

Soldiers' Memorial Hall
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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Henley & Grange Historical Society Open Day

'N'Kola Donga' – F Kenneth Milne House: Guided Tour

Designed in 1912 by the fashionable young architect, F Kenneth Milne, as a seaside retreat for well-heeled retailer, Frederick Scarfe and his wife Mary Florence, 'N'Kola Donga' was built by TG Lewis. The house survives as a rare example of pre-war bungalows once dotted along Adelaide's coastline. The guided tour begins at 10am and concludes with morning tea.

Sat 3, 17 & Wed 7 May, 10am – 12pm

N'Kola Donga (Front verandah)
451 Esplanade, Grange

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15
Bookings required online



Henley & Grange Historical Society Open Day

St Agnes Anglican Church Open Door Afternoon

Modelled on an English village church and designed by architects Withall and Wells, it opened in 1885. Built of Dry Creek stone with heavily splayed buttresses, the church features a five-sided apse and was a landmark in Grange. Event commences at 2pm with a short talk about its history and stained-glass windows. Pipe organ music and afternoon tea included.

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

St Agnes Anglican Church 270 Military Rd, Grange

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

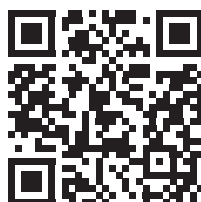
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Henley & Grange Historical Society Guided tour

Henley Heritage Walk

Enjoy a guided walk and find out how this seaside village began and transformed into a vibrant suburb. Discover its rich colonial history, grand buildings, including the Town Hall, Haigh's mansions and other iconic landmarks. Did you know there was once a train station on Military Road where the police station is now located?

Sun 4 May, 10am – 12pm

Henley Jetty Henley, Henley Beach

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201, info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Henley & Grange Historical Society Guided tour

Grange Inland Heritage Walk

Explore historic Grange on a walking tour of its streets. There's more to see than its beautiful coastal views! See how this beachside village began and transformed into a popular and desirable destination, both to reside and to visit. Discover its impressive heritage buildings, colonial history, and famous residents.

Thu 8 May, 10am – 12pm

Grange Hotel 489 Esplanade, Grange

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201, info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Henley & Grange Historical Society Guided tour

Henley South Coastal Walk

Beginning as a geographically isolated village with remarkable personalities, the area grew to be a desirable seaside destination for Adelaide's elite in the early 1900s. The walk features stories of early settlement, some famous and infamous characters, and the Henley South events that shaped local and national development.

Sat 17 May, 10am – 12pm

Shelter on Esplanade (in front of hotel)

157 Esplanade, Henley Beach

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201, info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Henley & Grange Historical Society Guided tour

Henley South Inland Walk

A guided walk with stories of what brought early settlers here, their struggles, an exploration of why the area's development was so delayed; and what triggered a transformation in the twentieth century. Visit some of the prominent sites, learn about the impact of a few significant events during the 1900s, and hear about some of the distinctive characters that feature along the way.

Tue 27 May, 10am – 12pm

Ozone Reserve

Corner Seaview Rd & Ozone St, Henley Beach South

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201, info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



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Henley & Grange Historical Society Guided tour

Grange Coastal Heritage Walk

Explore historic Northern Grange and learn how this beachside village began. Hear about the lives of the early residents and how Grange transformed into a popular seaside destination on this guided walk. Discover iconic heritage buildings, colonial history and the impact of the major development of the upper Port River (now West Lakes).

Thu 15 May, 10am – 12pm

Grange Hotel (outside entrance)

489 Esplanade, Grange

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201, info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Henley & Grange Historical Society Open Day

Henley South Open Home

Sales of newly-released land at Henley South, coinciding with the opening of the electric tram in 1909, resulted in many residences being built on the Esplanade and Seaview Rd. One of the few remaining, designed by Cowell & Cowell Architects, and built in 1913, this home demonstrates gracious seaside living. Guided tour begins at 10am, includes morning tea.

Sat 24 May, 10am – 12pm

Front verandah 212 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach South

Vince/Quenten, 0403 502 201, info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online



Hindmarsh Residents Association Special event
Community Archive Group

We Saved Hindmarsh Town

Meet our working-class heroes who discuss how they saved Bowden, Brompton, and Ridleyton from industry expansion. They did this by establishing Resident Action Groups and Housing Cooperatives (with the support of the SA Housing Trust), working with building unions and key Labor Party ministers, standing for local government, and gaining constant media coverage.

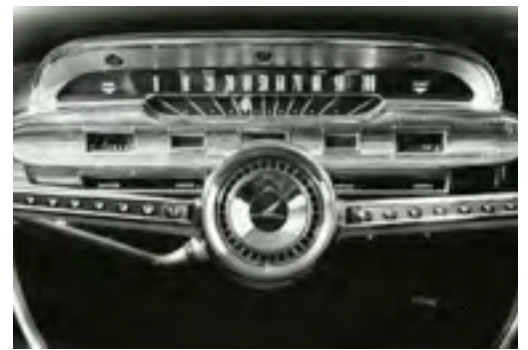
Thu 29 May, 7pm – 9pm

Lady Daly Hotel 126 Port Rd, Hindmarsh

Andrew Derrington, 0408 578 831, derrington@adam.com.au

By Donation

Bookings required by phone or email



Ford Falcon XM dashboard, 1964, Gordon F De'Lisle, National Motor Museum Photographic Collection

History Trust of South Australia & National Motor Museum Bus tour

Duncan & Fraser and Ford Motor Company South Australian Heritage Bus Tour

A bus tour of sites in the greater-Adelaide area related to the history of Duncan & Fraser and the Ford Motor Company. The tour will follow the company's growth and eventual downfall at the hands of the Ford Motor Company, and Ford's development in South Australia of its own facilities, including manufacturing and sales sites. Arrive at 9.45am for 10am departure.

Sun 18 May, 9.45am – 3.30pm

Meeting Place: Outside Migration Museum
82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200, events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$40

Bookings required online



Captain Vernon Smith, Curator of the Port Adelaide Nautical Museum, SA Maritime Museum Photographic Collection

History Trust of South Australia & South Australian Maritime Museum Talk

Australia's First Nautical Museum: The Legacy of Vernon Smith

Ever wondered how Australia's oldest collection of maritime artefacts was created? The answer: Vernon Spottiswoode Smith. In this exclusive History Festival event, hear from expert panellists who will explore the legacy of Vernon Smith and how his passion for maritime history laid the foundations for the SA Maritime Museum we know today. Ticket includes entry to the museum.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 3pm

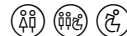
South Australian Maritime Museum
126 Lipson St, Port Adelaide

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200, events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply

Per Person: \$22.50, Concession: \$17

Bookings required online





Beds at Torrens Island Quarantine Station, 2022, History Trust of South Australia

History Trust of South Australia & South Australian Maritime Museum Guided tour

Torrens Island Quarantine Station Tour

Torrens Island Quarantine Station was built in 1879 to prevent passengers bringing diseases into Adelaide. Today, the site is remarkably intact and evokes the experiences of passengers placed in quarantine from the 1880s to the 1960s. This guided tour explores the bathing blocks, boiler house, disinfection block, morgue, isolation hospital, and more. Ticket includes same-day entry to the SA Maritime Museum

Fri 9 & Sun 25 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Torrens Island Quarantine Station via Grand Trunkway, Gillman

South Australian Maritime Museum, 8151 3260, maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35 Bookings required online



'MV Archie Badenoch' on the Port River, 2023, South Australian Maritime Museum

History Trust of South Australia & South Australian Maritime Museum Guided tour

Port River Heritage Tour on Historic Vessel 'Archie Badenoch'

Take a tour along the Port River on historic vessel 'MV Archie Badenoch'. Learn about the history of the waterfront, the changing impacts to the river environment, and its role as a dolphin sanctuary. Sites include Hart's Mill, the lifting Tom 'Diver' Derrick Bridge, the 1864 clipper ship 'City of Adelaide' – and perhaps a dolphin! Ticket includes same-day admission to the SA Maritime Museum.

Sun 4 & 18 May, Tue 27 May, 11am – 12pm & 12.30pm – 1.30pm

South Australian Maritime Museum 126 Lipson St, Port Adelaide

South Australian Maritime Museum, 8151 3260, maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$33.50, Concession: \$28, Child: \$19.50, Family: \$90.50, Family Concession: \$68.50

Bookings required online



Gawler Tennis Club, [B 41019/49], players drinking beer, c1923, State Library of South Australia

History Trust of South Australia & The Wheatsheaf Hotel Talk

Drinking in History: To Brew or Not to Brew

Come and unlock the Wheaty's archive! With our expert panel of brewers and historians, including Wheaty Brewing Corps' Head Brewer Jade Flavell. This History Festival special event will explore the many decisions behind your favourite beer styles, breweries and pubs, and is sure to be one to savour. Ticket includes complimentary drink.

Thu 8 May, 6pm – 9pm

Tin Shed at the Wheatsheaf Hotel 39 George St, Torrensville

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200, events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15 Bookings required online



Lantern of the Port Adelaide lighthouse, 2024, Ross Thorne/Greg Punch

History Trust of South Australia & South Australian Maritime Museum Guided tour

Portside Lighthouse & Museum Discovery Tour

Begin your fully-guided journey at the SA Maritime Museum, exploring the vibrant collections on display. Continue with a stroll to the wharf, taking in the storied heritage of key sites along the way. Finally, ascend the 83 steps to the top of the iconic Port Adelaide Lighthouse to witness the lantern mechanism in action and enjoy unique views.

Thu 29 May, 11am – 12.30pm

South Australian Maritime Museum 126 Lipson St, Port Adelaide

South Australian Maritime Museum, 8151 3260, maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$29.50, Child: \$15.50, Concession: \$23.50, Family: \$63.50, Family Concession: \$53.50

Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Lighthouse, 2024, Ross Thorne/Greg Punch

History Trust of South Australia & South Australian Maritime Museum Guided tour

Lighthouse Lore & Portside Pour: A Journey Through Port Adelaide's Past

Join us for a tour, talk, and tippie at two of Port Adelaide's iconic landmarks – the Port Admiral Hotel established in 1849, and the Port Adelaide Lighthouse, first lit in 1869. Price includes a meal, drink, presentation on the history of the hotel, and a guided tour to the top of the lighthouse to witness the original mechanism in action.

Fri 16 May and Sat 24 May, 6pm – 8pm

Port Adelaide Lighthouse Black Diamond Sq, Port Adelaide

South Australian Maritime Museum, 8151 3260, maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$45

Bookings required online



Vernon Smith, Curator of the Port Adelaide Nautical Museum with figureheads from the collection, the British Admiral, the Claymore and the Scottish Chieftain, c1958, History Trust of SA

History Trust of South Australia & South Australian Maritime Museum Guided tour

The Grandfather of the Maritime Museum: Vernon Smith Turns 150!

Vernon Spottiswoode Smith, the 'grandfather' of the SA Maritime Museum, is turning 150! Take a guided tour through our museum and discover Australia's oldest collection of nautical artefacts and the visionary who made it happen. The first 150 visitors get a free birthday cupcake! Ticket includes entry to the museum.

Fri 2 May, 11am – 11.45am, 2pm – 2.45pm

South Australian Maritime Museum 126 Lipson St, Port Adelaide

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200, events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$22.50, Concession: \$17

Bookings required online





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Customs House, [B 10769], 1878, Samuel Sweet, State Library of South Australia

National Trust of SA, Port Adelaide Branch Talk

Customs House Precinct: Buildings and Occupants From 1840

The Port Adelaide Government Reserve was established in October 1840. The northern section is dominated by the state heritage-listed Customs House and Telegraph Offices. Using historic and rare images, the development and use of these and adjacent buildings is described, together with their role in establishing local government services. Light afternoon tea included.

Sat 17 May, 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Phillip Winter, 0488 525 542, winters1@bigpond.com

By Donation
Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Historical Society Special event

Port Adelaide: The Passage of Time Quiz

Think you know a bit about Port Adelaide's unique and fascinating past? Including the local decisions big and small, and the determination which led to what we see around Port Adelaide today? Do you know things like why 'Port Misery' was an original name, or how the idea of building a free settlement here had convict origins? Share your knowledge with like-minded people.

Wed 28 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

David Hunter, 0417 202 066, david@portadelaide.org

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Historical Society Guided tour

Filming Locations in Port Adelaide

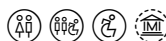
Port Adelaide has been the star of many films. From the sinister world of 'Bad Boy Bubby' to the familiar setting of 'Look Both Ways', and the historical recreations of 'Gallipoli' and 'Black and White'. Join Nicholas Godfrey for a fun walk around the Port to visit some of its iconic and lesser-known film locations, and hear the stories of their production.

Sun 18 May, 1pm – 2pm

Port Adelaide Visitor information Centre
65 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

David Hunter, 0417 202 066, history@portadelaide.org

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Historical Society Bus tour

Port Adelaide Heritage Bus Tours

The Port Adelaide Heritage Bus Tour is a two-hour tour of the Port Adelaide region and includes a coffee/tea break at the Port Adelaide Historical Society's Museum. Participants will be taken on an historical journey through the Port Adelaide region, with a lively commentary from one of our tour guides.

Wed 7 May, 10am – 12pm, Sun 25 May, 1pm – 3pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
65 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

David Hunter, 0417 202 066, history@portadelaide.org

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30
Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre Guided tour

Guided Port Walk

Step back in time and explore the rich history of Port Adelaide on this 90-minute guided walk. Uncover the choices made by early settlers that shaped the port's development and earned it the infamous nickname, 'Port Misery.' Perfect for history enthusiasts and curious minds, this tour offers a unique perspective of nineteenth-century Port Adelaide.

Sun 4, 11, 18, 25 & Sat 17 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 8405 6560, visitorinfo@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre & South Australian Police Historical Society Talk

The Detective in South Australia: A Brief History

South Australia Police officers have been performing detective duties since 1853. Police Historical Society Secretary, Dr Barry Blundell APM, a retired Detective Senior Sergeant, will discuss the establishment of the position of Detective and the formation of a Detective Branch, together with some of the fascinating cases they dealt with.

Fri 16 May, 2pm – 3pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 8405 6560, visitorinfo@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



Holdfast Bay Libraries Talk

Author Talk With Lainie Anderson

Join best-selling author Lainie Anderson as she discusses her PhD research into the life of pioneering policewoman Kate Cocks, and her subsequent murder-mystery novel, 'The Death of Dora Black'. Devonshire tea provided.

Thu 29 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Kauri Community and Sport Centre
Scholefield Rd, Seaclyff

Holdfast Bay Libraries, 8229 9988, library@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Junction Community Centre Special event

Decisions: Foresight and Impact

A decision made 35 years ago by locals to transform the Ottoway Uniting Church into the Junction Community Centre proved extremely beneficial for Ottoway, Pennington, and Rosewater residents. Join Rev Dr Dean Eland and Sophia Katari, and learn how the centre adapted its services and programs to become a safe, inclusive, and welcoming hub whilst continuing to meet the needs of its local community.

Fri 30 May, 12pm – 2.30pm

Junction Community Centre 2A May Tce, Ottoway
Junction Community Centre, 8341 1334, admin@junctioncommunity.org.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Michael Gates & Christine Gates Talk

Building a Family Archival Website

Archival material collected by the Arnold Historical Committee and families, contributed in the building of a family archival website, launched in October 2023. Five Arnold brothers, with their mother, came from Silesia, in Prussia, to the new colony of SA in the mid-nineteenth century.

