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Niina Marni and welcome to South Australia’s History Festival 2026. This year’s theme is Connections.

From the threads of connection that bind family stories, places, and peoples — to the lines that link past to present, and South Australia to the world. Join us for the 2026 History Festival as we unearth the extraordinary in the everyday: the ties that brought communities together, the movements that changed this land, and the relationships that continue to shape our identity. Dive into tours, talks, exhibitions, walks, and workshops across the state, and discover our shared connections.

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 over 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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About History Festival events

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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.

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-  Toilet facilities

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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.

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Festival Forewords



Frances Adamson AC

The 2026 History Festival invites us to discover the extraordinary in everyday life: the ties that have brought communities together, the actions that have shaped our state, and the relationships that continue to define who we are.

South Australia's history is rich with connections.

From our founding in 1836, settlers forged networks of community through work, education, faith, and shared endeavour.

For tens of thousands of years before this, our First Nations' Peoples maintained deep connections to Country, culture, and community.

These connections continue to guide and inspire South Australians today.

Everyday actions, such as tending the land, shaping towns and neighbourhoods, sharing knowledge, or caring for Country, have created lasting ties and a shared identity that continues to link generations.

I am privileged to see these connections across South Australia.

Whether attending local festivals, community projects, schools, or cultural programs, I see people coming together to celebrate achievement, share knowledge, and support one another.

These moments reveal how past and present are intertwined, and how ordinary actions can have lasting impact.

The History Festival, with its tours, talks, exhibitions, walks, and workshops, encourages all South Australians to explore how moments, movements, and ideas link past and present, and how our actions today contribute to the story of tomorrow.

I encourage everyone to take part, to reflect on the connections that unite our communities, and to be inspired by the ways in which South Australians — past and present — shape this state.



Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM

Walking through the City of Adelaide on any given day can feel like an archaeological dig.

Nods to the past stop you at every turn, from the Victorian-era stone heritage buildings to the Federation-era homes through to the mid-century modernism and contemporary glass-walled high rises.

Predating our planned city, Kurna Country has been a meeting place for more than 60,000 years, with Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga regarded as the central camp and meeting place of the Kurna people.

These places reflect Adelaide, and to a wider extent South Australia's, history of growth and evolving identity.

However, these pieces of history help colour our own stories and form a bridge between the place we live and our own unique connections to it.

Perhaps the Adelaide Central Market was the place where you experienced your first bowl of pasta, you may have celebrated your marriage at the Adelaide Town Hall or scraped your boots outside the Torrens Building on your way into the office every morning.

The beauty of South Australian's History Festival is that this month-long celebration allows us to reflect on our connection to the past.

It's why the City of Adelaide are proud to once again be a major partner of the History Festival in 2026.

Year after year, the History Festival serves a smorgasbord of events from ghost tours to art exhibitions that help you learn a little more about your city.

I encourage you to discover something new about the history of our city, and maybe even surprise yourself with a personal connection you never knew existed.



Michael Neale

The History Festival this year represents an enticing proposition for me with the theme 'Connections'. Instantly I think of the links that we will learn about. Links between one aspect of history to another aspect. Links between the history of one group and another. Links between aspects of history and how we will move forward in the future. Yet I am sure that there is another opportunity as well. The theme 'Connections' also asks us about what draws us together, what unites us, and what we can learn from history that can help us choose a more just, compassionate and united (connected) future.

The History Trust of South Australia is dedicated to making history accessible and reflective. Through the hard work, care, and creativity of people across the sector, South Australia's stories are shared in ways that connect communities, honour diverse experiences, and deepen public understanding. The History Festival continues to explore themes and ideas of importance to a growing community. With events spanning the state, the History Festival aims to uplift history in every corner of South Australia, Limestone Coast to Flinders Ranges, Riverland to Eyre Peninsula and everywhere in between.

My sincere gratitude extends to every volunteer, contributor, sponsor, partner, and History Trust team member who continue to ensure the success of this one-of-a-kind festival.

I invite you to join us as we celebrate the connections, stories, and legacies that have shaped South Australia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances Adamson'.

Her Excellency the Honourable
Frances Adamson AC
Governor of South Australia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Lomax-Smith'.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Neale'.

Michael Neale
Chair, History Trust
of South Australia

Connections

From the threads that bind family stories to the lines that link past to present, the 2026 History Festival explores connection in all its forms. This year, we are shining a light on the South Australians who live these connections every day.

We introduce you to some of the people who embody these connections. Meet Sobia and Irfan, who have spent two decades building community through healthcare and cultural celebration; Esther and Matt Johnson, life and business partners preserving the 150-year legacy of Ditters Nuts; Hon. Ian Hunter MLC, who rebuilt connection after it was broken, creating a chosen family and championing LGBTQIA+ rights; and the Hugh Hamilton wine family, three generations with deep roots connected to South Australia.



Raphael Thomas

Raphael Thomas, a Luritja Wambaya man, knows the weight and gift of connection across generations. His grandfather, Harold Thomas, was one of the first Aboriginal students to graduate from Art School in Adelaide — and went on to create one of Australia's most powerful symbols: the Aboriginal flag.

“My grandad was the first Indigenous person to graduate from South Australian Art School,” Raphael says. “The opportunities that were afforded to him compared to me and compared to my little brother are substantially different.”

“I hope I can inspire a lot of young Indigenous boys and girls to follow whatever dreams they have in whatever career they like,” he says. “The opportunities afforded to us now are amazing and we need to take them.”



Sobia and Irfan Hashmi

When Sobia and Irfan think about what connects them to South Australia, their answer is immediate: community. Over 20 years, they have transformed healthcare access across remote and rural areas, establishing six pharmacies where none previously existed. Their team collectively speaks 21 languages, ensuring vulnerable populations receive culturally sensitive care close to home.

“People are really accepting of overseas people in South Australia. Our skill is very much needed, and that makes us very proud and that is one reason that South Australia is our home,” says Irfan.

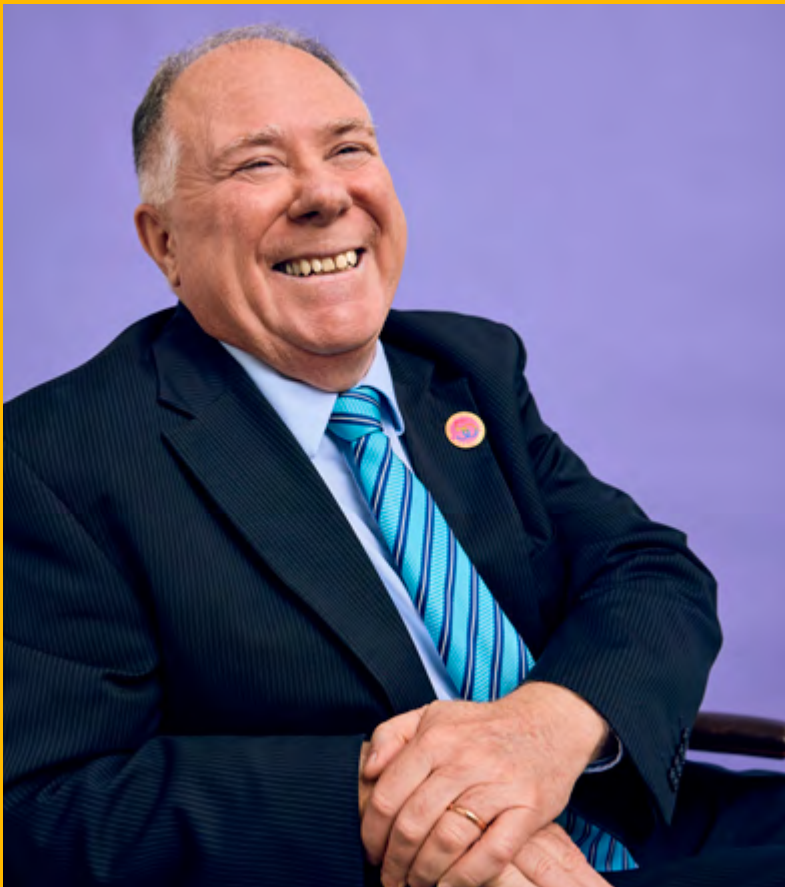
Beyond pharmacy, Irfan's Australian Pavilion Cricket Museum celebrates how sport bridges cultures. “Sports are more than just games; they are an integral part of our culture, history, and identity.”

Together, they embody building community from the ground up — one prescription, one conversation, one shared story at a time.

Maria and Tom Frossinakis

Maria and Tom have made Birdwood their home, finding connection in both community and profession. “Birdwood is a great community, and I have a very great affinity for my profession of teaching,” Maria says.

Their connection to place was cemented through the kindness of neighbours. “When we first moved to Birdwood, I was sick in hospital and I had two tea towels hanging on the clothes line. All of our neighbours came out of nowhere asking if I was ok... it is nice to know you have neighbours that are so thoughtful,” remarks Maria.



Hon. Ian Hunter MLC

“Connection for me is difficult, because I ran away from home when I was nine... those stages of my life are disconnected, and I have had to build a life again after those breaks. So it is tough. But as I got older and could choose who I had around me, then it became a lot easier.”

Hon. Ian Hunter MLC, South Australia’s first openly gay Member of Parliament, reflects on what connection means to him — and how we create family when the threads are broken. His story reminds us that connection is not always inherited; sometimes it is something we build ourselves, with the people we choose.





Esther and Matt Johnson

For Esther and Matt, owners of Ditters Nuts, connection is woven into everything. Twenty-five years of marriage, seven years as business partners, and a lifetime in South Australia have taught them that meaningful connections are always about people.

In 2018, they became custodians of Ditters, Adelaide's oldest nut retailer. "Every day, we hear customers share their memories of visiting Ditters with their parents and grandparents. We are fascinated by how these heartwarming memories intertwine with the unique experience of growing up in South Australia," they say.

In reviving Ditters, they have become more than business owners — they're keepers of memory, connection, and South Australian heritage.



The Hamiltons (Hugh, Mary, Stella and Will)

"A story that started long before me is still going. You grow up inside it without quite realising. One day it is your turn to mind it. Then it will not be."

The Hamilton story spans over 185 years – from smuggling Bordeaux across the English Channel to pioneering grape cultivation in Australia since 1837.

Hugh Hamilton, the Black Sheep of the fifth generation, always marched to his own drum. "Although it may not be the most financially rewarding game, it is rewarding in another sense in the way you live your life. Winemaking has given me so much pleasure," he says.

Now, sixth generation Hamilton, Mary, has taken creative control, shaking things up while honouring the thread woven by generations past. "I think we are really lucky that we have this long legacy. We know a little bit about our forebears and our stories, and have an appreciation for what it took for them to come to South Australia," she reflects. "I have a great appreciation for their journey out here."

What connects them to South Australia? "You know it first by the light. Then the gum trees. The dry air. The way the seasons insist on themselves. Our first vines went into this ground in 1837. They held. We stayed."



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

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First Nations

Throughout the History Festival, there are opportunities for all Australians to learn about First Nations histories, cultures, and achievements.



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

A Cultural Gathering by the Sea With Allan Sumner Adelaide West, Wed 27 May, 11.30am–12.30am	55
‘Bitter Springs in Translation’: Sharing a Forgotten History Flinders Ranges & Outback, Throughout May, 6pm–6.30pm	88
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Her Side of the Story: Women Shaping South Australia, 1830–1840 Adelaide City, Wed 27 May, 2pm–3pm	20
Kurna Knowledge Banksia Park Normanville Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 9 May, 12pm–3pm	86
Kurna Reconciliation Walk 2026 Adelaide City, Sat 2 & 30 May, 1.30pm–4.30pm	35
Kurna Voices: Cultural Mapping of the Adelaide Park Lands Online, Throughout May, anytime	14
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Woven Connections With Kurna Elder Lynette Crocker Adelaide West, Fri 29 May, 10.30am–12pm	56

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.



Vietnam Restaurant, 2024, Bri Hammond

Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour Adelaide City, Every Tues–Fri in May, 9am–5.30pm, Every Sat in May, 9am–3pm	15
Bush Foods and Other Useful Plants of Interest Before European Settlement Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 23 May, 10.30am–11.30am	80
Cooking the Books: A Spoonful of History Barossa, Fri 15 May, 10am–11.30am	70
For Cheese Lovers: Adelaide Cheese Club Presents Adelaide South, Sun 3 May, 2.30pm–4.30pm	49
From Generation to Generation: The Ditters Gourmet Cake Story Adelaide City, Every Mon–Sat in May, 11.30am–11.50am & 3.30pm–3.50pm	25
Gweny of the Britannia: Stories From a Mining Town Pub Adelaide Hills, Every Sat in May, 5pm–10pm	66
Historic Tea Rooms of Jetty Road Brighton: Tea Room Row Adelaide South, Sun 24 May, 2.30pm–4.30pm	49
History and Hospitality: Yankalilla Hotel Fleurieu Peninsula, Throughout May, 10am–10pm	86
Lebanese in South Australia Adelaide East, Sun 24 May, 9.30am–5pm	40
Market Meander: Self-Guided Trail Adelaide City, Throughout May, anytime	20
Our Daily Bread Adelaide Hills, Every Sun in May, 11am–3pm	68
Preserving the Harvest Through Traditional & New Techniques Adelaide East, Sun 31 May, 1pm–4pm	41
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From Many Places

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



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Auld Lang Syne Dance Scottish, 2023, Kinsern Yen

Riverbank Connections: A History of Policing, Rowing, Cruising, and Dining Adelaide City, Wed 13, 20 & Thu 14, 21 May, 10am–11.15am	35
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Whyalla Steel Works Connections With Migrants Eyre Peninsula, Sat 30 & Sun 31 May, 10am–3pm	77

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

50 Years of Rundle Mall Adelaide City, Sat 16 May, 11am–12pm & Fri 22 May, 2pm–3pm	25
Adelaide Arcade Guided History Tours Adelaide City, Every Wed in May, 10.30am–11.30am	14
Adelaide Central School of Art Open Day: Glenside Hospital Historical Tour Adelaide East, Mon 11 May, 11am–12.30pm & 2pm–3.30pm	40
Adelaide Gaol History Day Adelaide City, Sun 17 May, 10am–4pm	15
'Adelaide Modernism: 101 Houses' – Author Talk Adelaide South, Fri 1 May, 2pm–3pm	48
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Connect and Compare Life in the 1860s With Life in 2026 Barossa, Every Tue in May & Sun 17 May, 10am–2pm	71
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Devonshire Tea at Partridge House Adelaide West, Tue 19 May, 9.30am–10.30am & 10.30am–11.30am	55
Discover Autumn Magic at the Garden Affair in Historic Stangate Gardens Adelaide Hills, Sun 3 May, 10am–3.30pm	66
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Gweny of the Britannia: Stories From a Mining Town Pub Adelaide Hills, Every Sat in May, 5pm–10pm	66
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Hawthorn Masonic Trust Open Day Adelaide South, Sun 3 May, 10am–4pm	49
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Historical Sketch Tour of Tea Tree Gully Adelaide North, Fri 15 May, 10am–12pm	42
Historical Walk Around Old Salisbury: Guided Tour Adelaide North, Sun 3 & 17 May, 1.30pm–4pm	44
Historic Belair Railway Station: Open Day Adelaide South, Sun 10, 17 & 24 May, 10am–2pm	48
History of the Army Museum and Lunch Adelaide South, Wed 13 May, 12pm–2pm	45
Hola! Inter-War 'Spanish Mission' Architecture in Glandore Adelaide South, Sun 17 May, 9.45am–11.45am	45
Hutt Street History Tour Adelaide City, Tue 19 & Thu 21 May, 10am–11.30am	25
Imagine the Past Adelaide Hills, Sun 3 May, 11am–3pm	68
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Journey of Faith: Bus Tour of Local Historic Churches Barossa, Sat 2 May, 10am–4pm	73
Kandahar Connections: Open Days Adelaide West, Tue 5 May, 10am–7pm, Sat 9 May, 10am–2pm	64
Lighthouse Lore & Portside Pour: A Journey Through Port Adelaide's Past Adelaide West, Fri 15 & Sat 23 May, 6pm–8pm	61

Lives and Antics of Sir George Kingston and His Son Charles Kingston Adelaide South, Sun 31 May, 2.30pm–4.30pm	49
Lochend House Adelaide East, Sun 3 May, 2pm–4pm	37
Lost & Local: The Pubs of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Adelaide East, Throughout May, during opening hours	38
Loveday Internment Camp Memorabilia Display Riverland, Every weekday in May, 9am–4pm, Every weekend in May, 9.30am–1pm	91
Maitland Museum: Lost Trades Experience Yorke Peninsula, Sun 31 May, 10am–3pm	93
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Mill Cottage Connections Eyre Peninsula, Every Wed in May, 10am–2pm, Every Sun in May, 2pm–4pm	77
Modernist Adelaide Walking Tour Adelaide City, Sun 17 May, 11am–12.20pm	29
Mothers and Babies of the Destitute Asylum Adelaide City, Sun 10 May, 2pm–3pm	28
Murder on North Terrace: A Kate Cocks Walking Tour Adelaide City, Fri 8 May, 10.30am–12.30pm	19
'N'Kola Donga': F Kenneth Milne House Open Day Adelaide West, Sat 2 & 23 May, 10am–12pm, Wed 6 May, 10am–12pm	60
North Adelaide Art Deco Walking Tour Adelaide City, Sun 24 May, 9.30am–11.30am	17
Old Church, New Life Barossa, Every Fri, Sat & Sun in May, 10am–3pm	72
On Guard: Tour of the Prospect Air Raid Shelter Adelaide North, Sun 24 May, 2pm–3pm	43
Open Days: Connections Across Two Iconic Sites River Murray, Lakes & Coorong, Every Thu in May, 11am–3pm	90
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Tour Adelaide West, Wed 13 May, 2pm–4pm	60
Port Adelaide Heritage Bus Tours Adelaide West, Thu 7 May, 10am–12pm & Sun 31 May, 1pm–3pm	62
Port Adelaide Lighthouse Tour Adelaide West, Sat 2, Wed 13 & Thu 21 May, 11am– 11.45am, 12pm–12.45pm & 1pm–1.45pm	60
Port Adelaide's Art Deco and Modernism Architectural Delights Adelaide West, Sun 3 May, 10.15am–12pm	52
Prospect Hill Historical Museum Tours Adelaide Hills, Every Sun in May, 2pm–4pm	68
Quaker Meeting House Adelaide City, Sat 9 May, 10am–4pm	32
Railway Connections on Eyre Peninsula Eyre Peninsula, Sun 17 & 24 May, 1.30pm–2.15pm & 2.30pm–3.15pm	77
Semaphore Heritage Plaque Walk Adelaide West, Thu 7 May, 10am–11am	57
Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Cottage Open House Clare Valley & Mid North, Sun 24 May, 1.30pm–4.30pm	76
Sir Samuel Davenport & Beaumont House Adelaide East, Sun 3 May, 2pm–4.30pm	40
Sketching Historical Buildings Adelaide North, Sat 9 May, 1pm–4pm	43
Social Connections in Colonial East Torrens Adelaide Hills, Tue 5, 12 & 19 May, 10.30am–12pm	66
Social Decisions Over 170 Years by Clayton (Congregational) Church Adelaide East, Tue 19 & 26 May, 1.30pm–3pm	39
St Clement's Church: Connecting the Community for 168 years Adelaide North, Thu 21 May, 10.30am–11.50am	42
St Columba's Church: Tradition, Innovation and Community Adelaide South, Sun 31 May, 2pm–4pm	51

Step Back in Time: Tour of Old Government House Adelaide South, Every Sun in May, 1pm–4pm (Afternoon tea only offered on 3 & 17 May)	51
St John’s Church: Old Building, New Stories Adelaide City, Sat 2 May, 11am–2pm	34
Stones, Stories & Strawberries Adelaide Hills, Sat 9 May, 9.30am–11.30am	68
Stories, Stories, Stories Limestone Coast, Tue 12 & 26 May, 6pm–7.30pm	90
Stories Within These Walls: The Lubasch Farmstead Adelaide Hills, Wed 13 & 27 May, 10.30am–12pm	67
St Peter’s College History Tour Adelaide East, Tue 19 May, 10am–11.30am	41
The Church on the Corner Adelaide City, Guided tours: Every Tue & Thu in May, 11am–12pm, Open door: Every Wed in May 10am–2pm	33
The Doors Are Open at Urrbrae House Adelaide South, Sun 24 May, 1.30pm–4.30pm	51
The Fort by Lamplight Adelaide West, Sat 2 May, 7pm–9pm	64
The Grand House and Gardens Built on Wool Barossa, Every Sun & Wed in May, 10am–1pm	69
The Illusion of Heritage Protection in South Australia Adelaide East, Wed 6 May, 3.30pm–5pm	46
Themed Tours of Parliament House Adelaide City, Fri 15 & 29 May, 2.30pm–4pm	31
There is a Story in Every Glass: Bleasdale Documentary Fleurieu Peninsula, Fri 8 May, 7pm–9pm	79
The Story of Bungaree Station Clare Valley & Mid North, Every weekday in May, Sat 2, 9, 23 & Sun 24 May, 10am–4pm	75
Torrens Island Quarantine Station Tour Adelaide West, Fri 8 & Sat 16 May, 11am–12.30pm, Thu 28 May, 1pm–2.30pm	61
Torrens Rowing Club & Its Neighbours: Their Place in Riverbank Development Adelaide City, Thu 21 May, 6pm–7.30pm	35
Travel Back in Time at Historic Yallum Park Homestead, Penola Limestone Coast, Sun 24 May, 2pm–3.30pm	90
Unearth Kapunda: A Journey Through the Historic Mine Barossa, Sat 9 & 23 May, 10am–12pm	73
Victor Harbor Heritage Hunt Fleurieu Peninsula, Fri 1 May–Wed 13 May, 10am–4pm	79
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Walking Tour of Historic West Norwood Adelaide East, Tue 14 May, 10am–11.30am	38
Whyalla Steel Works Connections With Migrants Eyre Peninsula, Sat 30 & Sun 31 May, 10am–3pm	77
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Wirra Creek Community Garden: From Schoolyard to a Welcoming Green Space Fleurieu Peninsula, Sat 16 May, 10am–12pm	83

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.



Kodomo No Hi Festival, 2024, Frankie the Creative

A Day in the Life of a Colonial Soldier Adelaide West, Sun 17 May, 1pm–4pm	64
Birdwood Farm Day Adelaide Hills, Sun 17 May, 10am–4pm	66
Changes in Educational Technology at Rose Park Primary School Adelaide East, Sun 24 May, 10am–4pm	41
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Harvesting History Clare Valley & Mid North, Sun 31 May, 1pm–4pm	74
Maitland Museum: Lost Trades Experience Yorke Peninsula, Sun 31 May, 10am–3pm	93
Playtime in the Nineteenth Century Adelaide City, Sun 3 & Sat 16 May, 1pm–3pm	27
Sailboats, Swimming, and Sandcastles! Adelaide West, Sun 17 & 24 May, 12.30pm–1.30pm, 2.30pm–3.30pm	60
Train as a WWII Air Raid Warden Children’s Event Adelaide North, Sun 17 May, 1pm–2pm	43
Travel Through Time Transport Trail Adelaide South, Fri 1, Mon 4, Tue 5 & Wed 6 May, 9.30am–5.30pm, Sat 2 & 9 May, 10am–3pm, Thu 7 May, 9.30am–7pm	50
Victor Harbor Heritage Hunt Fleurieu Peninsula, Fri 1 May–Wed 13 May, 10am–4pm	79
Welcome Back to Gnomeland Children’s Picnic Fleurieu Peninsula, Thu 14 May, 10am–11.30am	80
Yankalilla Museum Open Day Fleurieu Peninsula, Wed 6 May, 10am–4pm	84

Rainbow Histories

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



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Mardi Gras, 2025, History Trust of South Australia

Love and the Law: A Legal History of Same Sex Relationships in Colonial SA Barossa, Sat 9 May, 2pm - 3pm	72
Queer Archives Roadshow & Workshop Adelaide City, Sun 24 May, 10.30am - 3pm	32
SA Kitsch: The Strange Stuff That Makes Us Great Adelaide City, Thu 21 May, 6pm - 7.30pm	32
Waterside Workers Hall: A Guided Tour Adelaide West, Tue 5 May, 11am - 12pm	64

Online



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- First Nations
- Tasting History
- From Many Places
- Open Doors
- Children and Family
- Rainbow Histories

Australian Space Discovery Centre & Kerrie Dougherty

Talk

Live via Satellite: How Space Technology Connected Australia to the World

Join us online or in-person at the Australian Space Discovery Centre. Today we take global connectivity for granted, but Australia first connected to the world via satellite just 60 years ago. This talk will explore the impact of satellite communication on Australia, enabling us to connect globally and locally. Find out how South Australia played its part, hosting one of the earliest satellite ground stations.

Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3pm

Website

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

Free

Bookings required online



City of Adelaide

Online event

Adelaide Town Hall: Virtual Tour

Explore the iconic Adelaide Town Hall and the remarkable items on display from the comfort of home. Discover the rooms where Lord Mayoral receptions and key decisions of the City of Adelaide take place, peek into restricted areas not usually open to the public, and learn about the people behind the portraits in the Lord Mayor portrait gallery.

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required



City of Adelaide

Online event

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

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required



City of Adelaide

Online event

Heritage Places of Adelaide Online Database

Discover Adelaide's story, one place at a time. This online database brings together heritage-listed places across the City of Adelaide, featuring rich histories, striking photographs, and detailed records that celebrate the places shaping our city's character.

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required



City of Adelaide

Online event

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 Peoples sacred connections to the land we know as Adelaide and highlights the significant historical experiences and events that have occurred from early colonial times to now.

Throughout May, anytime

Website

Marty Reeve, 8203 7308, m.reeve@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Bookings not required



Genealogy SA, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart & Martin Shanahan

Talk

A Tale of Two Cities: Long-run Social and Economic Mobility in Australia

Join Professors Hamish Maxwell-Stewart and Martin Shanahan as they discuss their nationally funded project, 'A Tale of Two Cities'. The project will compare the life courses of early settler generations in Hobart and Adelaide, building on Professor Maxwell-Stewart's Tasmanian research. Learn more about this incredible project's insights and challenges. This is a hybrid event, join in person at the Genealogy SA Library or online via Zoom.

Wed 6 May, 1pm – 2pm

Website

Genealogy SA, 8272 4222, saghs.members@saghs.org.au

Free

Bookings required online



Adelaide City



Scan to view all Adelaide City events online.



Adelaide Arcade, 2023, Tom Roschi

Adelaide Arcade

Guided tour

Adelaide Arcade Guided History Tours

Step back in time on a guided tour of the iconic Adelaide Arcade. Discover its origins in 1885, explore its grand architecture and design, and hear captivating stories of the people, purpose, and moments that shaped this beloved South Australian landmark.

Every Wed in May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Adelaide Arcade

(opposite the fountain in Rundle Mall) 112-118 Grenfell St, Adelaide, 5000

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

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



Adelaide Cemetery Tours

Guided tour

Victims & Villains Guided Tour: West Terrace Cemetery

Delve into one of Adelaide's oldest cemeteries and discover the tales of murderers and their victims. Follow your guide through West Terrace Cemetery as you hear stories of fascinating mystery, heartbreaking love, shocking tragedy, and of course death.

Fri 8 & 22, Thu 28 May, 10am – 11.30am

West Terrace Cemetery 161 West Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Adelaide Cemetery Tours, 8139 7400, aca.events@aca.sa.gov.au

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



From Housewives to Heroines Guided Tour: West Terrace Cemetery

Explore the personal trials and inspirational achievements of some of the state's leading ladies on this guided tour of West Terrace Cemetery. As you weave your way through the cemetery you will encounter a selection of philanthropists, political agitators, reformers, and artists who have left their mark on South Australia and beyond.

Tue 12 & Mon 25 May, 10am – 11.30am
West Terrace Cemetery 161 West Tce, Adelaide, 5000
Adelaide Cemetery Tours, 8139 7400,
aca.events@aca.sa.gov.au

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



History & Symbolism Guided Tour: West Terrace Cemetery

Join your expert guide and take a step back to some of South Australia's earliest days as we take you through the history and symbolism behind some of the oldest headstones and monuments of West Terrace Cemetery. You will learn the history behind religious groups and communities that helped shaped the cemetery into what it is today.

Fri 1 & 15 May, 10am – 11.30am
West Terrace Cemetery
161 West Tce, Adelaide, 5000
Adelaide Cemetery Tours, 8139 7400,
aca.events@aca.sa.gov.au

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



Unfortunate Ends & Peculiar Practices Guided Tour: West Terrace Cemetery

Join your expert guide as they take you through nearly two centuries of local history including fascinating tales and peculiar anecdotes. Discover the obscure and often unusual ways South Australians have met their fate and gain a glimpse into some of the lavish and occasionally peculiar funeral customs on this unique guided tour.