Sat 31 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Findon Community Centre 222 Findon Rd, Findon
Michael Gates, 0438 381 255, mikegates50@hotmail.com

By Donation



Radelaide Tours Guided tour

Discover Glenelg: Walking Tour

As soon as you start the tour, you'll be quickly enveloped in the historic charm of Glenelg as we regale you with stories about South Australia's first mainland settlement, its characters, and its history. Discover more about Glenelg as we walk beside beautiful, long sandy beaches, wander along historic streets, and gaze upon luxurious seaside mansions.

Thu 1, Fri 2, Mon 26 & Thu 29 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Glenelg Visitor Information Centre
1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg

Dax Cottam, 0437 517 997,
info@radelaidetours.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$35, Child: \$20

Bookings required online



SANFL History Centre Guided tour

SANFL History Centre Tour

The South Australian National Football League has a proud history spanning 148 years and its SANFL History Centre is a very active archive. During South Australia's History Festival, our volunteers offer you a rare opportunity to join them at our History Centre to view our expansive collection including trophies, photos, scrapbooks, jumpers, and much more.

Thu 22 & Tue 27 May, 10.30am – 12pm

SANFL History Centre 27 Fourth St, Bowden

Christine Halbert, 8424 2200, history@sanfl.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



ETSA Vehicles, 2024, Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum

Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum Guided tour

Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum Open Day

The museum captures the history of electricity generation and distribution in SA, and is home to a range of electrical appliances and power station equipment. It reflects the electrical lifestyle changes over the years. One of the highlights is a Tesla coil, generating a million-volt spark creating a lightning storm. Guided tours every Tuesday starting at 9.30am and 1.15pm.

Every Tue in May 9.30am – 3pm

Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum
31-33 Broughton Ave, Kurralta Park

Philip Erickson, 0409 099 686, etsape31@tpg.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



South Australian Aviation Museum & Group Captain Greg Weller & Peter Ingman Talk

South Australian Aviation Museum History Talk (10 May)

This year marks 80 years since the end of WWII. Join the SA Aviation Museum for a talk on the story of the Royal Australian Air Force in South Australia during WWII at Gawler, Mallala, Mount Gambier, Parafield, Port Pirie, and Victor Harbor and those who paid a tragic sacrifice in flying accidents during the war.

Sat 10 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

South Australian Aviation Museum
16 Bedford St, Port Adelaide

South Australian Aviation Museum, 8240 1230,
enquiries@saam.org.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



The 1988 Catalina Trophy Winner Flight Lieutenant Darryl Hill in front of an Orion at RAAF Edinburgh, 1988, RAAF

South Australian Aviation Museum & Flight Lieutenant Darryl Hill (Ret) Talk

South Australian Aviation Museum History Talk (17 May)

For over 50 years RAAF P-3 Orions protected our country, usually out of public view, and thanks to operational security, unreported in the media. Ex-Orion pilot Darryl Hill, with over 3000 hours on the type, will introduce you to the aeroplane and discuss many of the operations flown by RAAF Orions during their half-century of service.

Sat 17 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

South Australian Aviation Museum
16 Bedford St, Port Adelaide

South Australian Aviation Museum, 8240 1230,
enquiries@saam.org.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



The City of West Torrens Exhibition

Look up! Fabric Bunting From West Torrens

As you enter Hamra Centre Library during History Festival, look up, and you will see colourful bunting sewn by the West Torrens sewing group, using vintage fabrics donated by community members of West Torrens, telling a story of diversity, multiculturalism and changing times. On Thursday 15 May between 4pm – 7pm, make your own bunting at our sewing workshop.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Hamra Centre Library 1 Brooker Tce, Cowandilla
Di Caught, 8416 6372, dcaught@wtcc.sa.gov.au

Free



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The Cummins Society Guided tour

Historic Cummins House: Guided Tour and Devonshire Tea

Sir John Morphett was a decision-maker in SA's early history. Visit the historically significant property, where his family lived for five generations, for a guided tour and Devonshire tea. Justin Gare of Artlab Australia will give a talk on links to colonial architect George Kingston on Wed 7 May. Join us on Fri 23 May for a tour after dark including supper.

Sun 4 & 18 May, 2pm – 4.30pm,
Wed 7 May, 9.30am – 12pm,
Fri 23 May, 7pm – 9pm

Historic Cummins House
23 Sheoak Ave, Novar Gardens

Jan Ward, 0417 852 320

Event costs apply Adult: \$ 15, Child: \$5,
Friday (after dark): \$20

Bookings required online



Embroidered panel, 2025, Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia Museum

The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia Exhibition

Diamonds Are Forever

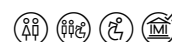
A decision made in 1965 led to the formation of the Embroiderers' Guild of SA, and established our museum. Our Diamond anniversary display features diamond shapes, a popular geometric component in textile art, and design in all types of needle arts, historically and internationally. Come along and hunt for the diamonds in our exhibition.

Every Tue & Fri in May, 10am – 2pm

The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia
16 Hughes St, Mile End

Lesley Grady, 8234 1104, contact@embguildsa.org.au

Free



Seas The Day: Weegie to Whyalla

The evening will include an opportunity to explore the Clipper Ship, 'City of Adelaide', one of only two surviving ships of its kind in the world. Following a short break where wine and cheese will be served, the award-winning documentary 'Yer Old Faither', about Glaswegian (Weegie) Dr John Croall's fascinating life in Whyalla, will be shown.

Sat 17 May, 6pm – 8.30pm

Shed 13, Dock 2 Honey St, Port Adelaide

Rosemary Fotheringham, 0423 942 936,
rf5033rf@tpg.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20

Bookings required online



Roxy Bent, Margie Fischer and Ollie Black
(Founders of Vitalstatistix), c1986, Vitalstatistix

Vitalstatistix

Performance

The Art of Work is a Work of Art

Delve into an experimental archive project drawing on more than 40 years of feminist and creative history at Yartapuulti / Port Adelaide-based contemporary arts organisation, Vitalstatistix. This unique experience places audiences at the centre of the work using sound, installation, and soft furnishings to explore collectivism, memory, and social change.

Thu 1, Fri 2, Sat 3 May, 7pm – 8.05pm
& Sat 3 May, 2pm – 3.05pm

Vitalstatistix, Waterside Workers Hall
11 Nile St, Port Adelaide

Danielle Lim, 8447 6211,
program@vitalstatistix.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35, Concession: \$25
Bookings required online



We the People development, 2022, Adhocracy

Vitalstatistix

Exhibition

We the People

Join artist Katie Sfetkidis at Vitalstatistix for an afternoon exploring Port Adelaide's rich history of activism. From Aboriginal rights to LGBTQIA+ advocacy, environmental movements to housing and employment rights, this event celebrates the power of community in driving social change.

Open Studio, 1pm – 3pm.
Round table conversation, 4pm – 6pm

Sat 3 May, 1pm – 6pm

Vitalstatistix, Waterside Workers Hall
11 Nile St, Port Adelaide

Danielle Lim, 8447 6211,
program@vitalstatistix.com.au

Free



Waterside Workers Hall, 2019, Tony Kearney

Vitalstatistix

Guided tour

Waterside Workers Hall: A Guided Tour

Waterside Workers Hall, built in 1926 by the Waterside Workers Federation, has been a gathering space for communities, unionists, activists, Aboriginal people, and artists. Since 1992, it has been home to arts company Vitalstatistix. Take a guided tour to learn about the proud and rich history of this iconic heritage-listed building.

Tue 6 May, 10am – 10.30am

Vitalstatistix, Waterside Workers Hall
11 Nile St, Port Adelaide

Danielle Lim, 8447 6211,
program@vitalstatistix.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Neil Kerley, 1961, West Adelaide Football Club

West Adelaide Football Club
History Group

Guided tour

Goalpost Burnt on Barbeque– The Adelaide Oval Incident: Whodunit?

Come along and solve the mystery with a guided walk through the West Adelaide Football Club Hall of Fame. See the grandstand and facilities, and hear entertaining stories of the characters who formed the rich history of the club. Parking, bar, and bistro facilities available on site.

Every Thu in May, 11am – 12.30pm

West Adelaide Football Club 57 Milner Rd, Richmond

Douglas Allen, 0408 836 406,
douglas.allen@bigpond.com

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



West Torrens Historical Society

Display

People Who Have Shaped West Torrens

From the Kaurna people and the arrival of settlers through to the present community members who have contributed to decisions that have shaped West Torrens. A display of people and families including market gardeners, military personnel, sporting, and business identities.

Tue 6 & Wed 7 May 10am – 3pm,
Sat 24 May, 10am – 1pm

West Torrens Historical Society
327-329 Marion Rd, North Plympton

West Torrens Historical Society, 0438 005 316,
westtorrenshistory@gmail.com

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Look out for these icons and support members of our Museums and Collections program (MaC). Learn more about our MaC program on page 5.



Adelaide Hills



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Portrait of Britannia owner Donna Twycross, 2024, Garry Duncan

Britannia Kanmantoo Exhibition

Britannia Kanmantoo: The Passing Parade

A parade with local children marks a journey through time at Britannia Kanmantoo! Explore the region's rich mining, agricultural, and geological history, with interactive exhibits, period-inspired food, and live traditional music. Don't miss this immersive experience celebrating the past in a beautiful, historic setting!

Throughout May, during opening hours

Britannia Kanmantoo 14 Old Princes Hwy, Kanmantoo

Donna Twycross, 0406 143 584, britkanmantoo@gmail.com

Free



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum Talk

Silesia to Sanderston: No Longer Pohl's Apart

Meet the author John Pohl. Over morning tea, share John's research of first settlers to Sanderston in 1891; a family that continues to live in the area. Sanderston and Cambrai cemeteries are resting places to many of this family's pioneers. Their original pug cottage still stands. John will share family history and how connections continue into current families of the area.

Fri 23 May, 11am – 1pm

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai

Kath Hogan, 8564 5028, dl.0747.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Church of the Epiphany, Crafers Talk

History, Heritage and Culture

This event will be presented by panellists Ron Layton, Jackie Mussared, and Tony Stimson, discussing the deeper values and meanings of history. Why might it be important for individuals, communities, and societies in general? Examples from South Australia will be given. Audience participation will be encouraged.

Sun 18 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Anne Jolly Hall, The Church of the Epiphany
1 Epiphany Pl, Crafers

Ron Layton, 0437 168 213, slayt61@bigpond.com

By Donation

Bookings required by phone or email



Discover Mount Torrens Exhibition

Tracks of Change: From Trains to Treadlies

Once a vital steam train route, the Mount Torrens railway met its final chapter with the decision to close in 1963. This exhibition highlights its rich history, showcasing artefacts, photographs, and stories that celebrate the railway's legacy and its transformation into the Amy Gillett Bikeway.

Every weekend in May (except Sat 31), 11am – 3pm

The Coach House 17 Townsend St, Mount Torrens

Sarah Pollard, 0407 838 968, pollard.sj@gmail.com

By Donation



East Torrens Historical Society Open Day

Social Decisions in Colonial East Torrens

Visit two historic sites of decision at Norton Summit – the lovely St John's Church (1872) and former Council Chambers (1902). Both places resulted from significant decisions by local figures and have enhanced the lives of residents in this horticultural district. An introductory talk at each site will be followed by a guided tour.

Tue 6 & 20 May, 10.30am – 1pm

St John's Church Lobethal Rd, Norton Summit

Lesley Richards, 8390 3390, rondar@adam.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$20, Child: Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Ellison Museum of Radio and Magnetic Recording & Adelaide Hills Council
Coventry Library Exhibition

Vintage Radio & Magnetic Recording Pop-Up Exhibition

Display of 1950s and 60s Australian designed and manufactured Astor, Kreisler, and Philips/Mullard radios. Plus Ferry Sound Industries collection of 14 Reel-to-Reel Recorders, turntable and tuner/speaker designed and manufactured in a garage factory in Lower Mitcham during the 1950s.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Coventry Library 63 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling

Adelaide Hills Council, 8408 0400, mail@ahc.sa.gov.au

Free



'Oblique Series' (detail), 2023, cotton warp, mixed fibre weft-linen, cotton, wool, acrylic fibres, Flossie Peitsch

Fabrik Arts + Heritage Exhibition
& Flossie Peitsch

Verweban (fur-weé-bonn): Germanic Interweaving

From 1869-1992, Lobethal's Onkaparinga Woollen Mills were synonymous with high quality Australian blankets and fabric. Artist Flossie Peitsch sketched the skilled workers at their machines. Also a weaver, Peitsch used the very fibres produced by the Mill to weave 54 tapestries. For the first time, these two bodies of work are exhibited together.

Every Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun in May, 11am – 4pm

Fabrik Arts + Heritage 1 Lobethal Rd, Lobethal

Fabrik Arts + Heritage, 8375 7950, fabrik@ahc.sa.gov.au

Free



Friends of the Botanic Gardens Guided tour
of Adelaide

What's in a Name?

During a guided walk with a Garden Guide member of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, discover the fascinating stories behind botanical and common names of Australian and South African plants.

Mon 19-Sun 25 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Meet at the Car Park, Wittunga Botanic Garden
Shepherds Hill Rd, Blackwood

Helena Jenkinson, 8222 9367, friendsabg@internode.on.net

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5



Friends of the Botanic Gardens Guided tour
of Adelaide

Mt Lofty Botanic Garden: Decisions & Consequences

Head to Mount Lofty Botanic Garden and learn of decisions from the colonial era – and more recently – that have affected today's botanical inheritance. You will explore Gondwanan plants, the effects of the Ash Wednesday bushfire, how remnant native woodland is managed, and measures to accommodate climate change.

Wed 7 & 14, Fri 23 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Lower Car Park, Mt Lofty Botanic Garden
16 Lampert Rd, Crafers

Paul Lindon, 8222 9367, friendsabg@internode.on.net

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10





German craftwork, 2025, Hahndorf Museum collection

Hahndorf Academy

Special event

Hahndorf Museum: Grand Reopening

The newly-remodelled Hahndorf Museum now offers a fresh perspective on the rich heritage of the town, from First Nations stories to the arrival of German settlers and the evolving identity of the region. Join us for the grand reopening event and explore the museum's renewed exhibitions, uncovering the diverse histories that have shaped Hahndorf.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 3pm

Hahndorf Academy 68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf
Rachel McElwee, rachel@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Free



Hahndorf Academy

Exhibition

Nora Heysen: Mother and Child

This exhibition brings together a selection of Nora Heysen's drawings and paintings exploring the theme of motherhood. With her distinctive precision and keen observational eye, Heysen captures the quiet intensity of care, dependency, and human connection. 'Mother and Child' offers a focused look at one of Australia's most accomplished artists.

Throughout May, 10am – 5pm

Hahndorf Academy 68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf
Rachel McElwee, rachel@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Free



Imagine the Past, Simon Maloney

Hahndorf Academy

Special event

Hahndorf Academy: Imagine the Past

Displays of nineteenth-century crafts and trades, demonstrating sustainable practices highlighting the ingenuity of Hahndorf's early settlers. Highlighted activities include weaving, spinning, embroidery, heritage plants, engines, milking goats, cheese making, timber joinery, wood turning, historical tools, dry stone walling, and ladies in period costume.

Sun 4 May, 10am – 4pm

Hahndorf Academy 68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf
Rachel McElwee, 0408 223 345,
rachel@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Free



Hahndorf Walking Tours

Special event

Kaffee and Kuchen, Pioneer Cemetery, and Walking Tour for Two

Join your guide for a special walking tour of the Pioneer cemetery and surrounds. Learn about some of the special people who were buried in the cemetery, and visit St Michael's church, Captain Hahn, and the Hahndorf Academy. This is a History Festival special offer – now \$80 for two (normally \$98). Includes a coffee and a sweet treat at Café 3:16. Discount voucher sheet also supplied, valid for six months from date of issue.