Mon 4 & 18 May, 10am – 11.30am
West Terrace Cemetery 161 West Tce, Adelaide, 5000
Adelaide Cemetery Tours, 8139 7400,
aca.events@aca.sa.gov.au

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



Pioneering South Australia Guided Tour: West Terrace Cemetery

Since first being recorded on a survey by Colonel William Light in 1837, West Terrace Cemetery represents more than 185 years of SA history. Discover some of the oldest graves within its gates and learn about the early pioneers and settlers that helped shape South Australia into the state that we see today.

Tue 5, Thu 21 & Fri 29 May, 10am – 11.30am
West Terrace Cemetery 161 West Tce, Adelaide, 5000
Adelaide Cemetery Tours, 8139 7400,
aca.events@aca.sa.gov.au

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



Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour, 2023,
Adelaide Central Market

Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour

Experience more than 150 years of rich history and culinary heritage as you step into 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'.

Every Tues – Fri in May, 9am – 5.30pm
Every Sat in May, 9am – 3pm
Adelaide Central Market, Meet at The Market Stall
(southern end, near Haigh's)
60 Gouger St, Adelaide, 5000
Customer Experience, 8203 7494,
admin@adelaidecentralmarket.com

Free
Bookings not required



Adelaide Gaol History Day

History Day at Adelaide Gaol offers half-price entry, special exhibits, and rare access to areas usually closed. Enjoy the mugshot canteen and a sausage sizzle as you explore this year's theme: Connections. Discover the stories linking people and moments in the Gaol's past. Connect with history. Connect with community. Connect with Adelaide Gaol.

Sun 17 May, 10am – 4pm
Adelaide Gaol 18 Gaol Rd, Adelaide, 5000
Adelaide Gaol, 8231 4062, adelaidegaol@sa.gov.au

Event costs apply
Adult: \$8.75, Child: \$5.25, Concession: \$7
Bookings not required



Guided Walk - Victoria Park North / Pakapakanthi (Park 16)

Join a guided walk through one of the most historic parts of your Adelaide Park Lands. Hear stories about its horse racing and motor racing history, the "sweat track", cycle racing track, the 1800s olive groves and heritage grandstand. Bring the kids and dogs on leads are also most welcome. Wear sturdy shoes for a walk of about 105 minutes.

Sun 17 May, 2pm – 3.45pm
Victoria Park
Cnr East Tce & Halifax St, Adelaide, 5000
Shane Sody, 0414 959 125,
secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

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



Guided Walk through King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15)

Join us for a guided walk through a cherished part of your eastern Adelaide Park Lands; home to many popular events, but also an ancient olive grove, Botanic Creek, century-old blue gums, playground, disc golf, and more. Wear sturdy shoes. Meet on the southern side of East Tce and Bartels Rd. Dogs on leads, and children most welcome.

Sun 31 May, 2pm – 3.40pm
King Rodney Park Cnr Bartels Rd & East Tce
(southern side), Adelaide, 5000
Shane Sody, 0414 959 125,
secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

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



Guided Walk: Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)

Join us for a guided walk through the jewel of your eastern Park Lands — featuring the recent lake renewal and kiosk rebuild, the historical rose garden, and majestic tree-lined avenues. Learn this park's controversial history including as a tramway route, a rubbish dump, a bowling club relocation, and its role as the site of a busway trench.

Sun 3 May, 2pm – 3.45pm
Rymill Park
Cnr Bartels Rd & East Tce, Adelaide, 5000
Shane Sody, 0414 959 125,
secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au

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



Art Deco Architectural Treasures in Adelaide CBD

Art Deco was a global design phenomenon between WWI and WWII that changed the world, influencing everything from architecture, transport, industrial design to art and fashion. Discover our local connections, where to find them, and why we encourage you to 'look up and smile.' Bookings essential.

Sun 10 & 31 May, 10am – 12pm
Cnr Synagogue PI & Rundle St
Adelaide, 5000

Alison O'Loughlin, 0408 850 234,
adelaidechapter@gmail.com

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



Discover Adelaide: A world class city.

Perfectly positioned between the hills and the coast, Adelaide is a city designed with vision and lived with heart. Framed by sweeping Park Lands and shaped by an elegant grid, it's a place where history, culture and everyday life come together effortlessly. Wide boulevards lead to welcoming public squares, heritage buildings stand proudly beside contemporary creativity, and the River Torrens/Karrawirra Pari flows gently through it all offering postcard views.

This is a city made for wandering. Follow tree-lined streets into vibrant markets filled with local flavours and stories. Spend your days exploring galleries, theatres, and museums, then step outside into streets alive with music, art and events. From festivals to spontaneous moments, Adelaide's cultural calendar turns the city itself into a stage.

What makes Adelaide special isn't just what you see – it's how it feels. Calm yet creative. Historic yet alive. Planned, but never predictable. Here, the city welcomes you to connect.

Discover Adelaide: a world-class city where heritage lives, culture thrives and every visit feels like an invitation to stay a little longer.

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



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 24 May, 9.30am – 11.30am

Deepacres 287 Melbourne St, North Adelaide, 5006

Alison, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

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

Bookings required online



Art Gallery of South Australia, 1913, Art Gallery of South Australia

Tuesday Talk: Lainie Anderson OAM Discusses Her Petticoat Police Mysteries

Join best-selling cosy crime author Lainie Anderson OAM as she discusses her Petticoat Police Mystery series, inspired by Adelaide's real-life pioneering policewoman Kate Cocks and the Art Gallery's William Orpen painting that caused a sensation in 1914.

Tue 12 May, 12.30pm – 1pm

Art Gallery of South Australia, Gallery 3
490 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Isobel Clemow-Meyer, 7085 1679, public.programs@artgallery.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings not required



Tuesday Talk: Rebecca Evans Discusses Craft Objects in the AGSA Collection

Join Rebecca Evans, Curator of Decorative Arts & Design, as she explores the Gallery's significant collection of craft objects made by German émigrés to South Australia in the nineteenth century.

Tue 5 May, 12.30pm – 1pm

Art Gallery of South Australia, Gallery 2
490 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Isobel Clemow-Meyer, 7085 1679, public.programs@artgallery.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings not required



Artlab Conservators at work, 2026, Artlab Australia

Art Conservation: How Saving Heritage Connects Community & Shapes Identity

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. Bookings are essential.

Wed 13 & Thu 14 10am – 11.30am & 2pm – 3.30pm

Artlab Australia, 70 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000 (enter via Morgan Thomas Lane. Artlab is located in the first courtyard on the left)

Carolyn Wade, 8270 7520, artlab@sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



The Beebe Balloon Company's Carnivals in South Australia 1908-1911

See and hear the stories of the Balloon Carnivals presented by the Beebe Balloon Company during their visits to Adelaide and country towns throughout the state. Learn about the 'triple leap of death', the parachuting cat and the aeronauts who took the first aerial photographs of Adelaide in 1908.

Wed 6 May, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

SAPHIL House 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free

Bookings required by email (only)



Illuminating Lutheran History: Rare Books From the ALC Library

Join us for a special viewing and discussion on some of the rare books from the Australian Lutheran College (ALC) Library. Books range from the oldest, a 1551 Luther Bible, to 'Songs of Australia' published in 1971. The collection as a whole gives an insight into the Lutheran community in South Australia and the history of the ALC Library.

Wed 13 May, 4pm – 5pm

Australian Lutheran College Library
22 Pulteney St, Adelaide, 5000

Catherine Manning, 7120 8270, library@alc.ed.au

Free

Bookings required online



John Walker Bicentenary Exhibition: Australia Match Cover Collectors Society

2026 marks 200 years since the invention of the Friction Match by John Walker of Stockton-on-Tees, UK. The Australian Match Cover Collectors Society will celebrate the event with match exhibits, trading tables, auctions, raffles and some special souvenirs. Catering will also be provided. Non-metered parking in Sturt and Wright Streets.

Sat 2 May, 10am – 5pm & Sun 3 May, 10am – 3pm

SAPHIL House 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free

Bookings not required



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Explore South Australia's cultural heritage

through our directory of community organisations that manage, preserve and share historical collections

explore.history.com.au

Government of South Australia

Australian Space Discovery Centre & Kerrie Dougherty

Talk

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Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3pm

Meet at Australian Space Discovery Centre for the in-person event
364-370 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free
Bookings required online



Pastor Ernst Homann, 2026, Lutheran Archives

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Special event

A Tap on the Shoulder: Ernst Homann at Bethlehem 1872-1888

After a fiery Mission Board Meeting, Ernst Homann faced an uncertain future. As he saddled his horse, a voice in the darkness told him of Bethlehem's plight: five years without a pastor, and deep in debt. Homann took up the challenge. Historian and translator Trevor Schaeffer tells how he transformed Bethlehem. Afternoon tea will be served.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 2.30pm

Bethlehem House Sudholz Pl, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free
Bookings not required



Blakesby

Talk

Headfirst: A History of Hat Making

Join design writer Dr Nathan James Crane and Blake Canham-Bennett, Adelaide's only practicing hatter, for a talk on the history and craft of traditional hat making. Drawing on rare technical knowledge and enduring techniques, this discussion explores why these methods persist and how craft shapes cultural life from Adelaide to the world.

Wed 20 May, 11am – 12pm

Adelaide Circulating Library, Institute Building, State Library of South Australia
Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Minutia Design Media, 0418 834 006, nathan@minutia.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Bob Elliott

Guided tour

Historical Adelaide Tours: Hindley Street Tour

Hindley Street has many dark stories including the murders of Annie Hines, Ting Fang, and Tommy Ah Foooh. Learn about some their stories along with other murders, suicides, and unusual deaths which have occurred here since 1842.

Fri 1 – Sun 3 & Wed 13 – Sun 17 May, 10.30am – 11.50am, 1pm – 2.20pm

Cnr Hindley St & Bank St, Adelaide, 5000

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: Adelaide Arcade Tour

Starting at Adelaide Arcade and walking to Pirie Street, King William Street and up Rundle Mall, learn about a number of murders and deaths, including the murders of Florence Horton, Lance Brown, and Jean Modra who was murdered by a stranger on Christmas Eve.

Thu 7 – Sun 10 & Wed 20 – Sun 24 May, 10.30am – 11.50am & 1pm – 2.20pm

Cnr Adelaide Arcade & Rundle Mall
Rundle Mall, Adelaide, 5000

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: River Torrens

The River Torrens has had many uses – swimming, drinking water, and bathing. But it has also been the place where many people have been murdered including John Gregory Neil, Elva Stewart, Ellen Habibulla, and university professor, George Duncan. Learn about their stories and a number of other gruesome deaths.

Tue 26 – Sun 31 May, 10.30am – 11.50am & 1pm – 2.20pm

Meet at Southern Gate of Adelaide Oval
War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide, 5006

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

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



Bagot's Northern Territory Motor Tour, 1926, State Library of South Australia

Brenton & Amanda Whittenbury, Special event
Brenton & Donna Taylor

Overland to Darwin and Back

Centenary re-enactment of Australia's first commercial north and south motor tour. The longest in the world at the time. Attend the Rundle Street send-off of the two 100 year-old vehicles and other cars of the era. Join us two days later at the historic Beltana township for a community BBQ and screening of the original 1926 film of the tour.

Rundle St send-off: Mon 18 May, 9.30am - 10.30am, Community BBQ & Film: Wed 20 May, 6pm - 10pm

Grundy's Shoe Store, 188 Rundle St, Adelaide, 5000

Beltana Community Hall, 11 North Tce, Beltana, SA, 5730

Brenton Ross Whittenbury, 0434 686 667, brenton@grundysshoes.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$30, Child: \$20
Bookings required by phone or email



Brougham Place Uniting Church

Talk

Liberal Christianity in Adelaide 1870–1914

South Australia historian Dr David Hilliard OAM will discuss challenges to Christianity created in the late 1800s by new scientific knowledge and biblical scholarship, and responses of prominent SA clergy — amongst them, Rev Dr James Jefferis. Free lecture. Optional tour of heritage-listed church. Donations welcome.

Sun 3 May, 2.30pm – 4pm

Brougham Place Uniting Church 196 Brougham Pl, North Adelaide, 5006

Rev Linda Driver, 8267 2657, office@bpuc.org

By Donation
Bookings required online



Carclew Youth Arts

Guided tour

Carclew House & Grounds Tour

Step inside one of Adelaide's most iconic manors and grounds. Built in 1897 on Karna Land, Carclew House has evolved from a grand private residence into South Australia's home for youth arts. These guided tours blend history, creativity, and community in a family-friendly manner. Bring the kids and enjoy the lush gardens before or after your tour.

Sat 23 May, 9.30am – 10.30am, 11am – 12pm, 1pm – 2pm & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Carclew House / Tutu Karralikanungku
11 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide, 5006

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

Event costs apply Adult: \$18.50, Child: Free
Bookings required online



Celtic Music Club Céilí

Come and experience Adelaide's longest-running bush dance/céilí, which has been running since 1976, to the lively music of the Celtic Music Club band. Dances are called and walked through when needed. First timers are welcome! Please pay at the door. If you are coming as part of a larger group who want to sit together feel free to book a table.

Sat 16 May, 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Irish Club South Australia
13-15 Carrington St, Adelaide, 5000
Secretary, cmcadelaide@gmail.com

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



Murder on North Terrace:
A Kate Cocks Walking Tour

Step back into World War I Adelaide on a guided stroll along North Terrace with best selling cosy crime author Lainie Anderson OAM. Discover the real locations behind her 'Petticoat Police' mystery 'Murder on North Terrace' and learn about the trailblazing life of Adelaide's first policewoman, Kate Cocks. Includes morning tea following the walk.

Fri 8 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Meet at South African War Memorial
Cnr King William St & North Tce, Adelaide, 5000
Adelaide City Libraries, 8203 7990,
library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



AdeLOL Podcast Presents:
Adelaide's Silliest City Stories

Adelaide City Libraries welcome Dan and Tom back for the third year running to record their AdeLOL podcast live! Sharing some of Adelaide's truly silly but true stories, join them to take a trip into the past to explore local history in their signature style of improvisational comedy and bold brand of banter.

Fri 15 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free
Bookings required online



Murder, Mystery, and History:
An Author Talk With Lainie Anderson

Join best selling cosy crime author Lainie Anderson for an engaging author talk on the inspiration behind her novels and the real history that shapes them. Facilitated by Michelle Prak, Lainie will discuss her 'Petticoat Police' mysteries, blending fact with fiction, and real life figures like pioneering policewoman Kate Cocks.

Wed 20 May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

City Library, 8203 7990,
library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Ghosts and Ghouls Walking Tour, 2023, City of Adelaide Library

Adelaide Ghosts & Ghouls Walking Tour

Explore the stories behind Adelaide's alleged hauntings and crimes. This tour is a collaboration between paranormal investigator Allen Tiller, sound recordist Anthony Frith and Adelaide City Libraries and sheds light on some of our city's most chilling history. Come on a journey through the darker side of Adelaide's history. Visit Experience Adelaide website for audio guide and tour map.

Throughout May, anytime

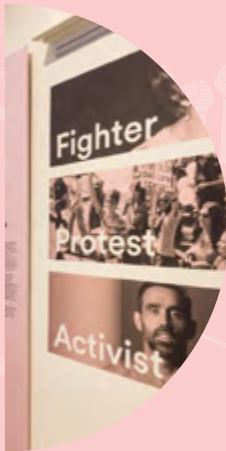
Website

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

Free
Bookings not required



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DISCOVER THE PEOPLE AND
IDEAS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR
PAST AND LEARN HOW YOU
CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE

Her Side of the Story: Women Shaping South Australia, 1830–1840

This engaging talk explores the vital contributions of women to South Australia’s founding. Through writers and artists, and a comparison of the free colony of South Australia with Tasmania, it examines contrasting figures including Lady Franklin and Truganini.

Wed 27 May, 2pm – 3pm

Adelaide Town Hall
128 King William St, Adelaide, 5000
Town Hall Tour Enquiries, 8203 7203,
T2@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Town Hall Chandeliers, 2021, City of Adelaide

Adelaide Town Hall: Guided Tour in French

Discover one of Adelaide’s most iconic heritage buildings on this guided tour in French. View the bronze statue of Queen Adelaide, climb the grand marble staircase, explore the Queen Adelaide room, hear stories of Colonel William Light ,and see the magnificent Auditorium organ.

Fri 29 May, 10am – 11.30am

Adelaide Town Hall
128 King William St, Adelaide, 5000
Town Hall Tour Enquiries, 8203 7203,
T2@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Federation to Futurism: Adelaide’s Twentieth Century Architecture

Step into the City of Adelaide’s modern past on this guided tour of twentieth-century architecture. Explore a curated selection of buildings ranging from Federation landmarks to bold Postmodern icons, with stories about the architects, materials, and social changes that shaped the city. An easy-paced 2-2.5km walk with plenty of time for questions.

Fri 15, 22 & 29 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Colonel Light Centre
25 Pirie St, Adelaide, 5000
Meagan Cox, 8203 7521,
m.cox@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Market Meander: Self-Guided Trail

Adelaide Central Market is the largest undercover market in the Southern Hemisphere and 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. Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required



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 German settlers, the Dreyer family. Download online, or hard copies of this tour are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required



City of Great Buildings: Self-Guided Trail

Discover Adelaide’s greatest buildings as voted by the locals! The trail features the stunning Adelaide Town Hall, the Darling Building (as charming as its name), MLC Building, Adelaide’s first post-war skyscraper, and more iconic spots. Download the guide online or collect a hard copy from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required

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, and people also lived there. Explore the city’s earliest entertainment street and all it has had to offer over time!

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required



Village in the City: Self-Guided Trail

In the late-nineteenth century people from all social classes 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. Download online or pick up a hard copy from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required

Holy Sunday: Self-Guided Bicycle Trail

Migration to South Australia offered 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. Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required

Heritage and Folklore ‘Above the Canopy’: Self-Guided Trail

Rundle Mall was officially opened on 1 September 1976 by Premier Don Dunstan. This trail highlights some of the beautiful heritage-listed façades located above the shop fronts, signage, and canopies in Australia’s first pedestrian mall. Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required

Historic Hutt Street: Self-Guided Trail

In the nineteenth century, serving the needs of residents in the south-east corner of the City, was a church, as well as two pubs, and a diverse range of shops along Hutt Street. Explore this historic street and all it has to offer! Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

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

Free
Bookings not required

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

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required

Stanley Street Stroll: Self-Guided Trail

This trail explores the grand mansions of Brougham Place and Stanley Street built to address the Park Lands and, in contrast, continues to lower North Adelaide featuring the Chichester Gardens subdivision between Stanley and Melbourne Streets. Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required

Marvellous Mansions, Cottages & Castles: Self-Guided Trail

This trail explores the western portion of upper North Adelaide and features the mix of mansions, villas, and semi-detached cottages built between the boom period of the 1870s-1880s through to the inter-war infill period. Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required

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. Download online or hard copies are available from Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required

Hercules to Heaven: Self-Guided Trail

This trail features several houses, a few pubs plus the institutional, religious, and educational buildings that make up the Kermode Street precinct of North Adelaide. Download trail guide online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required

Famous Faces & Commemorative Places: Self-Guided Trail

This trail reveals the history and stories behind some of our valued busts, statues, memorials, and monuments that adorn both our cultural boulevard (North Terrace) and the Park Lands. Download online or hard copies of this tour map are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required

The High Street: Self-Guided Trail

Tynte Street was once the epicentre of life in North Adelaide. This trail explores the pubs, churches, shops, school, library, residences, and post office, which comprise all that one would expect of such an important local street. Download online or hard copies are available from the Adelaide Visitor Information Centre (Mon–Fri).

Throughout May, anytime

Website

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

Free

Bookings not required



Stanley Herbert Skipper, c1910, State Library of South Australia

City of Adelaide & Graeme Lange

Talk

Stanley Herbert Skipper: What a Man!

Discover the remarkable Skipper family history and achievements across several generations. Join Graeme Lange for an illustrated presentation exploring their valuable and enduring contributions to legal affairs, the arts, military service, and prominent organisations — the list is extensive.

Fri 22 May, 2pm – 3pm

North Adelaide Community Centre and Library
176 Tynte St, North Adelaide, 5006

North Adelaide Community Centre and Library,
8203 7990, Library@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free

Bookings required online

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DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY
South Australian Museum collections

Roaring Start on Hutt Street

The ‘Old Crock’s Run’ is rolling back into Hutt Street! Classic cars, market stalls, great coffee, and the unmistakable Hutt Street community spirit will once again set the tone for a vibrant Sunday morning in one of Adelaide’s most loved neighbourhoods. Join us at the starting line!

Sun 3 May, 8am – 11.30am

Hutt St, Adelaide, 5000

Tanya Press, 8203 7005,
T.Press@cityofadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



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 Grynchuk. Since 1936, the band has undergone many changes and performed around Adelaide. Band memorabilia will be on display.

Sun 31 May, 2pm – 4pm

The Mortlock Chamber,
State Library of South Australia
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Kim Weeks, 0437 812 882, kimweeks32@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



City South History Exhibition

This exhibition features canvas prints of streetscape photos from around the City South Precinct dated from 1860 to the early 1900s. Images are courtesy of Adelaide Library’s archives.

Mon 18 – Fri 22 & Mon 25 – Fri 29 in May, 9am – 5pm

Minor Works Community Centre
22 Stamford Ct, Adelaide, 5000

Andrew Peters, 0438 526 517,
coordinator@citysouth.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



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.



Researcher and author Andrew Turley with Sidney Nolan’s ‘Country Woman’ (1964), 2024, David Roche Gallery

David Roche Gallery

Talk

The Lost History of Sidney Nolan’s Adelaide Ladies

In 1964, after travelling to the Adelaide Festival, iconic Australian artist Sidney Nolan painted 60 portraits of women to represent Australia’s modern identity. With affection, he dubbed the works his ‘Adelaide Ladies’. Sixty years on Nolan author and scholar, Andrew Turley, reveals the themes, hidden identities, and secrets buried in their paint.

Thu 7 May, 6pm – 7.15pm

David Roche Gallery
241 Melbourne St, North Adelaide, 5006

Tim Roberts, 8267 3677, info@rochegallery.com.au

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



DRG | DAVID ROCHE GALLERY

The Lost History of Sidney Nolan’s Adelaide Ladies

In 1964, inspired by travel to the Adelaide Festival, iconic Australian artist Sidney Nolan painted 60 large portraits of women to represent Australia’s modern identity. With affection, he dubbed the series his *Adelaide Ladies*. Sixty years on Nolan author and scholar, Andrew Turley, reveals the themes, hidden identities and secret messages buried in their paint.

David Roche Gallery, North Adelaide
Thursday 7 May 2026, 6:00–7:15pm | \$25.00

Supported by the

www.sidneynolantrust.org



Fermoy House

David Roche Gallery houses one of the greatest collections of European fine + decorative arts in Australia.

Explore the charming and historic Fermoy House:
rochegallery.com.au

Image: Sidney Nolan, *Country Woman*, 1964 ©The Sidney Nolan Trust



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‘Meet me at the Mall’s Balls?’

As a child in the 2000s, Rundle Mall helped develop my love of history. I enjoyed spotting the bee atop Beehive Corner, learning about the gruesome fate of the Gay’s Arcade ‘ghost’, and searching for visible remnants of Dazzeland. The pavement was lined with an assortment of buskers, vendors, protestors and preachers, all adding their own unique flair to the beating heart of Adelaide’s centre.

Rundle Mall is one of the busiest shopping precincts in Australia, but it wasn’t always a pedestrian mall. Originally, Colonel Light mapped Rundle Street in his 1837 Plan of Adelaide and a few months later the Street Naming Committee dedicated it after John Rundle, director and financier of the South Australian Co. By the early 20th century, the street included commercial offices, hotels, boutique businesses, department stores, eateries and, eventually, picture theatres.

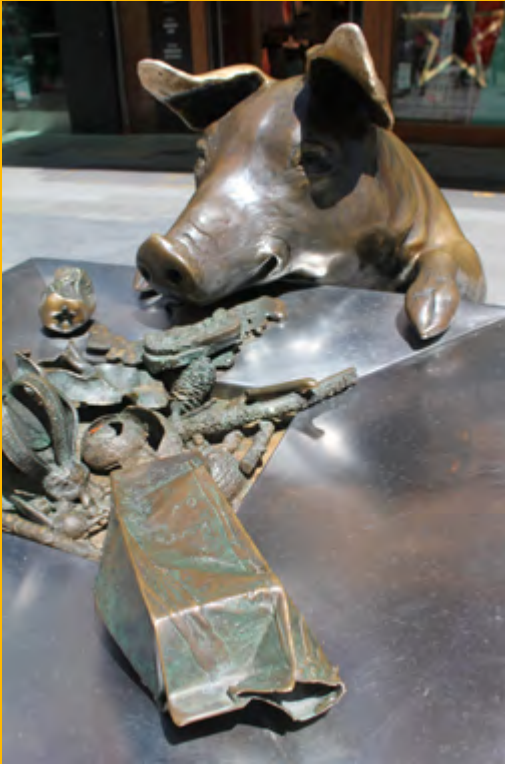
Premier Don Dunstan’s somewhat controversial decision to transform part of the street into a pedestrian-only mall in 1972 only enhanced possibility. Opened in September 1976 with a champagne filled fountain, the strip was filled with major artworks (including Flugelman’s ‘Spheres’ aka ‘the Mall’s Balls’) and became a central location for groups to gather — especially when Culture Club visited in 1984, drawing 25,000 excited fans.



Rundle Street, circa 1890. State Library of South Australia, B73217.



Busker, Rundle Mall, 1980. State Library of South Australia, B38001



‘A Day Out’ (1999) Marguerite Derricourt, 2013, History Trust of South Australia

Growing up I’d visit Rundle Mall to attend dentists’ appointments, browse Borders, and, of course, wander the Magic Cave. I noticed businesses changing, façade altering, and faces diversifying. I realised that a shopping precinct, while seemingly mundane, is often a place where history is not only visible but also constantly being made.

In recent years, the rise of online services as well as the COVID-19 pandemic changed shopping precincts. Many malls were redeveloped, repurposed, or abandoned. Others, like Rundle Mall, renewed their relevance by emphasising their importance as places of human connection. One day, this new era will also be recorded in the history books (or digital archives, as the case may be), helping historians trace changes in architecture, design, and business while adding to our understanding of Adelaide’s social fabric.

There are numerous History Festival events celebrating the Mall’s vibrant 50-year history, including tours at Adelaide Arcade, talks by John Martins expert Paul Flavel, and an exhibition at Ditters Nuts. Alternatively, you could pay a visit to Horatio, Truffles, Oliver, and Augusta (the Mall’s resident bronze pigs) — I’m sure they’ve got a story or two to tell.

Emma Haddy

Curator
History Trust of South Australia



Ditters Gourmet Cake, 2026, ASB Creative

Ditters Nuts Display

From Generation to Generation: The Ditters Gourmet Cake Story

Discover the story behind the Ditters Gourmet Cake, created in 1967 and passed down through four generations. Learn how this cherished South Australian Christmas tradition took shape, drawing generations of home bakers to Ditters for fruit and nut ingredients, and why thousands of cakes are still enjoyed each year. Complimentary tasting included.

Every Mon – Sat in May, 11.30am – 11.50am & 3.30pm – 3.50pm

Ditters Nuts Shop 22 Adelaide Arcade, 112–117 Rundle Mall, Adelaide, 5000

Ditters Nuts, 0424 222 351, hello@ditters.com.au

Free Bookings required online



Dr Jade's Criminal History Guided tour

Adelaide Executions Walking Tour

From 1838 to 1964, 66 people were executed in South Australia. Fifty years after the abolition of the death penalty, join an expert guide to learn about six of South Australia's most notorious historic murderers. Stopping at the scene of each crime, you will learn about the murders for which each of these killers paid the ultimate price.

Sat 2 & 16 May, 2pm – 4pm, Sat 9 & 30 May, 5pm – 7pm

Cnr Charles Street & Rundle Mall (near Cibo Espresso) Charles St, Adelaide, 5000

Jade, criminalhistorysa@gmail.com

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



Festival Hellenika Special event

Dunstan's Children

A Greek Australian tribute event to Don Dunstan, Premier of South Australia, 1967 – 1968 and 1970 – 1979. Featuring distinguished speakers who will discuss Dunstan's trailblazing policies, including those which impacted Greek and other minority groups. Proceeds will be donated to the Don Dunstan Foundation.

Sun 24 May, 1pm – 4pm

State Library of South Australia, Hetzel Lecture Theatre Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

George, discoversatours@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$30 Bookings required by email (only)



Flamboyance Tours Guided tour

50 Years of Rundle Mall

Celebrate Rundle Mall's 50th anniversary on this special one-hour walking tour! Take time to reflect on the mall's evolution into Adelaide's premier social and retail hub. From Boy George to repurposed heritage buildings, we will cover it all. It is a trip down memory lane we can not wait to relive with you. A History Festival premiere not to be missed!

Sat 16 May, 11am – 12pm & Fri 22 May, 2pm – 3pm

Meet at Beehive Corner Rundle Mall, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$34, Concession: \$29 Bookings required online



New for 2026

There is always something new to discover in the History Festival program. This icon indicates an event fresh for 2026.



Flamboyance Tours Guided tour

Hutt Street History Tour

Discover more about the underrated gem of Hutt Street on our 90 minute walking tour! Hear the tale of its namesake William Hutt, and understand the street's role in Adelaide's history. Appreciate Victorian architecture and stories of traders and establishments past and present. A small coffee is included, with additional information provided after the tour.

Tue 19 & Thu 21 May, 10am – 11.30am

Meet at Plenty Cafe 146 Hutt St, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$44, Concession: \$39 Bookings required online



Flamboyance Tours Guided tour

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 a born-and-raised Adelaidean. You will give your tastebuds a hit of nostalgia with samples along the way and goodies to take home. Lunch is also included.

Fri 22 & Tue 26 May, 11am – 1pm

Meet at Haigh's Chocolates, Adelaide Arcade 118 Grenfell St, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Adult: \$79, Concession: \$74, Child: \$59 Bookings required online



Flamboyance Tours Guided tour

East End Trail

The East End = hip bars, trendy restaurants and cool street art. But what of its early days? Connect with the East End on a one-hour walking tour uncovering the area's historical ups and downs. Stories from the past shape its present in this pulsating side of Adelaide's CBD. A History Festival premiere not to be missed.

Fri 22 May, 4pm – 5pm & Wed 27 May, 11am – 12pm

Meet at Ayers House 288 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$34, Concession: \$29 Bookings required online



Friends of Lutheran Archives Talk

Home via Hermannsburg: William Wilkinson's 847 Day Top End Red Centre Quest

12,000 km on horseback through the Gulf of Carpentaria, Tanami Desert, and Namatjira's home of Hermannsburg. Fever. Crocodiles. Horses lost and killed by snakes. Abandoned by his guides. Opium. Murder. Theft. A public execution. Clash of cultures. As WWI broke out in 1914, why did a deaf priest of Far West Queensland endure all of this?

Thu 21 May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church North Adelaide 139 Archer St, North Adelaide, 5006

Friends of Lutheran Archives, 8340 4009, fola@lca.org.au

By Donation Bookings not required



Screenshot from documentary 'Madge & Bibs', 2024, Rob George

Friends of the Adelaide University Library Special event

Madge & Bibs: Adelaide's Revolution in Girls' Education

Rob George's enthralling documentary explores the ground-breaking contribution of Madeline Rees George ('Madge') and her younger sister Marian ('Bibs'). Under Madge's leadership, the Advanced School for Girls was the first state high school to introduce the academic subjects that would allow women to qualify for university entry.

Thu 28 May, 6pm – 8pm

CE Napier 102 Lecture Theatre, Napier Building, Adelaide University 259 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Rachel Spencer, 0418 849 909, rachel.spencer@adelaide.edu.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Students: \$10 Bookings required online



Botanical Connections

Join Jan Lindsay on a guided tour to explore the relationships that have shaped and continue to shape Adelaide Botanic Gardens' identity since 1855, as a living achive of global plant connections.

Tue 12 – Sat 16 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Visitor Information Centre, Schomburgk Pavilion,
Adelaide Botanic Garden
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Jan Lindsay, 8222 9367, info@friendsbgadelaide.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings not required



In a Different Light: The Incredible
Life Story of Colonel William Light

Connecting our Adelaide history to sister city Penang, Rose Gan, visiting author of the fascinating 'Penang Chronicles' will trace Light's journey from Eurasian army officer to celebrated surveyor and planner of Adelaide — drawing on letters, journals, and overlooked records — each step shaped by prejudice, limited patronage, and his mixed heritage.

Thu 7 May, 5pm – 6.30pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building
State Library of South Australia
Cnr Kintore Ave & Nth Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Marianne Gration, 7424 6310,
marianne.gration@libraries.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Kin, Kilts & Kolonie, 2026, Amaurea Press

Kin, Kilts & Kolonie: Book Launch

G. Roger Knight has been living and teaching in Adelaide since the late 1960s. In his newest book, he charts the fortunes of mid-nineteenth century sojourners from the Scottish diaspora and their descendants in Asia, Europe, and the Antipodes. He reveals how Scotland's imperial fortunes were forged far from home and how their legacies have endured.

Tue 26 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Madley Rehearsal Studio,
Adelaide University, Campus East
North Tce, Adelaide, 5005

Benjamin Nicholls, 0428 908 942,
benjaminjnicholls@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Gerard McCabe Jewellery Showroom Adelaide Arcade, c1990s, Gerard McCabe Jewellers

Gerard McCabe: Celebrating
40 Years Exhibition

Journey through four decades of craftsmanship with award-winning jeweller Gerard McCabe at a special 40-year anniversary exhibition. Discover the stories and meaning behind treasured pieces, explore the family business's rich heritage, and view a curated showcase of signature collections and customer jewels.

Throughout May, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Gerard McCabe Jewellers Shop 2, Adelaide Arcade,
118 Grenfell St, Adelaide, 5000

Jessica McCabe-Moran, 8232 1000,
welcome@gerardmccabe.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Art Deco Brooch, 2026, Gerard McCabe Jewellers Collection

Antique Jewellery Roadshow

To celebrate 40 years, South Australian jeweller, Gerard McCabe, is returning its much-loved Antique Jewellery Roadshow. The one-day event showcases the brand's collection and offers guests the chance to have their own pieces assessed to reveal their history by Gerard McCabe's specialist team. Thirty-minute sessions run throughout the day, guests are invited to book their timeslot in advance.

Fri 8 May, 9.30am – 4pm

Gerard McCabe Jewellers Shop 2, Adelaide Arcade,
118 Grenfell St, Adelaide, 5000

Justin McCabe, 8232 1000,
welcome@gerardmccabe.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Old Adelaide Gaol Ghost Crime Tour

Travel back in time and experience a tour like no other as Ghost Crime Tours take you to the scariest corners of Adelaide's oldest and most actively haunted prison — The Old Adelaide Gaol. Are you ready to explore South Australia's most haunted establishment? Book now and secure your spot on the next Adelaide Gaol Ghost Crime Tour!

Fri 1, Sat 9, Wed 13, Thu 21 & Fri 29 May, 7.15pm – 10pm

Old Adelaide Gaol 18 Gaol Rd, Adelaide, 5000

Ghost Crime Tours, 1300 044 678,
bookings@ghost-crime-tours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$44.95
Bookings required online



Front exterior of Government House, 2026, Government House

Government House Open Day

Her Excellency the Governor and Mr Bunten invite you into the public rooms of Government House to learn its history and contemporary workings, and ask questions of knowledgeable guides. Explore the extensive gardens, taking in the colours of autumn, while enjoying live music, children's quizzes, and food and drink vendors.

Sun 24 May, 10am – 2pm

Government House North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Government House, 8203 9800,
governors.office@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Book Launch of 'Paris Nesbit KC:
Quixotic Counsel'

Jurist the Hon Michael Kirby and psychiatrist Dr William Brereton will launch Graham Loughlin's biography of the brilliant South Australian lawyer, social reformer, and political aspirant who was stricken with bipolar disorder. Twice gaoled and four times certified and confined in asylums, his troubled life shone a bright light on the treatment of mental illness.

Fri 22 May, 5.15pm – 7pm

Adelaide Convention Centre - Hall B
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Graham Loughlin, graham.loughlin@outlook.com

Free
Bookings required online



Railways: Their Development in South Australia and Across the Country

Arguably one of the most important technological developments in Australia's recent history has been the advent of railways. South Australia is the site of the first government-owned steam railway in the Commonwealth, and it was through railways that the rest of the state and country were 'joined' for transport.

Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3.15pm
Mawson Lecture Theatre,
Mawson Building, Adelaide University
LOT 1 Frome Rd, Adelaide, 5000
Jonathon Dyer, HSITG.SA@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Armory Building, 2024, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia Guided tour
& Migration Museum

Destitute Asylum Discovery Tour

Discover 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. Uncover fascinating history and learn about the lives of those who lived here. This event is subject to weather conditions and involves walking, standing, and climbing steps. The duration is approximately 60 to 90 minutes.

Fri 1 & Mon 11 May, 1pm – 2.30pm, Sun 24 May,
2pm – 3.30pm, Sat 9 & Tue 26 May, 11am – 12.30pm
Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288,
migration@history.sa.gov.au

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



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Destitute Asylum buildings at dusk, 2024, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia Guided tour
& Migration Museum

Births, Burials and Bodysnatching

Embark on an atmospheric journey by candlelight into the darker side of Adelaide's history. The Destitute Asylum housed many impoverished and vulnerable people, including women, children, and the elderly, and had a long history of hardship and suffering. Discover tales of life, death, and beyond in colonial South Australia. Runs for approximately 60 minutes.

Fri 15 & 29 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm & 7.45pm – 8.45pm
Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288,
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 Guided tour
& Migration Museum

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 shape diversity in our state. Learn about the personal stories and historic artefacts displayed throughout our galleries.

Tue 5 May, 12.15pm – 1.15pm, Sun 17 May, 2pm – 3pm,
Thu 21 May, 1pm – 2pm, Sat 30 May, 11am – 12pm

Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288,
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, 2025, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia Guided tour
& Migration Museum

Migrant Heritage Walk

Join us for a discovery of significant citizens who migrated to South Australia and learn about their contributions and connections to the area surrounding the Migration Museum, from the Jubilee 150-year Walkway to influential sites along North Terrace. This tour is subject to weather conditions and involves walking, standing, and climbing steps. The duration is approximately 60 to 90 minutes.

Wed 6 & Fri 22 May, 1pm – 2.30pm, Mon 18 May,
12.15pm – 1.45pm, Wed 27 May, 11am – 12.30pm
Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288,
migration@history.sa.gov.au

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



Education Program, 2025, Migration Museum

History Trust of South Australia Special event
& Migration Museum

Playtime in the Nineteenth Century

Discover what playtime was like for children in the nineteenth century and enjoy a day outside in the Migration Museum courtyard. Join us as we play some historic games like hoops and sticks, quoits, knucklebones, hopscotch, skittles, kolchee, and 'Game of Life'.

Sun 3 & Sat 16 May, 1pm – 3pm
Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288,
migration@history.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required





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

History Trust of South Australia & Migration Museum

Talk

Mothers and Babies of the Destitute Asylum

Join us on Mother's Day 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 has been arranged to remember the babies and their unwed, widowed, and deserted expectant mothers. Experience the touching and unusual stories of some of the former residents and their children.

Sun 10 May, 2pm – 3pm
Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288, migration@history.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Chrysler Australia Limited at Tonsley Park, South Australia, c1964, National Motor Museum

History Trust of South Australia & National Motor Museum

Bus tour

Chrysler Heritage Bus Tour

A rare tour of TJ Richards, Chrysler Australia, and Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited historical sites. Delve into the history of the Richards family and the company, from inception through to incorporation into the multi-national empire of Chrysler, and finally takeover by Mitsubishi Motors. Includes former Richards' family home, manufacturing sites, and later expansions.

Sun 17 May, 9.45am – 3pm
Departing from loading zone outside Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
Matthew Lombard, 0457 081 886, mlombard@history.sa.gov.au

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



Holden & Frost, 100 Grenfell St, Adelaide, [BRG 213/1/1/7], 1885-1915, State Library of South Australia

History Trust of South Australia & National Motor Museum

Bus tour

Holden Heritage Bus Tour

Join National Motor Museum curator Matthew Lombard for a bus tour of General Motors Holden historical sites in the greater Adelaide area. The tour will delve into the history of both the Holden family and the company, from its inception through to its incorporation into the multi-national General Motors conglomerate. Tour includes entry into the Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre, Elizabeth.

Sun 3 May, 9.45am – 3pm
Departing from loading zone outside Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
Matthew Lombard, 0457 081 886, mlombard@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$45
Bookings required online



Hand-painted gown donated by M Davey and J Lang, HT 2003.0017, History Trust of South Australia Collection

History Trust of South Australia, Migration Museum & Artlab

Special event

From Exhibition to Altar: The Story of the Davey Family Wedding Gown

Journey from spectacle to ceremony in a vivid exploration of South Australia's couture past. Curator Corinne Ball discusses the Davey family's significant donation of costume to History Trust of South Australia, while Artlab textile conservator Petrina Killey reveals new research on Sarah Shannon's 'Worth' wedding gown, worn at her marriage to Arnold Edwin Davey in 1883. Gown on display.

Sat 23 May, 1pm – 2.30pm
Migration Museum 82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
Anneliese Abela, 8151 3288, migration@history.sa.gov.au

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



Setting up camp, [B71884/51], E.D.A. Bagot, Clarence Judd

Innamincka Films - Christo Reid

Special event

Overland to Darwin 1926

In 1926, Captain Edward Bagot led 12 passengers in two Studebaker cars on the first return trip from Adelaide to Darwin, an over 4,500-mile journey. Originally documented by amateur filmmaker Clarence Judd, the footage has been reworked by Christo Reid (Innamincka Films) with a score by Gabriella Smart and Fabian Hevia. Introduced by Judd's grandson.

Mon 4 May, 11am – 12.30pm
Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building, State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
Adele Hann, 0402 021 843, adelehann@gmail.com

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



The Stag Public House, East Terrace, [PRG 280/1/14/569], c1910, Architect: Garlick & Jackman, State Library of South Australia

JPE Design Studio

Guided tour

From Pints to Platforms: An Architectural Walking Tour of Adelaide

As Australia's oldest architecture studio, JPE celebrates its 175th birthday in 2026. Founded in 1851, through several incarnations JPE has contributed to Adelaide's urban fabric and cultural heartbeat. To celebrate this milestone, join us on a guided tour though some of our most iconic and storied buildings from the past, and a few from the present! This walking tour is suitable for ages 18+ as it takes place at venues with active liquor licences. Approximate length of walk 2.4km.

Sat 16 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
The Stag Public House 299 Rundle St, Adelaide, 5000
Adrienne Nicholls, 8406 4000, design@jpe.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Celebrated People's Poet, Geoff Goodfellow's New Book: Nostalgic Adelaide

Former Premier Mike Rann will launch Geoff Goodfellow's 'Nostalgic Adelaide: poems political, social and cultural' — "a look at Adelaide over the course of my life at 76 years of age". An afternoon of poetic history with refreshments and readings by Adelaide's internationally acclaimed poet. Signed copies of Geoff's book will be available.

Sun 10 May, 2pm – 5pm

North Adelaide Community Centre
176 Tynte St, North Adelaide, SA, 5000
Ron Slee, 0408 895 717, ron.slee@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings required online



German Adelaide: Culture

Stroll from the Botanic Gardens along Adelaide's cultural boulevard and learn about the Germans who made an impact on our cultural life. An easy two-hour walk that makes history interesting, with just a touch of humour. See the buildings of the cultural precinct and hear the stories of the German thinkers and doers who worked there.

Sun 3 & 17 May, 9am – 11am

Meet at Adelaide Botanic Gardens (Friends Gate)
Plane Tree Dr, Adelaide, 5000

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

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



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German Adelaide: Community

The section of Adelaide bounded by Gawler Place, Grenfell, Angas, and Frome Streets, was the hub of the city German community — where they lived, worked, prayed, and relaxed. This two-hour walk gives insight into their lives, using existing buildings, old photos, and the occasional salacious anecdote. Discover the changing nature of our small city.

Sun 3 & 17 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at RAA Shop Adelaide
41 Hindmarsh Sq, Adelaide, 5000

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

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



Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: The Australian & New Zealand Lutheran Story

The new Lutheran Exhibition Centre guides visitors on a nearly 200-year journey focusing on the mission and service of Lutherans in Australia and New Zealand. With interactive audio-visual displays, enlightening storyboards, and rare artefacts and artworks, this is a must-see exhibition. Guided tours available, email to inquire.

Every Tue – Thu in May, 10am – 4pm

Lutheran Church of Australia Church House
139 Frome St, Adelaide, 5000

Lisa McIntosh, 8267 7300,
exhibitioncentre@lca.org.au

By Donation
Bookings not required



Modernist Adelaide Walking Tour, 2022, Nicky Create

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 17 May, 11am – 12.20pm

Faraway House 21 Franklin St, Adelaide, 5000

Stuart Symons, 0421 705 947,
stuart.symons@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$22.49
Bookings required online



Animalia: Stories From the Archives

Discover the fascinating connections between humans and animals revealed through records from our collections. We will share stories that highlight the roles animals have played in our communities. From working dogs in Antarctica to other cuddly critters. After each round of stories, vote for the animal tale that captured your imagination the most.

Tue 12 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

National Archives of Australia SA Office, 9470 7580,
adelaideevents@naa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



The home of Naval, Military and Airforce Club of SA Inc since 1957, 2025, Leo Hiraga

Connections to South Australians & Events Since 1873

Take a peek inside one of Adelaide's historic homes, dating from 1873, and enjoy the hospitality of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club. Founded in 1879, the Club merged with the house in 1957, and the rest is history. Join us for a late afternoon presentation and a guided walk around the house and grounds, followed by dinner and storytelling in one of Adelaide's few remaining private clubs. Please note that a dress code applies, and beverages are available for purchase.

Sat 16 May, 4pm – 7.30pm

Naval, Military & Air Force Club of SA
111 Hutt St, Adelaide, 5000

Member Services Officer, 8223 2422,
MemberServices@navmil.org

Event costs apply Per Person: \$55
Bookings required online



1912 Hatpin Panic

The early 1900s saw hatpins become the ultimate lady's accessory — but they were also potential weapons! Learn about this fascinating chapter in Adelaide through news reports as 'hatpin panic' peaked. View a personal collection of hundreds of hatpins, protectors, and holders from the era. Some items available to purchase.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Orchard Bookshop, Shops 26 & 144, Adelaide Arcade
112-118 Grenfell St, Adelaide, 5000

Katie Treloar, 0402 344 690,
hello@orchardbookshop.com.au

Free
Bookings not required





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50 YEARS

This year, we're raising a glass not just to a place, but to the thousands of lives that have passed through it, loved it, lived it, and made it their own. Join us to celebrate 50 years of magic.

Feel the buzz, soak up the atmosphere and step into the spectacular that is Rundle Mall as we put on a show all year long with live performances, pop-ups and experiences you won't forget.

ONLY





Old Parliament House, 2024, Mark Zed

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.

Every Mon & Fri in May, 11am – 11.45am & 2pm – 2.45pm

Parliament of South Australia
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free
Bookings not required



Parliament of South Australia Guided tour

Themed Tours of Parliament House

Join us for themed tours of Parliament House covering architecture and women's suffrage. Take a deeper dive into more specific content about your Parliament of South Australia. Architecture Tour: Friday 15 May. Suffrage Tour: Friday 29 May.

Fri 15 & 29 May, 2.30pm – 4pm

Parliament of South Australia
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free
Bookings required online



Parliament of South Australia Special event

Parliament Quiz Night

Join us for a quiz night at Parliament House — a repeat of last year's popular event! 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 — eight per table maximum. Gather your team and book your place.

Fri 1 May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Parliament of South Australia
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Community Education Office, 8237 9386,
events@parliament.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



The North Terrace facade of John Martin's department store, [BRG 121/1/244], 1966, State Library of South Australia

Paul Flavel Talk

The History of John Martin's

Join author Paul Flavel as he marks what would have been John Martin's 160th year. He will share stories from his research, insights from creating his book, and reflections on the legacy of the iconic Adelaide department store. A nostalgic and engaging look back at a place many remember fondly.

Wed 6 May, 11am – 12pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Paul Flavel, info@johnmartinsbook.com

Free
Bookings required online



John Martin's at Christmas time, [BRG 121/9/71], State Library of South Australia

Paul Flavel Talk

Christmas at John Martin's

Join author Paul Flavel in conversation with Kerry Williams, daughter of the late Sam Rose, legendary manager of the John Martin's Christmas Pageant. They will discuss the Pageant, the Magic Cave, and pay tribute to Sam as they reflect on the enduring Christmas memories of John Martin's in a year that would have marked its 160th anniversary.

Thur 7 May, 11am – 12.15pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Paul Flavel, info@johnmartinsbook.com

Free
Bookings required online



The Gallerie logo, 1979, designed by Ian Kidd, Barrie Harrop

Paul Flavel & Barrie Harrop Talk

Remembering The Gallerie Shopping Centre

Join John Martin's author Paul Flavel and placemaker Barrie Harrop for a unique retrospective on The Gallerie. Opened in 1979, it brought Adelaide a new retail experience, including the first R M Williams store and favourites like Max's Chips and Oscar's Coffee. Harrop's vision for The Gallerie later inspired his development of Melbourne Central.

Tue 5 May, 2pm – 3.15pm

The Meeting Hall, Adelaide Town Hall
25 Pirie St, Adelaide, 5000

Paul Flavel, info@johnmartinsbook.com

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



Rundle Street, 1911, [B16274], State Library of South Australia

Paul Flavel & Dr Julie Collins Talk

Going to Town: Adelaide Department Stores

Join John Martin's author, Paul Flavel, and architectural historian, Dr Julie Collins, for a journey into town as they reminisce about shopping in a bygone era. Together, they will discuss what made shopping worth dressing up for when department stores ruled the high street, whether it was Cox Foy's, Miller Anderson, Birks, Moores, or Johnnies.

Tue 5 May, 10.30am – 11.45am

Adelaide Town Hall 25 Pirie St, Adelaide, 5000

Paul Flavel, info@johnmartinsbook.com

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



Philatelic Society of South Australia Open Day

Join us in celebrating 138 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 17 May, 10am – 4pm

SAPHIL House 22 Gray Ct, Adelaide, 5000

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

Free

Bookings not required

Kunyi: Truth Telling in Paint

These paintings by acclaimed South Australian Aboriginal artist, Kunyi Anne June McInerney, are vibrant and enticing, yet deeply disturbing and confronting. They show the fun and creativity of childhood, whilst reflecting the darker side of our ongoing history. Take time to view them in the quiet space of Pilgrim Uniting Church in the city.

Mon 4 – Fri 29 May, 12pm – 2pm

Pilgrim Uniting Church 12 Flinders St, Adelaide, 5000

Pilgrim Church Office, 8212 3295, office@pilgrim.org.au

Free

Bookings not required

SA Kitsch: The Strange Stuff That Makes Us Great

Shake off the cultural cringe and join queen of kitsch Stavroula Adameitis, aka Frida Las Vegas, for a nostalgic walk down memory lane in Adelaide Arcade. This lo-fi presentation will celebrate the specifics from our history — from far-out food to objectionable objects — inspired by her forthcoming book, ‘Australianarama’ (Pink Shorts Press).

Thu 21 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Adelaide Arcade Mezzanine Landing, upstairs on Grenfell St end
112–118 Grenfell St, Adelaide, 5000

Pink Shorts Press, hello@pinkshortspress.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online

Pioneers of the Mid-North

This poster exhibition illustrates the lives of pioneer settlers in the Mid-North of South Australia. Learn of their struggles to survive and get ahead in an unfamiliar land. Their determination to succeed laid the foundations for our prosperity. Do you have pioneer ancestors? Bring along family history details and our friendly researchers will assist you.

Every Tue & Thu in May, 10am – 2pm

Pioneers Association of South Australia
Level 2, 25 Leigh St, Adelaide, 5000

Pioneers Association of South Australia, 8231 5055, info@pioneerssa.com.au

Free

Bookings not required

SA Great History Quiz

Presenting the SA Great History Quiz with South Australia’s own History Advocate Dr Kiera Lindsey as quizmaster. Gather your most knowledgeable friends and book a table of five players for three rounds of questions, each exploring one of the State Library’s celebrated collections. The highest scoring team will win a fabulous prize and full bragging rights!

Mon 25 May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building, State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Professional Historians Association (SA), sahistorians@outlook.com

Event costs apply \$50 for a table of 5

Bookings required online



Queer Archives Roadshow & Workshop

A two-part, community-led event launching a new LGBTQIA+SB archive in South Australia. Session 1: Shares plans for the archive and invites you to bring meaningful items to share their stories. Session 2: A workshop on recording histories and caring for your personal collections. Attend one or both. Light lunch provided. Full details on the ticketing site.

Sun 24 May, 10.30am – 3pm

The Chapel, Migration Museum
82 Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Margie Fischer, 0417 863 717, margiefischer@bigpond.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online

Adelaide: City of Music Walking Tour

Adelaide is Australia’s only UNESCO City of Music. Join us and discover the reasons why our city was given this honour. We will pass iconic music venues, visit laneways, and see street art influenced by Adelaide musicians, and listen to the music of our city as we uncover its rich musical heritage.

Wed 6, 20 & 27 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Meet at Hindley St Music Hall
149 Hindley St, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Adult: \$35, Child: \$20

Bookings required online

Rundle Mall: 50th Anniversary Walking Tour

Rundle Mall turns 50 in 2026! Discover the bustling heart of our city with new eyes on our one-hour tour. Learn the stories behind the buildings, statues, street performers, and laneways that you pass every time you stroll along the first planned pedestrian mall in Australia.

Fri 8, Mon 18 & 25 May, 2pm – 3pm

Meet at Haigh’s Chocolates at Beehive Corner
2 Rundle Mall, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Adult: \$25, Child: \$10

Bookings required online



Quaker Meeting House, 2024, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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 9 May, 10am – 4pm

Quaker Meeting House
40A Pennington Tce, North Adelaide, 5006

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

Free

Bookings not required



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Rev Stephen Bloor & the Choir of Christ Church North Adelaide

Special event

Christ Church North Adelaide Historical Tour & Concert of Connections

Discover how connections have shaped Christ Church North Adelaide across generations. This guided historical tour explores links between families, faith, music, and place, concluding with ‘A Chord Through Time’, a concert revealing how shared history continues to shape identity, community, and belonging in North Adelaide.

Sun 17 May, 2pm – 4pm

Christ Church North Adelaide
35 Palmer Pl, North Adelaide, 5006

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

By Donation
Bookings not required



Sturt Pea in Wildflowers of South Australia, 1861, Fanny de Mole

Royal Geographical Society of SA

Exhibition

Royal Geographical Society of SA

Society values plants for sustenance, as well as for their variety and beauty. They have formed connections around the world from the days of sailing ships. Many have been formed into exotic collections. Crops continue to provide our daily bread. This exhibition shows beautiful illustrations of plants, trees, and flowers from historical sources.

Every Sun in May 2pm – 4pm
Every Tue – Fri in May, 10am – 1pm

State Library of South Australia Mortlock Wing
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Library of the Royal Geographical Society of SA,
7424 6312, library@rgssa.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Royal South Australian Society of Arts Gallery, 2025, David Baker

Royal South Australian Society of Arts

Exhibition

170th Commemorative Exhibition

Celebrating 170 years of Australia's oldest art society, this exhibition draws on the society's core collection and history featuring rarely seen works, some of which are exhibited for the first time. It focuses on honorary life members and fellows, while exploring continuity, influence, and free expression across a wide variety of mediums and styles.

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

Royal South Australian Society of Arts Gallery,
Institute Building, Level 1
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Robert Bartnik, 8232 0450, rsasarts@bigpond.net.au

Free
Bookings not required



Royal South Australian Society of Arts & Robert Bartnik (RSAA Historian)

Guided tour

170th Commemorative Exhibition Tour

This guided tour of the 170th Commemorative Exhibition offers an engaging overview alongside a concise history of the Royal South Australian Society of Arts Inc, tracing its legacy as Australia's oldest art society. The tour highlights the exhibition's key works, artists, and enduring influences, revealing connections across generations and the Society's artistic tradition.

Tue 5 & 19 May, 11am – 12pm

Royal South Australian Society of Arts Gallery,
Institute Building, Level 1
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Robert Bartnik, 8232 0450, rsasarts@bigpond.net.au

Free
Bookings not required



SA Socialists

Guided tour

Radical Adelaide: A Socialist Walking Tour

Adelaide has a long history of rebellion. From working-class strikes and riots to anti-war and social movements, the streets reveal a hidden history of resistance. Join SA Socialists on a walking tour of the CBD to uncover radical movements and stories that shaped the city from below and still inspire struggles for change today.