Wed 7, Fri 9, Wed 21, Fri 23 May, 11am to 12pm

Pioneer Cemetery 3 Balhannah Rd, Hahndorf

Sharon Pippas, 0477 288 011,
enquiries@hahndorfwalkingtours.com.au

Event costs apply Two People: \$80
Bookings required online



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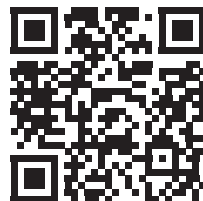
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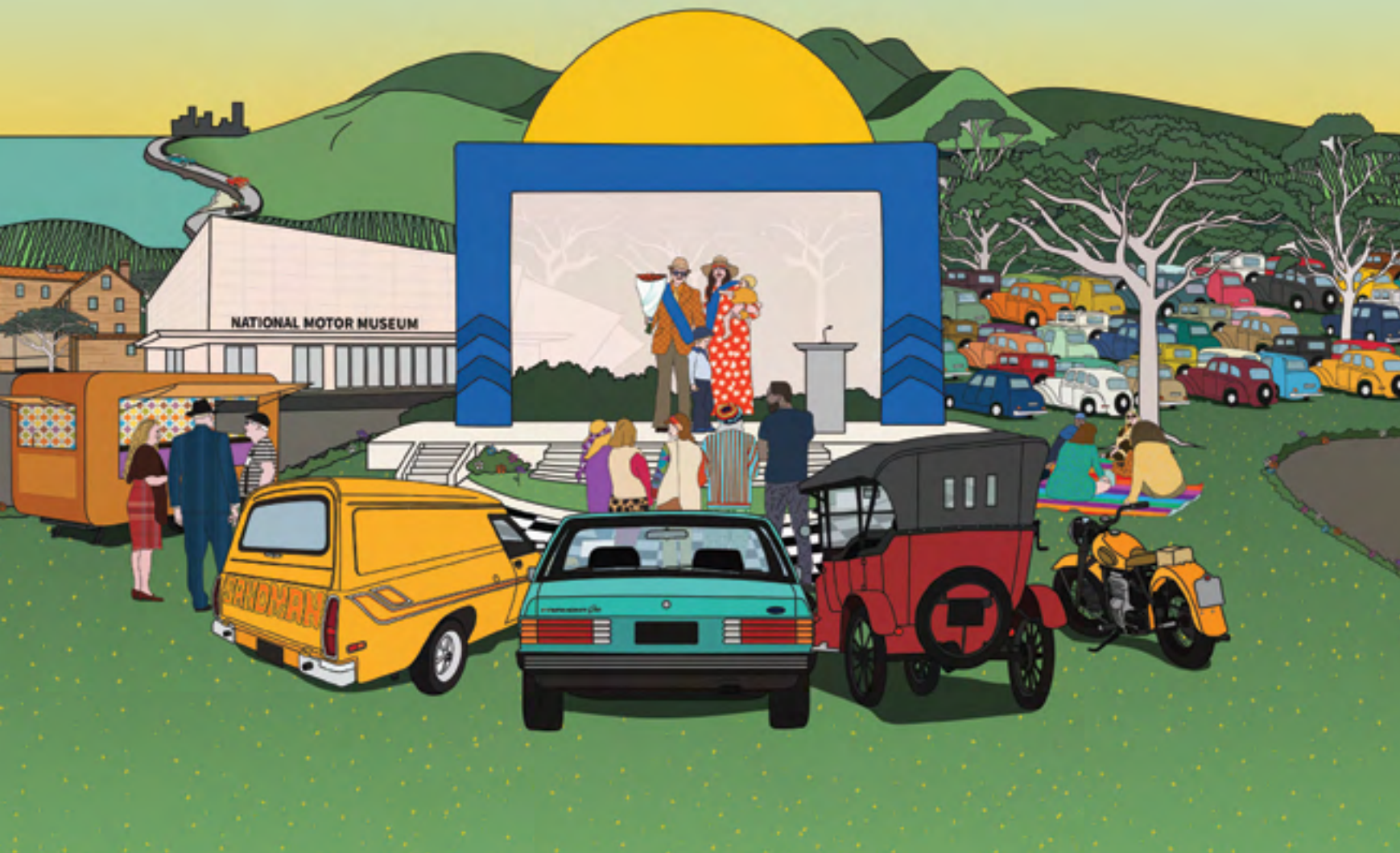
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Birdwood Farm Day, 2023, Birdwood Primary School

History Trust of South Australia & Birdwood Primary School Special event

Birdwood Farm Day

Birdwood Primary School presents their annual Birdwood Farm Day, providing enjoyment for the whole family! Farm Day has attracted thousands of families since the 1970s to experience a taste of the Adelaide Hills and country living with animal exhibitions, a petting zoo, farm demonstrations like sheep shearing and whip cracking, displays of blacksmithing and machinery, other fun interactive activities, and plenty to eat and drink. Held on the grounds of the National Motor Museum, tickets also include entry to the museum.

Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

National Motor Museum Shannon St, Birdwood

Birdwood Primary School, 8568 5329, birdwood.farmday628@schools.sa.edu.au

Event costs apply

Per Person: \$20, Children 12 and under: Free



Lobethal Archives & Historical Museum Guided tour

Decisions: From Many Places

Lobethal was founded by Prussian and Silesian settlers who decided they wanted religious freedom. The community grew, and after WWII, displaced persons came to the Lobethal area in search of a new life and opportunities. The Lobethal Museum tells the story of these people, from settlement through to the 1990s.

Every Sat in May, 10am – 2pm

Lobethal Archives & Historical Museum
Main St, Lobethal

Andrew Zilm, 0409 173 373, lobethalmuseum@hotmail.com

By Donation



Macclesfield Community Association, History Group Workshop

Macclesfield Hall: Paddy's Irish Bush Dance

The Macclesfield rich Irish History comes alive with music and dance. Get ready to swing your partner to the enchanting tunes of traditional Irish music. The Wild Matildas Bush Band will fill the air with Australian Irish melodies, while our experienced dance instructor guides you through the steps of classic Irish dances. No experience needed. Supper included. No alcohol in hall please.

Sat 10 May, 7.30pm – 10.30pm.

Macclesfield Hall 33 Venables St, Macclesfield

Lesley Bullock, 0434 645 878, macclesfieldhistory@gmail.com

Event costs apply

Concession: \$20, Child: \$10, Adult: \$25

Bookings required online



Mount Barker Community Library Talk

Merging Facts With Fiction: Writing Historical Fiction

Local author Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar shares her knowledge about writing historical fiction, explaining how she stays true to historical facts by utilising primary source material and integrating these into her fiction through her plot and characters. Jennifer will refer to her novel 'Stolen' which is set in colonial Echunga and Adelaide.

Tue 13 May, 6.30pm – 8pm

Mount Barker Community Library
5 Dumas St, Mount Barker

Terri Nitschke, 8393 6400, library@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



Mount Barker Memorial WWII plaque, Mann Street, 2025, Clare Dorey

Mount Barker RSL Talk

Mount Barker's Memorial Men (WWII)

Learn from historian Clare Dorey about the research being undertaken on Mount Barker's WWII servicemen (for a Veterans SA grant). Discover how they lived and served, explore our social history, and examine the resources available to researchers, including the importance of oral history to help bridge the gaps in the records. Museum will be open.

Fri 2 & 16 May, 6pm – 9pm,

Wed 7 & 21 May, 10am – 12pm

Mount Barker RSL 23 Hutchinson St, Mount Barker

Craig Runnalls, 0436 934 286, mtbarkerrsl@gmail.com

Event costs apply

Friday evening dinner: \$25, Morning tea: By Donation

Bookings required by phone or email



Nairne and Districts Residents Association & Nairne Museum Special event

Nairne: History From 1800s to Now

Visit Nairne Museum to discover the history of Nairne, established 1839. The museum is housed in the old Institute, built in 1904. Self-guided walk and drive brochures available from museum. View old Main Street buildings from the 1800s. Hear the memories of long-time residents of this historic town.

Every weekend in May (except Sun 11 May), 10am – 3pm

Nairne Museum 82 Main Rd, Nairne

Annette Gladigau, 0414 810 068, nairne.museum@gmail.com & secretary@nairne.org.au

By Donation



The Blumberg Mill, c1860, History Trust of South Australia

History Trust of South Australia & National Motor Museum Guided tour

Blumberg to Birdwood and the Steps Inbetween

A walking tour showcasing the history of Birdwood (formerly Blumberg). Beginning at the Old Mill complex, home of the National Motor Museum, take a relaxed stroll around Birdwood and discover key sites related to the town's development. Hear stories about the heritage, from the early days of Lutheran settlement to a thriving village that now hosts the nation's premier collection of motoring history and one of the world's great historic motoring events — the Bay to Birdwood! Ticket includes entry to the museum.

Fri 2 May & Sun 11 May, 11am – 12pm

National Motor Museum Shannon St, Birdwood
Bruno Davids, 8568 4000, motor@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$29.50, Concession: \$23.50, Child: \$15.50,

Family: \$63.50, Family concession: \$53.50

Bookings required online



National Trust of SA, Hahndorf Branch Open Day

Imagine the Past

Just imagine; the Schmidt-Rodert Hof is the oldest surviving Prussian farm complex in Hahndorf. Explore the buildings and learn about the people who built, lived, and farmed here from 1841. Experience the drama of baking day, and taste bread baked in the nineteenth-century corbelled oven. Try your hand at domestic tasks such as butter churning.

Sun 4 May, 11am – 3pm

The Schmidt-Rodert Hof
20 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf

Lyndell Davidge, 0417 802 685, allen.davidge@bigpond.com

By Donation



Onkaparinga Valley Archive Special event

Decisions That Led to Agriculture Solutions in the Onkaparinga Valley

Survival requires decisions. Agriculture was essential to the local pioneers for food and trade, which led to many developments being made to ensure more efficiency, for example bulk handling and cold storage of fruit. The redevelopment of flour mills into cheese factories to support the growing dairy industry are also some of the topics covered.

Sat 17 May, 2pm – 4pm

Balhannah Soldiers Memorial Hall
91 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Balhannah

Martin Stow, 0436 349 066, martinstow@bigpond.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email





Prospect Hill Historical Museum, 2023, Roxann Legg

Prospect Hill Historical Museum Guided tour

Prospect Hill Historical Museum Tours

Guided tours of the Museum every Sunday in May.

Every Sun in May, 2pm – 4pm

Prospect Hill Historical Museum
Morris Rd, Prospect Hill

Julie Herraman, 0422 775 982,
prospecthill.community@gmail.com

By Donation



Prospect Hill Historical Museum, 2015, Jenni Bailey

Prospect Hill Historical Museum Open Day

Prospect Hill Historical Museum: Battunga Weekend Open Days

Experience history at the Prospect Hill Historical Museum, a complex of historic buildings showcasing early settler life. Join us for a weekend of exploration, living history displays, and other activities across Battunga Country (Meadows, Macclesfield, Echunga, Prospect Hill, Flaxley).

Sat 10 & Sun 11 May, 11am – 3pm

Prospect Hill Historical Museum
Morris Rd, Prospect Hill

Julie Herraman, 0422 775 982,
prospecthill.community@gmail.com

By Donation



Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne

Talk

St James Anglican Church and School House

The St James Anglican Church was one of the first churches constructed outside of Adelaide. Its historic graveyard, architecture, and presentation by local historians help bring it to life. The School House opposite is younger than the Church, and contains many stories about the teachers and students that have attended it over the years. Talk commences at 1.30pm on both days.

Sun 4 & 18 May, 1.30pm – 4.00pm

St James Anglican Church and School House
294 Old Princes Hwy, Littlehampton

Michael Moran, 0481 762 217,
michael.moran56@hotmail.com

Free



The Adelaide Hills Pudding Club

Special event

The Pudding Parade

A special dinner celebrating traditional British puddings – a staple in SA kitchens for generations and a feature of popular cookbooks such as the 'Green and Gold'. Hosted by community historian and cookbook author Liz Harfull. Featuring a parade of puddings made by volunteers to raise funds for the Macclesfield RSL.

Wed 7 May, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Bridgewater Inn 387 Mount Barker Rd, Bridgewater
Liz Harfull, 0409 674 941, liz@lizharfull.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$70
Bookings required online



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Angaston & Penrice Historical Society Display

Angaston Blacksmith Shop and Museum

Listen to the hammer striking the anvil and step back to an era when blacksmithing was at the heart of village life. Built in 1876, the Doddridge family home and blacksmith premises provide a chance to explore history through the lens of everyday life. Be inspired by a family that embraced frugality and creativity, making the most of what they had.

Every weekend in May, 1pm – 4pm

Angaston Blacksmith Shop & Museum
19 Murray St, Angaston

Rebecca Bolton, 0403 136 680,
angastonheritage@gmail.com

By Donation



Exploring the Legacy of the Duttons, Anlaby Station Greenhouse, 2025, Anlaby Station

Anlaby Station Guided tour

The Great Overland Gamble: How Anlaby Began

In 1839, Frederick Dutton and Alexander Buchanan embarked on a bold overland journey, driving thousands of sheep from Sydney to South Australia. Their vision and determination laid the foundation for Anlaby, shaping South Australia's wool industry. Discover the story of this pioneering trek and the dynasty it created.

Every Mon, Wed & Sun in May, 10am – 1pm

Anlaby Station Shop 829 Anlaby Rd, Hamilton

Andrew Morphett, 8566 2465,
enquiries@anlaby.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$65, Child: \$15
Bookings required online



Grape picking at Moculta, c1956,
Barossa Valley Archives & Historical Trust

Barossa Council Public Library Self-guided tour

Barossa Heritage Trails App

An interactive app downloaded from your app store. Self-guided walking trails and a driving trail. Explore the rich and little-known heritage stories and experiences of the Barossa region with content created by local heritage groups and Barossa Library.

Throughout May, anytime

Alison Packer, 8563 8440,
history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Free

Access online



Barossa Council Public Library Guided tour

'Rolling Up Their Sleeves': The Women Behind 'The Barossa Cookery Book'

In 1917 the iconic Barossa Cookery Book was born. Originally conceived as a war fundraiser, the book has an unbroken legacy of 107 years of service. Come and imagine Tanunda's historic main street as we walk and talk, retelling the stories of the women who created this national icon. Includes afternoon tea. Books available for purchase.

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 4pm

Tanunda Community CWA Hall 70 Murray St, Tanunda

Alison Packer, 8563 8440,
history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15
Bookings required online



Barossa Council Public Library Workshop

Military Records for Family History

Have you considered defence records as an avenue for family history research? Discover useful sites to start your Australian military research journey in this small group workshop. Bring along your device (laptop/tablet).

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 4pm

Nuriootpa Library 43-51 Tanunda Rd, Nuriootpa

Alison Packer, 8563 8440, history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required online



Barossa Council Public Library Talk

The Social Capital of German Lutheran Settlers: Barossa, 1836-1856

How did the role of social capital influence the achievement of the viable, peaceful and longlasting Lutheran Barossan community? John Bilney's thesis, using private records and family histories, views social and cultural determinants to reveal a more nuanced view of early Barossa colonisation.