Sun 17 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at Mall's Balls
Rundle Mall, Adelaide, 5000

Nicholas Herriot, 0411 736 785, nix.herriot@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10, Concession: \$5
Bookings not required



Samuel Doering

Guided tour

Germans on North Terrace Walking Tour

Discover the remarkable German craftsmen who built North Terrace's great landmarks, the thinkers who shaped its cultural life, and the musicians who filled its concert halls. Along the way, you will meet extraordinary Germans whose ideas, skills, and talents define Adelaide itself. Expect a fast-paced, story-rich experience you will not forget.

Sat 2, 16 & 30 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at Museum of Economic Botany,
Adelaide Botanic Garden
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Samuel Doering, 0477 972 630,
sdhistorytours@gmail.com

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



SANFL History Centre

Guided tour

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 13 & Fri 22 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Adelaide Oval (South Gate)
War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide, 5006

SANFL History Centre, 8424 2200,
history@sanfl.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Scots Church Adelaide, 2025, Madeleine Stocks

Scots Church Adelaide

Guided tour

The Church on the Corner

Scots Church, at 175 years old, is the second-oldest remaining church in Adelaide, and has an active Uniting Church congregation. Please join us for guided tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or sit quietly and watch the video. Discover the building and its people's wonderful history, including the 'Burning Bush' pulpit and the 'The Celebration of Creation' stained-glass window.

Guided tours: Every Tue & Thu in May, 11am – 12pm,
Open door: Every Wed in May 10am – 2pm

Scots Church Adelaide
237 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Madeleine Stocks, 8223 1505, office@scotschurch.org

By Donation
Bookings not required





St John's Church Interior, c1999, C 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 South Australia. 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 2 May, 11am – 2pm
St John's Anglican Church
379 Halifax St, Adelaide, 5000
Caroline Adams, 0437 620 311, Caro@senet.com.au
Free
Bookings not required



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

St Peter's Cathedral Guided tour

St Peter's Cathedral: An Adelaide Icon

Expert guides will lead tours of this iconic Gothic masterpiece, whose construction began in 1869. Its architecture, stained glass, sculptures, woodwork, world-famous bells, and historic pipe organ are all notable features. Tours will cover the cathedral's construction and the famous people involved.

Every Wed & Sat in May, 11am – 11.45am
St Peter's Cathedral
27 King William Rd, North Adelaide, 5006
Cathedral Administrator, 8267 4551, events@stpeters-cathedral.org.au

Free
Bookings required online



State Library of South Australia Exhibition

Painting the Port: The 1855 Hankey Panorama of Port Adelaide

Exhibited for the first time ever is a recently acquired 1855 panorama of Port Adelaide. Nearly two metres in length and composed of eight panels, the watercolour by Frank Hankey captures ships and boats crowding the harbour, wharves, mills, pubs and other businesses, and people at work. Part of the State Library's Treasures Wall.

Every weekend in May, 12pm – 5pm
Every Mon, Wed & Thu, 9am – 5pm
Every Tue in May, 9am – 7pm
Treasures Wall, Level 1, Spence Wing,
State Library of South Australia
North Tce, Adelaide, 5000
State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300, slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



State Library of South Australia Talk

Rare Books and Manuscripts

In this session, Collection librarians Richard and Sara will guide you through a carefully selected group of rare books, maps, and documents, sharing the stories behind each piece. It is a rare opportunity to see artefacts and manuscripts from the State Library's special collections up close.

Mon 4, 11 & 18 May, 11am – 12pm
Circulating Library, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300, slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



State Library of South Australia Talk

Memory, Fire, and Forgery

One of the State Library's newest treasures is a panorama of Port Adelaide and the Port River, painted in 1855 by Frank George Hankey. The panorama, which measures nearly two metres wide, captures a busy scene of ships, wharves, and the buildings of early Port Adelaide most of which were destroyed in a catastrophic fire only two years later.

Tue 26 May, 11am – 12pm
Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300, slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



State Library of South Australia Talk

Picture Theatres & Drive-in Culture: Looking Back at Entertainment in SA

Re-live a time when South Australians' love for theatre exploded in the late 1800s with the advent of picture theatres right across the city; and later, in the 1950s when drive-in theatre culture really took hold in our great state. Author Scott Smith looks back at the rich history of the cinema and drive-in industry of South Australia.

Tue 19 May, 12pm – 1pm
Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
State Library of South Australia, 7424 6300, slsa.programs@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



State Records of South Australia Talk

From the Reel to the Hard Drive: the Legacy of the SAFC in the Digital Age

State Records has recently digitised material from the South Australian Film Corporation collection. Join us for an interview with Associate Professor Mike Walsh to explore Don Dunstan's vision for a South Australian film industry, the Corporation's early years, and key productions from 'Sunday Too Far Away' to 'Ultraman' — plus a few rarities.

Fri 22 May, 10.30am – 12pm
Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000
State Records of SA, 7322 7077, staterecords@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



The Adelaide Repertory Theatre Company & The Arts Theatre Exhibition

Living Treasures from the Adelaide Repertory Theatre Company

Explore a gallery of famous faces: actors, directors, and other stalwarts from Australia's oldest surviving amateur theatre company, 'The Rep'. This exhibition, being held at the iconic Arts Theatre, includes photos and other items showcasing the role 'The Rep' has played over decades as a training ground and launching pad for many successful careers.

Fri 15 & Sun 17 May, 1pm – 4pm
The Arts Theatre 53 Angas St, Adelaide, 5000
Lise Windsor, 0401 149 526, lisew@adelaiderrep.com

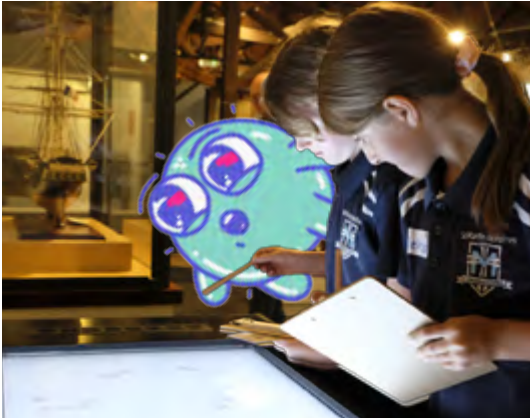
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Keith Conlon and Steve Davis, History Hit Parade poster extract, 2026, The Adelaide Show Podcast

The Adelaide Show PodcastSpecial event

History Hit Parade

Keith Conlon (Mr South Australia) joins Steve Davis (Mr Adelaide Show) to explore South Australian stories through song at the Mercury Cinema. Keith brings legendary anecdotes, Steve shares his originals by Steve Davis & The Virtualosos. John Martin’s, courtship, forgotten connections. Lighthearted, surprising, yours to enjoy again with free album download code.

Mon 11 May, 11am – 12.30pm,
Sun 17 May, 4pm – 5.30pm

The Mercury 13 Morphett St, Adelaide, 5000
Steve Davis, 0403 022 077, sd@stevedavis.com.au

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$19.50, Concession: \$15
Bookings required online



The Australasian Begg SocietyGuided tour 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. Volunteers will show you around and explain the significance of the collection.

Every Tue & Fri in May, 10am – 4pm

P. R. Begg Museum
89 King William St, Adelaide, 5000
Wayne Sampson, 8278 7661,
wayne.sampson@adelaide.edu.au

By Donation
Bookings not required



The Graham F Smith Peace FoundationGuided tour

Kaurna Reconciliation Walk 2026

This unique two-hour guided walk led by a Kaurna guide invites participants to reflect on shared histories, learn about Kaurna culture, and explore the impacts of colonisation.

Sat 2 & 30 May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Adelaide Festival Centre Forecourt
King William Rd, Adelaide, 5000
Naomi Ebert Smith, 0429 101 181,
contact@artspeacefoundation.org.au

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



The University of Western Australia, Special event
The University of Melbourne, Adelaide
University & The History Trust of South Australia

South Australian Legacies of Slavery: Land and Labour

In this panel conversation, our speakers explore how the colonial invasion and pastoral occupation of south-eastern Australia was connected to Britain's simultaneous abolition of slavery in 1833. Historians examine the flow of capital, people, and culture connected with slavery from Britain, the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, and East Asia to South Australia. Supported by the State Library of South Australia.

Fri 8 May, 2pm – 4pm

Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building,
State Library of South Australia
Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide, 5000

Dr Caroline Ingram, 08 6488 2154,
Caroline.Ingram@uwa.edu.au

Free
Bookings not required



Torrens Rowing Club and its neighbours, Torrens Lake, 1918, State Library of South Australia

Torrens Rowing ClubTalk

Torrens Rowing Club & Its Neighbours: Their Place in Riverbank Development

Enter the historic Torrens clubhouse and explore the connections that opened this ‘clean and healthy sport’ to men, then women, and its role in fostering local business. Meet past heroic personalities. With rare images and maps, dive deep into this riverbank’s history to show how it grew into today’s mix — a talk perfect for history lovers and all rowers.

Thu 21 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Torrens Rowing Clubhouse
Victoria Dr, Adelaide, 5000

Peter Shea, 0408 814 843,
peter2019rowing@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings required online



Aerial view of the riverbank precinct, 2025, Google Maps

Torrens Rowing Club, South Australian Guided tour
Police Historical Society, St Peter’s College,
Popeye Cruises, & Lounders Cafe

Riverbank Connections: A History of Policing, Rowing, Cruising, and Dining

Step into 140 years of Torrens lore: walk from the Water Police Station, past rowing clubs to Jolley’s Boathouse, where regattas, ferries, ‘Popeye’ cruises, and school crews have all jostled for space. Meet the ghosts of long-vanished boat sheds, how the iconic Jolleys Restaurant and Lounders Café appeared, and trace the connections between them all.

Wed 13, 20 & Thu 14, 21 May, 10am – 11.15am

Meet at Former Water Police Station Victoria Dr, Adelaide, 5000

Peter Shea, 0408 814 843,
peter2019rowing@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



UNESCO Club Adelaide ChapterSpecial event

Parade of Wedding Dresses Through Time

Join us for a very special fundraising event in the Ballroom at Northgate House. A parade of wedding dresses from the 1890s through to present day curated by Sandy Whitelaw. Northgate House was formerly a wedding reception venue for 43 years, now a private home. Complimentary drink included. Funds are in aid of a UNESCO charity.

Sat 30 May, 1.30pm – 3pm & 3.30pm – 5pm

Northgate House 80 Northgate St, Unley Park, 5061
Helen, helenm.rice@outlook.com

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



Uniting Church in South Australia Exhibition
Historical Society

Lost Churches of Adelaide: Then and Now

This photographic exhibition traces the changing landscape of the city. Through paired historical images of church buildings that no longer exist and photographs of those places now, it reflects on memory, loss, and transformation, inviting viewers to see how faith, community, and place continue to shape Adelaide’s story.

Every Wed in May, 10am – 2pm

Scots Church 237 North Tce, Adelaide, 5000

Uniting Church in South Australia Historical Society,
8297 8472, office@ucsahistory.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



WEA Heritage Walk: Afghan Herbalists and Cameleers of South West Adelaide

Why was South West Adelaide, including the Central Market, old mosque and West Terrace Cemetery, vital to the Afghan cameleer herbalists? How powerful were the healing practices of Mahomet Allum and his medicinal plants, and are they still used today? Join researcher and historian Pamela Rajkowski OAM for this unique walking tour.

Sat 16 May, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Meet at Minor Works Building Community Centre 22 Stamford Ct, Adelaide, 5000

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$74
Bookings required online



College of WILPF SA activities, c1990s, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom in South Australia

Exhibition

A Poster History of WILPF SA Women's Peace Activism Exhibition

An eclectic collection of posters, created by South Australian members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, that convey members' passion and commitment to promoting peace and justice over 75 years which include campaigns such as the Vietnam and Iraq wars, anti-nuclear and demilitarisation, and women and Indigenous rights.

Every weekday in May, 10am – 4pm
Every Sun in May, 10am – 2pm

North Adelaide Community Centre
176 Tynte St, North Adelaide, 5006

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

Free
Bookings not required



WILPF women at Vietnam War Moratorium March, 1970, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom in South Australia

Talk

WILPF SA's Story of Women's Peace Activism in South Australia

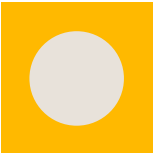
A fascinating presentation about the 75-year history of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) in South Australia. The talk will explore WILPF SA's campaigns, activities, and the remarkable women involved. The talk will compliment and launch 'A Poster History of WILPF SA Women's Peace Activism' Exhibition.

Sun 3 May, 2pm – 3pm

North Adelaide Community Centre
176 Tynte St, North Adelaide, 5006

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

Free
Bookings required online



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Stephanie Eland in her studio, 2025, Sam Roberts

Adelaide Central School of Art

Open day

Art School Open Day

A rare view inside historical Glenside buildings to see what life is like inside South Australia's only independent art school. We will have campus tours, lecturer presentations, artwork displays, coffee van, and a Student Association bake sale.

Sat 16 May, 10am – 4pm

Adelaide Central School of Art
7 Mulberry Rd, Glenside, 5065

Nicole Cliff, 8299 7300, info@acsa.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings not required



Irish Set Dancing, 2025, Adelaide Irish Set Dancers

Adelaide Irish Set Dancers

Special event

Come and Try Irish Set Dancing

Irish Set Dancing has been a part of Irish social culture for over 150 years. Dancing will be to traditional tunes by live musicians, reels, jigs, and polkas etc. Dancing is in a square set of four couples with dances being walked through and called with emphasis on fun not mastering steps. Individuals welcome, flat shoes to be worn, a free supper will end the evening.

Wed 6 & 20 May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Spicer Uniting Church 44A Fourth Ave, St Peters, 5069
Paul Smith, 0414 567 352, pts_jema@internode.on.net

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Australian Plangon (Antique & Modern Doll) Collectors Club Exhibition

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

Dolls have always played an important part of childhood. They also represent the change in fashions and accessories throughout history. Visit our annual exhibition to see a display of dolls from the very earliest examples to more recent times, as well as other toys, teddy bears, and a wide range of collectables. Light refreshments available.

Sun 17 May, 10am – 4pm

Fullarton Park Community Centre
411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton, 5063

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

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

Bookings not required

Burnside Historical Society Guided tour

Burnside’s Waterfall Gully Creek: A Short Historical Walk

Third generation Burnside resident Colin Harris will lead a walk along Waterfall Gully Creek where it emerges from the foothills at Burnside. Rising near Mt Lofty, the creek was a valuable resource for both the Kurna People who occupied the Adelaide Plains for millenia and the European colonists who came after them in the mid-nineteenth century.

Wed 6 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at the Rotunda
Cnr Russell Ave & Glynburn Rd, Hazelwood Park, 5066

Burnside Historical Society, 0422 705 916

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by phone (only)

Burnside Historical Society Guided tour

Wheal Watkins 1843 Heritage Mine: Above Ground Tour

Wheal Watkins is part of Glen Osmond’s historic silver-lead mines, Australia’s first metalliferous mining area. This above ground tour of a 182-year-old mine site is a general introduction to the origins of Cornish mining in South Australia. Sturdy footwear and good mobility are needed. School-aged children are welcome.

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

Follow the temporary signs and park near by 23 Allandale Ave, Glen Osmond, 5064

Burnside Historical Society, 0422 705 916

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required by phone (only)

Burnside Historical Society Talk

Henry Eoin Sydney Melbourne: Surveyor and Engineer Extraordinaire

Andrew Buxton explores the story of his great uncle, Sydney Melbourne, a City of Burnside pioneer in local government management, infrastructure building, and landscaping. Surveyor, engineer, lecturer, inventor, and veteran of two world wars, Syd’s leadership style and vision saw him leave a legacy which is still visible today.

Mon 18 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Burnside Community Centre Hall
401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

Burnside Historical Society, 0422 705 916

By Donation

Bookings required by phone (only)

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 historic records. Please bring along a laptop or device that can access the internet.

Wed 13 May, 1pm – 3pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Free

Bookings required online

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 19 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Free

Bookings required online

Burnside Library & Pioneers Association of South Australia Talk

London, Lancashire & Orkney: Families Connecting in South Australia

A journey tracing the unexpected links between families from the slums of London, the industrial heart of Lancashire, and the remote Orkney Islands. This presentation by Pioneers Association President Anthea Taylor, follows lives shaped by poverty, resilience, and quiet ambition, woven together through migration, chance, and shared beginnings in South Australia.

Thu 7 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

Office Manager, 8231 5055, events@pioneerssa.com.au

Free

Bookings required by phone or email

Burnside Library & Burnside Historical Society Talk

Writing Our Stories: A Local Burnside Non-Fiction Writers ‘Reveal’

Celebrate Burnside’s diverse creative talent as four local writers—spanning science, engineering, genealogy, and local history—take the stage. They will share how evidence, lived experience, and a strong sense of place fuel their work, delivering an uplifting look at how great stories are uncovered and brought to life.

Thu 14 May, 6.30pm – 8pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online

Burnside Library & Burnside Historical Society Workshop

History Research Enquiry Hours

Do you have a history enquiry? The Research Team are here to help! Pop in with your family, property 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 uncover the past. We would love to hear your link to the history of Burnside.

Every Mon in May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Free

Bookings not required

Burnside Library & Carolyn Spooner Talk

Open Hearts, Open Minds: Unitarians in South Australia

Unitarianism is a little known but significant part of South Australia’s diverse faith communities. Discover the history of the Unitarian Church in South Australia since 1854. Original members of the Church included the Clark Family of Hazelwood Park, the Martin Family of Norwood, and the writer and social reformer Catherine Helen Spence.

Tue 12 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online

Burnside Library & Genealogy SA Workshop

Your Family History Journey: Discover Every Connection

How and where to start exploring your family history. Join experienced researchers from Genealogy SA to help guide you in how to start researching and what resources are available online and in the Genealogy SA Library.

Mon 18 May, 10am – 11.30am

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Free

Bookings required online

Campbelltown Historical Society Open day

Lochend House

Experience the historic home of pioneer Charles Campbell. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, the home is a rural house circa 1850s. History talks will be inside the fully accessible hall. Entry into Lochend House by gold coin donation, Devonshire tea available for purchase. Please note, cash only.

Sun 3 May, 2pm – 4pm

Lochend House Lochend Dr, Campbelltown, 5074

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

By Donation

Bookings not required

Martha Silke: Pioneer Settler of Paradise

The audience will learn about the life of Martha Silke and her family. Using genealogical and family history tools, Pioneers Association Librarian Alison Hicks will illustrate the process for telling an ancestor's life story. She will share tools and online resources to assist participants in developing their own family histories.

Sat 2 May, 11am – 12pm

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton, 5074
Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
history@campbelltown.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Pioneers of Campbelltown

The Pioneers Association shares stories of the lives of early settlers in Campbelltown and the north-eastern suburbs. Explore the courage of the men, women, and children who sailed halfway around the world to build a better life. Discover how you might be connected to early settlers. Information scavenger hunt activities are available for children.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Campbelltown Public Library
171 Montacute Rd, Newton, 5074
Local History Officer, 8366 9299,
library@campbelltown.sa,

Free
Bookings not required



Connect with History Through the Trees of Hazelwood Park

Discover trees that existed before Adelaide, wildlife apartments, and the wood-wide-web. A guided walk with Dr Philip Roetman, highlighting how the park has changed over time, plus the environmental, cultural, and economic significance of the park's trees. A walk for adults, off paths, but not difficult. Meet at the pool café in Hazelwood Park.

Tue 12 May, 10am – 12pm

Hazelwood Park
Howard Tce, Hazelwood Park, 5066
Burnside Library, 8366 4280,
library@burnside.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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 World War I soldiers commemorated there. Meet at the memorial statue.

Mon 11 May, 9.30am – 11.30am

Rose Park Fallen Soldiers' Memorial
Alexandra Ave, Rose Park, 5067

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

Free
Bookings required online

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 31 May, 2pm – 3pm

Burnside Ballroom 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

By Donation
Bookings required online



The Heaslip Bequest for Health

Discover the remarkable legacy of Gordon Heaslip, who was driven by a bold vision for a national health system. From medical missionary work to tropical research, developing farms, and mental health advocacy, Gordon and wife Barbara shaped communities. Their lasting bequest provoked Medicare reform whilst living in Kensington Park.

Mon 4 May, 10am – 11am

Burnside Library 401 Greenhill Rd, Tusmore, 5065

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

Free
Bookings required online



Walking Tour of Historic St Peters

Join us through the historic avenues of St Peters. Stretching from First Ave to the River Torrens discover the heritage buildings and stories of the neighbourhood.

Thu 7 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at the St Peters Library
110 Payneham Rd, St Peters, 5069
Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Workshop: DIY House History at the Cultural Heritage Centre

Learn how to research the history of your property. Get started by accessing old council records and online tools. A service for residents of Norwood Payneham & St Peters that encourages us to appreciate our rich heritage. If you are simply curious or interested in renovating or restoring your special place, this session is for you.

Thu 28 May, 10am – 12pm

Level 1, St Peters Library, Cultural Heritage Centre
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters, 5069

Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Lost & Local: The Pubs of Norwood Payneham & St Peters

Spoiled by choice, this city has a great number of pubs. Just as many have been lost! Explore their fascinating stories through this display of photos from the archive... and then go grab yourself a drink. Cheers!

Throughout May, during opening hours

Gallery, St Peters Town Hall
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters, 5069

Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Walking Tour of Historic Kensington

Join us on a tour through the streets of historic Kensington. First surveyed in 1838, see the surviving early cottages, shops, pubs, and other buildings. Learn about the development of the area, about the people who lived here, and their fascinating stories.

Thu 21 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at intersection of Wellington St & Portrush Rd (opposite the Robin Hood Hotel) Kensington, 5068

Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Walking Tour of Historic West Norwood

Join us on a tour through the streets of historic West Norwood. Discover the surviving early cottages, shops, pubs, and other buildings. Learn about the development of the area, about the people who lived here, and their fascinating stories.

Tue 14 May, 10am – 11.30am

Meet at Norwood Library
110 The Parade, Norwood, 5067

Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsp.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop
and Deborah Smalley

Drawing Historic Kensington

Sketch, squiggle, and scrawl together on a local Kensington street corner. Resident artist, Deborah Smalley, hosts a two-hour 'wobbly-line' ink pen sketching workshop. No drawing experience is necessary. It is lots of fun. Create your own artwork of some of Kensington's historic buildings. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Sat 16 May, 10am – 12pm
Meet at intersection of Bridge St & High St Kensington, 5068
Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsa.gov.au
Event costs apply Per Person: \$30
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop
and Deborah Smalley

Drawing Historic Norwood

Sketch, squiggle, and scrawl together on a local Norwood street corner. Resident artist, Deborah Smalley, hosts a two-hour 'wobbly-line' ink pen sketching workshop. No drawing experience is necessary. It is lots of fun. Create your own artwork of some of Norwood's historic buildings. All materials supplied. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Sat 2 May, 10am – 12pm
Meet at Norwood Library
110 The Parade, Norwood, 5067
Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsa.gov.au
Event costs apply Per Person: \$30
Bookings required online



City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Workshop
and Deborah Smalley

Drawing Historic St Peters

Sketch, squiggle, and scrawl together on a local St Peters street corner. Resident artist, Deborah Smalley, hosts a two-hour 'wobbly-line' ink pen sketching workshop. No drawing experience is necessary. It is lots of fun. Create your own artwork of some of St Peters' heritage buildings. All materials supplied. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Sat 9 May, 10am – 12pm
Meet at St Peters Library
101 Payneham Rd, St Peters, 5069
Tony Kanellos, tkanellos@npsa.gov.au
Event costs apply Per Person: \$30
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 1856 by people who were not afraid to make decisions to promote their social responsibilities. Also view the newly restored 1912 western stained-glass windows and experience the magnificent 1897 J E Dodd pipe organ.

Tue 19 & 26 May, 1.30pm – 3pm
Clayton Wesley Uniting Church
280 Portrush Rd, Beulah Park, 5067
Dr Geoffrey Bishop, 0468 345 025, gcbishop@westnet.com.au

By Donation
Bookings not required



Fogolar Furlan Exhibition

Terremoto: Shockwaves of the 1976 Friuli Earthquake

In May 1976, an earthquake that killed 900 and left 157,000 homeless devastated Friuli in north-eastern Italy. The shockwaves were felt by Adelaide's Friulan community, many of whom had only arrived 20 years earlier, and whose hometowns were now destroyed. The display commemorates the 50th anniversary of the event and the response of a migrant community to the tragedy.

Exhibition Opening Wed 6 May, 6pm – 9pm, Fri 8 May - Sun 29 May, 6pm – 9pm
Fogolar Furlan 69 Briar Rd, Felixstow, 5070
Giovanni Freschi, 0401 550 486, info@fogolaradelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Fogolar Furlan Talk

Memories of Child Migrants: A Conversation

What was it like for child migrants? What did they miss about their homeland and what did they love about the strange land they were brought to? A panel of migrants who arrived as children will share their experiences in conversation, with contributions welcome from the audience. The event launches the Fogolar Furlan's Oral History Project.

Sun 24 May, 4pm – 6pm
Fogolar Furlan 69 Briar Rd, Felixstow, 5070
Giovanni Freschi, 0410 550 486, admin@fogolarfurlanadelaide.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



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Beginning as a small, three-laned supermarket in 1974, Drakes Supermarkets has become the largest independent grocery retailer in Australia with 70 stores across South Australia and Queensland, employing over 6,000 team members nationwide.

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

Drakes Supermarkets have been expanding their store footprint over the last few years with future stores in their sights. They 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 ingredients for everyone, every day, for generations to come.

ingredients for every day

Connect With Your Family History

A beginner's guide to exploring your family history. Join experienced researchers from Genealogy SA as they guide you through the steps to getting started with your research.

Tue 12 May, 10am – 11.30am

Walkerville Town Hall
66 Walkerville Tce, Gilberton, 5081

Kayla, 8342 7100, walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Adelaide Central School of Art 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.

Mon 11 May, 11am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm

Adelaide Central School of Art 7 Mulberry Rd, Glenside, 5065

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

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



100 Years of Broadcasting in South Australia

Communication and entertainment, that is what radio brought to our homes. Once it was the centre of the home, now it travels with us in our car, headphones, and workplace. Ian Smyth, a member of Historical Radio Society of Australia, will take us through the development of licensed radio and television broadcasting, now part of our daily life. Note, non-members entry fee is \$5 (cash).

Fri 1 May, 7.30pm – 9pm

Burnside City Uniting Church
384 Portrush Rd, Tasmore, 5065

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

By Donation
Bookings not required



Homes With History: Edwin Terrace, Gilberton

Known as 'Grocer's Alley', Edwin Terrace was home to numerous people who held respected positions within the drapery and grocery store industry. Communication between the households turned them into wealthy mining magnates, shareholders, or brokers. Take a virtual tour through time along a street that was once the most expensive in Adelaide.

Thu 28 May, 6pm – 7pm

Walkerville Town Hall
66 Walkerville Tce, Gilberton, 5081

Kayla, 8342 7100, walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

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



Mary MacKillop Museum

The multi 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 will find a story to touch your heart.

Every Tue - Fri in May, 10am – 4pm
Every Sat May, 10am – 1pm

Mary MacKillop Museum
19 Phillips St, Kensington, 5068

Colleen Bibbo, 8130 5910, Colleen.Bibbo@sosjspirit.org.au

Event costs apply
Adult: \$12, Family: \$25, Concession: \$10, Child: \$8
Bookings not required



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 'her' Norwood and Kensington with an experienced guide.

Wed 6 May, 10.30am – 12pm, Wed 13 May 1.30pm – 3pm

Heritage Walk Sign 1 (outside),
Mary MacKillop Museum
19 Phillips St, Kensington, 5068

Colleen Bibbo, 8130 5910, Colleen.Bibbo@sosjspirit.org.au

By Donation
Bookings required online



The Saint & the Businessman: Mary MacKillop & Emanuel Solomon

A story of kindred spirits: a Catholic nun and a Jewish emancipated convict who became friends and allies across religious traditions and beyond nineteenth century boundaries and bigotry. Presentation followed by refreshments and optional guided tour of Mary MacKillop Museum.

Sat 9 May, 10am – 12pm

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre: Bethany
4 High St, Kensington, 5068

Sr Mary Ryan, 8130 5900, Mary.Ryan@sosj.org.au

By Donation
Bookings required online



Mountain bread making workshop, 2026, Australian Lebanese Association

Lebanese in South Australia

Join us to celebrate Lebanese culture in South Australia. View displays featuring stories and photos of early Lebanese pioneers, Anzac banners and listings of name of families involved, and precious artefacts. Healthy Lebanese foods and vegetarian options, coffee, and sweets available to purchase.

Sun 24 May, 9.30am – 5pm

Fullarton Park Community Centre
411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton, 5063

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

Free
Bookings not required



Z Ward Book Fair

Step inside the historic Z Ward for a weekend celebrating books, stories, and creativity. Explore the cells, which have authors inside ready to share their work. Enjoy activities for all ages, music, food trucks and discover new reads at the Z Ward Book Fair weekend.

Sat 30 & Sun 31 May, 11am – 3pm

Z Ward 63 Conyngham St, Glenside, 5065

National Trust of SA, 8202 9200, events@nationaltrustsa.org.au

Event costs apply
Adult: \$5, National Trust Member: \$4, Child: Free
Bookings required online



Sir Samuel Davenport & Beaumont House

Find out more about Sir Samuel Davenport and his Beaumont House connection. Special guided tours of the house will focus on Davenport and the many displayed objects. After the tour, enjoy refreshments in the Simpson Room or on the veranda, which offers views of the garden, city, and gulf. Wander through beautiful gardens and the olive grove.

Sun 3 May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Beaumont House 631 Glynburn Rd, Beaumont, 5066

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

Event costs apply Adult: \$20, Member: \$10, Concession: \$15, Child: \$10
Bookings not required



Changes in Educational Technology at Rose Park Primary School

Teaching methods and technologies have changed beyond recognition since the 1890s. Memories of former Rose Park School scholars, images, and some pieces of equipment are used to illustrate these changes. This exhibition will recall your primary school days. Interactive activities will keep children busy and a quiz will stimulate you.

Sun 24 May, 10am – 4pm
Rose Park Primary School
54 Alexandra Ave, Rose Park, 5067
Kerrie Davies, 0499 884 949,
kerrie.davies@adelaide.edu.au

Free
Bookings not required



The Power of Connection: SACWA Women, Community, Continuity

Celebrate the power of connection as we explore the fascinating history of SACWA (South Australian Country Women's Association) women and how their legacy continues to shape our communities today. Enjoy a lively presentation followed by a guided tour of historic Dequetteville House led by our archivist Robyn Stewart, uncovering stories and treasures from the archives.

Sat 2 May, 11am – 12pm
South Australian Country Women's Association
30 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town, 5067
Jan Kershaw, 0488 752 601, pandp@sacwa.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Preserving the Harvest Through Traditional & New Techniques

Join South Australian Country Women's Association (SACWA) Stirling & District members at a warm and welcoming event which celebrates Connections through the art of preserving. Watch demonstrations, discover time-honoured and modern techniques, taste delicious preserves and pickles, then linger over a relaxed afternoon tea—sharing stories, skills, and community across generations.

Sun 31 May, 1pm – 4pm
Mary Walker House, South Australian Country Women's Association
30 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town, 5067
Patricia Witham, 0421 601 499,
pwitham55@gmail.com

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



St Martin's Anzac Walk and Historical Cemetery Tour

Start your afternoon with free Devonshire tea in our cafe followed by a self-guided tour starting at the 1925 Soldiers' Memorial and following 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 28 May, 2pm – 3.30pm
St Martin's Church Cafe 3 Gorge Rd, Paradise, 5075
Greg Rosser, 0423 715 464, gregrosser@adam.com.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



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 explore the collective history which connects the school with the wider community. Including a visit to the Heritage Precinct, transporting us back to the early years of the school.

Tue 19 May, 10am – 11.30am
St Peter's College
Bruce Gates, Trinity St, Hackney, 5069
Olivia Ruggiero, 8404 0536,
archivist@stpeters.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required online



The Laucke Family: An Australian Success Story

Friedrich Laucke came from the Wendish area of Germany to South Australia in 1895 and soon got involved in the flour milling industry. Expansion by later generations made the Laucke product a respected name in Australia. His son Condor also made great contributions to parliament and government. Mark Laucke and Janet O'Brien tell their family's story.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3.30pm
Glynde Lutheran Homes Hall
22 Avenue Rd, Glynde, 5070
Lyll Kupke, 0431 991 385, kupkell@yahoo.com

Free
Bookings not required



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Australian Traditional & Bush Dance SocietySpecial 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 will likely change partners and dance with everyone.

Tue 12 & 26 May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Prospect Town Hall 126 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082
Merilyn Taylor, 0409 670 205 merilynt@hotmail.com

Free
Bookings required by phone (only)



City of Playford LibrarySpecial event

Playford History Festival

Join us at the Playford History Festival to learn, discover, and connect with Playford's past. Uncover more about our rich history, connect with community, and capture your own stories. Free BBQ, activities, and more! All ages welcome.

Sat, 16 May, 10am – 2pm

City of Playford Civic Centre 10 Playford Blvd, Elizabeth, 5112

Sarah, 8256 0333, library@playford.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



City of Salisbury Library ServiceTalk

Voices of the Outback: Stories From Kidman Country

Immerse yourself in the incredible history of Anna Creek Station—the largest cattle station in the world. Join us for a special evening honouring the legacy of Sir Sidney Kidman and the pioneering spirit of the families who called this vast land home. Hear firsthand stories from those who lived through the highs and lows of outback life.

Wed 6 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Salisbury Community Hub
34 Church St, Salisbury, 5108

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

Free
Bookings required online



City of Salisbury Library ServiceTalk

Peter Goers Presents the Stories From Salisbury

Join Peter Goers and special guests including Paula Nagle for Stories of Salisbury. Hear panel members from the Salisbury Storytelling Project share personal memories that bring local history to life. Enjoy selected short films from the project, a community postcard exhibition, and the chance to share your own Salisbury story.

Wed 13 May, 2pm – 3pm

Salisbury Community Hub
34 Church St, Salisbury, 5108

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

Free
Bookings required online



City of Salisbury Library ServiceTalk

R M Williams: Beyond the Boot

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Mark Muller, editor-in-chief at R M Williams Publishing as we honour the life and legacy of R M Williams, the man who stitched his way into Australian history. Discover how his iconic boots and rugged clothing shaped the spirit of the outback and became a symbol of resilience and style for generations.

Wed 27 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Salisbury Community Hub
34 Church St, Salisbury, 5108

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

Free
Bookings required online



City of Salisbury Library Service & State Library of South AustraliaTalk

The Fabric of Daily Life: SA Social History in Print and Picture

The Fabric of Daily Life uncovers how South Australians lived, dressed, cooked, played, and protested from the 1830s to the 1980s. Using stunning photos, paintings, quirky ephemera, cookbooks, and more from State Library of South Australia's collection, we are spotlighting the everyday moments that shaped our past.

Tue 5 May, 2pm – 3pm

Para Hills Community Hub
22 Wilkinson Rd, Para Hills, 5096

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

Free
Bookings required online



City of Tea Tree GullySelf-guided tour

Golden Grove Cemetery Self-Guided Tour

With over 170 years of history, the Golden Grove Cemetery provides an insight into our past. Discover some of the people who helped shape the City of Tea Tree Gully. The tour consists of an interpretive totem with information on the establishment of the cemetery, as well as a map showing the locations of historically significant figures.

Throughout May, anytime

Golden Grove Cemetery
Cnr Crouch Rd & One Tree Hill Rd, Golden Grove, 5125

City of Tea Tree Gully, 8397 7444, customerservice@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Gallery 1855Guided tour

Historical Sketch Tour of Tea Tree Gully

Join us for a guided walking tour to sketch the charming historical township of Tea Tree Gully. Your guides will give basic instructions for how to capture the historical characteristics of five sites in the Tea Tree Gully Precinct. While you stop to sketch, listen to historical insights about the buildings and get to know its rich history.

Fri 15 May, 10am – 12pm

Gallery 1855 2 Haines Rd, Tea Tree Gully, 5091

City of Tea Tree Gully, 8397 7444, arts@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Gallery 1855, Burragah Art Group, Off the Couch Art Studio & Tea Tree StudioExhibition

Common Ground

Three long-running art groups come together to share their creativity with the community. Enjoy an inspiring display of artworks that reflect the skills and history of artists in our area. Discover how local creativity in these groups has shaped the City of Tea Tree Gully community and be inspired by the talent that continues to grow here.

Every Wed - Sat in May, 12pm – 5pm

Gallery 1855 2 Haines Rd, Tea Tree Gully, 5091

Courtney Brook, 8397 7444, arts@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Grant Brindal (Priest's Warden)Open day
Members of the Congregation

St Clement's Church: Connecting the Community for 168 years

Nestled among car yards, shops, and an office building on Main North Road, St. Clement's Anglican church began connecting with the local community when its foundation stone was laid in July 1858. For many years it was referred to as 'the little church on the hill'. The bell tower connected local business people with ships docking down at the Port.

Thu 21 May, 10.30am – 11.50am

St. Clement's Anglican Church
354 Main North Rd, Blair Athol, 5084

Grant Brindal, 0417 838 635, bigred@chariot.net.au

Free
Bookings not required



German Adelaide: North Adelaide

Whether on top of the hill or along Melbourne Street, German Australians lived and made their mark in North Adelaide. Visit the three villages and their high streets, and see the remaining examples of German architecture in the city! These easy two-hour walking tours are designed to uncover forgotten history, with just a touch of humour.

Sun 3 & 17 May, 11.30am – 1.30pm

Meet at Queen's Head Hotel
117 Kermod St, North Adelaide, 5006

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

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

Behind Closed Doors and Drivers Experience

This year we have guided tours as well as a Drivers Experience! Driver places are limited on the Bluebird and Redhens, and payment/booking is separate to admission. Open items include locomotives 752 and 409, railcars CB1, Brill 41 and Jumbos, carriages Onkaparinga and Pay Van, and Woodville Cabin. Steampunk and cosplay fraternity also attending!

Sat 9 & Sun 10 May, 10am – 4pm

National Railway Museum 76 Lipson St, Port Adelaide, 5015

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

Event costs apply
Adult: \$20, Concession: \$15, Child: \$10, Family: \$46, Member & Children under 5: Free
Bookings not required



Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum, 2025, Mark Taylor

Looking Through a Lens

This interactive display focuses on an extensive collection of antique cameras. See the camera timeline and how they evolved through the years. Discover original photographs taken with the old cameras. Focus your own camera lens on fascinating objects on display throughout the site. Come, explore, and enjoy a sausage sizzle and Devonshire tea. Children under 14 are free.

Sun 17 May, 11am – 4pm

Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum
3 Perseverance Rd, Tea Tree Gully, 5091

Gill Starks, 0431 080 062, starksgill@outlook.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$6, Concession: \$5
Bookings not required



Chapel of the Resurrection, North Road Cemetery, 2026, Adelaide Anglicans

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 war 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, 9am – 4.30pm

North Road Cemetery
1A Cemetery Ave, Nailsworth, 5083

Andrew Boucaut, 8344 1051,
cemetery@adelaideanglicans.com

Free
Bookings not required

John Martin's: The Story of South Australia's Beloved Department Store

Join author Paul Flavel down memory lane as he shares insights into the making of his book and the history of our beloved John Martin's. This year would have been Johnnies' 160th anniversary, if it had not closed in 1998. Paul discusses why the legacy of Johnnies continues to be cherished as a South Australian institution.

Fri 8 May, 11am – 12pm

Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury, 5092

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

Free
Bookings required online

Sketching Historical Buildings

Bronwen Whyatt's whimsical watercolour sketches bring the rich history of buildings to life. We begin inside by talking briefly about observation and architecture, and sketching a feature. We will then go outside to sketch heritage buildings in Prospect. Learn to use watercolour pencils to sketch historic buildings in your own style.

Sat 9 May, 1pm – 4pm

Tirkanthi Kuu, Prospect Library, Payinthe
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082

Simone Wise, 8269 5355, admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

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

Healing and Honour: From Gallipoli to Malta, the ANZAC Story

Join us to explore the remarkable connection during WWI between the tiny island of Malta, and the wounded ANZACs. During WWI, Malta earned the title 'Nurse of the Mediterranean', providing vital care to thousands of sick and wounded ANZAC soldiers evacuated from Gallipoli. Many ANZACs who could not be saved were laid to rest in Maltese cemeteries.

Wed 13 May, 10am – 12pm

Tirkanthi Kuu, Prospect Library, Payinthe
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082

Simone Wise, 8269 5355, admin@prospect.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online

On Guard: Tour of the Prospect Air Raid Shelter

Step back to WWII and discover how our local community prepared for war on the homefront with a guided tour of the historic Prospect Air Raid Shelter. In this one hour session, learn about South Australia's civil defence efforts — from the role of Air Raid Wardens to the everyday resilience of ordinary citizens. \$5 per person cash donation on the day.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3pm

Prospect Air Raid Shelter Willcox Ave, Prospect, 5082

Neil Rossiter, 0402 719 626,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings required online

Train as a WWII Air Raid Warden Children's Event

Step back in time and take on the challenge of protecting the people of Adelaide during World War II. In this interactive one-hour session, kids aged 8–12 will complete a series of fun, hands-on training activities to learn how wardens kept communities safe. Adults must accompany their child at all times. Please note, cash only.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 2pm

Prospect Air Raid Shelter
Willcox Ave, Prospect, 5082

Neil Rossiter, 0402 719 626,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: Free, Child: \$5
Bookings required online

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 — her upbringing, her tragic first marriage, her successful second marriage, her family, her character, her travels, and a little on her books. Everyone loves an Aggie — the world’s most popular author!

Tue 2 May, 1pm – 2pm

Payinithi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082
David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Family History by the Letter

Join Prospect genealogist Anna Graves on an alphabetical exploration of everyday items that can help cross the ‘t’s’ and dot the ‘i’s’ in your FAMiLy tREE! You will be surprised what treasures hide in plain sight! Learn how such items can be used to gather information, and how to preserve the stories they contain. Suitable for all levels of interest.

Sat 30 May, 1pm – 3pm

Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082
Anna Graves, localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: His Life

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is best known to us as the creator of Sherlock Holmes. But this fascinating man was far more than that: a wide-ranging writer; a champion sportsman; an amateur detective in his own right; and a spiritualist. This illustrated talk will explore his life from a broad perspective.

Sat 9 May, 1pm – 2pm

Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082
David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Stories of Old Prospect

The Prospect area abounds with stories which are humorous, scary, tragic, amazing, or unbelievable. This talk will offer a selection of stories which will, we hope, delight you as well as giving you a better understanding of our historic area. As far as possible, stories will be illustrated.

Sat 16 May, 1pm – 2pm

Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082
David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$20
Bookings required online



Researching the History of your House in the City of Prospect

This is a hands-on workshop which will teach you how to research the history of your house in the City of Prospect. Participants will be provided with a copy of relevant databases and handouts and shown how to use them, step by step. You will need to bring your own device with USB and Wi-Fi accessibility.

Sat 23 May, 1pm – 2pm

Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082
David Kilner, 8269 4197,
localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com

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



Historical Walk Around Old Salisbury: Guided Tour

This informative tour around old Salisbury is an easy paced two-hour walk visiting historic buildings and cemeteries. Your tour includes a look through the Salisbury Folk Museum, a visit to old St John’s church, and the historic Water Wheel. Join us after the walk for afternoon tea.

Sun 3 & 17 May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Salisbury & District Historical Society Folk Museum, Old Police Station 3 Ann St, Salisbury, 5108
Terry Sloan, 0427 277 302,
salisburyhistory706@gmail.com

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



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 1 & Mon 4 May, 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm

State Records of South Australia
115 Cavan Rd, Gepps Cross, 5094

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

Free
Bookings required online



Film Screening: A Star is Born (1937)

The first Friday of the month, Tea Tree Gully Library holds a classic film screening. This May, the 1937 classic ‘A Star is Born’ is our special History Festival film.

Fri 1 May, 2pm – 4pm

Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury, 5092
Tea Tree Gully Library, 8397 7333,
library@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Family History Open Day

Drop in to the Tea Tree Gully Library during Family History Open Day, where our friendly and knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to show you the genealogy services and resources available at the library, to help you on your family history journey. Some of our most vital resources will be accessible on the day for you to browse.

Wed 6 May, 10am – 1pm

Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury, 5092

Tea Tree Gully Library, 8397 7433,
library@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Introduction to Ancestry and Trove

Access to the wealth of information found in Ancestry and Trove is essential for researching your family history, but the vastness of these databases can make them a little overwhelming. If you are new to these sites or you have tried and struggled to get much from them, this free information session is the perfect introduction to get you on your way.

Mon 11 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury, 5092

Tea Tree Gully Library, 8397 7433,
library@cttg.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Ancestor Circle: Monday Meet-up

Led by one of our family history volunteers, these relaxed group discussions rotate between a range of engaging topics. Our History Festival topic will cover family heirlooms and documents, providing information and advice about ways to preserve your physical and digital treasures.

Mon 18 May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Tea Tree Gully Library
571 Montague Rd, Modbury, 5092

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

Free
Bookings required online



A Swing Through History

Join us for a celebration of popular songs and old photos from when swing music and jazz broke new ground and cameras took over from paint brushes. Together, they reveal stories about ourselves and our history that will entertain and charm you, just as they did way back when.

Sun 31 May, 3pm – 4pm

Eliza Hall, Payinithi 128 Prospect Rd, Prospect, 5082

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

Event costs apply Per Person: \$27.53
Bookings required online



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100 CrowsTalk

Living With a War Story

Historian Neil Churches reflects on what it means to live alongside a war story. Set in a shared public space, this talk explores memory, loss, and connection. It avoids conclusions or lessons. Instead, it considers how history stays present, shaping lives quietly long after events have passed.

Sat 23 May, 1pm – 2.30pm
Centennial Park, Function Room
760 Goodwood Rd, Pasadena, 5042
Tamara Doheney, 0432 359 792,
tamara@100crows.com

Free
Bookings required online



Opening scene of John Martin's winter sale on Rundle Street in 1938, [BRG 121/1/345], State Library of South Australia

ABCX Productions & Paul FlavelSpecial event

The Big Store: John Martin's Documentary

A special 20-minute preview of the upcoming documentary, 'John Martin's The Big Store', which is currently being produced by ABCX Productions. Following the preview will be a Q&A panel with the ABCX team, Greg Ashman, Andrew Burch, and Kristy Copley as well as John Martin's author, Paul Flavel.

Fri 1 May, 7pm – 8.30pm
Marion Cultural Centre
287 Diagonal Rd, Oaklands Park, 5046
Paul Flavel, info@johnmartinsbook.com

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



Aldinga LibraryGuided tour

Legends of Flight: Guided Tour at Aldinga Airfield

Step inside the Adelaide Biplanes' hangars at Aldinga Airfield with director Gaylene Smith. Discover the airfield's history, hear fascinating tales of aviation, and get an up-close look at a stunning fleet of vintage biplanes, each with its own story to tell. Do not miss this unique experience!

Wed 13 May, 10am – 11.30am
Aldinga Airfield 174 Colville Rd, Aldinga, 5173
Aldinga Library, 8384 0022
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Aldinga LibrarySpecial event

History Quiz Night

Test your knowledge of history in an evening of trivia, laughs, and friendly competition. Tackle clever questions and curious facts that will challenge and entertain. Bring a team or join one on the night and get ready to put your memory to work!

Fri 29 May, 6pm – 9pm
Aldinga Library 11 Central Way, Aldinga Beach, 5173
Erinna Boyce, 8384 0022
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Aldinga LibraryTalk

Coastal Tales: 'The Star of Greece' and Port Willunga's Maritime History

Join maritime archaeologist Professor Wendy Van Duivenvoorde for an engaging talk on the 'Star of Greece', wrecked off Port Willunga in 1888, and the fascinating maritime history of the region. Discover stories of adventure, tragedy, and coastal life that helped shape South Australia's past.

Sat 9 May, 10.30am – 12pm
Aldinga Library 11 Central Way, Aldinga Beach, 5173
Aldinga Library, 8384 0022
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Army Museum of
South Australia FoundationSpecial event

History of the Army Museum and Lunch

Our annual history lunch with a two-course meal and talks from some experienced speakers about the formation and development of the Army Museum in 1992. The Museum contains displays of memorabilia from all the wars and peacekeeping operations, with a focus on South Australian units.

Wed 13 May, 12pm – 2pm
Building 34A Keswick Barracks
60 Anzac Hwy, Keswick, 5035
Nick Meredith, 0438 875 900,
amosafuctions@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$35, Member: \$25
Bookings required online



Art Deco & Modernism Society
of Australia, Adelaide ChapterGuided tour

Hola! Inter-War 'Spanish Mission' Architecture in Glandore

From the 1920s onwards, South Australians were regularly exposed to the California lifestyle via films and lifestyle magazines. A home in the 'Spanish Mission' style was highly aspirational in rapidly expanding suburbs such as Glandore. Join the Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia for a half hour introduction to the features of 'Spanish Mission' style followed by a walk around the suburb to look at some interesting examples. Walking distance: One hour at a moderate pace, flat terrain.

Sun 17 May, 9.45am – 11.45am
The Rotunda, Glandore Community Centre
25 Naldera St, Glandore, 5037
Fran, 0425 735 702, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

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



Blackwood Action Group
History GroupGuided tour

Blackwood Experimental Orchard to Recreation Forest

Learn about the significance of the Experimental Orchard locally, nationally, and internationally and how the community fought a 20-year battle for its retention as open space. Join us for an informative talk, soup lunch, and guided forest walk.

Sun 3 May, 10am – 2pm
Blackwood Recreation Forest
Cnr Turners Ave & Main Rd, Hawthorndene, 5051
Anne Hazell, anne.hazell062@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by email (only)



Blackwood Action Group
History GroupTalk

We Are Their Heirs: The Next Generation

By the beginning of the twentieth century, Blackwood and the nearby townships were well established. Many of the early settlers had handed their properties on to the next generations and newcomers had joined the original families. Join us to hear about our recent predecessors and their impact on our district.

Mon 18 May, 1.45pm – 4pm
Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library and Community Centre) 4 Young St, Blackwood, 5051
Anne Hazell, anne.hazell062@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by email (only)



Hills Train Journey With a Natural Heritage Focus

A scenic train journey through the Mitcham Hills explores the connections to the Ashby family farm established in 1902. The line bisects Watiparinga National Trust Reserve, a model of grey box grassy woodland restoration. Walk from Coromandel Station to Wittunga Botanical Gardens where the Ashbys pioneered native and South African flora propagation.

Tue 5 & 19 May, 8.50am – 12pm

Blackwood Railway Station
6 Station Rd, Blackwood, 5051
Anne Hazell, anne.hazell062@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by email (only)



Capri Theatre, then known as the 'New Goodwood Star Theatre', c1941, Capri Theatre.

Capri Theatre – Ross Lange

John Slater

Guided tour

Capri Theatre Tour & Demonstration of the WurliTzer Pipe Organ

Be enthralled by the history and beauty of the heritage-listed Capri theatre. Learn about its 'Art Moderne' architecture and hear the majestic sounds of the mighty WurliTzer pipe organ. Morning tea at 10am followed by tour at 10.30am. Places are limited so bookings are essential.

Fri 15 & 29 May, 10am – 12pm

Capri Theatre 141 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood, 5034
Capri Theatre, 8272 1144, information@capri.org.au

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



Community Alliance SA

Talk

The Illusion of Heritage Protection in South Australia

Most people assume that if a historic building is worth saving it is probably heritage protected; the truth is far from that. Only 3% of buildings in South Australia have any heritage protection. Sandy will tell the story of how heritage protections have begun and progressed — or not — in South Australia which is well known for its intact stock of bluestone buildings.

Wed 6 May, 3.30pm – 5pm

Unley Community Centre 18 Arthur St, Unley, 5061
Secretary, 0412 417 774, sa.community.alliance@gmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



Inside Carrick Hill, the former home of Ursula and Edward Hayward, 2026, Carrick Hill

Carrick Hill

Guided tour

Carrick Hill by Night

Built in the 1930s by Ursula and Edward Hayward, Carrick Hill is one of Australia's most intact period mansions. Step inside after dark for a magical candlelight tour of the historic house, as rooms glow with flickering light and the atmosphere of English country living comes alive.

Fri 29 May, 6pm – 7pm

Carrick Hill 46 Carrick Hill Dr, Springfield, 5062

Sarah Bradshaw, 7424 7900, eventscarrickhill@sa.gov.au

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



Carrick Hill

Guided tour

Carrick Hill Guided House Tours

Built in the 1930s by Ursula and Edward Hayward, Carrick Hill is one of Australia's most intact period mansions. Twice a day, Carrick Hill's friendly and knowledgeable volunteer guides take visitors through the house, sharing the history of the Haywards and their home, as well as the artworks and furnishings.

Every Wed – Sun in May, 11.30am – 12.30pm & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Carrick Hill 46 Carrick Hill Dr, Springfield, 5062

Sarah Bradshaw, 7424 7900, eventscarrickhill@sa.gov.au

Event costs apply
Adult: \$20, Concession: \$18, Child: \$3
Bookings required online



Carrick Hill

Talk

Colin Colahan & the Murder of Mollie Dean

Built in the 1930s by Ursula and Edward Hayward, Carrick Hill is one of Australia's most intact period mansions. Join us inside the Carrick Hill house for a talk with curator Dr Ellen Whitton exploring how the murder of Mollie Dean placed Colin Colahan within public conversation that revealed social tensions between everyday Australians and the art world.

Fri 15 May, 6pm – 7pm

Carrick Hill 46 Carrick Hill Dr, Springfield, 5062

Sarah Bradshaw, 7424 7900, eventscarrickhill@sa.gov.au

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



Carrick Hill

Talk

Walter Sickert, Jack the Ripper?

Built in the 1930s by Ursula and Edward Hayward, Carrick Hill is one of Australia's most intact period mansions. Join us inside the Carrick Hill house for a talk with curator Dr Ellen Whitton exploring how an artist became entwined with one of history's most notorious crimes, and what it reveals about myth-making, and historical interpretation.

Fri 8 May, 6pm – 7pm

Carrick Hill 46 Carrick Hill Dr, Springfield, 5062

Sarah Bradshaw, 7424 7900, eventscarrickhill@sa.gov.au

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



Centennial Park Cemetery, Front Gates, 1938, WA Norman, Centennial Park Records

Centennial Park Cemetery

Guided tour

Centennial Park: Stories of Innovation and Community

Step into Centennial Park's past and present and explore the connections that shaped our history. Discover stories of innovation, resilience, and community on a guided walk through significant sites, uncovering how the park evolved into a place of remembrance and reflection. We will finish at Wildflowers Cafe with a complimentary hot drink.

Thu 14, 21 & 28 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Centennial Park Cemetery
760 Goodwood Rd, Pasadena, 5042

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

Free
Bookings required online



City of Mitcham

Exhibition

Modernist Mitcham: Hills Interpretive Photographic Exhibition

Discover the elegance and innovation of mid-century design with an interpretive photographic exhibition celebrating modernist architecture in the Mitcham Hills. Explore striking images and stories of homes that defined an era as featured in the acclaimed book 'Adelaide Modernism: 101 Houses' by Tim Reeves.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library and Community Centre) 4 Young St, Blackwood, 5051

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings not required



Don Dunstan: so much more than the shorts

Dunstan in front of curtain
wearing white safari suit, 1970s,
Dunstan Collection,
Flinders University Library

Don Dunstan is arguably the most widely known South Australian premier. Visitors from interstate remember him and young South Australians have heard stories of the premier who dared to wear pink shorts to parliament. Over the course of this year there will be many 50th anniversaries of significant legislation passed by Dunstan and his government in 1976, while September 2026 marks 100 years since Dunstan was born.

Dunstan was premier from 1967-1968 and 1970-1979. In these few years, he and his governments enacted rapid change on a scale rarely seen before or since. He entered Parliament with a clear vision to experiment with social democracy. As explained in his memoir, Dunstan believed that in South Australia it was possible for him to play a part in demonstrating that 'democratic action' could be used to "change the political, social and cultural life of a whole community... for the better."

Dunstan is recognised for a broad range of reforms: social reform, electoral reform, consumer protections, environmental protections, Land Rights legislation and anti-discrimination legislation, to name a few. He advocated for the rights and opportunities of women and migrants, and the inclusion of workers and local communities in decision-making.

Beyond his record in legislative reform, Dunstan's legacy is also evident in his determination to reanimate the cultural life of Adelaide. He wanted to create a city with a lifestyle that suited South Australia's Mediterranean climate and make Adelaide a vibrant place to live and visit. During his premierships the SA Film Corporation, State Theatre Company, and JamFactory were established, and the Festival Centre precinct expanded. Liquor laws were changed to encourage al fresco dining in sidewalk cafes and beer gardens. He also encouraged an appreciation for Asian cuisine via the development of a catering school and his own published cookbook.

Dunstan's legacy lies not in any one of these innovations or reforms, but in his vision for South Australia that was creative, inclusive, cultural and deeply democratic.