Thu 15 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Barossa Council Chamber 43-51 Tanunda Rd, Nuriootpa

Alison Packer, 8563 8440, history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required online



Barossa Goldfields Historical Society Display

A Taste of Life as a Gold Miner in the Late-1860s and the Depression Years

The Barossa Goldfields and Bowden's Cottage gives you a taste of what life was like in the early goldmining times of 1868 and the Depression years of the 1930s. Experience what it was like to survive the hunt for gold, and what life was like in the Depression era. Try gold panning, see old tools and artefacts, imagine living life then.

Every Tue in May, 10am – 2pm,
Sun 18 May, 10am – 3pm

Bowden's Cottage, northern end of Para Wirra Conservation Park
LOt 239 Para Wirra Rd, Barossa Goldfields

Leonie Hobbs, 0413 331 598, bgoldhs@gmail.com

By Donation



Bernard O'Neil Guided tour

Exploring Menge's Island & Cave

Led by historian Bernie O'Neil, this walking tour traverses the state heritage-listed site where Johannes Menge (1788–1852), South Australia's pioneer geologist, mineralogist, and educator, resided from 1839 to 1842.

Sun 11 May & Sat 24 May, 1.30pm – 3.15pm

Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre

2129 Barossa Valley Way, Rowland Flat

Bernard O'Neil, 0411 154 801 (Text only),
bernard.oneil@adelaide.edu.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Cambrai Museum Open Day

Cambrai Museum Open Days

Explore the museum's buildings which include an old church, gaol cell, huge sheds of farming equipment, a mallee stump shed (reconstructed from an original), and the Pietsch Cottage – an 1850s pug and pine cottage lovingly transported and restored from Melrose Rhine Station. Local experts will be on hand to guide you through the rich history.

Every Sun in May, 11am – 3pm

Cambrai Museum Kings Rd, Cambrai

Leila Kasprzak,
cambrai.agricultural.museum@gmail.com

Free



Cambrai School Community Library Talk
& Cambrai Museum

'Rhine Villa - Cambrai & Beyond': Meet the Author Heather Schirmer

Chat with Heather Schirmer and share the research she has compiled into the book 'Rhine Villa - Cambrai and Beyond: A history of settlement'. Signed copies of the book will be available, along with lunch and a cuppa. A second book with a 25 year update is currently being submitted for publishing.

Tue 20 May, 1pm – 3pm

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai

Kath Hogan, 8564 5028,
dl.0747.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum Talk

Sedan's Dry-Stone Walls: Meet the Author Bruce Munday

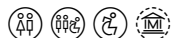
Author Bruce Munday will share his expertise and passion of stone walls, and how they transformed vast landscapes into stations and farms. Bruce will share photos and research over a cuppa and afternoon tea. Signed copies of his book 'Those Dry-stone Walls: Stories from South Australia's Stone Age', published by Wakefield Press, will be available.

Mon 5 May, 2pm – 4pm

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai

Kath Hogan, 8564 5028,
dl.0747.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum Display

150 Years of Schooling: Cambrai, Sedan & Surrounds

Take a walk down memory lane, view some of our archives from the 150 years of education in our area, from the first Lutheran schools, to the small government schools in surrounding towns and paddocks. Rhine Villa (now Cambrai) has continuously educated children for 137 years. Local experts will be on hand to talk with and share your memories.

Every Mon & Fri in May, 9am – 4pm

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai

Mavis Littlehales, 8564 5028,
dl.0747.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Free



A bullock wagon hauling wheat sacks past the Sir John Franklin Hotel, Kapunda [B 16395], c.1900, State Library of South Australia

Duxton Pubs Special event

Happy Birthday SIRJ! 175 Years of the Historic Sir John Franklin Hotel

Named for the famed Arctic explorer and Governor of Tasmania, the Sir John Franklin Hotel was built in 1849. In 2025, the historic pub turns 175! Come on down to toast to the SIRJ, enjoy an afternoon of family activities in our spacious beer garden, savour throwback dining specials, and mark the event with a celebratory balloon drop!

Sat 17 May, 12pm – 10pm

Sir John Franklin Hotel
57-63 Main St, Kapunda

Elise - Bar Manager, 8566 3233,
admin@sirjohnfranklinhotel.com.au

Free

Eden Valley Creative Community Centre Self-guided tour

Eden Valley 1928 Church Building

Our 1928 Congregational Church houses the Eden Valley Creative Community Centre, providing a hub for local arts, crafts, and workshops. View the recently restored stained-glass windows, admire the building and artwork on display, or relax in the serene atmosphere of our historic building. Also consider our listed 'History Bus for History Buffs' tour.

Every Fri, Sat, Sun in May, 10am – 3pm

Lillefield Gallery
15 Matthews Rd, Eden Valley

Virginia Dean, 0427 605 699, varnold48@y7mail.com

By Donation



Eden Valley Historical Society Bus tour

History Bus for History Buffs

Explore Eden Valley's rich history on an unforgettable bus tour. Delve into the stories of historical sites and remarkable characters who shaped our region. Travel through premium vineyards, once filled with orchards and currant vines, while uncovering the captivating tales of our past. Join us for an enriching experience in Eden Valley.

Sun 25 May, 10am – 1.30pm

Eden Valley Institute 14 Murray St, Eden Valley

Virginia Dean, 0427 605 699, varnold48@y7mail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$40
Bookings required by phone or email



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Information Centre
51-53 Main Street, Kapunda

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Friends of the Hill & Son Grand Organ Guided tour

Hill & Son Grand Organ: Tour, Talk, and Sound Taste

See, hear, and experience the magnificent 1877 Hill & Son Grand Organ in the Barossa Regional Gallery. Tour the inner workings of the instrument, hear a short talk on its history, and taste the sounds of the Grand Organ in a musical demonstration. Previously in the Adelaide Town Hall, this meticulously restored instrument is again a South Australian music icon.

Every Wed in May, 11.30am – 12.15pm

Barossa Regional Gallery 3 Basedow Rd, Tanunda

Steven Kaesler, 0408 811 837, skaesler@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5



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Some History Festival events accept Companion Cards which grant complimentary tickets to companion carers. Keep a look out for this icon while browsing History Festival events.



Friends of Willaston Cemetery & Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group Guided tour

Gawler Guided Walk: More Untold Stories from the Willaston Cemetery

Willaston Cemetery has been a very busy cemetery since 1866 and is now the final home for more than 11,000 people. Hear well-researched stories about some of the people in the cemetery. Learn about the amazing array of monuments and structures present. Also hear from experienced people about how to find your relative's grave sites and related stories.

Sat 24 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Willaston Cemetery Dawkins Ave, Willaston

Peter Applebee, events@andfhg.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by email



Gawler Environment & Heritage Association Guided tour

Gawler: Geology, Rivers, and Landscapes From Ancient Times

A guided walk revealing geological features of the South Para River (Dead Man's Pass), Gawler East escarpment, including Thorup's Ravine, and local geological fault lines. The formation of the Gawler River and tributaries – South and North Paras. Explore the role of climate and First Nations people on the development of regional flora and fauna.

Sat 10 May, 2pm – 4pm

Gawler Civic Centre 89 Murray St, Gawler

Adrian Shackley, 0429 004 363, finnis@bigpond.net.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by phone or email



Gawler History Team Talk

The History of Gawler's Ever Changing Boundaries

Gawler is currently undergoing a process of reforming its boundaries, and this has happened before. We take a look at the boundary realignments of 1933 and 1985 and what led to them. Presenter and Gawler History Team member Cody Davies is a current Town of Gawler Councillor with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History, and interest in the electoral history of Gawler.

Thu 1 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Zion Lutheran Hall (Access from carpark on left side) 22B Cowan St, Gawler

Paul Barnet, 0407 473 177, information@gawlerhistory.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5



Learning how to in-fill a timber frame wall at Rechner Cottage, Light Pass pugging workshop, 2024, Sam Kroepsch

German Heritage Research Group, Barossa German Language Association & Friends of the Lutheran Archives Workshop

Finders, Keepers, Storytellers: Exploring SA German Histories

A restored cottage, recorded songs, recipes, baptism, business, naturalisation, wills, a lost village, a shattered tombstone, state or local archives, private or community initiatives, including the Bethany app, Hills Local Wiki and Wendish Trail. Gather, hold, show, share, and tell diverse stories and preserve our heritage. Lunch included.

Sat 10 May, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Langmeil Church Centre 7 Maria St, Tanunda

Christine Leske, 0428 337 132, ejleske@internode.on.net

Event costs apply Per Person: \$50

Bookings required by phone or email



Kapunda, 2025, Ghost Crime Tours

Ghost Crime Tours Guided tour

Kapunda Ghost Crime Tour

Kapunda, South Australia. Not only the most haunted town in Australia... the North Kapunda Hotel. Book a Kapunda Ghost Crime Tour and discover Kapunda's famous haunted past, and its rich and fascinating heritage.

Fri 2 & 23 May, Every Sat in May, 7.15pm – 10pm

North Kapunda Hotel 50 Main St, Kapunda

Ghost Crime Tours, 1300 044 678, bookings@ghost-crime-tours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$44.95

Bookings required online



Kapunda Historical Museum & Light Country Visitor Information Centre Bus tour

Kapunda Journey: Guided Bus Tour of Historic Sites With Two-Course Lunch

Discover the rich heritage of our region with an unforgettable journey through history. Join our guided bus tour and explore historic sites that tell the story of our past. Enjoy a delightful two-course lunch at the historic Clare Castle Hotel, established in 1859, included in the cost. After lunch, visit the charming villages of Allendale North and Hamilton.

Sun 4 May, 10am – 4pm

Historic Kapunda Museum 11 Hill St, Kapunda

Malcolm Johncock, 0490 672 237, oaklandkapunda@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$60

Bookings required by phone or email



Kapunda Historical Museum & Light Country Visitor Information Centre Guided tour

Stroll Through History: Kapunda Main Street Walking Tour

Celebrate South Australia's History Festival by delving into the rich heritage of Kapunda's Main Street. Known for its charming nineteenth-century architecture and vibrant history, Kapunda's Main Street offers a captivating journey through time. Stroll past historic buildings, each with its own unique story, and discover the town's fascinating past.

Sat 3 & 17 May, 11am – 12pm

Historic Kapunda Museum 11 Hill St, Kapunda

Mary Anne Murray, 0417 893 177, museumkapunda@gmail.com

By Donation

Bookings required by phone or email



Light Country Visitor
Information Centre

Guided tour

Unearth Kapunda: A Journey Through the Historic Mine

Step back in time and uncover the rich heritage of the Kapunda's state heritage-listed historic copper mine! Join our guided walking tour for an in-depth exploration of the mine's history, led by a knowledgeable guide who brings the past to life with captivating tales and insights. Whether you're a history buff or simply curious, Kapunda offers a unique glimpse into Australia's industrial past.

Sat 10 & 24 May, 10am – 12pm

Historic Kapunda Copper Mine Mine St, Kapunda

Cindy Ruediger, 0429 229 783,
visitorcentre@light.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15



Luhrs Cottage Preservation Society Self-guided tour

Hooked on Needles and Threads

Visit Luhrs Cottage and enjoy our display of c1890-1920 embroidery and crochet items. The display features clothing, haberdashery, and mail order catalogues. See how recycling was in full swing, where socks, stockings, and anything that had a hole, was patched not just once but over and over again. Pop in and enjoy, you will be pleasantly surprised. Tours are self-guided.

Throughout May, 9am – 4pm

Luhrs Cottage 407 Light Pass Rd, Light Pass

Darlene Cooper, 0404 378 672,
darlenecooper@bigpond.com

By Donation



National Trust of SA, Gawler Branch Special event

Past Foundries of Gawler: Presentation and High Tea Event

Come join us for an afternoon delving into the history of Gawler's past foundries. Our speaker, Gary Iremonger at Eagle Foundry B&B, will take you on a journey through time, showing how the foundries shaped the Gawler community. After the presentation, enjoy a delightful high tea spread in a charming setting. A special Mother's Day event will be held on Sun 11 May.

Sun 4, 11 & 18 May, 12pm – 2pm

Eagle Foundry B&B 23 King St, Gawler

Gary Iremonger, 0408 844 964,
eaglefoundry@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30
Bookings required online



Organ Historical Trust of Australia Performance

Organ Recital: Lemke Alive!

Rediscover the 1885 Daniel Lemke pipe organ played in recital by renowned Barossa organist, Scott Angove. Lemke's organs are national treasures, with their bright Nordic sounds, music seems to spring from the heart of his instruments. After being displaced from the Barossa for 60 years, this organ is again back home making music. Lemke alive!

Sun 18 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Kavel Hall, Immanuel Lutheran Church
15 Immanuel Wy, Light Pass

Steven Kaesler, 0408 811 837,
skaesler@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: Free



Sheralee Menz and her book, Rolling Up Their Sleeves, 2025, Sheralee Menz and Marieka Ashmore

Professional Historians Association Special event
(SA) & Sheralee Menz

'Rolling up Their Sleeves': The Barossa Cookery Book

Join the Professional Historians Association for an evening of history and storytelling. This dinner event will feature PHA President Samuel Doering and Sheralee Menz discussing 'Rolling Up Their Sleeves', which uncovers the women behind 'The Barossa Cookery Book'. Explore their stories, the book's creation, and its role in Barossa's culinary heritage.

Sat 17 May, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Vine Inn 14-22 Murray St, Nuriootpa

Professional Historians Association (SA), 8411 0161,
sahistorians@outlook.com

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$5 (meals at additional cost)
Bookings required online



WEA Adult Learning Bus tour

Bakeries of the Barossa and Adelaide Hills: WEA Heritage Day Tour

Spend the day discovering tasty German treats at Lyndoch bakery, Linke's German bakery in Nuriootpa, and Tanunda Bakery for a lunch break. We cross the ranges via Mengler Hill and travel beside Kaiserstuhl Hill and historic Flaxman's Valley before a stop at Mt Pleasant bakery. We finish the day with visits to bakeries in Lobethal and Woodside.

Sat 3 May, 8.15am – 5pm

WEA Adult Learning 223 Angas St, Adelaide

WEA Enrolments Office, 8223 1979,
enrolments@wea-sa.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$154
Bookings required online



Clare Valley & Mid North



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Balaklava Museum Exhibition

Celebrating 100 Years of Caterpillar

Some legends are born, others are made. The Museum's D4 Caterpillar/RG LeTourneau cable-operated bulldozer was assembled by two prominent machinery makers, rushing to defend Australia from attack before and during WWII. It saw service in the South Pacific fleet, was later seconded by General MacArthur, and rebadged as part of the US7 fleet, working in the islands and Darwin.

Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

Balaklava Museum 34 Short Tce, Balaklava

Grace Wade, 0461 491 160,
contact@balaklavamuseum.org.au

By Donation



Brinkworth History Group Special event

Back to Brinkworth School: Celebrating 130 Years of Schooling

From 1895–2025 we celebrate 130 years of schooling in the town of Brinkworth. Teachers, students, staff, parents, and friends come together for a day of reminiscing. Photographic displays, morning and afternoon tea, class meet-ups, two-course lunch at \$15, tour of school and grounds. Bookings required for catering purposes.

Sun 4 May, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Brinkworth Primary and Early Childhood Centre
104 Main St, Brinkworth

Helen Weckert, 0429 466 086,
bhweckert@bigpond.com

Event costs apply
Bookings required by phone or email





Visitors exploring the Homestead Gardens, 2024, Bungaree Station

Bungaree Station Self-guided tour

The Story of Bungaree Station

Explore South Australia's pioneering past at your own pace with a self-guided tour of iconic Bungaree Station. Audioposts and signs bring the property's 184 years of history to life, enabling visitors of all ages to step back in time as they explore the village-like complex, including the woolshed, store, church, stableyard, and homestead gardens.

Every weekday in May, 10am – 11.30am, 12pm – 1.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm

Bungaree Station 431 Bungaree Rd, Clare
Vicky and Mark Stewart, 8842 2677,
info@bungareestation.com.au

Event costs apply
\$15 per person, Children under 12: Free



Burra Community School Guided tour

'Back to Burra' Community School Tours

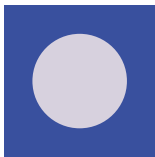
Enjoy the opportunity to return to school! Members of the 2025 student leadership group will provide a tour of the school classrooms and grounds, with current classes in action. Browse, reminisce, share stories, and explore. To conclude your tour, enjoy light refreshments in the Copperhouse kitchen, with goods made and served by current students.

Fri 30 May, 9.40am – 10.25am & 12.15pm – 1pm

Burra Community School 7 Bridge Tce, Burra

Burra Community School, 8892 2007,
dl.1432.info@schools.sa.edu.au

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Bookings required by phone or email



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Burra Town Hall Performance

Burra Town Hall - Music and Dancing

The grand Burra Town Hall comes alive, celebrating 150 years since the first stone was laid. A night of back-to-back musical performances from visiting and local musicians. Bring your own picnic dinner and drinks, and enjoy the atmosphere of this traditional country dance-style event. A lovely relaxed evening, not to be missed!

Sat 31 May, 6pm – 11pm

Burra Town Hall 4 Market St, Burra

Sharon Austin, 0429 845 703, shartre@bigpond.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required by phone or email



Clare Regional History Group Talk

Early Schooling in the Mid-North: Buildings, Teachers, and Surviving Records

Our speaker, Alison Hicks, has visited, photographed, and GPS recorded our earliest schools. She has transcribed school admission registers and annual returns provided by school masters. In addition to her well-illustrated talk, she will bring her extensive database which you may browse. Ideal for family history research. Tea and coffee provided.

Wed 28 May, 11.00am – 12.30pm

Barbara Long Room, Clare Town Hall
229 Main North Rd, Clare

Gerald Lally, 0457 020 680, clarehistory@gmail.com

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51-53 Main Street
Kapunda SA 5373

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11 Hill Street
KAPUNDA REMEMBERS
7 Hill Street
BAGOT'S FORTUNE
5 Hill Street

Recognised as one of the finest folk museums in Australia, the Kapunda Museum is housed in a magnificent Romanesque building built in 1866 as the Baptist Church.

Clare Regional History Group & Pioneers Association of South Australia Display

Pioneers of the Mid-North

This poster exhibition presents the stories of lesser known pioneer settlers in the Mid-North of SA. They risked sailing half way around the world seeking better lives. Conditions on arrival were difficult as the colony struggled to get on its feet. Their perseverance and determination established the foundations of the prosperity we enjoy today.

Every Mon to Fri throughout May, from Mon 5 May, 9am – 5pm

Foyer of the Clare Town Hall 229 Main N Rd, Clare
Gerald Lally, 0457 020 680,
events@pioneerssa.org.au

Free



Dublin History Group Display

5 Shillings per 400 Gallons of Water

In 1883 this was the price for water from the local water well. We will explore the story of water in Dublin and the decisions that were made regarding its delivery to the area. Water is vital to survival and whether from rain water tanks, government wells, dams or mains water, Dublin has used them all. Join us as we jump in and get our feet wet.

Sun 4 May, 1pm – 4pm

Dublin Institute 9 Sixth St, Dublin

Andrea Brow, dublinhistorygroup@gmail.com

By Donation



Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery Display

Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery

The Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery is a volunteer-led organisation focused on preserving and sharing local stories, especially local genealogies. Eudunda's rich history of industry and agriculture is showcased alongside education, faith, health, communication, and more. Plus, the restored 1880s Gosling Cottage allows visitors to step back in time.

Every Fri-Sun during May, 10am – 2pm

Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery
19 Bruce St, Eudunda

Dot Bonner, 0407 004 469,
sec@eudundaheritage.com

By Donation



Friends of the Burra Railway Station Special event

Unveiling: Meredith Satchell Commemorative Plaque

The Friends of the Burra Railway Station will be unveiling a plaque to commemorate the contribution made by the late Meredith Satchell to the preservation of Burra's written, photographic, and built heritage. \$15 entry fee includes country-style morning tea in the restored Refreshment Room or in the elegant surrounds of a 1917 dining carriage.

Sun 4 May, 11am – 1pm

Old Burra Railway Station 10 Railway Tce, Burra
Pip Edson, 0488 992 835, peteredson@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15



Honorah McGree, 2025, Ancestry.com

Gladstone History Group and the University of Newcastle, NSW Talk

Matrons and Murderesses: Ten Years at Gladstone Gaol (1882-1892)

The women working in, and the inmates housed in Gladstone Gaol from 1882-1892 led different lives but had many shared experiences. Birth, illness, life, and death chronicled in the prison matron's diaries show the complex relationships that existed between the women who guard, and the women being guarded.

Fri 23 May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Town Hall, Yangya Meeting Room
14 Fifth St, Gladstone

Alice Neikirk, 0493 440 741,
alice.neikirk@newcastle.edu.au

Free



Visiting the homestead of Sir Hubert Wilkins, Netfield, Mt Bryan East, Sir Hubert Wilkins Bus Trip, 2024, History Trust of SA

History Trust of South Australia Bus tour

Sir Hubert Wilkins Bus Trip

Day trip from Adelaide to visit Wilkins' childhood home in Mount Bryan East and Dares Hill lookout. Hear of the amazing exploits of this South Australian explorer with commentary from Wilkins historians and local experts. Ticket includes return airconditioned bus travel from Adelaide, expert commentary, lunch, afternoon tea, treats, and entry tickets.

Sun 25 May, 8am – 6pm

Meeting place: Victoria Square, Sir Samuel Way Building – Law Courts 259 Victoria Sq, Adelaide

Suzanne Redman, 8151 3200,
events@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$95, Concession: \$70
Bookings required online



Mallala Museum Exhibition

A Pictorial History of the Mallala District

We have dusted off some of the framed pictures that are usually kept in Museum storage. These historical images depict the people, families, buildings, and activities of the Mallala district and the wider Adelaide Plains.

Every Sun in May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Mallala Museum 1 Dublin Rd, Mallala
Mallala Museum, 0433 820 570,
mallalamuseum@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$5, Child: \$2



Mary Talbot Cross Talk

'The Foundling: A Tale of the Burra Burra Mine' by Mary Talbot Cross

Join us in the historic Burra Community School Library building and learn the story and the research behind 'The Foundling: A Tale of the Burra Burra Mine'. A presentation by the author Mary Talbot Cross. 'The Foundling' is set in the earliest years of European settlement of South Australia.

Thu 22 May, 4pm – 5pm

Burra Community Library 7 Bridge Tce, Burra

Burra Community Library, 8892 2038,
burra.library@plain.sa.gov.au

Free



Meredith Laing Exhibition

Burra Creek Dugouts Arcadia Lost

An exhibition of local artist Russell Philip's collection of research, results of a survey undertaken in the 1970s, hand drawn maps, photographs, notes, major artworks, and an eclectic array of artefacts collected along the Burra Creek line over 40 years.

Thu 22-Sat 31 May, 1pm – 4pm

Burra Regional Art Gallery 6 Market St, Burra

Meredith Laing, 0408 269 086,
merrie.laing@gmail.com

Free

Mintaro Progress Association Guided tour

Mintaro: A Decisive Settlement

Come on a journey to explore the decisions behind the establishment of Mintaro. As we follow the old Gulf Road through the town, we will share stories about the decisions of why people settled here, the trades and businesses they established, and the government institutions that supported the growth of the town.

Sat 24 May, 11am – 12pm & 2pm – 3pm

Mintaro Institute 56 Burra St, Mintaro
Libby Brady, 0488 439 212, libbybrady2@gmail.com

By Donation



John Horrocks Cottage

Come and visit the Historic John Horrocks Cottage. Built by the young explorer John Ainsworth Horrocks in 1839 from local stone with a shingle roof, the cottage has been fully restored by the Mount Horrocks Historical Society and is state heritage-listed.

Sun 4 May, 2pm – 4pm

John Horrocks Cottage
7884 Horrocks Hwy, Penwortham
Meredith McInnis, 0427 051 881,
mmcinnis59@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5, Family: \$10



Burra Courthouse Opening and Historic Clothing Exhibition

Step inside the Burra Courthouse as it opens to the public for the first time. Discover a stunning curation of recently unearthed and catalogued historical period clothing. A rare and special glimpse into Burra's past, a very unique exhibition, don't miss it.

Sat 31 May, 11am – 4pm Police Lock Up & Burra Courthouse Helston St, Burra

Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre, 1300 775 540, discover@visitburra.com

By Donation



Apparel From the Past

Clothing and articles, including three valuable dolls, from mid 1800s to 1920s.

Every Fri and Sat in May, between 9 May and 24 May, 10am – 2pm, Burra Courthouse Helston St, Burra

Geraldine Smedley, 0429 160 322, geraldinesmedley39@gmail.com

By Donation



Guided Burra Heritage Passport Bus Tour: Unlock the Past

Join National Trust Burra Branch President Chris Reed for an exclusive guided tour of key heritage sites. Explore Burra's rich mining history and gain insight into its recent UNESCO World Heritage tentative listing. A rare chance to dive deeper into the town's iconic past. Sites include The Unicorn Brewery Cellars, Redruth Gaol, and more.

Sat 31 May, 9:30am – 12:00pm

Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre 2 Market Square, Burra

Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre, 1300 775 540, discover@visitburra.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20 Bookings required by phone or email



From Europe to Polish Hill River in the Clare Valley

Europe in the nineteenth century gave Poles little room to prosper and to make a place for themselves. With many destinations around the world, 33 families chose South Australia, in particular the Clare Valley, and a place later to be known as Polish Hill River. In the mid-twentieth century another group of 3000 Poles made SA their home, come see their stories.

Every Sun in May, 11am – 4pm

Polish Hill River Church Museum
Polish Hill Rd, Polish Hill River
Edward Dudzinski, 0401 411 754, phrcm.archive@gmail.com

By Donation



Port Pirie: They Came From Many Places

There will be a display of photographs, memorabilia, and fascinating personal stories about the experiences of people from a diverse range of cultures who emigrated to Australia, and ultimately settled in Port Pirie to take advantage of the many employment opportunities on offer. See the myriad ways these people contributed to the Port Pirie community.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Port Pirie Regional Library
3 Wandearah Rd, Port Pirie South
Charmaine Burton, 8632 0701, cburton@pirie.sa.gov.au

Free



First held 100 years ago in 1925, **Back to Burra** returns in 2025.

Back to Burra 180 Years!

Burra Town Hall Gala Dinner Friday, 30th May

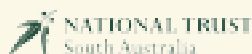
An evening of entertainment, special guests, a hearty roast dinner, and Clare Valley wine.

Burra's 180th Birthday Party! Saturday, 31st May

A musical evening with back-to-back performances at the National Heritage-listed town hall. Bring your own picnic dinner and drinks and join the celebration!

Town Parade & Picnic Sunday, 1st June from 10am

Enjoy the excitement of the Town Parade, then head to Paxton Square Precinct for a Town Picnic with live music including the South Australian Police Band, food stalls, face painting, historical mining and farm displays.



Scan the QR code to book tickets and explore the full month of celebrations

Keep an eye out

Look out for these icons and support members of our Museums and Collections program (MaC). Learn more about our MaC program on page 5.



Regional Council of Goyder

Workshop

Historic Smelters Home Tour and Chair Repair Workshop

Step into the historic Smelters' Home built in 1849 and Australia's oldest unrenovated pub, now a charming Bed and Breakfast. Enjoy a self-guided tour, then stay to repair a period chair. All materials are provided, and you will take home your restored piece of history.

Tue 13 May, 11am – 2pm

Smelters Home Burra 26 Market St, Burra

Sarah Arrowsmith, 0420 237 199,
info@smeltershomeburra.com

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Regional Council of Goyder

Workshop

Time Travel Through Sewing: Historical Costume Workshop

Time travel through sewing, sewing machines and fabric provided! This historical costume making workshop will bring the past to life. Learn to craft garments for the perfect silhouette or create stunning fashion and accessories to complete your historical wardrobe.

Thu 1, Tue 6 & Thu 8 May, 6pm – 8pm

Burra Community School, Home Economics Classroom Smelts Rd, Burra

Tina Couper, 0432 373 494, tina.couper2@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



Regional Council of Goyder

Guided tour

Burra Cemetery Walk and Talk: A Journey Through Early SA History

Join Abbey Snook, Burra's 2025 Young Citizen of the Year and local tour guide, for a walk and talk through Burra Cemetery, established in 1845. Abbey will chronicle the lives and misfortunes of the mining community and the pastoral families who shaped Burra as a commercial, social, and religious centre. A fascinating walk through history.

Sat 10 May, 3pm – 4pm

Burra Cemetery Spring St, Burra

Abbey Snook, 0427 481 616,
abbeysnook@bigpond.com

Free

Bookings required by email



Regional Council of Goyder
& Redruth Studio

Performance

Redruth Studio Presents House Concert with Inklings Trio

Emlyn and Jodie O'Regan welcome past and present Burra residents and guests to a house concert at the former Redruth Methodist Church. Join the O'Regans for a set of their acappella vocal magic, followed by special guests, Adelaide folk band Inklings Trio. This innovative trio's musical palette has roots in traditional folk and classical styles.

Sat 24 May, 7pm – 9pm

Redruth Studio

Old Redruth Methodist Church, 4 Ludgvan St, Burra

Jodie O'Regan, 0481 171 266, jodie.oregan@gmail.com

By Donation

Bookings required by email



Samuel Doering

Guided tour

'A Land of Limestone and Labourers': Tales From Eudunda's Past

With fresh insights from groundbreaking research, this immersive two-hour walking tour brings Eudunda's history to life. Meet the determined storekeepers, charismatic publicans, skilled blacksmiths, and hardworking labourers who built the town. Hear their stories of resilience and ambition, and see Eudunda's past in a whole new light!

Sat 3 & Sat 17 May, 10am – 12pm

Eudunda Centenary Gardens Bruce St, Eudunda

Samuel Doering, 0477 972 630,
sdhistorytours@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



Samuel Doering

Guided tour

Tales From the Tombstones: Eudunda Cemetery Tour

During this 90-minute tour, walk through the Eudunda Cemetery and uncover captivating stories of the men and women who shaped the town. Meet war heroes, industrious settlers, pub-owning politicians, and everyday locals whose lives tell tales of ambition and resilience. Each grave reveals a powerful, personal chapter in Eudunda's story.

Sat 31 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Eudunda Cemetery 31 Peep Hill Rd, Eudunda

Samuel Doering, 0477 972 630,
sdhistorytours@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Point Pass, 2018, Lee Merchant

Samuel Doering & Immanuel Lutheran Church, Point Pass

Guided tour

There's a Point to it!

Explore the story of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Point Pass, renowned for its iconic gold-tipped spire. Discover its role as one of the region's first Lutheran churches, its time as a pioneering College, and meet the resilient Germans who built it. Discover 'the point' behind an important piece of SA's history! Afternoon tea by donation to follow.

Sat 10 & 24 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Point Pass
1032 Worlds End Hwy, Point Pass

Samuel Doering, 0477 972 630,
sdhistorytours@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



St Barnabas Anglican Church, 2015, Wiki Commons

St Barnabas Anglican Church

Guided tour

Tales From the Graveyard

Meet the narrator and be guided through historical points of interest in the church then out into the cemetery where you will hear the stories read in character on a selection of graves, by parishioners in costume. Mingle after with the characters, have a coffee or tea and hot food.