Dr Amy Morrison

Curator
Centre of Democracy

Dunstan walking up steps
of Parliament House, 1978,
Dunstan Collection,
Flinders University Library



Dunstan addressing Labor rally, 1975, Dunstan Collection, Flinders University Library



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Throughout May, during opening hours

Mitcham Memorial Library
154 Belair Rd, Hawthorn, 5062

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings not required



City of Mitcham

Exhibition

Historic Mitcham Water Works

Explore this colonial water storage and reticulation system through a series of illustrated story boards. Built in 1879 in Ellisons Gully, Mitcham, the location of the brick well was re-discovered in 2002. Fifteen years of research followed and the Mitcham Water Works is now recognised as an almost-complete nineteenth century industrial complex.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library and Community Centre) 4 Young St, Blackwood, 5051

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings not required



City of Mitcham

Guided tour

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 walk around the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation area. You will hear about its heritage and architecture, while learning about the early and current residents of the village, their lives, work, and accommodation.

Tue 5, Thu 7 & Wed 27 May, 10am – 12pm

Mitcham Local History Service, Mitcham Cultural Village 103C Princes Rd, Mitcham, 5062

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings required online



City of Mitcham

Guided tour

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
8 Oxford Circus, Daw Park, 5041

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

By Donation
Bookings required by phone (only)



City of Mitcham

Guided tour

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 notable earliest pioneers and identities, hearing about their fascinating life stories.

Wed 6, Tue 26 & Thu 28 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at Rotunda, Mitcham General Cemetery
Old Belair Rd, Mitcham, 5062

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings required online

City of Mitcham

Open day

Historic Belair Railway Station: Open Day

Take a fascinating look at the historic Belair Railway Station, established in 1883, the gateway to Belair National Park. Wander in and around the old station buildings, signal box, and other large railway artefacts. Hear the station’s history and stories from experienced and knowledgeable volunteers. Come and enjoy the peaceful surrounds of South Australia’s railway past.

Sun 10, 17 & 24 May, 10am – 2pm

Historic Belair Railway Station
Enter from Upper Sturt Rd or Sheoak Rd, Belair, 5052

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

By Donation
Bookings not required



City of Mitcham

Talk

‘Adelaide Modernism: 101 Houses’ – Author Talk

Join award-winning author Tim Reeves and explore the wonder of Adelaide’s modernist houses. His latest book examines 101 houses built between 1939 and 1974 across more than 50 suburbs. Learn how he researched, interviewed architects and owners, and finally wrote his book. Talk followed by book signing.

Fri 1 May, 2pm – 3pm

Mitcham Memorial Library
154 Belair Rd, Hawthorn, 5062

Mitcham Local History Service, 8372 8261

Free
Bookings required online



City of Mitcham Gallery One

Exhibition

Fine Art Photography Association Photographic Exhibition: Beyond the Image

Explore the personal perspective of the photographer who invites the viewer to look beyond the image and embrace the artist’s intent. Fine art photography plays a vital role in preserving history by capturing moments in time through artistic expression, enriching not only how history is recorded but also how it is emotionally experienced and remembered.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Gallery One 1 Torrens St, Mitcham, 5062

Gallery One, 8272 4504

Free
Bookings not required



Dr Julia Miller with Gillian Dooley & Friends

Special event

Unexpected Austen

An exploration of lesser-known aspects of Jane Austen’s world. Author Dr Julia Miller will draw on Jane Austen’s writing to discuss aspects of crime in the Regency era. Author Gillian Dooley will perform a selection of songs with friends, showcasing Jane’s dark humour and exquisite musical taste. Expect the unexpected!

Sat 2 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Unley Town Hall 181 Unley Rd, Unley, 5061

Unley Library, 8372 5100, libraries@unley.sa.gov.au

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





Flinders University Museum of Art

Exhibition

Anarchive: Knowledge Follows Form

In this solo exhibition, Bridget Currie brings the sleeping objects of Flinders University Museum of Art’s (FUMA’s) post-object art collection to life, presenting new works in dialogue with 1970s experimental art. The exhibition is part of the Experimental Art Anarchive Project, a partnership between FUMA, ACE and Artlink inviting lively conversation with a radical past.

Every Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri in May, 10am – 5pm, Every Thu in May, 10am – 7pm

Flinders University Museum of Art
Ground Floor, Social Sciences North Building, Humanities Rd (adjacent carpark 5), Bedford Park, 5042

Anna Fenech, 7421 9391, museum@flinders.edu.au

Free
Bookings not required



Genealogy SA

Guided tour

Genealogy SA Library Tours

The Genealogy SA Library is a treasure trove for historians! Whether you are building your family tree, researching your local area, or digging into South Australia’s history, we have resources to help you. Tour our library’s fantastic collections, including Births, Deaths, and Marriages indexes, newspaper notices, subscriptions, family and local history books, journals, and much more!

Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3pm
Tue 26 May, 11am – 12pm

Genealogy SA Library 201 Unley Rd, Unley, 5061

Genealogy SA, 8272 4222, saghs.members@saghs.org.au

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$10, Genealogy SA Member: Free
Bookings required online



Genealogy SA, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart & Martin Shanahan

Talk

‘A Tale of Two Cities’: Long-run Social and Economic Mobility in Australia

Join Professors Hamish Maxwell-Stewart and Martin Shanahan as they discuss their nationally funded project, ‘A Tale of Two Cities’. The project will compare the life courses of early settler generations in Hobart and Adelaide, building on Professor Maxwell-Stewart’s Tasmanian research. Learn more about this incredible project’s insights and challenges. This is a hybrid event, join in person at the Genealogy SA Library or online via Zoom.

Wed 6 May, 1pm – 2pm

Genealogy SA Library 201 Unley Rd, Unley, 5061

Genealogy SA, 8272 4222, saghs.members@saghs.org.au

Free

Bookings required online



Hawthorn Masonic Trust

Open day

Hawthorn Masonic Trust Open Day

Hawthorn Masonic Centre was built in the early 1850s for the Armour, family who lived next door. In the early 1920s it was purchased by the Hawthorn Lodge and was dedicated to Freemasonry on October 5, 2025. When owned by the Armour family the main hall was used for family celebrations and the basement as a winery. IORG has met here since 1974.

Sun 3 May, 10am – 4pm

Hawthorn Masonic Centre

6 Wattle Ave, Lower Mitcham, 5062

Lorraine Rayner, 0417 082 631, hawthornmasonic@gmail.com

Free

Bookings not required



Hub Library

Talk

The Willunga Railway: Bringing the City and the South Together

After years of public pressure, in 1911 work finally began on the Willunga Railway. Join us for a talk about its construction, importance to local trade and export, and the seaside holidays and social occasions it allowed. We will also share colourful stories including the solving of a murder that happened on the Willunga line.

Fri 8 May, 11am – 12.15pm

Hub Library Hub Dr, Aberfoyle Park, 5159

Cyprian Maynard, 8384 0100, libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Mitcham Historical Society

Guided tour

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park Guided Walk

Join Francesco di Zazzo on a guided walk through the beautiful and historic Brownhill Creek Recreation Park/Wirraparinga. Large river red gums line Brownhill Creek while blue gum woodland climbs the valley slopes. Hear about the significant native flora and fauna, and learn about First Nations and European settlement of the area.

Sun 3 & 17 May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Meet at entrance, Brownhill Creek Recreation Park Brown Hill Creek Rd, Mitcham, 5062

Ian Strout, 0400 027 117, IanStrout@outlook.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Ian Henschke

Special event

The Golden Mile: Film Plus Q&A With Producer Ian Henschke

It is the story of one of the most extraordinary partnerships in sporting history, between the unbeatable miler and 1,500m champion Herb Elliott and his unorthodox, visionary coach Percy Cerutti. Elliott, now 88, insists this is his last interview. There is a wealth of archival film, some never screened before. It is an inspirational and historic film.

Tue 5 & Wed 6 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Marino Community Hall 44 Newland Ave, Marino, 5049

Ian Henschke, 0460 040 511, ih@senet.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online



Kingston’s Historic House

Performance

Songs of Ireland: A Performance by Consort Anonymous, Recorder Quartet

Kingston House is pleased to welcome the return of the Consort Anonymous recorder quartet. They will play a selection from ‘The Songs of Ireland, Royal Addition’, a publication that was owned and played by Mrs Lucy May Kingston. Come and enjoy a freshly baked Devonshire tea while being serenaded by Consort Anonymous.

Sun 17 May, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Kingston’s Historic House

5 Cameron Ave, Kingston Park, 5049

Fran Lovell, 0407 714 982, info@kingstonshistorichouse.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



Kingston’s Historic House

Special event

For Cheese Lovers: Adelaide Cheese Club Presents

There is a cheese club? Indeed there is. The Adelaide Branch of the Cheese Club of Australia is the oldest in the country, marking 56 years. Kingston’s Historic House is delighted to host President Tony Randall sharing the Club’s story, followed by a guided cheese tasting with Cheesemaster Janine Baigent.

Sun 3 May, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Kingston’s Historic House

5 Cameron Ave, Kingston Park, 5049

Fran Lovell, 0407 714 982, info@kingstonshistorichouse.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required by phone or email



Kingston’s Historic House

Talk

Historic Tea Rooms of Jetty Road, Brighton: Tea Room Row

A fascinating presentation about the historic tea rooms of Jetty Road, Brighton, circa 1915. Known as Tea Room Row, four tea rooms engaged in a polite but fierce ‘menu war’. This presentation is by Mr Grant Tinney, a Brighton resident who is passionate about local history and the founder of the Facebook page ‘Brighton SA and Beyond’.

Sun 24 May, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Kingston’s Historic House

5 Cameron Ave, Kingston Park, 5049

Fran Lovell, 0407 714 982, info@kingstonshistorichouse.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



Kingston’s Historic House

Talk

Lives and Antics of Sir George Kingston and His Son Charles Kingston

Sir George Kingston came to South Australia as Deputy Surveyor General to Colonel William Light. Did he select the site for the city of Adelaide and the design? What role did Charles play as Premier of South Australia, in the federation of Australia, the South Australian National Football League (SANFL), and many other antics! Enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea and hear about two generations of the Kingston Family.

Sun 31 May, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Kingston’s Historic House

5 Cameron Ave, Kingston Park, 5049

Fran Lovell, 0407 714 982, info@kingstonshistorichouse.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required by phone or email



New for 2026

There is always something new to discover in the History Festival program. This icon indicates an event fresh for 2026.

Laura Di Martino & City of Marion Libraries

Special event

‘A Shimmering Thread’: Italian Migrants, Memories & Making Home

Local author Laura Di Martino explores Italian migration to 1920s Adelaide through her new novel ‘A Shimmering Thread’. War widow Clementina journeys from devastated Abruzzo to Adelaide, where embroidery skills become her lifeline. Join Laura as she shares the historical research and the real migrant experiences that shaped her story.

Thu 21 May, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Domain Theatre, Marion Cultural Centre

287 Diagonal Rd, Oaklands Park, 5046

Marion Libraries, 8375 6755, libraryevents@marion.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Marion Heritage Research Centre & City of Marion Libraries

Talk

The Story of Worthing Mine

We all know of the Burra and Moonta mines north of Adelaide. But have you ever seen historic Worthing Mine down south? Come and hear the story of this optimistic enterprise, its ups and its downs, and its connection to early South Australian people, places, and mining.

Mon 18 May, 2pm – 3pm

The Domain Theatre, Marion Cultural Centre

287 Diagonal Rd, Oaklands Park, 5046

Danielle Trewartha, 0431 944 840, heritage@marion.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online



Upper Brownhill Creek Guided Walk (Ellison’s Gully)

Guide Andrew Tilley has amazing knowlege of the area, and this walk is very scenic and takes in both history of First Nations peoples and European settlement. The walk includes a historic stone bridge and disused silver mineshifts, and the 140 year old Mitcham water works that once supplied Unley and Adelaide. Good walking shoes required. Children under 12 years are free.

Sun 10 & 24 May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Meet at Manure Pits, Brownhill Creek Recreation Park Brown Hill Creek Rd, Mitcham, 5062

Ian Strout, 0400 027 117, IanStrout@outlook.com

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



Travel Through Time Transport Trail

All aboard! Join the Noarlunga Library children’s transport trail and discover our past transport history. Learn how innovations in transport created lasting community connections. From a mobile library to a travelling butcher, follow clues to discover the secret destination word and receive your train ticket entry into the prize draw.

Fri 1, Mon 4, Tue 5 & Wed 6 May, 9.30am – 5.30pm
Thu 7 May, 9.30am – 7pm
Sat 2 & 9 May, 10am – 3pm

Noarlunga Library
Hannah Rd, Noarlunga Centre, 5168

Lucy Thiele, 8384 0655
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Tracks and Tides at the Horseshoe: Travels Through Historical Old Noarlunga

Join us for an exploration of early road and river transport in the historical township of Old Noarlunga. Learn the history of the tow path on the Onkaparinga River, the old coach track which took southbound travellers up the steep hills, the coach stop and stables at the Horseshoe Hotel, and how the railway and the car transformed travel.

Tue 12 & Thu 14 May, 10am – 11.30am

Market Square Reserve, Old Noarlunga
Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga, 5168

Kelly Hudswell-Strahan, 8384 0655
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



In the Words of Barbara Hanrahan

An evening celebrating the writing of Barbara Hanrahan (1939–1991) — feminist author, artist, and South Australian icon. Hear local literary legends perform readings and discuss Hanrahan’s artistic eye, influence and books such as ‘The Scent of Eucalyptus’, ‘Sea Green’, and ‘Annie Magdalene’.

Thu 14 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Goodwood Books
145 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood, 5034

Pink Shorts Press, hello@pinkshortspress.com.au

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



Madge & Bibs and the Advancing Girls

Madeline Rees George ‘Madge’ led a revolution in girls’ education that changed the world. Headmistress at South Australia’s progressive Advanced School for Girls, she was a dominant figure in the colony, and always with her was her younger sister, Marian ‘Bibs’. Includes re-enactments and interviews. “An engrossing and entertaining documentary.” — Greg Mackie.

Thu 7 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Marino Community Hall
44 Newland Ave, Marino, 5049

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

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



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 documentary film about Adelaide’s vibrant 1940s culture. Q&A follows.

Tue 5 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Marino Community Hall
44 Newland Ave, Marino, 5049

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

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



The Many Loves of Geoffrey Dutton

Writer and publisher, Dutton was founder of the Adelaide Festival and Writer’s Week. Married to artist Ninette, he walked away from South Australia and his family after 40 years. His many loves included two wives, a fiancé, mistresses, his children, fast cars, flying, literature, art, and a republic. Winner of New York International Film Awards 2024. Q&A follows.

Wed 6 May, 11am – 12.30pm

Marino Community Hall
44 Newland Ave, Marino, 5049

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

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



Tough Guys on Two Wheels

Tour Down Under (TDU) winner and five-time Tour de France competitor Pat Jonker takes us on a journey from the genesis of competitive cycling through tortuous six-day endurance events, the early Tour de France and its growth into today’s mega-sport, and then our own TDU. Pat reveals the dark side of competing in the world’s toughest sport. With Keith Conlon, 90 minutes including Q&A.

Fri 8 May, 2pm – 3.30pm & 7pm – 8.30pm

Marino Community Hall
44 Newland Ave, Marino, 5049

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

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



Arcadian Adelaide With Thistle Anderson

In 1905 Thistle Anderson lobbed a grenade at conservative Adelaide society with her book Arcadian Adelaide. She condemned the smugness, hypocrisy, and inferior wine among many evils rife in the ‘village’. But who was this fiercely outspoken woman? In this entertaining new play Maureen Sherlock dives into Thistle’s life and the uproar she created.

Sun 17 May, 5pm – 6.30pm

Marino Community Hall
44 Newland Ave, Marino, 5049

Maureen Sherlock, 0439 322 081, roomoo2@ozemail.com.au

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



Auld Lang Syne: Try Scottish Dance

Come and try Scotland’s social dancing. If you are wondering, it is not Highland dancing. Discover its origins, how it has developed and evolved over the years. No longer confined to Scotland, it is popular in many countries around the world. Enjoy a fun afternoon, with easy country and Ceilidh dances taught and walked through. Great toe-tapping tunes to move to.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 4pm

Institute Hall, Mitcham Village
103C Princes Rd, Mitcham, 5062

RSCDS Adelaide, 0411 205 593, secretary@rscdsadelaide.org.au

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



The Changing Shape of Christianity in South Australia 1945 to c2000

From the end of WWII to the year 2000 there were major changes in Christianity in South Australia. Social change impacted customs, attitudes, religious adherence, and involved long-established institutions. Church life in 2000 was different from what it was in 1945. New expressions of Christianity emerged and some traditions declined.

Sat 23 May, 8.30am – 4.30pm

Church of the Trinity (UCA)
318 Goodwood Rd, Clarence Park, 5034

Dean Eland, 0419 112 603, sachurchhistory@outlook.com

By Donation
Bookings required by email (only)



The Days of Chrysler and the Cars of the Rising Sun

Join us in conversation with author and enthusiast Gavin Farmer on the history of these much-loved Australian cars, as featured in two self-published titles ‘Great Ideas In Motion II: A History of Chrysler In Australia’ and ‘The Cars of the Rising Sun’. Gavin has published many more books and has presented on radio, television, and at car clubs.

Thu 21 May, 6.30pm – 8pm

Seaford Library Grand Blvd, Seaford, 5169
Connie Wilson, 8384 0044,
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



South Australian Historical Tool Association

Special event

South Australian Historical Tool Association

Tools used to make connections. Join us for a display and discussion on tools that enable connections to be made. Each month our members display unique tools of varied themes along with stories of their origin and restoration or preservation of wear. See the beauty and function of these tools.

Wed 20 May, 7pm – 9pm

Colonel Light Gardens RSL 4 Prince George Pde,
Colonel Light Gardens, 5041
James McEntee, 0417 848 355,
jmcentee@bigpond.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



St Columba and the Isle of Iona, 2023, Historic UK.

St Columba's Anglican Church

Exhibition

St Columba's Church: Tradition, Innovation and Community

Since 1898 the St Columba's Church has been embedded in the community, sharing its joys and sorrows through change driven by wars, technological innovation, the rise of secularism, social change, and the global pandemic. History guides us as we look to the future, still inspired by adventurous Celtic monk, St Columba. Chinese interpreter available.

Sun 31 May, 2pm – 4pm

St Columba's Anglican Church
3 Rosevear St, Hawthorn, 5062
Ann Nadge, 8272 7266, ann_nadge@yahoo.com

Free
Bookings not required



1970s Holden ambulance, 2025, St John Historical Society

St John Ambulance Historical Society of SA

Exhibition

St John Ambulance Museum

Do you remember our ambulance service before the current SA Ambulance Service (SAAS)? Connect with the people, stories, and vehicles behind the 1970s and 1980s era ambulances operated by the SA St John Ambulance Service. View uniforms, equipment, memorabilia, and our 1970s ambulances, and compare them to the SAAS vehicles on the road today.

Every Sun in May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

St John Ambulance Museum
7 Arundel Rd, Brighton, 5048
Peter Gill, 0418 818 852, museum@stjohnsa.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



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

The Friends of Old Government House

Guided tour

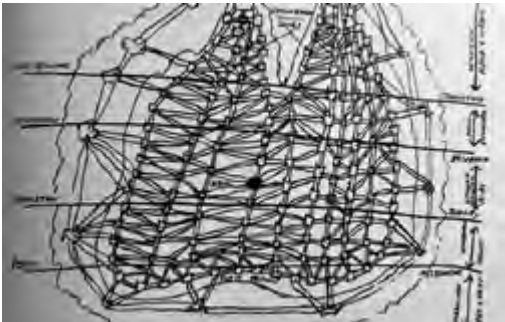
Step Back in Time: Tour of Old Government House

Come and visit Old Government House, a state heritage-listed building nestled in the heart of Belair National Park. Built in 1860 as a summer residence for South Australia's early Governors, this grand residence has been carefully restored and upgraded. Join us and discover the stories of the people who lived in and visited this historic place.

Every Sun in May, 1pm – 4pm
(Afternoon tea only offered on 3 & 17 May)

Old Government House
Queens Jubilee Dr, Belair, 5052
Eliza Gunn, 0493 372 179, friendssofogh@outlook.com

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$10, Devonshire tea & tour: \$15
Bookings required online



Bandaiyan, 1993, David Mowaljarlai

Unley Allies With First Nations People

Talk

The First Nations World of Connections

The First Nations people of Australia had a web of connections which has ensured their survival to this day. Come and hear stories of re-connections after being separated from childhood as part of the Stolen Generation and efforts to regenerate the unique connections of the ancient songlines.

Sun 17 May, 2pm – 4pm

Unley Uniting Church 187 Unley Rd, Unley, 5061

Jonathan Barker, 0438 012 237,
jkjmbarker@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Urrbrae House, 2019, Lynette Zeitz

Urrbrae House Historic Precinct, Adelaide University

Open day

The Doors are Open at Urrbrae House

See inside Urrbrae House. Built in 1891 for pastoralist and philanthropist, Peter Waite, this heritage-listed house is now part of Adelaide University. Explore the public rooms of the elegant house and its beautiful gardens at your leisure. Tour guides (in costume) are on-site to answer questions.

Sun 24 May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Urrbrae House 12 Walter Young Ave, Urrbrae, 5064

Kathryn Pearson, 8313 7497,
urrbraehouse@adelaide.edu.au

Free
Bookings not required



Early Motoring in South Australia

Terry Parker, a respected motoring historian, will explore the early development of motoring in South Australia, examining how and why it emerged, the key figures involved, and the lasting impact it has had on the way we live today.

Wed 6 May, 7pm – 9pm

Colonel Light Gardens RSL and Community Centre
4 Prince George Pde, Colonel Light Gardens, 5041
Julian McNeil, 0419 868 680, julianjmcneil@gmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



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Visit → festival.history.sa.gov.au



A History of Motorsport in South Australia Photo Display

Take a visual journey through South Australia's vibrant motorsport past. Explore iconic moments, legendary local drivers, classic vehicles, and much-loved racing venues that helped shape the state's motorsport culture. This display offers a glimpse into the people, machines, and memories that continue to inspire today's racing scene.

Throughout May during opening hours

Woodcroft Library 175 Bains Rd, Morphet Vale, 5162
Woodcroft Library, 8384 0050, libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Pimpala Station to Reynella Changing Station Walking Tour

Discover the rich history of early coach and rail transport in the area on this guided walking tour. Following the path of the former railway line to Old Reynella. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre before the return walk. The tour is approximately 4.5km requiring a good level of fitness.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at Fasta Pasta car park
9 Pimpala Rd, Old Reynella, 5161

Woodcroft Library, 8384 0050
libraries@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Adelaide West



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Encountering War: A South Australian Life in Wartime Europe

Historian Neil Churches reflects on a South Australian life shaped by encounters with wartime Slovenia. Speaking with the local Slovenian community in mind, this talk explores shared history, different memories, and respectful connection. It focuses on meeting across cultures, without ownership, answers, or closure.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Slovenian Club Adelaide
11 La Salle St, Dudley Park, 5008
Tamara Doheney, 0432 359 792, tamara@100crows.com

Free
Bookings not required



People of the Port Guided Tour: Cheltenham Cemetery

From the wharfies and seafarers to businessmen, publicans and preachers, this fascinating tour of Cheltenham Cemetery paints a vivid picture of the Port and its surrounds. Discover the mastermind behind the world's first School of the Air, relive the explosion that devastated the Port, and learn about a resident who had her own cell at Adelaide Gaol.

Thu 14 & Tue 26 May, 10am – 11.30am

Cheltenham Cemetery High St, Cheltenham, 5014
Adelaide Cemetery Tours, 8139 7400, aca.events@aca.sa.gov.au

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



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 17 May, 9.45am – 11.45am

Broadway Hotel 61 Broadway, Glenelg South, 5045
Alison, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

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



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 3 May, 10.15am – 12pm

Port Adelaide Visitors Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015
Alison, 0408 850 234, adelaidechapter@gmail.com

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



Falling Bombs and Floating Cards

Join the oldest magic club in Australia in their underground club rooms for their history, some nostalgia, and a live magic performance suitable for families of all ages. This is a rare opportunity to look behind the scenes of this most secretive of performing arts. Come behind the smoke and mirrors, and tour Australia's only magic club rooms.

Sat 2, 16 & Sun 3, 17 May, 1pm – 2pm, 2.30pm – 3.30pm & 4pm – 5pm

Australian Society of Magicians
92 South Rd, Torrensville, 5031
Phil Ahrens, 0438 055 188, phil@wizzbangmagic.com

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



Charles Sturt’s Journeys Across an Ancient Continent

Charles Sturt’s quest was to map and survey an ancient continent. In the process, he came to understand and respect the ancient First Nations culture that was an important part of the landscape before European settlement. Join Historian and Exhibition Designer Denise Schumann OAM in sharing this beautiful blend of storytelling, artworks, and treasures.

Sat 16 May, 12pm – 12.45pm, 1pm – 1.45pm & 2pm – 2.45pm

Charles Sturt Museum 39D Jetty St, Grange, 5022
Margaret Phillips, 0422 434 403,
info@charlessturtmuseum.org.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$15, Child: \$5
Bookings required by phone or email



Chris John

Performance

A Dog’s Hind Leg With Me ’N Me Mates

Shaggy yarns and songs from the dust heap of history. A look through the wrong end of the telescope at Australian hood-winkery and falsification.

Sun 17 May, 4pm – 4.55pm

Goodwood Theatre Bar
166 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood, 5034

Me ’N Me Mates, 0413 533 118,
cjmenmemate@gmail.com

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



Various City of Charles Sturt buildings, 2025, Calista Cox

City of Charles Sturt

Exhibition

Calista Cox: Charles Sturt Heritage Buildings, Watercolour Series

This exhibition presents nine watercolour artworks celebrating heritage buildings across the City of Charles Sturt. Calista highlights the architectural beauty we often overlook, capturing each site’s unique charm and encouraging viewers to pause, look closer, and rediscover the everyday beauty around them.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Ngutungka West Lakes
9 Charles St, West Lakes, 5021

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Samantha Battams’ great grandmother Edith Miller (nee Thompson), c 1840s, cover of ‘Paving the Way’, 2026, Samantha Battams

City of Charles Sturt

Talk

Author Talk: Dr Samantha Battams ‘Paving the Way’

Discover the overlooked women who helped shape South Australia’s political and social landscape as Dr Samantha Battams explores the trailblazing figures whose determination and advocacy forged lasting reform, drawn from her acclaimed historical work ‘Paving the Way.’

Fri 15 May, 2pm – 3pm

Ngutungka Henley
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



‘A Shimmering Thread’, 2026, Laura Di Martino

City of Charles Sturt

Talk

Threads of Time: An Author Talk With Laura Di Martino

Join us for an inspiring author talk with Laura Di Martino as she delves into her captivating work ‘A Shimmering Thread’. Discover the stories woven through history, resilience, and identity in this engaging conversation about the threads that connect us across time.

Sat 16 May, 11am – 12pm

Ngutungka Henley
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Image of antique collectables, 2024, Shutterstock

City of Charles Sturt

Talk

Antique Roadshow

Step back in time at our Antique Roadshow! Discover the stories behind your antiques, collectables, and decorative treasures as Lachlan Marshall from the Auction Rooms appraises and evaluates each piece. Submit images and details by 20 May 2026 or bring your items along for a live evaluation.

Fri 29 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Ngutungka Henley
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



‘Whispering Wire’; Tracing the Overland Telegraph Line through the Heart of Australia, 2022, Rosamund Burton

City of Charles Sturt

Talk

Author Talk: Rosamund Burton on Tracing Australia’s Overland Telegraph Line

Step into Australia’s past with Rosamund Burton as she shares her epic trek along the Overland Telegraph Line from Adelaide to Darwin. From cycling through the Flinders Ranges to navigating remote dirt tracks, her journey reveals forgotten stories and the spirit of the outback.

Tue 19 May, 11am – 12pm

Ngutungka West Lakes
9 Charles St, West Lakes, 5021

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online





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Prime Minister Ben Chifley introducing Australia's own car, the Holden, at a manufacturing plant in Victoria in 1948, National Library of Australia

City of Charles SturtTalk

'Life in 1948 and the Dramatic Arrival of the Holden Car' With Don Loffler

Travel back to 1948 with Don Loffler as he explores life in post-war South Australia and the dramatic arrival of the Holden car. From rationing and austerity to the design in Detroit, and the grand launch in Fishermen's Bend, discover the story behind Australia's first car.

Fri 8 May, 2pm – 3pm

Ngutungka Henley
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Bookbinding, 2025, City of Charles Sturt

City of Charles SturtWorkshop

Bound by Time: The Art of Historical Bookbinding

Discover the timeless craft of bookbinding in this hands-on workshop. Explore historical techniques, materials, and methods that shaped books through the ages, and create your own bound piece inspired by centuries of tradition.