Sat 17 May, 5pm – 5.45pm, 6pm – 6.45pm,
7pm – 7.45pm

St Barnabas Church & Cemetery
25 Farrell Flat Rd, Clare

Christine Graham, 0417 885 083,
treasurerbbcparish@outlook.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$25

Bookings required online



Community Church Service at St Mary's Anglican

Join Reverend Anne Ford for a service in praise and thanksgiving for the township and community of Burra, in celebration of 180 years since foundation. Built in 1879, the church features a 1905 Dodd pipe organ and stunning stained-glass windows by Edward Brooks, South Australia's first stained-glass maker. A moment of reflection and history.

Sun 18 May, 10am – 11am

St Mary's Anglican Church 9 Market St, Burra
Rev Anne Ford, 8892 2313

Free



The Burra Film Group Presents: 'Breaker Morant' (1980)

A celebratory screening of the 1980 Australian war drama film 'Breaker Morant', directed by Bruce Beresford with scenes filmed in Burra. The event will held at the historic Burra Community Town Hall, which is celebrating 150 years.

Sat 3 May, 6pm – 8pm

Burra Town Hall 4 Market St, Burra
Callan Govett, 0447 656 692,
burrafilmgroup@gmail.com

Free



Back to Burra: 180 Year Gala Dinner

Special invited guests share memories and ditties of Burra, alongside current community members who will reflect on the town's past and future and their shared love for it. Enjoy live music, a hearty roast dinner, and Clare Valley wine. Relive the past and celebrate 'Back to Burra - 180 years' with a night of connection and community. All welcome!

Fri 30 May, 6pm – 11pm

Burra Town Hall 11 Market St, Burra

Sharon Austin, 0429 845 703, shatre@bigpond.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$50
Bookings required by phone or email



Forgotten Hoyleton and Blyth District: WEA Heritage Day Tour

The Blyth Plains has many forgotten settlements because it was settled early for grain growing. We will visit the Medika Art Gallery in the old Lutheran Church and spend the afternoon with an included lunch, and an Australian classic film in the Blyth Cinema. We return via Mt Templeton church site, another forgotten district near Blyth.

Sat 10 May, 8.15am – 6pm

WEA Adult Learning 223 Angas St, Adelaide

WEA Enrolments Office, 8223 1979,
enrolments@wea-sa.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$191
Bookings required online



Yacka Motor Garage

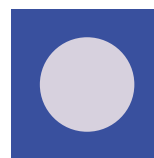
Visit Yacka and call into the former garage GMH Dealership that operated between 1926-67. Chat with Steve about the garage's history and restoration. View his collection of Holdens on display, stroll through the workshop and showroom areas holding equipment, parts, tools, and memorabilia. Sit in lounges to browse through magazines, books, and historic black and white photographs.

Every Sun in May, 10am – 4pm

Yacka Motor Garage 5 Hawker St, Yacka

Steve Hyde, 0419 038 295,
robnyhyde2@bigpond.com.au

Free



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Police Health: Standing Strong for 90 Years



The decision by a group of South Australian Police in 1935 to pool together their money to cover the medical needs of colleagues in need has led to what Police Health and Emergency Services Health is today, 90 years on. An industry leading, not-for-profit private health insurer covering more than 100,000 police and emergency services workers, and their families, across the nation.

What started as a small state-based private health insurer has grown and evolved over its 90-year history, offering high quality health insurance not just to those working on the front line such as police officers and first responders, but also to employees, volunteers, association members and the families associated with the police and emergency services community.

As a not-for-profit fund, members needs come first. This dedication is reflected in #1 rankings for Member Satisfaction, Customer Service and Better Claim Rebates in Australia*. By only providing top level cover, the fund ensures members get the top-quality cover, high rebates and freedom of choice they deserve.

The fund's enduring purpose to deliver peace of mind, value for money health insurance is as true today as it was at inception, a decision that has and continues to forge a path for the future at Police Health and Emergency Services Health.

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Author Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar, 2024, Port Lincoln Library

Port Lincoln Library

Talk

Merging Fact With Fiction: Author Talk With Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar

Join us at the Port Lincoln Library to meet with Author Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar discussing her latest book 'Stolen', based in South Australia. Books are available for sale and signing, and refreshments are provided.

Fri 30 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Port Lincoln Library 2 London St, Port Lincoln

Port Lincoln Library, 8621 2345, ptlincolnlibrary@plcc.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



The Port Lincoln History Group

Workshop

Past Decisions Have Shaped Our Lives and History: Discover More With Trove

Learn the basics of Trove. The National Library's Trove website is a great place to search newspapers and other documents for local or family history. Our members have some knowledge of how Trove works and will be happy to guide you through the basics. Handouts available.

Mon 19, Thu 22 & Fri 23 May, 10am – 10.45am, 11am – 11.45am, 1pm – 1.45pm, 2pm – 2.45pm

The Port Lincoln History Centre, Settlers Cottage 10-24 Flinders Hwy, Flinders Park, Port Lincoln

The Port Lincoln History Group, 0403 634 937, portlincolnhistory@gmail.com

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Whyalla Community Craft & General Market Association

Display

The Decision for BHP to Start Steel Making in Whyalla 1941

Tanderra Craft Village is inviting the public to visit The Steel Cap Gallery & The BHP Museum. The Gallery has pictures, displays, and models of the history of BHP in Whyalla. Including photos of past employees that lived and worked from all over the world.

Sat 24 & Sun 25 May, 10am – 3pm

Tanderra Craft Village

4 Port Augusta Rd, Whyalla Barson

Kathy Moldenhauer, 0424 944 043, vkrover@bigpond.com

Free



Northern Spencer Gulf, 2019, Paul Mazourek

Whyalla Maritime Museum

Exhibition

Secrets of Spencer Gulf

Spencer Gulf is a very special place in South Australia, and beyond. This Whyalla Maritime Museum exhibition highlights some lesser-known and surprising facts about the Gulf's creation, land and sea development, ancient and modern creatures, First Nations people, first European explorers and WWII activities.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Whyalla Maritime Museum Lincoln Hwy, Whyalla Norrie

Paul Mazourek, 0419 212 077, paul.mazourek@whyalla.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$17, Concession: \$14, Family: \$45, Child: \$11



Fleurieu Peninsula



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Wooden boats moored at the Goolwa Wharf with stall and activities on the bank, 2023, Alexandrina Council

Alexandrina Council

Special event

South Australian Wooden Boat Festival

The South Australian Wooden Boat Festival is a biennial flagship event held at the Goolwa Wharf on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Held over the weekend of the 26 and 27 April, the festival showcases over 150 wooden boats, maritime displays, live music, fireworks, the rough and ready boat building competition, and much more.

Sat 26 April 9am – 9pm & Sun 27 April 9am – 4pm

Goolwa Wharf Cutting Rd, Goolwa

Festival Office, 1300 466 592, info@sawoodenboatfestival.com.au

Free



Alexandrina Council Heritage Advisory Committee

Talk

Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards

The Alexandrina Council Heritage Advisory Committee are pleased to welcome special guest speaker Lainie Anderson to the Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards. The awards recognise excellence in heritage conservation, research, and works undertaken within the district.

Thu 22 May, 6pm – 9pm

Centenary Hall 14 Cadell St, Goolwa

Alexandrina Council - Sarah Longden, 8555 7000, sarah.longden@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Exploring the History of Strathalbyn's Industries

From wool to railways, explore the rise and fall of Strathalbyn's industries and their impact on the town's rich history. Discover the stories behind the trades that shaped this South Australian gem. Presented by Kathy Gambling, a long-term volunteer in Strathalbyn Library's local history room.

Tue 20 May, 3pm – 4pm

Strathalbyn Library Community Centre
1 Colman Tce, Strathalbyn

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Searching and Interpreting Land Titles

Join Anthony Presgrave as he presents a variety of search techniques that can be used for finding historical land titles online. Anthony will also go into more details of how to interpret individual land titles, enhancing your analysis of historical properties.

Wed 28 May, 11am – 12pm

Goolwa Library, Large Meeting Room
11 Cadell St, Goolwa

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Introduction to Ngarrindjeri: Weaving with Cedric Varcoe

Cedric Varcoe is a contemporary artist, Ngarrindjeri and Narrunga man who practises and demonstrates the traditional art of Ngarrindjeri weaving. Join Cedric in learning this magnificent art form.

Sat 17 May, 10am – 12pm

Goolwa Library 11 Cadell St, Goolwa

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Grave Stories from Goolwa

Join us for a walk and guided tour through what remains of the Goolwa Cemetery with Anthony Presgrave, a longstanding local history volunteer and member of the National Trust. Until the 1960s, this cemetery held the remains of well-known Goolwa families and many children of the district.

Wed 14 May, 10am – 11am

Goolwa Cemetery
Corner of Kessell Rd & Houlden Rd, Goolwa

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online

On the Beat: Rankine Street and South Terrace, Strathalbyn

Amble along with actors and singers on a theatrical walking tour, led by our intrepid reporter, interviewing historical characters on the way. Jumping straight from pages of the local newspaper, characters tell tales from the past, embellished by the town gossip and accompanying songs. Refreshments at the Railway Station.

Sat 10, 17 & Sun 11, 18 May, 2pm – 4pm

Save the Children Op Shop 8 Rankine St, Strathalbyn
Gillian Tucker, 0403 595 446, gillian.tlc@gmail.com

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$25, Concession: \$20, Family: \$60
Bookings required online



Reel History

To celebrate 135 years of the Willunga Show Hall, the much loved local community group Cinemallunga presents the hit of the silent era, Buster Keaton's 'The General'. Dress in your vintage best and travel back to the 1920s for a night of fun and film in our historic Show Hall. Audience participation will be encouraged. Drinks and meals available.

Sat 31 May, 6pm – 11pm

Willunga Show Hall 7 Main Rd, Willunga

Jillian Smith, 0478 075 037, cinemallunga@gmail.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$15, Concession: \$12, Child: \$10
Bookings required online



Stories Behind the Headstones

Alexandrina Council and The Friends of Currency Creek Cemetery will once again be hosting an event at the Currency Creek Cemetery. 'The Stories Behind the Headstones' guided tour by local volunteers will delve into the history and stories behind some interesting characters that are interred within the historic Currency Creek Cemetery.

Wed 14 May, 2pm – 4pm

Currency Creek Cemetery
59 Peel Rd, Currency Creek

History Officer, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Tales from the Grave: The People of Onkaparinga's Cemeteries

Genealogist, local history buff, and library officer Kelly Hudswell-Strahan is our speaker in May. Having lived most of her life in the district she has researched and compiled some intriguing tales including family stories from Morphett Vale to McLaren Vale, maybe even yours! Join us for our meeting, afternoon tea, and our speaker. All welcome.

Sat 17 May, 1.15pm – 4pm

Noarlunga Uniting Church Hall
23 William Rd, Christies Beach

Ros Dunstall, 0419 851 761,
fleurpengroupinc@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



The Church and Cemetery on The Hill

The Church and Cemetery on The Hill Tour

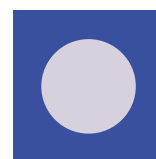
Take a journey through time as you explore The Church and Cemetery on The Hill, a place where history, and heritage come alive. This guided tour offers a glimpse into the lives of early settlers, including farmers, timber cutters, and stonemasons who built the foundations of Old Noarlunga.

Every Wed in May & Sat 3, 17, 31 May, 1pm – 3pm

The Church & Cemetery on The Hill
30 Church Hill Rd, Old Noarlunga

Ghost Crime Tours, 1300 044 678,
bookings@ghost-crime-tours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



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Glenbarr Homestead, 2024, Vicki Clark

Glenbarr Bowman & Bateman Foundation, Adelaide Regiment 1862 & Carriage of Occasion

Guided tour

Glenbarr Tea & Tour

Take a guided stroll around the historic 1842 homestead of Glenbarr followed by a Devonshire tea in the Stable Inn, or delve into Strathalbyn's shadowy past on an atmospheric evening carriage ride. Weekend tours also feature the Adelaide Rifles, who bring history to life with muskets, uniforms, and an exhilarating cannon fire demonstration.

Sat 10, Sun, 11, Sat 17, Sun 18 May, 10am – 3pm & Sat 31 May, 6pm – 7.45pm

Glenbarr Homestead
1400B Paris Creek Rd, Strathalbyn

Vicki Clark, 0419 679 829, info@glenbarr.com.au

Event costs apply

After Dark Tour - Per Person: \$95,
Tea and Tour - Per Person: \$18

Bookings required online



'Resilience, near Strathalbyn', 2024, Helen Stacey

Helen Stacey, Malcolm Edward-Cole, Judith Stephens & David Bunton

Exhibition

Discover! Old Strathalbyn & Region

Stacey Gallery in Old Strathalbyn borders Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri country. Enjoy Helen Stacey's lively acrylic paintings of early rural sites. See Jen McCallum's lake views from historic Milang and decorated ceramics. Admire Kathleen Cain's wildlife and Tara Lampard's subtle silks! Learn Ngarrindjeri weaving, Sundays 1-4pm. With a brochure explore Old Strathalbyn.

Launch Event: Sun 4 May, 2pm – 4pm

Exhibition open every Wed – Sun from 7 May, 10am – 4pm

Stacey Gallery 17 Harriet St, Strathalbyn

Helen Stacey, 0416 075 052,
helen@helenstacey.com.au

Free



McLaren Vale Institute Hall Committee Guided tour

McLaren Vale Institute Hall and Piazza Della Valle History Tour

Tour our McLaren Vale Institute Hall with one of our passionate and knowledgeable volunteers. Hear stories of early McLaren Vale family life, the building of the hall and then venture into her historical hall and stage. Come away with a sense of McLaren Vale community spirit and maybe hear one or two quirky stories.

Mon 12 & Sun 25 May, 10.30am – 12pm

McLaren Vale Hall 151 Main Rd, McLaren Vale

Sophia Jennison, 0409 327 005,
Nethergate91@gmail.com

Free

Bookings required online



Milang & District Community Association Workshop

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory: Cheese & Butter Making Workshops

Discover the art of traditional mozzarella cheese making and butter production in two hands-on weekend workshops offered by Fleurieu Food and Wine's Jackie and John Mazzocato. Once a bustling hub of dairy production, the historic factory now offers the perfect setting to learn the craft of artisanal cheese or butter making.

Sat 17 & Sun 18 May, 11.30am – 2.30pm

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory
22-23 Daranda Tce, Milang

Jackie Mazzocato, 7221 1685,
bookings@fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Event costs apply

Saturday 17 May, Mozzarella Cheese Making -
Per Person: \$110,

Sunday 18 May, Butter Making and Native Flavours -
Per Person: \$110

Bookings required online



Milang & District Community Association Performance

Milang Hosts 'The Past' Poetry Slam and Music at Lakeside Butter Factory

Listeners and poets, come and experience an afternoon of poetry and music. Bring your poems themed on 'The Past' and enter the slam for a chance to win \$250, plus other prizes. \$10 entry fee for slammers. Listeners free. Readings by two award-winning poets: Nigel Ford and Jude Aquilina. Bar facilities and food available. All welcome.

Sun 4 May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory
22-23 Daranda Tce, Milang

Milang Old School House Community Centre,
8537 0687, reception@moshcc.com.au

Event costs apply

Bookings required by phone or email



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Milang & District Historical Society Exhibition

Reopening of Port Milang Museum With New Exhibits

We are very excited to show our visitors how our renovations have progressed over the last twelve months. We now have a military display, a shearing shed re-creation and mural, and many relics from Milang's rich history of Lake Alexandrina and surrounds.