Wed 6 May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Hindmarsh Library 139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh, 5007

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online



Family tree word cloud, 2023, Shutterstock image, City of Charles Sturt

City of Charles SturtWorkshop

Searching Family History Records

The City of Charles Sturt is offering a range of family history workshops at Hindmarsh Library, Ngutungka Henley Beach, and Ngutungka West Lakes. Learn to search Ancestry Library Edition, Trove, Births, Deaths and Marriages, Australian Pioneer Indexes, online military records, and how to scan old photos.

Various dates and times,
visit City of Charles Sturt website

Various Locations - City of Charles Sturt
139 Port Rd, Hindmarsh, 5007

Charles Sturt Library Service, 8408 1333,
events@charlessturt.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



City of Holdfast BayExhibition

Glenelg Through the Lens of Time

A unique collection of historic stereographs and photographs of Glenelg and its coastal environs donated by the late Ron Blum, one of South Australia's pre-eminent photographic historians and collectors. The exhibition is believed to be the first of its kind devoted to South Australian stereography shown in a public gallery in South Australia.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Bay Discovery Centre
1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Bay Discovery Centre, 8179 9599,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

By Donation
Bookings not required



City of Holdfast BayGuided tour

A Walk Through Historic 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 2 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Paringa Hall - Sacred Heart College
195 Brighton Rd, Somerton Park, 5044

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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



City of Holdfast BayGuided 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. Please note, some scaffolding will be present around the exterior of the home.

Tue 19 May, 9.30am – 10.30am & 10.30am – 11.30am

Partridge House 38 Partridge St, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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



City of Holdfast BayGuided 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. After the tour you are welcome to explore the historic displays. Entrance via steep stairs.

Thu 7 May, 10.30am – 11.20am & 11.30am – 12.30pm

Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter
Rugless Tce, Glenelg East, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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



City of Holdfast BayGuided 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. The tour includes entry to the Bay Discovery Centre.

Sun 17 May, 10am – 11am

Meet at entrance to Bay Discovery Centre
1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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



City of Holdfast BayGuided tour

A Cultural Gathering by the Sea With Allan Sumner

Join Kaurna and Ngarrindjeri man Allan Sumner as he shares the cultural significance of Minda Dunes and the inspiration behind the design of the Ngadlu Padnithi Kumangka, a unique cultural artwork created by Allan and Exhibition Studios.

Wed 27 May, 11.30am – 12.30pm

Minda Coastal Park (meet under shelter)
57 Repton Rd, North Brighton, 5048

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999,
history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

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



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.

Thu 7 May, 9.30am – 10.30am

St Jude’s Cemetery 444 Brighton Rd, Brighton, 5048

City of Holdfast Bay, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online

Glenelg Air Raid Shelter Open Day

Come explore the Glenelg Air Raid Shelter. Built during WWII, it was one of seven constructed in Adelaide’s most populous suburbs and formed part of a communication network. It now houses exhibitions and memorabilia that tell the stories of Holdfast Bay and its residents during various wars. Entrance via steep stairs.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 3pm

Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter

Rugless Tce, Glenelg East, 5045

City of Holdfast Bay, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

By Donation

Bookings not required

Mansions of Glenelg: Self-Guided 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 self-guided tour and discover the stories behind some of Glenelg’s finest; such as Seafield Tower, Glenara, Stormont, and Albert Hall. Collect your walking brochure from the Bay Discovery Centre, open 10am – 4pm.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Collect free walking brochure from the Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley St, Glenelg, 5045

City of Holdfast Bay, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings not required

Historic Glenelg Self-Guided Walking Tour

Home of the Kurna people, Pathawilyangga was transformed in 1836 when the first European ships arrived. Glenelg quickly rose from the sand dunes to become a popular seaside destination and a busy tourist destination. Discover Glenelg’s rich history on this self-guided tour. Collect your walking brochure from the Bay Discovery Centre 10am to 4pm.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings not required

Jimmy Melrose ‘Boy Phoenix’

Charles James (Jimmy) Melrose, dubbed the ‘Boy Phoenix’ by the press, was an aviator who was raised on the Glenelg Esplanade at Glenwood Mansions (now Melrose Apartments). In this talk, learn more about this extraordinary man.

Wed 6 May, 2pm – 3pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5

Bookings required online

Glenelg Through the Lens of Time: Curator Floor Talk With Ken Orchard

In this special talk with Co-Curator, Ken Orchard, discover the history of stereography and the evolution of photography. Explore historic images of Glenelg and its coastal environs donated by the late Ron Blum, one of South Australia’s pre-eminent photographic historians and collectors.

Thu 14 May, 11am – 12pm

Bay Discovery Centre

1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online

Woven Connections With Kurna Elder Lynette Crocker

Join us for a special cultural talk with Senior Kurna Woman Lynette Crocker, as she shares her deep connection to the ancient art of weaving. Through story and reflection, Lynette will speak about her love of weaving, how she learned this meaningful practice, and the ways it connects her to Country, culture, and ancestors.

Fri 29 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10

Bookings required online

The Dorschs of Brighton

Millie Dorsch tragically died during the sinking of the Vyner Brooke in 1942. In this talk, local David Harry shares his research into Millie’s life and the stories he has uncovered of three generations of the Dorsch Family. Please note this talk discusses war and war crimes. Donations on the day can be made for the Millie Dorsch Wellness Centre.

Thu 21 May, 11am – 12pm

Brighton Civic Centre 24 Jetty Rd, Brighton, 5048

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

By Donation

Bookings required online

Land, Diversity and Kinship Workshop With Jack Buckskin

Join Kurna and Narungga Man Jack Buckskin for an immersive workshop exploring the deep connections between culture, land, diversity, and kinship. Through storytelling and lived experience, Jack will guide participants in understanding the cultural frameworks that have sustained First Nations communities for generations. Ages 18+.

Thu 21 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Bay Discovery Centre 1 Moseley Sq, Glenelg, 5045

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required online

Family History: Research the Connections to Tell Your Story

Experienced researchers from Genealogy SA will help you to discover the research materials and resources available online and what you can find in the Genealogy SA Library. The content will be appropriate for beginners that are looking for a place to start their research and attendees should leave with a list of solid websites and resources to begin exploring.

Mon 4 May, 10am – 11.15am

Brighton Civic Centre 24 Jetty Rd, Brighton, 5048

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online

Adventures in Unmarked Graves Using Geophysics With Professor Ian Moffat

Finding unmarked graves is difficult, even with modern methods. Geophysical techniques offer a fast, non-invasive way to survey sites, but graves often produce subtle signals. This presentation shares insights from several projects, and outlines current best practices in grave detection.

Fri 22 May, 10am – 11am

Brighton Civic Centre 24 Jetty Rd, Brighton, 5048

Holdfast Bay History Centre, 8229 9999, history@holdfast.sa.gov.au

Free

Bookings required online

Semaphore Heritage Plaque Walk

Join us on a one-hour walking tour of Semaphore to discover our newest heritage plaques and learn about the rich history and significance of these properties.

Thu 7 May, 10am – 11am
Meet at Semaphore Uniting Church
144 Semaphore Rd, Exeter, 5019
Local History Team, 8405 6580,
local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Find Your Story: Individual Sessions

Do you want to research your family history but are not sure where to start? These individual sessions will get you started on documenting your journey. We will work with you to access billions of genealogy records. Computer access will be provided. Please bring a USB to save your research.

Wed 13 May, 10:30am – 11:30am & 3pm – 4pm
Greenacres Library 2 Fosters Rd, Greenacres, 5086
Local History Team, 8405 6580,
local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Find Your Story: Individual Sessions

Do you want to research your family history but are not sure where to start? These individual sessions will get you started on documenting your journey. We will work with you to access billions of genealogy records. Computer access will be provided. Please bring a USB to save your research.

Wed 20 May, 10:30am – 11:30am & 3pm – 4pm
Parks Library 46 Trafford St, Angle Park, 5010
Local History Team, 8405 6580,
local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

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Wed 27 May, 10.30am – 11.30am & 3pm – 4pm
Port Adelaide Library
2-4 Church St, Port Adelaide, 5015
Local History Team, 8405 6580,
local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

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Wed 6 May, 10:30am – 11:30am & 3pm – 4pm
Semaphore Library
14 Semaphore Rd, Semaphore, 5019
Local History Team, 8405 6580,
local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online





MIGRATION MUSEUM

82 Kintore Avenue Adelaide SA
migration.history.sa.gov.au





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Looking Back at SA's Picture Theatres and Drive-ins

Have you ever wondered how drive-in theatres came to be in South Australia? Or those grand old theatres that once stood proudly across the CBD? Author Scott Smith will discuss his new book 'Looking Back: South Australian Picture Theatres and Drive-Ins.'

Thu 21 May, 6pm – 7.15pm

City of West Torrens Library Auditorium
1 Brooker Tce, Cowandilla, 5033

Local History Officer, 8416 6228,
library@wtcc.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online

City of West Torrens & West Torrens Historical Society

Bus tour

West Torrens Library Tuesday Tours

Four Tuesday morning bus tours around West Torrens. Kandahar and the Historicial Society (5th); Thebarton and surrounds (12th); Lockleys and surrounds (19th); Plympton and surrounds (26th). See website for further information and bookings.

Tue 5 May, 9.30am – 12pm
Tue 12, 19 & 26 May, 9.30am – 12.30pm

City of West Torrens Library Service
1 Brooker Tce, Cowandilla, 5033

Community Transport Coordinator, 8416 6272,
library@wtcc.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
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 the UK and Adelaide between 1864–1887. Women volunteers tell stories of the many women who sailed on the historic ship or had links to it over its life. Note, the Sunday performance is an accessible session located on the ground level in Shed 13 (next to the ship).

Sat 23 & Sun 24 May, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Clipper Ship City of Adelaide
2 Honey St, Port Adelaide, 5015

Peter Christopher, 0418 846 638,
admin@cityofadelaide.org.au

Event costs apply
Saturday Session - Per Person: \$35
Sunday Session - Per Person: \$20
Bookings by email



'Hawkers Creek Port Adelaide' by Lucy Harwood, c1900s, Art Gallery of South Australia, gift of Mrs AL Reid (1977)

Daniel Havey, Aunty Margaret Brodie & Bronwin Patrickson

Guided tour

Ghost Rivers of the Port: Hawkers Creek Guided Walk

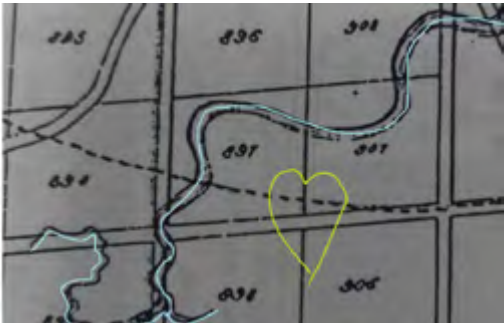
Before bitumen roads and shopping centres our neighbourhoods included creeks and wetlands. Kurna people lived in these beautiful ecologies for millennia. This guided walk will accompany the launch of a guided sound walk, that will enable people to walk a route tracing the now disappeared creek using their phones. Proudly supported by City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

Sat 30 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at small park around John Hart Reserve
Cnr Swan Tce & Hart St, Glanville, 5015

Daniel Havey, 0419 868 179,
itsnotharvey@outlook.com

Free
Bookings required online



Edited section from 'Tramway from Port Adelaide to Sea Beach', A.H. Freeling, Capt. R.E. South Australian Parliamentary Papers, June 11, 1856, No.194

Daniel Havey, Aunty Margaret Brodie & Bronwin Patrickson

Special event

Ghost Rivers of the Port: Hawkers Creek Soundwalk Launch

Before there was bitumen streets and shopping centres, our neighbourhoods included creeks and wetlands. Kurna people lived in these beautiful ecologies for millennia before so many were lost. This event is to celebrate the launch of a guided sound walk that traces the now dissapeared Hawkers Creek, and will feature a Q&A with the creators.

Thu 28 May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Port Adelaide City Band & Edgar D Oldfield Hall
2 Freshwater Rd, Semaphore, 5019

Daniel Havey, itsnotharvey@outlook.com

Free
Bookings required online

Port Adelaide Ghost Crime Tour

Step into the darkest side of Adelaide's maritime heart. Port Adelaide is one of South Australia's most historic and most haunted areas. Experience this hidden world for yourself. More than just a ghost tour, this is a journey through real crime stories, paranormal encounters, and the true history of one of Australia's oldest working ports.

Fri 15 & 29 May, Every Sat in May, 7.15pm – 10pm

Cnr Commercial Rd & McLaren Pde
1 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015

Ghost Crime Tours, 1300 044 678,
bookings@ghost-crime-tours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$44.95
Bookings required online



Beehive Kiln James' Brickworks Beverly South Australia, AI modified, 2025, Helen Lawry

Helen Lawry

Performance

Astronauts Reminisce

An uplifting show set in the Historic James Brickworks Beehive kiln. Helen Lawry has stitched together historic accounts of pioneering astronaut's experiences and created an intimate, thought provoking 30 minute show that optimises the unique acoustics and aesthetic of this igloo shaped 'beehive kiln', a place usually inaccessible to the public.

Thu 14 & Fri 15 May, 11am – 11.30am & 12.30pm – 1pm

Historic James Brickworks
Toogood Ave, Beverley, 5009

Helen Lawry, 0425 641 970,
helensarahlawry@gmail.com

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

Henley & Grange Historical Society

Exhibition

A Day at the Beach: Family Fun Through the Decades at Henley and Grange

Come and see how children spent a day at Henley and Grange in times past. Our display features photos, objects, and rare film footage from different eras, showing changes in amusements, clothing, and refreshments for a day at the beach. Sandwiches from home? Money to spend for an icecream? What is different, what is the same? Exhibition open daily.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Ngutungka Henley
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Free
Bookings not required

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maritime.history.sa.gov.au/events/museums-in-the-port/

Henley Beach: A Heritage Walk

Enjoy a leisurely guided walk as you trace the origins of this charming seaside village and its development into a vibrant suburb. During the 1.5-hour, 2.5 km walk, discover the rich colonial history and landmarks, including the Town Hall, Haigh's Mansions and other architectural icons. The walk concludes with light refreshments at the Henley RSL.

Tue 12 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet front of Ngutungka Henley
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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



Grange: A Heritage Walk

Step back in time on a 1.5 hour walk around historic Grange, first settled by Europeans in the late 1830s. During this 2.5 km guided tour you will see iconic and elegant heritage buildings while learning about its colonial history with stories from the past. The walk finishes with light refreshments at an historic bungalow with views of the beach.

Tue 5 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at front of Grange Hotel
489 Esplanade, Grange, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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



Sandhills, Swamps and Swells: The Henley South History Walk

Uncover how the landscape of South Henley has changed — from a small, isolated coastal village to becoming a desirable seaside destination a century ago. Learn about colourful residents — some illustrious, some not. There are bound to be some surprises during this entertaining 1.5 hour, 2.5 km walk, which finishes near the Henley Hotel.

Sun 10 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet at shelter opposite Henley Beach Hotel
157 Esplanade, Henley Beach, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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



‘N’Kola Donga’: F Kenneth Milne House Open Day

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 concludes with morning tea.

Sat 2 & 23 May, 10am – 12pm

Wed 6 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet on verandah of N’Kola Donga
451 Esplanade, Grange, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Tour

Discover the design and architectural features of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Community Centre. Explore the 1919 church (now hall) and 1992 church, rich in symbolism, altar, crucifix, tabernacle, baptistery, statues, stained glass windows, and memorial garden, all reflecting the local seaside environment. Afternoon tea provided.

Wed 13 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420
Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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Bookings required online



Henley South Open House

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 Road. One of the few remaining, this 1913 Edwardian home was designed by Cowell & Cowell Architects and demonstrates gracious seaside living. Tour includes morning tea.

Sat 9 & 16 May, 10am – 12pm

Meet on verandah
212 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach South, 5022

Vince, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

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



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MARITIME MUSEUM



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Sailboats, Swimming, and Sandcastles!

What was a 'day at the beach' like for children in the olden days? Look at old photos of Henley and Grange beaches. Find out about a clever performing dog! Have fun making a craft activity to take home! Suitable for children 4-8 years. Each child must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Small group sessions (1 hour each).

Sun 17 & 24 May, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Ngutungka Henley, Chambers Room
378 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach, 5022

Marie, 0403 502 201,
info@henleyandgrangehistory.org.au

Free
Bookings required online



Historic Ketch Falie

Display

'Falie': A Coastal Trader, Wartime Vessel, and Trainee Ship

Learn more about this South Australian maritime icon at our pop-up display, set up daily by 'Falie' Volunteers. Connecting the past of the century-old ketch, 'Falie', with a new generation of South Australia's maritime heritage-makers. We also have a number of programs that run throughout the year, and a strong online presence. Please visit our website for more information.

Thu 21 - Sun 24 May, 11am – 3pm

Port Adelaide Plaza
200-220 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015
Lyn O'Grady, 0409 305 908, lyn.ogrady@gmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



Port Adelaide Lighthouse, 2025, Khuong Nguyen

History Trust of South Australia
& South Australia Maritime Museum

Guided tour

Port Adelaide Lighthouse Tour

Experience the magic of the iconic lighthouse, first illuminated in 1869 and still operational after being relocated several times. Learn historical facts, discover captivating stories, and ascend 83 steps to the top to witness the lantern mechanism in action. Step out onto the deck and enjoy unique views of the river and Port Adelaide from above.

Sat 2, Wed 13 & Thu 21 May, 11am – 11.45am,
12pm – 12.45pm & 1pm – 1.45pm

Port Adelaide Lighthouse
Queen's Wharf, Port Adelaide, 5015
SA Maritime Museum, 8151 3260,
maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$18.50, Child: \$9.50
Bookings required online



MV Archie Badenoch on the Port River, 2023, Paul McCarthy

History Trust of South Australia
& South Australia Maritime Museum

Guided tour

Port River Heritage Tour on Historic Vessel 'MV Archie Badenoch'

Learn about the historical areas of the waterfront, and enjoy viewpoints of interest along the Port River including Hart's Mill, the lifting Tom 'Diver' Derrick Bridge, the 1864 clipper ship City of Adelaide — and perhaps even a dolphin!

Thu 7, Sun 10 & Fri 29 May, 11am – 12pm
& 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Queen's Wharf, Port Adelaide
Queen's Wharf, Port Adelaide, 5015

SA Maritime Museum, 8151 3260,
maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$31.50, Child: \$16.50
Bookings required online



aTorrens Island Quarantine Station tour group, 2025, Ethan White

History Trust of South Australia
& South Australia Maritime Museum

Guided tour

Torrens Island Quarantine Station Tour

The fully guided tour visits the many areas of the Quarantine Station, including passenger bathing blocks, the boiler house used to power fumigation, the morgue, and the isolation hospital. The character of the buildings, the history of the site, and the ambience of the natural environment make the visit a moving experience.

Fri 8 & Sat 16 May, 11am – 12.30pm
Thu 28 May, 1pm – 2.30pm

Torrens Island Quarantine Station
via Grand Trunkway, Gillman, 5013

SA Maritime Museum, 8151 3260,
maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$36.50
Bookings required online



Port Adelaide Lighthouse, 2024, Greg Punch

History Trust of South Australia,
South Australia Maritime Museum
& Port Admiral Hotel

Guided tour

Lighthouse Lore & Portside Pour: A Journey Through Port Adelaide's Past

Join us for a tour, talk, and tippie at two iconic landmarks — the Port Admiral Hotel, the city's oldest surviving building, established in 1849 and the Port Adelaide Lighthouse, first lit in 1869. Price includes a guided tour to the top of the lighthouse followed by a meal, drink, and presentation on the history of the Port Admiral Hotel.

Fri 15 & Sat 23 May, 6pm – 8pm

Port Adelaide Lighthouse
Queen's Wharf, Port Adelaide, 5015

SA Maritime Museum, 8151 3260,
maritime@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$60
Bookings required online



New for 2026

There is always something new to discover in the History Festival program. This icon indicates an event fresh for 2026.

Lutheran Archives

Workshop

Reading German Documents: Fraktur and Kurrentschrift

An introduction for genealogists about the language, the handwriting (Schrift), and the printing (Fraktur) used in German records. There will be lots of examples and activities for you to learn and practice skills using copies of real records. Attendees are encouraged to bring along laptops or tablets to try activities and to explore resources.

Sun 31 May, 1pm – 4pm

Lutheran Archives 27 Fourth St, Bowden, 5007
Lutheran Archives, 8340 4009,
lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$60
Bookings required online



Genealogy for Absolute Beginners!

An nine-hour course over three weeks for absolute beginners or those who want to revisit the basics on how to plan, research, record, and share genealogical discoveries. Included are handouts, practical examples, how to access records, and the pitfalls to avoid. Each session will build on the previous one.

Thu 7 May, 5.15pm – 8.15pm
Lutheran Archives 27 Fourth St, Bowden, 5007
Lutheran Archives, 8340 4009,
lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$120
Bookings required online



Researching German-Australian Family History

Germans were the largest non-British group of migrants to Australia in the nineteenth century, but issues such as name changes, language barriers, and identifying place of origin hold some researchers back. This course will help researchers start the process of finding their German ancestors.

Thu 28 May, 5.15pm – 8.15pm
Lutheran Archives 27 Fourth St, Bowden, 5007
Lutheran Archives, 8340 4009,
lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$60
Bookings required online



The Dark Side of Port Adelaide

Oily Rag Theatre's new historical walking tour. Ghost hosts Ada and Pearl cannot wait to tell you some of the less savoury and more scandalous tales of Port Adelaide's 'olden days'. Join them for an evening stroll and be regaled with their stories about the local scoundrels, smugglers, murderers, miscreants, villains, vigilantes, and more.

Mon 18, Thu 21, Sun 24, Wed 27, Sat 30 May,
7pm – 8.15pm
Meet at Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015
Oily Rag Theatre, 0417 166 293,
oilyragtheatre@gmail.com

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



Sleeping Ariadne, Roman Hadrianic copy of a Hellenistic sculpture, OEEGA

Organisation of Hellene and Hellene-Cypriot Women of Australia (SA) - OEEGA

Exhibition

In Bed With The Greeks

Since ancient times the Greeks recognised the importance of sleep not just as a time of rest but as a healing practice. This intriguing exhibition unfolds the decor of intimate bedroom interiors, with the use of regional textiles and bed covers known as Paploma, along with varied cultural practices and traditions associated with sleep and bedrooms.

Sat 9 May, 2pm – 5pm
Thu 14, 21, 28 May, 11am – 3pm
Fri 15, 22, 29 May, 11am – 3pm
Sat 16, 23, 30 May, 11am – 3pm
Cowandilla Community Room
173 Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Cowandilla, 5033
Joanna Tsalikis, 0422 617 015,
oeeega.sa@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Port Adelaide Heritage Bus Tours

Join us for a captivating journey through the historic heart of South Australia. This bus tour will take you past stunning heritage buildings and iconic sites, brought to life with lively storytelling. Discover tales of early settlers, maritime legends, and the transformation of Port Adelaide from 'Port Misery' to a thriving colonial period hub.

Thu 7 May, 10am – 12pm & Sun 31 May, 1pm – 3pm
Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
65 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015
David Hunter, 0417 202 066, david@portadelaide.org

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



Images of the Port: Past, Present & Beyond

Step inside and explore the Port's fascinating history through artefacts and photographs spanning 150+ years. Enjoy immersive multimedia displays, guided tours with passionate local historians, interactive family activities, and heritage treasure hunt. Highlights are the Human Sundial, Faces of the Port, and Lost Buildings and Hidden Lanes.

Every Sun in May, 2pm – 4pm

Port Adelaide Historical Society Museum
95 Fletcher Rd, Peterhead, 5016

David Hunter, 0417 202 066,
secretary@portadelaide.org

Event costs apply
Adult: \$5, Concession: \$5, Child & Member: Free
Bookings not required



Police Station Port Adelaide, c1900, State Library of South Australia

Guided Port Walk

Step back into the 1800s and uncover the stories that shaped historic Port Adelaide. Join our knowledgeable volunteer guides for a 90 minute walk through the Port's heritage streets and hear what life was really like for early settlers, including how the area earned the infamous nickname 'Port Misery'.

Every Sun in May & Sat 2, 9, 16 & 23 May,
11am – 12:30pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015
Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 8405 6560
visitorinfo@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

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



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Workers Memorial and former Port Adelaide Police Station, 1970, City of PAE Libraries Local History Society

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre Guided tour
& South Australian Police Historical Society

A Walk Around the Block

Join Dr Barry Blundell APM from the Police Historical Society for a fascinating walk around Port Adelaide. Discover the murders, mysteries, and robberies that unfolded here, and learn about a major incident that shocked and affected the entire state.

Fri 8 & 22 May, 11am – 12pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 8405 6560, visitorinfo@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

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



Waterside Workers' Strike, [B 4917], 1928, State Library of South Australia

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre Talk
& South Australian Police Historical Society

Policing the Wharf Strikes

Dr Barry Blundell APM from the South Australian Police Historical Society explores the dramatic events of 1928 that brought Port Adelaide's wharves to a standstill. Discover the volatile conflict between ship owners and unionists that triggered the longest policing operation in South Australian history.

Fri 15 May, 11am – 12pm

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015

Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 8405 6560, visitorinfo@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

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



'Together', 2025, John Ford OAM, Black Diamond Gallery

Port Community Arts Centre - Exhibition
Black Diamond Gallery

Together

The Together exhibition uses the elements of art colour, line, shape, form, value, space, texture as a vehicle to create a sense of togetherness amongst otherwise separate parts. This collaboration of members of PCAC has created an eclectic and exciting exhibition.

Sun 10 May - Sat 30 May, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Black Diamond Gallery
66 Commercial Rd, Port Adelaide, 5015

Erin Roud, 0435 981 070, mail@portcommunityartscentre.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Mustang A68-166 at RAAF Mallala, 1958, SAAM

South Australian Aviation Museum Talk

History of RAAF Mallala With Group Captain Greg Weller

RAAF Mallala was a busy WWII training base between 1941 and 1945. It subsequently became South Australia's first post-war air force base, supporting aerospace research and development at Woomera through the late 1940s and 1950s. Explore the full story of this pivotal yet often overlooked chapter in South Australia's rich Air Force heritage.

Sat 23 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

South Australian Aviation Museum
16 Bedford St, Port Adelaide, 5015

South Australian Aviation Museum, 8240 1230, enquiries@saam.org.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



South Australian Aviation Museum Talk

History of the Royal Aero Club of SA Talk With Mike Milln

The Royal Aero Club of South Australia was founded 100 years ago in 1926. It was a key organisation in the development of local aviation, with many of its members prominent South Australians. In this talk historian Mike Milln will discuss the highs and lows of the club's story and the social and regulatory environment in which it evolved.

Sat 16 May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

South Australian Aviation Museum
16 Bedford St, Port Adelaide, 5015

South Australian Aviation Museum, 8240 1230, enquiries@saam.org.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



St Mary & St Bishoy's Coptic Orthodox Church Guided tour

Ancient Egyptian and Coptic Gallery

Discover and learn about Egypt through the eyes of her children. Come to a guided tour through history, from the birth of the Egyptian civilisation, its passage through time, the birth of the Coptic Era, and where it all stands today.

Every Sat in May, 2pm – 2.45pm & 4pm – 4.45pm

St Mary & St Bishoy's Coptic Orthodox Church
18-22 Goldfinch Ave, Cowandilla, 5033

Maria Hendy, 0434 008 984, coptic.gallery@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



SANFL History Centre Guided tour

SANFL History Centre Tour

The South Australian National Football League has a proud history spanning nearly 150 years and its SANFL History Centre is a very active archive. During the 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.

Tue 12 & Thu 14 May, 10.30am – 12pm

SANFL History Centre, West Adelaide Football Club
57 Milner Rd, Richmond, 5033

SANFL History Centre, 8424 2200, history@sanfl.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum Guided tour

Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum Open Day

The museum captures history of electricity generation and distribution in South Australia 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.

Tue 5, 12, 19 & 26 May, 10am – 11.40am & 1.15pm – 2.55pm

Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum
31 Broughton Ave, Kurralta Park, 5037

Philip Erickson, 8351 0509, etsape31@tpg.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by phone or email



Researching First Nations History With State Records

State Records presents an information session on how to start researching your First Nations family history.