Sun 4 May, 10am – 4pm

Port Milang Museum 1406 Milang Rd, Milang

Allan McInnes, 0437 800 811

By Donation



National Trust of SA, Goolwa Branch Open Day

Decision Making at Goolwa

Why do Ngarrindjeri live on southern Fleurieu Peninsula? Why did Charles Sturt say the Murray Mouth was unnavigable? Why did Goolwa become a busy river port? Why did Goolwa men enlist in WWI? How did Victor Harbor outgrow Goolwa? Is Goolwa's future set to be a tourist destination? Several speakers will explore the background of these significant decisions, which is worth investigating.

Sat 17 & 24 May, 2pm – 3.10pm

Goolwa Museum & History Centre
11 Porter St, Goolwa

Derek Bowman, 0421 970 900,
derekjbowman@gmail.com

By Donation



National Trust of SA, Port Elliot Branch Guided tour

Walk Historic Port Elliot: Major Port or Favourite Resort?

Learn of Port Elliot's enthralling history as the major seaport for River Murray trade in the 1850s; about Australia's first railway to run on iron rails; the first reticulated drinking water system in SA; and SA's first motor racing Grand Prix street circuit. Enjoy afternoon tea and coffee at the historic railway station. Suggested donation \$5.

Sun 11 & 18 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Port Elliot Railway Station
Cnr The Strand & Henry St, Port Elliot

Gordon Ure, 0415 695 789,
portelliottnationaltrust@gmail.com

By Donation

Bookings required online



National Trust of SA, Willunga Branch Exhibition

Exhibition Opening: Cargoes, Wrecks and Rescues

Join us at the opening of this exciting new exhibition. 'Cargoes, Wrecks, and Rescues' tells the stories of five ships wrecked south of the Onkaparinga River. Each represents a key theme in our history. Featured are artefacts from 'Star of Greece' (wrecked 1888), 'Nashwauk' (wrecked 1855), and 'Tigress' (wrecked 1848), including items from the cargo.

Sat 3 May, 4.30pm – 6pm

Willunga Courthouse & Police Station Museum
61 High St, Willunga

Brian McMillan, 0409 635 277, team@willungantsa.au

Free



**Maude Aldam's Diary:
A Glimpse of Old Willunga**

Willunga evokes history and heritage. In 1947, Maude Aldam began sketching Willunga houses and street maps from the early days, noting residents past and present. The result is a rich compendium showing the character of old Willunga. Join us for this exhibition, which features aspects of Maude's diary enriched by paintings from more recent artists.

Every Fri-Sun in May, 1pm – 4pm

Waverley Park Homestead 23 St Peters Tce, Willunga
Brian McMillan, 0409 635 277, team@willungantsa.au

Free



**Wirra Creek Community Garden:
From Schoolyard to a Welcoming
Green Space**

Come and experience the Wirra Creek Community Garden in the heart of Willunga. The garden has been developed on organic and biodynamic principles, where you can learn how to live and garden sustainably. In this beautiful setting, you may also appreciate the Bassett Boys' Schoolroom while honouring our Aboriginal heritage.

Sat 24 May, 10am – 12pm

Bassett Boys' Schoolroom 17 St Lukes St, Willunga
Brian McMillan, 0409 635 277, team@willungantsa.au

Free



**'Reflections' Music at the Historic
Newland Uniting Church Victor Harbor**

Listen to serene grand piano and pipe organ music in the contemplative ambience of this unique and significant heritage church, built in 1927. Come when you can, leave when you must. A heritage morning tea and cake follows for a suggested donation of \$5.

Thu 29 May, 10am – 11am

Newland Uniting Church 28 Victoria St, Victor Harbor
Lorna Jones, 0419 804 957, jonesl@internode.on.net

Free



Riflemen skirmishing, 1862, London Illustrated News

**Enlist for an Afternoon and Shoot
With the Noarlunga Volunteer Rifles**

Decide now before the French attack South Australia. Pledge allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and enlist. Learn to load, aim, and fire the famous Pattern 1853 muzzle-loading rifle musket. Fire ten rounds in an authentic 1860s military range practice. No firearm license required. All welcome. Cost includes ammunition and afternoon tea.

Sun 25 May, 12pm – 3pm

Southern Rangers Black Powder & Modern Shooting Club Long Gully Rd, McLaren Vale
Danny Davis, 0401 238 789, dannymd@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$50
Bookings required by phone or email



Travel Through Time

Early European migrants trekked across the Mount Lofty ranges to settle in a valley which they named Strathalbyn. The town became the gateway to the region and the various modes of transport were one of the keys to regional prosperity. Horses, carriages, vintage cars, motorcycles, and bicycles, hear their stories and see them in action.

Sun 25 May, 10am – 3pm

Strathalbyn Oval Coronation Rd, Strathalbyn

Norma Keily, 0416 173 573,
officestrathtourism@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5



**Celebrate St Andrews: Strathalbyn's
Central Landmark (1848)**

Hear history, bagpipes, and song. See the oldest Presbyterian or Uniting Church building in SA. Old building techniques, hand hewn stone and seaweed insulation, magnificent stained-glass windows, historic graffiti in the clock tower, a reprobate minister, a harmonium controversy, a concert venue. A community keen to restore the church on the town logo.

Sat 24 May & Sun 25 May, 9.30am – 4pm

St Andrews Uniting Church 1 Alfred Pl, Strathalbyn

David Bunton, 0404 228 322,
secretary@strathunitingchurch.org.au

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Image: Mounted police troopers at Morphettville Race Course in January 1935. Credit State Library of South Australia, B 6553



Singing the Song of the Unsung Hero

Sir Hubert Wilkins is a remarkable Australian whose story has been lost to popular memory, especially in Australia. For those unfamiliar with Wilkins, his achievements in the face of adversity speak volumes about his character; his courage, innovation, and determination.

Born at Mount Bryan, South Australia, on 31 October 1888, Wilkins lived through the infamous Federation Drought, and its devastating effect on the family farm inspired him to develop a method for forecasting such events. His obsession with what is now called climate science became an ambition for his life's work that took him to the far reaches of the earth.

Before completing his university studies in music and engineering, he stowed away on a ship destined for Sydney to pursue a career in photography and filmmaking. His reputation as a talented cameraman, willing to take risks, took him to Europe. There, he became the first person to film flying from an airplane and, on assignment during the first Balkan conflict, was the first to film a battle. During the First World War he was selected to join the AIF photographic Corps, receiving military honours.

Wilkins is best known for his Polar exploration, especially his pioneering use of technology. In April 1928, with pilot Ben Eielson, Wilkins completed the first flight across the arctic, from Alaska to Spitzbergen, for which he received a knighthood from King George V of England. Later that year, Wilkins and Eielson completed a 600-mile aerial reconnaissance of Antarctica, the first time a plane had flown on that continent. In 1931, instead of soaring high above the ice, Wilkins dived below it in 'Nautilus' a surplus WWI submarine. The voyage demonstrated that submarines could function under the Arctic polar ice cap and be used for scientific research.

This History Festival, Wilkins' legacy will be acknowledged with two events, beginning with the History Festival launch, where modern-day explorer, Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris will deliver the 2025 Sir Hubert Wilkins oration. Later in May, those adventurous enough to walk in Wilkin's footsteps, will be able to join Wilkins experts on a tour of Mount Bryan, his childhood home.

Dr Adam Paterson

Manager, Curatorial
History Trust of South Australia



Wilkins' Cottage, Mt Bryan, 2024



Sir Hubert Wilkins' Chevrolet 'Woody' Station Wagon & Polar Sled, HT 2024.0123 & HT 2024.0249, State History Collection



Adelaide Rifle Regiment at Glenbarr, 2024, Darren Williams

The Adelaide Regiment 1862 & Glenbarr Homestead Special event

Historical 1860s Musketry and Artillery Demonstration

Step back 160 years with the Adelaide Regiment 1862, Australia's premier nineteenth-century living history group. Watch skirmishes, bayonet charges, volleys from muzzle-loading rifles, plus full-sized artillery. Tour an authentic campsite, where every detail is accurate. Experience the sights, sounds, and tactics of military life in a memorable event.

Sun 18 May, 1pm – 1.30pm & 2pm – 2.30pm

Glenbarr Homestead

1400B Paris Creek Rd, Strathalbyn

Vicki Clark, 0419 679 829, info@glenbarr.com.au

Free



Victor Harbor Library & Anthony Laube Talk

The Historic Beginnings of Schooling in the Victor Harbor District

Join us as we host local historian Anthony Laube for South Australia's History Festival, with a talk about the historic beginnings of schooling at Encounter Bay, Victor Harbor, Hindmarsh, and Inman Valley. The earliest European schooling in the district began in 1839 under Mrs Martha Newland, wife of the Rev Ridgway Newland.

Wed 7 May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Victor Harbor Library 1 Bay Rd, Victor Harbor

Victor Harbor Library, 8551 0730, library@victor.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Victor Harbor National Trust Museum Special event

Victor Harbor: Afternoon Tea at the Museum

Victor Harbor has long had a great reputation of being a meeting place. Our heritage house provides the perfect venue for you to meet with friends or family and share an afternoon tea. Discover stories about past pioneers and decision-makers of Victor Harbor. Delight in the memories of a bygone era.

Discover stories about past pioneers and decision-makers of Victor Harbor. Delight in the memories of a bygone era. If only the walls of the house could talk!

Sun 4 & Sat 31 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Victor Harbor National Trust Museum

1 Flinders Pde, Victor Harbor

Deb, 0417 840 195, admin@victorharbornatrust.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



Victor Harbor National Trust Museum Special event

History Month at Victor Harbor Museum

Victor Harbor has long been a meeting place. Dating back thousands of years, the First Nations people of the area met at Wirramulla. Matthew Flinders and Nicholas Baudin met off the coast and discussed their discoveries. Now you can visit and discover the stories of these events and more. Interactive displays and activities for all ages.

Every weekend in May, 11am – 3pm

Victor Harbor National Trust Museum

1 Flinders Pde, Victor Harbor

Deb, 0417 840 195,

admin@victorharbornatrust.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$2



Victor Harbor Walking Tours Guided tour

Looking Back: Decisions That Improved Health Around Encounter Bay

Hear about the health and wellbeing of early settlers and later generations living around Encounter Bay, through to the twentieth century. This event reflects on the decisions individuals, health care providers, local councils and the state made to improve health over this time. See places in Victor Harbor and items in the museum that tell this story.

Sat 3, 10, 17, 24 May, 1pm – 2pm, Sat 31 May, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, Sun 4 May, 12pm – 1pm, & Sun 11, 18, 25 May, 11am – 12pm

Victor Harbor National Trust Museum

1 Flinders Pde, Victor Harbor

Caroline Smith, 0419 390 755,

info@victorharborwalkingtours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15, Concession: \$12

Bookings required online



Yankalilla District Historical Society Talk

Doing the Graveyard Shift

Ever wondered who looks after historic graveyards? What happens to a cemetery when it is no longer used or is sold as part of a church property? Come and hear how people in the Yankalilla district have dealt with these issues and have uncovered buried stories.

Fri 23 May, 10am – 12pm

Yankalilla Library 181 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Yankalilla Library, 8558 2043,

library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Yankalilla District Historical Society Special event

Cemeteries of the Yankalilla District

Join us at the former Normanville Wesleyan Chapel for the launch of the booklet 'Cemeteries of the Yankalilla District-Early Burials', covering names of those in 14 burial grounds from the 1850s to 1900. Followed by cemetery tour and plaque dedication in the adjoining state heritage-listed 1856 cemetery, which also features some early slate headstones.

Sat 24 May, 10am – 1pm

Normanville RSL Hall 18 Main South Rd, Normanville

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,

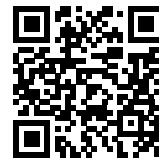
cooe@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



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Hawker History Group Exhibition

Hawker Rodeos and Riders

The 'Hawker Rodeos and Riders' exhibition documents Hawker's involvement with rodeos, utilising two extensive collections of early photos and associated memorabilia. This is complemented by stories of those involved, both as riders and supporters.

Throughout May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Hawker Institute Elder Tce, Hawker

Catherine Burt, hawkerhistorygroup@myyahoo.com

Free



Peterborough History Group & Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre Special event

Post WWII Migration: Exhibition Formerly Known as 'Wogs at Work'

Populate or perish: the impact of the Government's decision to bring Europeans to Australia in the aftermath of World War II. We needed them and they needed us. Presented in the theatre at Steamtown by Historian John Mannion, who has investigated how this historic decision impacted on the contemporary society of Peterborough in the 1950s.

Every Thu in May, 1pm – 2pm

Steamtown Heritage Museum

2 Telford Ave, Peterborough

Dave Drummond, 8651 3355,

admin@steamtown.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by phone or email



Pichi Richi Railway - Station Museum Exhibition

The Hub of a Community

The Railway Station is the hub of any community. Telegraph and telephone exchange. Mail and freight deliveries. A place to catch up with friends and family to discover the latest news. A departure place for new adventures. Quorn Railway Station has been a constant in the community for over 150 years and the significance of the site will always remain. Visit the station museum to see various exhibits and interactive displays.

Throughout May, 9am – 5pm

Railway Station Museum

Railway Station, Railway Tce, Quorn

Lisa Southon, Museum Manager, 0419 810 973, museum.manager@prrr.org.au

Free



Railway workers on a steam engine, Beltana, [B 62378], 1881-1882, State Library of South Australia.

The Outback Communities Authority Exhibition

Steel Tracks in Shifting Sand: Images from the Old Ghan Heritage Trail

The Old Ghan Railway Heritage Trail is a captivating journey through outback South Australia along the route of the Great Northern Railway, also known as the Old Ghan. This exhibition of historical images used along the trail leads you on this journey, celebrating the rich stories and diverse characters that shaped this vital chapter of SA history.

Every Thu, Fri & Sat in May, 10am – 4pm

The Royal Victoria Hotel 3 First St, Beltana

Outback Communities Authority, oca@sa.gov.au

Free



Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre, 2018, Port Pirie Regional Council

Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre

Self-guided tour

Port Pirie Heritage Trail

Embark on a journey through time as you uncover the storied past of Port Pirie through a self-guided heritage walk. Unearth the captivating stories behind the architectural marvels that stand as silent witnesses to the town's bygone eras. Start your journey through Port Pirie's vibrant history at the Port Pirie Regional Tourism and Arts Centre.

Throughout May, 9am – 4pm

Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre

3 Mary Elie St, Port Pirie

Port Pirie Visitor Information Centre, 8633 8700, tourism@pirie.sa.gov

Free



WEA Adult Learning

Bus tour

Farina, Maree, and Western Flinders: WEA Heritage Weekend Tour

Enjoy panoramic views of Wilpena Pound and Parachilna, home of the Prairie Hotel, and Ediacaran fossils. Visit Copley, Maree, Hawker, Quorn, and Wilmington plus much, much more. Includes dinner, bed and breakfast at Leigh Creek Outback Resort. Single \$956, Twin Share \$836 pp. Twin share must be booked by contacting WEA on 8223 1979.

Fri 30 May, 8.15am – Sat 31 May, 6pm

WEA Adult Learning 223 Angas St, Adelaide

WEA Enrolments Office, 8223 1979, enrolments@wea-sa.com.au

Event costs apply Single: \$956, Twin Share: \$836

Bookings required online



Kangaroo Island



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Daniel Clarke, Producer and Director, Special event Ad Hoc Docs

'King of the River': Documentary About American River, KI

Feature documentary exploring the amazing life of harbour master Ian King and the history of American River, Kangaroo Island. Walkley Award-winning filmmaker Daniel Clarke interviewed 'Kingy' during the final week of his life, during which he donated his large collection of stunning historic imagery, most of which has never been seen publicly.

Fri 23 May, 7pm – 9pm,

Sat 24 May & Sun 25 May 2pm – 4pm

American River Community Hall Wattle Ave, American River

Daniel Clarke, 0407 771 072, nintimedia@outlook.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



Emu Ridge Eucalyptus

Self-guided tour

South Australia's Eucalyptus Oil History

Discover the journey of 100% pure Eucalyptus Oil at Emu Ridge on Kangaroo Island. Explore the historic MacGillivray Post Office, enjoy self-guided or private tours, and unwind with local delights at the café, an Aussie Damper experience, or a cider on the deck. Immerse yourself in history, nature, and island charm.

Throughout May, 10am – 10.30am, 12pm – 12.30pm, 2pm – 2.30pm

Emu Ridge Eucalyptus 691 Willsons Rd, MacGillivray

Emu Ridge, 8553 8228, info@emuridge.com.au

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Moorakynne, 2024, Robe History Group

Robe History Group Open Day

Etched in Glass: Moorakynne Open House

In the heart of Robe stands Moorakynne, a grand old home with stories to tell. Built in 1853 by renowned shipping merchant George Ormerod, it is a testament to the craftsmanship of days gone by. Do not miss a rare opportunity to see inside this private home and hear stories of its past. Wander the garden and outbuildings. Devonshire tea at own cost.

Sat 17 May & Sun 18 May, 10am – 4pm

Moorakynne 4-6 Sturt St, Robe

Margaret Ferguson, 0408 799 424, marg4ferg@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: Free



Telling The Whole Story launch, 2024, Kingston SE

Telling The Whole Story Special event

Kalawawiyal History: Let's Talk History

Kalawawiyal means 'let's talk' in Bunganditj. This open air event, Kalawawiyal History is about our First Nations peoples recovering space to tell our stories. There will be a circle of talks, a guided tour, and an opportunity to plant native vegetation. For more information please refer to Telling The Whole Story (TTWS).

Sat 31 May, 2pm – 4pm

'Wanga Kalawa', next to Kingston SE Information Bay Princes Hwy, Kingston SE

Telling the Whole Story, wingara@tellingthewholestory.org

Free



The Adam Lindsay Gordon Commemorative Committee Guided tour

Rare Chance to See Inside Dingley Dell Cottage

Once home to the poet of Australia, Adam Lindsay Gordon, the heritage-listed 'Dingley Dell Cottage' houses memorabilia of the poet and horseman where he spent three years from 1864 with his wife and baby daughter. The cottage was a source of inspiration for his poetry, and from where he trained and rode many of his horses. Short talk and poetry reading at 11am and 1pm.

Sat 17 May, 10am – 2pm

Dingley Dell Conservation Park 10 Milsteads Rd, Port Macdonnell

Lorraine Day, 0417 856 963, lorraine@freestylepublications.com.au

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Ellison Museum of Radio and Magnetic Recording & Meningie Cheese Factory Museum Exhibition

Vintage Radio & Magnetic Recording Pop-up Exhibition

Pop-up exhibition of Australian designed radios including Bland Radio/Operatic, His Masters Voice (HMV), AWA/Radiola, Healing and Philips radios, and Byer/Rola and Pyrox Reel-to-Reel recorders from the Ellison Museum of Radio & Magnetic Recording, along with the Museum's collection of Eric Jamieson vintage radios and associated equipment.

Throughout May, 9am – 5pm

Meningie Cheese Factory Museum 3 Fiebig Rd, Meningie

John, 0427 507 500, johnirene@internode.on.net

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Mannum & District History Association Exhibition

Bridal Gown Display

The Bridal Gown Display is about the fashions of wedding gowns dating back to 1910 (the oldest gown on display). There are several mannequins supporting wedding dresses through the ages. There is a cabinet with all manner of bridal accessories, including gold wedding bands, bridal table accessories, veils, and photographs.

Every Mon in May, 11am – 12pm

Mannum Institute 47 Randell St, Mannum

Chrisitne Denman, 0408 231 925, karkalla888@bigpond.com

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The slippery pole event at the Milang Regatta, [B1629], 1889, State Library of South Australia

Milang Railway Museum & Butter Factory

Guided tour

Milang: A Lakeside Township With a Unique History

As a result of one man's vision, Milang became a vital link between Adelaide and the River Murray. The 90-minute event starts with a half-hour audiovisual presentation showing the history of Milang using old photos, then a short walk to see relevant sites first hand. Finally, join us on a tour of the newly-restored Butter Factory.

Sun 25 May, 12pm – 1.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm

Milang Railway Station 5 Daranda Tce, Milang

Peter Lucas, 0414 232 060, secretary@milangrailway.org.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Rural City of Murray Bridge

Special event

Decisions Shaped Murray Bridge's Evolution at Captain's Cottage

Discover how key decisions shaped Murray Bridge's evolution at Captain's Cottage. Explore the revitalised museum, enjoy delicious food and drinks on the picturesque lawns, and be serenaded by the Murray Bridge Community Concert Band. A perfect blend of history, music, and community awaits.

Sun 4 May, 12pm – 3pm

Captain's Cottage Museum
12 Thomas St, Murray Bridge

Robyn Martin, 8539 1100, r.martin@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Free



Riverland



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Barmera Library

Exhibition

BonneyLine Drive-in Barmera

Do you remember the sound of gravel crunching under the tyres as you parked near the speaker pole, adjusting the sound just right for the perfect outdoor movie experience? There was something magical about those summer nights at the BonneyLine Drive-in. Visit the Barmera Library to see the display.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Barmera Library 4C Barwell Ave, Barmera

Barmera Library, 8588 2872, swebber@bbc.sa.gov.au

Free



Berri Library

Display

Berri Region Photographic Display

A photographic display of images from the Berri Region. Visit the Berri Library to see the collection.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Berri Library 29 Riverview Dr, Berri

Peter Ison, 7522 6010, pison@bbc.sa.gov.au

Free



Berri Visitor Centre

Display

Where Trails Crossed, Stories Grew: Relive the Historic Overland Corner

Bring the past to life, colourful characters, historic landmarks, and interesting stories from the historic Overland Corner.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Berri Visitor Information Centre
24 Riverview Dr, Berri

Sam Meeunwoord, 8582 5511, samantha@bbc.sa.gov.au

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Loxton Historical Village

Self-guided tour

Loxton Historical Village

Experience the treasure trove of memories and exhibits from a past era. The Village captures the development of a typical rural community with more than 45 displays, each telling the story of the struggle and heartache of pioneers who made the brave decision to tame the outback. View the extensive machinery and vehicle displays.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Loxton Historical Village

Allen Hosking Dr (formerly Scenic Dr), Loxton

Loryn Taylor, 8584 7194

request@thevillageloxton.com.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$12, Family: \$30, Child: \$6, Concession: \$10,

Groups of 15 or more: \$8



Loxton Public Library

Display

Our Community in Print

From breaking news and sports scores to local events, the newspaper has been an integral part of history. Celebrate the power of print with a display of 'Loxton News' editions, print plates, and photographs. Selected editions will be available to browse. This collection was generously donated by the Taylor Group to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Throughout May, during opening hours

The Institute 29 East Tce, Loxton

Loxton Public Library, 8584 8051,

loxtonlib@lwcd.sa.gov.au

Free



Peter Ison

Workshop

Film, DVD and Slide Conversion Workshop

VHS tapes and old slides? You know they are around the house somewhere. Perhaps now is the time to look! With the lifetime of VHS video tapes beginning to expire and many people holding onto 8mm film or slides, now is the perfect time to look at digitising your old family footage. Berri Library is offering a workshop to learn how to digitise your family memories and view them using current technology.

Thu 22 May, 6pm – 8pm

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Wed 21 May, 3pm – 4.30pm

Renmark Paringa Library James Ave, Renmark
Maxine Hodgson, 8586 5544 or 0499 681 556,
library@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
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Woman in white lace dress standing by car, c1930s,
The District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Waikerie Library & Visitor Centre

Exhibition

Everyday Decisions: Aspirational Living (1930s & 1940s)

Immerse yourself in the daily lives of women in the Riverland region during the 1930s and 1940s. This exhibition offers a snapshot of an era when household spending decisions were vital. Discover popular magazines and the handiwork of the time. Explore the challenges and triumphs that shaped their lives. Join us for historically inspired workshops.

Every weekday in May, 9am – 5pm
Every weekend in May, 10am – 2pm

Waikerie Library & Visitor Centre
1A Strangman Rd, Waikerie
Katrina Webber, 8541 0720,
katrinawebber@lwdc.sa.gov.au

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Yorke Peninsula



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Farm Shed Heritage Museum

Self-guided tour

Bringing History to Life

The Farm Shed Heritage Museum brings together some of the fascinating developments and practices of dryland farming. Exhibits include Matta House, vintage tractors and vehicles, 'Her Side of the Story', and a collection of farming and mining displays.

Every weekday in May 9am – 5pm
Every weekend in May 10am – 4pm

Farm Shed Heritage Museum 50 Mines Rd, Matta Flat
Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre, 8821 2333,
visit@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$12, Child: \$3, Family: \$30



Kernewek Lowender Copper Coast

Special event

Cornish Festival

Kernewek Lowender Copper Coast Cornish Festival

As the Copper Coast towns of Kadina, Moonta, and Wallaroo come alive with the festivities, you will think you have stepped back in time as you immerse yourself in everything on offer. With over 60 events throughout the week, the program provides the opportunity for you to experience our Cornish heritage and traditions with truly unique experiences on offer.

Mon 12 - Sun 18 May, 9am – 10pm

Kernewek Lowender Office 50 Mines Rd, Matta Flat
Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre, 8821 2333,
kernewek@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Free



Lost Trades Experience Maitland Museum

Heritage displays, blacksmith demonstration, running stationary engines, various workshops, working Clydesdale, scrap booking, wool spinning, lace making, knitting, coffee van, sausage sizzle, drinks, raffles, prizes.

Sun 25 May, 10am – 3pm

Lost Trades Experience Maitland Museum
3 Gardiner Tce, Maitland

Steve Thomas, 0418 813 162,
nationaltrustmaitlandmuseum@gmail.com

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Port Broughton Sailing & Boat Club

Display

Port Broughton Sailing & Boat Club Boatshed Complex Meander

Come and see a display of sailing and powerboats, outboards, and maritime artefacts, including paintings, life saving devices, and radios. The timber boats are being restored by volunteers. Organic gardens with plants for sale. See Capt Dale's 11ft likeness model of the 'Triumph' and mural at 4 Bay St with talks on selected Wednesdays in May.

Every Wed in May, 9am – 1pm

Port Broughton Sailing & Boat Club Boatshed Complex 370 Fishermans Bay Rd, Port Broughton
Tricsha Nurk, 0427 970 894, pbsbc@hotmail.com

Free



Yorke Peninsula Family History Group

Open Day

Yorke Peninsula Family History Group

Research your family and local history with expert guidance from volunteers. Resources available include pioneering families and copper mining history, along with many reference materials including births, deaths, and marriages, cemetery records, and school and church records.

Tue 6, 20, 27 May, 10am – 12pm,
Wed 7, 21, 28 May, 2pm – 4pm,
Mon 12 May – Fri 16 May, 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm

Copper Coast Library - Kadina
1A Doswell Terrace, Kadina

Copper Coast Library (Kadina), 8828 1250,
library@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

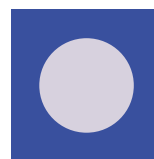
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Kaurna Voices: Cultural Mapping of the Adelaide Park Lands

Kaurna are the traditional owners and custodians of the Adelaide Plains. Our interactive map explores many of the Kaurna People's sacred connections to the land we know as Adelaide and highlights the significant historical experiences and events that have occurred from early colonisation times.

Throughout May, anytime

Talisha King, 8203 7993,
t.king@cityofadelaide.com.au

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City of Adelaide

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On This Spot! Online Database

Bring the City of Adelaide's hidden history and changing landscape to life with this interactive map. Learn about the City of Adelaide's social and cultural history, the people, places, and events. There are lots of fascinating facts to discover! Prefer the outdoors? Use the map on your device to explore the physical storyboards at each location.

Throughout May, anytime

Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

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City of Adelaide

Online event

Adelaide Town Hall Virtual Tour

Explore the iconic Adelaide Town Hall and the amazing items on display from the comfort of home. See the rooms where Lord Mayoral receptions and important decisions are made by the City of Adelaide, take a peek into restricted areas that are not open to the public, and learn about the people behind the portraits in the Lord Mayor portrait gallery.

Throughout May, anytime

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Access online



City of Adelaide

Online event

Heritage Places of Adelaide Online Database

The Heritage Places of Adelaide database provides an online resource for sharing listing information, stories, and photographs of our city's heritage-listed places.

Throughout May, anytime

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m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

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Access online



City of Adelaide

Self-guided tour

The High Street: Self-Guided Trail

Tynte Street was once the epicentre of life in North Adelaide. Explore the pubs, churches, shops, school, library, residences, and post office, which comprise all that one would expect of such an important local street. Hard copies of the trail are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre.

Throughout May, anytime

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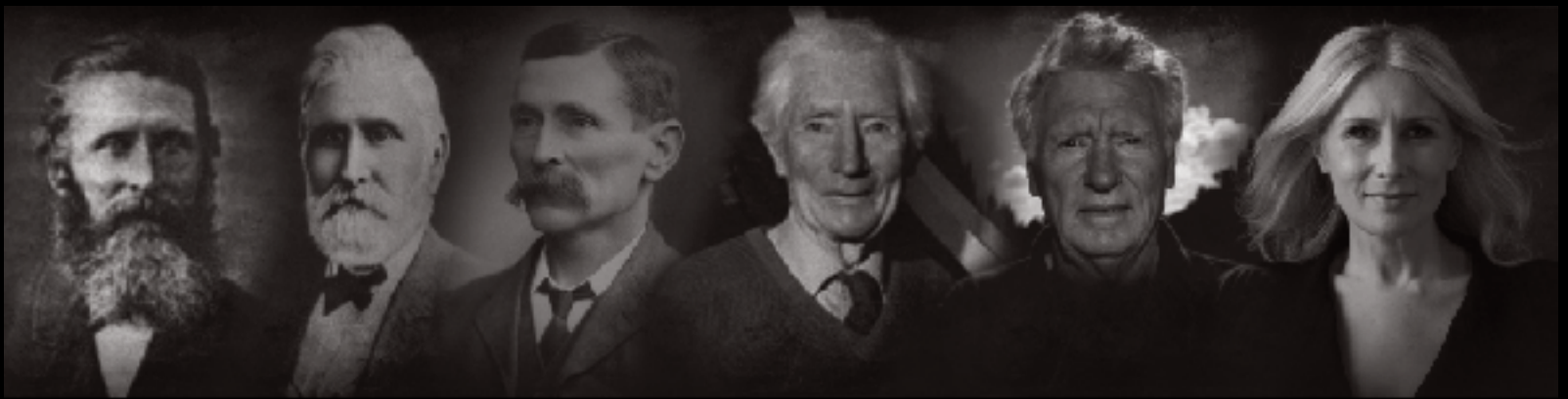


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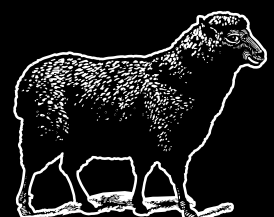
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