Thu 14 May, 10am – 11.30am
Port Adelaide Library, Community Room
2-4 Church St, Port Adelaide, 5015
Local History Team, 8405 6580,
local.history@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



The Cummins Society

Guided tour

Guided Tour of Historic Cummins House With Devonshire Tea

Step back into South Australia's past as our tour guides share stories of the Morphett family, who lived in this significant residence for five generations. The Sunday tour includes traditional Devonshire tea with warm scones and homemade jam, while the Friday evening Royal tea features sweet and savoury treats with a glass of sparkling wine. Join us!

Sun 3 & 17 May, 2pm – 4.30pm, Fri 22 May, 7pm – 9pm
Historic Cummins House
23 Sheoak Ave, Novar Gardens, 5040
Jan, 0417 852 320

Event costs apply Friday evening - Per Person: \$35
Sunday afternoon - Per Person: \$15
Bookings required online



Wall hanging, 20th century, The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia

The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia

Exhibition

Daily Life

Connections are made to the past through this display of personal and domestic objects from the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia's collection. An eclectic mix of local and international memories over the decades.

Every Tue & Fri in May, 10am – 2pm

The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia
16 Hughes St, Mile End, 5031

Lesley Grady, 8234 1104, museum@embguildsa.org.au

By Donation
Bookings not required



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The Fort Glanville Historical Association

Open day

A Day in the Life of a Colonial Soldier

An afternoon of nineteenth-century military drill, cannon fire, and musketry volleys. Visit the innermost recesses of our historic fort and enjoy the performance. Children may have the opportunity to join the drill squad and learn to be a soldier! Fort Glanville: successfully protecting South Australia since 1882.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 4pm
Fort Glanville 359 Military Rd, Semaphore Park, 5019
Russ Sheldrick, 8264 4798,
russell.sheldrick@bigpond.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$20, Family: \$40, Child: \$10, Concession: \$10
Bookings not required



The Fort Glanville Historical Association

Special event

The Fort by Lamplight

A program featuring nineteenth century military drill with uniforms and weaponry, including cannon and musketry firing — all in the soft glow of lamplight. (You should see the gun-flashes!) Set in Australia's foremost colonial military site. Pay at the door.

Sat 2 May, 7pm – 9pm
Fort Glanville 359 Military Rd, Semaphore Park, 5019
Russ Sheldrick, 8264 4798,
russell.sheldrick@bigpond.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$20, Family: \$40, Child: \$10, Concession: \$10
Bookings not required



Waterside Workers Hall, 2019, Tony Kearney

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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, and First Nations people. Since 1992, it has been home to the multi award winning arts company, Vitalstatistix. Join us for a guided tour to learn about the rich history of this iconic heritage-listed building.

Tue 5 May, 11am – 12pm
Vitalstatistix, Waterside Workers Hall
11 Nile St, Port Adelaide, 5015
Danielle Lim, 8447 6211,
program@vitalstatistix.com.au

By Donation
Bookings required online



West Torrens Historical Society

Open day

Kandahar Connections: Open Days

Built c1900 and given as a belated wedding present from Captain William Morish to his daughter Mary Elizabeth when she married Arthur Hill, the house was designed by Edward Davies, notable South Australian architect. Take a look around Kandahar and learn its history with the West Torrens Historical Society. Enjoy \$5 Devonshire tea (10am – 2pm both days).

Tue 5 May, 10am – 7pm & Sat 9 May, 10am – 2pm
West Torrens Historical Society
327 Marion Rd, North Plympton, 5037
Graham Parry, 0418 880 080,
westtorrenshistory@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



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Matthew & Kerrie White



Post-1950 Concours d'Elegance
1950 Holden 48-215
Roger Mattschoss



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National Trust's Stangate House Garden in its autumn splendour, Aldgate, 2025, Charles Seja

Adelaide Hills Garden Affair Special event

Discover Autumn Magic at the Garden Affair in Historic Stangate Gardens

Explore a hidden treasure as this historic Hills garden glows in autumn. Hear Marilyn Kuchel OAM share its engaging history and join her guided tour or discover the famous giant oak and significant trees on a self-guided walk. Enjoy traditional morning tea, activities, and garden related stalls; all part of the Adelaide Hills Garden Affair event.

Sun 3 May, 10am – 3.30pm

Stangate House and Gardens
3 Edgeware Rd, Aldgate, 5154

Elizabeth Dobson, 0423 560 630,
adelaidehillsgardenaffair@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15, After 1pm: \$12
Bookings required online



Birdwood Institute Talk

Birdwood: A Walk Down Memory Lane

Inviting current and former Birdwood locals as well as all interested to join us for our annual walk down memory lane. We welcome people to bring photos and memorabilia to donate or to scan. With guest speaker Mr Richard Maerschel, whose talk is titled 'Old Man Torrens: The Life and Times of the River Torrens'. Followed by lunch by donation.

Sat 23 May, 11am – 3pm

Birdwood Institute 44 Shannon St, Birdwood, 5234

Liesa Lombard, 0457 907 915,
liesa@disabilitysa.com.au

By Donation
Bookings not required



Birdwood Farm Day, 2023, Birdwood Primary School

History Trust of South Australia & Birdwood Primary School Special event

Birdwood Farm Day

You will never experience a day quite like it! Birdwood Primary School is proud to bring the much-loved Farm Day back in 2026, set on the beautiful grounds of the National Motor Museum. This special day is all about community — bringing families, friends, and neighbours together to enjoy a wonderful mix of local stalls, engaging exhibits, family entertainment, and friendly farm animals. Add in relaxed country hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere, and you have a day that truly celebrates connection, the great outdoors, and farm experiences.

Sun 17 May, 10am – 4pm

National Motor Museum
11 Shannon St, Birdwood, 5234

Birdwood Primary School, 8568 5329,
birdwood.farmday628@schools.sa.edu.au

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$20, Children 12 and under: Free
Bookings required online



Owner of the Britannia Hotel and her daughter, 2026, Britannia Hotel

Britannia Kanmantoo Special event

Gweny of the Britannia: Stories From a Mining Town Pub

The Britannia Hotel is an iconic venue where behind an old plant, a shrine to a mysterious woman has been discovered. Who is she, and why will she not budge? Join us for theatre, music, storytelling, hearty tucker, and vintage cocktails as we celebrate the women who kept mining towns alive.

Every Sat in May, 5pm – 10pm

Britannia Kanmantoo
14 Old Princes Hwy, Kanmantoo, 5252

Donna Twycross, 0406 143 584,
britkanmantoo@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$65
Bookings required by phone or email



East Torrens Historical Society Guided tour

Social Connections in Colonial East Torrens

Community connections at Norton Summit — visit the lovely St John's Church built in 1872 and the former Council Chambers from 1902. Both places have community connections with 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 5, 12 & 19 May, 10.30am – 12pm

St John's Church, off Lobethal Road
St John Rd, Norton Summit, 5136

Lesley Richards, 0428 105 164, info@eths.ws

By Donation
Bookings not required



Early 20th century woven silk waistband traditionally worn by men, Dodecanese Islands, Greece

Fabrik Arts + Heritage Special event

Textales

Share tales behind your vintage textiles at this story telling event. Bring your textile or related item and tell us about it. Relax with a glass of bubbly and listen to other speakers' stories about the pieces connecting them to a place or time, family, culture, traditions, or heritage. We will start you off with our story, then it is over to you.

Sun 31 May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Fabrik Arts + Heritage 1 Lobethal Rd, Lobethal, 5241
Niki Vouis, 0438 792 049, nvouis@ahc.sa.gov.au

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



Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide Guided tour

Wittunga Botanic Garden: A Family Legacy

Enjoy a guided walk with knowledgeable Friends of the Botanic Gardens, exploring the Ashby family's influence in creating a distinctive garden featuring water-wise plants from Southern Australia and South Africa. Discover the Gardens' ongoing focus on plants that support birds and butterflies and protect Kangaroo Island, Western Australian, and South African fynbos species.

Mon 25 – Sun 31 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Meet at Wittunga Botanic Garden car park
Shepherds Hill Rd, Blackwood, 5051

Helena Jenkinson, 8222 9367,
info@friendsbgsadelaide.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings not required



Connecting Histories – Imaging Futures: Selected Works From the Collection

Discover significant historical and contemporary works from the Hahndorf Academy Museum Collection in this museum exhibition, curated by Callum Docherty. These rarely seen works by local and Australian artists reveal layered narratives, inviting reflection on Hahndorf’s past, present, and future through shared and contrasting perspectives.

Throughout May, 10am – 5pm

Hahndorf Academy
68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245
Rachel McElwee, 8388 7250,
events@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Sophie Hann – Heysen Reimagined: Re-reading the South Australian Landscape

Sophie Hann revisits South Australia’s landscape and figurative painting tradition from 1926–2026. Engaging with Hans Heysen and Robert Hannaford, Hann explores conservation, settler mythologies, and landscape as a contested space. Concurrently, Marina Finlay presents new still-life and sheep portraits reimagined through a contemporary lens.

Throughout May, 10am – 5pm

Hahndorf Academy
68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245
Rachel McElwee, 8388 7250,
events@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Expert Guided Tour of the Hahndorf Academy Museum

Explore Hahndorf Academy’s newly redesigned German cultural heritage museum in this insightful tour, led by Hahndorf Academy guide Elli. The tour takes visitors through the First Nations history of Bukartilla, German migration from Prussia, and the history of Australia’s oldest surviving German village and its residents.

Sat 16 May, 2pm – 2.40pm

Hahndorf Academy Migration Museum
68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245
Rachel McElwee, 8388 7250,
events@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by phone or email



The Blood Herb: An Exploration of the Social History of St John’s Wort

This exhibition by artist India Flint explores the social history of Hypericum Perforatum (St John’s Wort), a medicinal perennial often seen as a weed but traditionally used to treat various ailments, dye fabric, and to make ink. Its yellow flowers, blooming in midsummer, trace European landscapes and settler routes in Australia and North America.

Throughout May, 10am – 5pm

Hahndorf Academy
68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245
Rachel McElwee, 8388 7250,
events@hahndorfacademy.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Stories Within These Walls: The Lubasch Farmstead

Step inside the original Fachwerk barn (built by Fährmann) for the Lubasch family, and experience their story through an audio-visual presentation. Discover Lubasch’s service under Napoleon, his role at Waterloo, his daughters’ lives as Hahndorf shearers, and his death in 1856 in what is now the home of the Hahndorf Archives.

Wed 13 & 27 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Beerenberg Farm
2106 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245
Janis Haynes, 0424 022 826, tvan@adam.com.au

Free
Bookings required by email (only)



Hahndorf Walking Tour

Step behind the scenes of Hahndorf on an exclusive guided journey through places rarely open to the public. Hear about the settlers’ dramatic flight from Prussia, explore church architecture and Germanic Fachwerk building techniques, uncover the stories of pioneering women, and discover local folklore you will not find without an expert guide.

Tue 5, Thu 7, Mon 11, Wed 13
& Every Sun in May, 11am – 12.30pm

Hahndorf Brewery
35 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245
Sharon Pippas, 0477 288 011,
enquiries@hahndorfwalkingtours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$49
Bookings required online



Blumberg Flour Mill, [PRG-733-515], 1988, State Library of South Australia

Blumberg to Birdwood and the Steps Inbetween

An engaging walking tour showcasing the history of Birdwood (formerly Blumberg) in the picturesque Adelaide hills. Commencing at the National Motor Museum, this walking tour will take you on an historic journey around the township, highlighting sites of interest and significance along the way. The tour will cover the early days of Lutheran settlement of the modern day township which is home to the iconic and world-renowned National Motor Museum. Ticket also includes same-day admission to the museum.

Sun 3 & 24 May, 11am – 12.30pm

National Motor Museum Shannon St, Birdwood, 5234
Bruno Davids, 8568 4000, motor@history.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply
Adult: \$29.50, Concession: \$23.50, Family: \$63.50,
Child: \$15.50, Family concession: \$53.50
Bookings required online



Lobethal Connections

Lobethal was settled in 1842 by Prussian Lutheran immigrants. Eighteen founding families settled in this ‘Valley of Praise’. Many more followed as the village grew. Come and explore and share your connection to the old ancestral cottage, a headstone, an ancestral Bible, the school family members attended or playing cricket with a Kumnick cricket bat?

Sun 3, 10, 17 & 24 May, 10am – 2pm

Lobethal Archives and Historical Museum
50 Main St, Lobethal, 5241

Andrew Zilm, 0409 173 373,
lobethalmuseum@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Concession: \$7, Child: \$5
Bookings not required





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Hahndorf: History and Scenes to Colour and Keep

A fun way to learn about the history of the township of Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills. Join us as author Maya shares details about her new book, which contains information and images to colour in, about buildings, occasions, and activities. Colour in and learn about Captain Hahn, the Pioneer Women’s Trail, St Paul’s Lutheran Church, and more.

Fri 15 May, 10.30am – 12pm

Mount Barker Community Library
5 Dumas St, Mount Barker, 5251

Terri Nitschke, 8393 6400,
library@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

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



Our Daily Bread

From the Mount Torrens flour mill to Sumner’s Bakery, this exhibition brings history to life through a large, unique collection of photos and baking ephemera. Discover nostalgic objects that reveal the craft, trade, and connections between people, places and baking, rich with local flavour.

Every Sun in May, 11am – 3pm

The Coach House
17 Townsend St, Mount Torrens, 5244

Sarah Pollard, 0407 838 968, pollard.sj@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Imagine the Past

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 3 May, 11am – 3pm

Schmidt-Rodert Farmlet 20 Main St, Hahndorf, 5245
Annette Humphries, 0451 030 357,
hahndorfnationaltrust@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Our Place in the Valley

What is your connection to the Onkaparinga Valley? Could it be family picnics at the races, the home you grew up in, or your father’s first job at the breweries? The Valley has been a wonderful home for generations, with so many stories waiting to be told. Come and reminisce, share your memories with us as we share our place in the Valley with you.

Sun 3 May, 10am – 3pm

Balhannah Soldiers Memorial Hall
91 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Balhannah, 5242

Martin Stow, 0436 349 066,
martinstow@bigpond.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Prospect Hill Historical Museum, 2023, Roxann Legg

Prospect Hill Historical Museum Tours

Join us for a guided tour of the Museum and hear about early settler life of Prospect Hill.

Every Sun in May, 2pm – 4pm

Prospect Hill Historical Museum
Morris Rd, Prospect Hill, 5201

Julie Herraman, 0422 775 982,
prospecthill.community@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Prospect Hill Historical Museum, 2015, Jenni Bailey

Prospect Hill Historical Museum: Battunga Weekend Open Days

Experience history at the Prospect 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, and Flaxley).

Sat 9 & Sun 10 May, 11am – 3pm

Prospect Hill Historical Museum
Morris Rd, Prospect Hill, 5201

Julie Herraman, 0422 775 982,
prospecthill.community@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



‘Echoes of the Past’: A Documentary of Faith, Flight and German Settlement

Celebrate the History Festival with the documentary ‘Echoes of the Past’, a powerful exploration of the 1838 Prussian Lutheran settlement in South Australia. Featuring Keith Conlon and living descendants, filmed in Hahndorf. Across three unique regional screenings at Hahndorf, Loxton and Tanunda, the film uses diaries and oral histories to reveal a personal legacy of faith and struggle.

Fri 8 May, 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Sat 9 May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

The Haus Restaurant
38A Main St, Hahndorf, 5245

Langmeil Church
7 Maria St, Tanunda, SA, 5352

Loxton Hotel, Reflections Room
45 East Tce, Loxton, SA, 5333

Sharon Pippos, 0477 288 011,
hahndorfechoesofthepast@gmail.com

Event costs apply
The Haus Restaurant:
Per Person: \$15
Langmeil Church:
Talk, afternoon tea & tour included - Per Person: \$20
Loxton Hotel:
Talk & afternoon tea included - Per Person: \$22
Bookings required online



Stones, Stories & Strawberries

Step back in time with Hahndorf Walking Tours. Hear the story of Prussian settlers who fled in 1838, from inside a historic church. Visit the rarely accessed Lubasch Barn and see Faehrmann construction. Then continue to Beerenberg Farm to explore more settler stories, enjoy their famous scones, and browse at your leisure.

Sat 9 May, 9.30am – 11.30am

St Paul’s Lutheran Church
10 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf, 5245

Sharon Pippos, 0477 288 011,
enquiries@hahndorfwalkingtours.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$75
Bookings required by phone or email





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War Memorial, 2025, RSL Macclesfield Sub Branch

Volunteers of the RSL Macclesfield Special event

Rations for Sixty: Trooper Fry's 9th Light Horse, Aldershot Oven Recipes

Learn about WWI Recipes and view an Aldershot Field Oven in action. Watch as WWI food is prepared by Ex-Army cook Sergeant Bill Gunter and historian and cookbook author Liz Harfull. Stay to discuss the cooking, explore the military museum, and purchase a copy of the original 1918 note book.

Sun 17 May, 10am – 2pm

RSL Macclesfield Sub Branch
30 Venables St, Macclesfield, 5153
Dennis Oldenhove, 0407 395 833,
macclesfield@rslsa.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Walter Marsh Talk

A Historical Heist: An Evening with the Author of 'The Butterfly Thief'

In 1947 over 3,000 butterfly specimens vanished from Australia's most prestigious museums in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide. Journalist Walter Marsh explores this scientific crime caper and the enigmatic Englishman at its centre. 'The Butterfly Thief' also begs an uncomfortable but vital question: What if Western museums were crime scenes all along?

Fri 29 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Coventry Library 63 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling, 5152
Caroline Sullivan, 8408 0400, csullivan@ahc.sa.gov.au

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



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Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group Special event

The Dying to Get There Rally

Join us in a sedate car rally across three different sites, Wesleyan Cemetery, Buchsfelde Heritage Cemetery and Loos Cemetery. Find out about a Congregational Minister who was buried in a Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, an American Embassy official who was buried in an Australian cemetery, a scientist who committed suicide over a customs furore, and a Theologian who was sentenced to death for wanting a more democratic society. Pay at the door.

Wed 20 May, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at Wesleyan Cemetery
1158 Gawler River Rd, Gawler River, 5118
Sharon Mansell, bookings@andfhg.org.au

Event costs apply Per Car: \$5
Bookings required by email (only)



Angaston & Penrice Historical Society Exhibition

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. Established in 1876, this 150 year old site stands as testament to the skill and resilience of generations past. Discover the stories, artefacts, and images that reveal the challenges and joys of life in simpler times.

Every weekend in May, 1pm – 4pm

Angaston Blacksmith Shop & Museum
19–21 Murray St, Angaston, 5353

Leo Leggett, 0400 260 970,
angastonheritage@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Watercolour illustrations, 2026, Anlaby Station

Anlaby Station Guided tour

The Grand House and Gardens Built on Wool

Beginning with the fleece, follow its journey into the house and gardens it helped create. Along the way, hear stories of the connection between owners and staff, and the routines that shaped everyday life, from the working spaces to the finer rooms.

Every Sun & Wed in May, 10am – 1pm

Meet at Anlaby Shop
829 Anlaby Rd, Hamilton, 5373
Andrew Morphet, 0438 933 224,
Andrew@anlaby.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$65
Bookings required online



Light Country Visitor Information Centre
51-53 Main Street, Kapunda

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Miss Rathjens sewing pupils & Mattiske's store attendants, [Vol. 57, 3610], c1920s, Barossa Valley Archives & Historical Trust, Doris Phelps

Barossa Council Public Library Guided tour

**Rolling Up Their Sleeves:
Tanunda Town Walk**

Come and imagine Tanunda's historic main street as we walk and talk, retelling the stories of the women who created the Barossa Cookery Book. Includes light refreshments. Books available for purchase.

Sat 23 May, 2pm – 4pm
Tanunda Community CWA Hall
70 Murray St, Tanunda, 5352
Sheralee Menz, 8563 8440,
history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Jam making, 2026, Canva photo stock

Barossa Council Public Library Talk

**Cooking the Books: A Spoonful
of History**

Do you have a treasured family recipe with a story behind it? Join this cosy workshop and share heirloom recipes with fellow food lovers, enjoy a relaxed morning tea, swap stories and flavours, and discover the dishes that shaped our community. A warm, relaxed session celebrating food, memory, and community. Bring a favourite family recipe to share: handwritten, well-loved, or passed down through generations. Old recipes, new memories... we would love to see you there!

Fri 15 May, 10am – 11.30am
Nuriootpa Public Library
43-51 Tanunda Rd, Nuriootpa, 5355
Jodie Doyle & Sherallee Menz, 8563 8444,
history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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Barossa Council Public Library Talk

**Meet the Author:
Jennifer MacKenzie Dunbar**

Author Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar demonstrates how to weave historical research from colonial South Australia into engaging settings, plots, and characters. Using excerpts from her novel 'Stolen' she highlights the profound impact of historical events on both settlers and First Nations people.

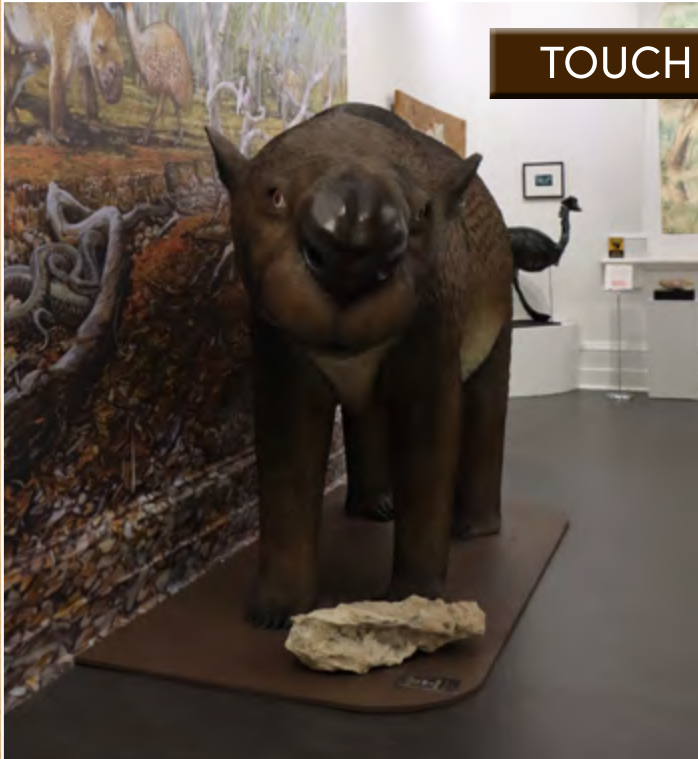
Fri 8 May, 5.30pm – 7pm
Nuriootpa Public Library
43-51 Tanunda Rd, Nuriootpa, 5355
Amanda Cook, 8563 8440, history@barossa.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



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EXPLORE

Connect and Compare Life in the 1860s With Life in 2026

A visit to the Barossa Goldfields and Bowden's Cottage will give you a brief glimpse into life in the 1860s and the 1930s. See if you can connect with: no running water, no electricity, no car, no internet! What about the way you earn income? How does that compare with gold panning, using an icebox, using a wood burning stove, and living in two rooms? Tours may be offered on Sunday the 17th, depending on volunteer availability and visitor numbers.

Every Tue in May & Sun 17 May, 10am – 2pm

Bowden's Cottage, Barossa Goldfields, Northern end of Para Wirra Conservation Park LOT 239 Para Wirra Rd, Barossa Goldfields, 5351
Leonie Hobbs, 0413 331 598, bgoldhs@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Barossa Museum Map, 2023, Barossa Valley Archives and Historical Trust

Barossa Museum, Barossa Regional Gallery & Double RR Co

Special event

The Map: Connecting People to Places

Maps capture a place and moment in time, revealing connections that shaped lives then and now. The Barossa Museum's much-loved wall map asks us to consider where the Barossa's Germanic settlers came from in today's Germany or Poland, and how did they get here? A new multi-media display suitable for all ages is being unveiled for History Festival!

Every Mon – Sat Throughout May, 10am – 3pm

Barossa Museum 47 Murray St, Tanunda, 5352

Barossa Regional Gallery, 8563 8340, gallery@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$5, Child: \$2
Bookings not required



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.

Wed 27 May, 11am – 12.30pm,
Sun 31 May, 1.30pm – 3pm

Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre
2129 Barossa Valley Way, Rowland Flat, 5352

Bernard O'Neil, 0411 154 801, bernard.oneil@adelaide.edu.au

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



Cambrai Museum Open Days

Explore the museum which includes archives, an old church, gaol cell, huge sheds of farming equipment, a Mallee stump shed (reconstructed from an original), an 1850s pug, and pine cottage. Local experts will be on-hand to guide you through the rich history. Mother's Day special — enjoy a high tea among the exhibits (bookings required).

Every Sun in May, 11am – 3pm

Cambrai Museum Kings Rd, Cambrai, 5353

Leila Kasprzak, 8564 5028, cambrai.agricultural.museum@gmail.com

Event costs apply
Entry Fee - Per Person: \$5, Family: \$10
Mother's Day - Per Person: \$5,
Mother's Day High Tea: \$20, Family: \$10
Bookings not required to visit the museum.



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum

Guided tour

'The Towitta Tragedy' True Crime: Meet Author Richard Dutschke

Meet Richard Dutschke, author of 'The Towitta Tragedy'. Travel by bus from Cambrai Library to key locations from the book, following the grim true story of the Bertha Schippan murder, a crime that cast a long shadow over rural South Australia for more than 120 years. Part of Cambrai's History Festival. Lunch provided on tour.

Sat 23 May, 10am – 1pm

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai, 5353

Niya Leaver, 8564 5146, Nicole.Leaver802@schools.sa.edu.au

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



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum

Talk

'Those Wild Rabbits', How They Shaped Australia: Meet Author Bruce Munday

Meet Bruce Munday, author of 'Those Wild Rabbits'. Hear how rabbits reshaped Australia, view historic rabbit traps from local collections, and sample rabbit stew in this lively, hands-on history session. A story deeply tied to rural South Australia — history you can see, hear, and taste. Part of Cambrai's History Festival.

Tue 5 May, 12pm – 2pm

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai, 5353

Niya Leaver, 8564 5146, Nicole.Leaver802@schools.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Starry Starry Skies: Meet the History Maker Chris Tugwell

Meet Chris Tugwell, history maker and founder of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve. Gather at Meldanda to hear the science and story behind protecting the night sky, sit by the campfire, and experience the brilliance of the stars. Part of Cambrai's History Festival. BBQ dinner and mobile phone astrophotography. Sunset approx. 5:30pm.

Wed 13 May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Meldanda 106 Bundilla Rd, Cambrai, 5353

Niya Leaver, 8564 5146, Nicole.Leaver802@schools.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum

Guided tour

Cambrai Cemetery Tour

Join Cambrai Library for a guided walk through the Cambrai Cemetery as part of the History Festival. Discover stories of local pioneers, families, and community life etched in stone. A respectful, reflective walk uncovering the pioneers that shaped Cambrai and the Mid-Murray district. Part of the Cambrai History Festival.

Sun 3 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Cambrai School Community Library
Main St, Cambrai, 5353

Niya Leaver, 8564 5146, Nicole.Leaver802@schools.sa.edu.au

Free
Bookings not required



Cambrai School Community Library & Cambrai Museum, Sue Grieger (Author and Historian)

Talk

Meet the Author and Historian: Sue Grieger - Sedan, the Plains Capital

From its beginnings in the 1850s as a settlement of Lutheran families seeking freedom, to the flour mill, steam railway, and crossroads town linking the Barossa Valley with the Riverland, Sedan's story is one of resilience, toil, and community spirit. Join Sue Grieger to hear tales of hard-won progress, droughts and floods, and heritage buildings.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 2pm

Cambrai Museum Kings Rd, Cambrai, 5353

Niya Leaver, 8564 5146, Nicole.Leaver802@schools.sa.edu.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required by phone or email



Dr Noris IoannouSpecial event

Tales of the Barossa: Potter Hoffmann and the End of the Mediaeval

Melding family oral tradition, archaeology, and history, Dr Noris Ioannou traces the story of the Prussian potter Samuel Hoffmann. Arriving in South Australia in 1845, he transferred a mediaeval craft tradition to the Barossa, arguably the last place on earth where it was practised until it died out. His extant pots are now icons of the Barossa.
Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3.30pm
Trinity Lutheran Church Hall
Barossa Valley Way & Church Rd, Rowland Flat, 5352
Noris Ioannou, 0409 092 129,
noris.ioannou@internode.on.net

By Donation
Bookings not required



Eden Valley Historical SocietyDisplay

Old Church, New Life

Discover how community spirit transformed an old abandoned church into a vibrant arts and culture hub. Visit our multi-media display showcasing local collaborations, art and craft exhibitions, workshops, and cultural events. Celebrating connection, history, and creativity — breathing new life into this magical, cherished space.
Every Fri, Sat & Sun in May, 10am – 3pm
Lillefield Gallery 15 Matthews Rd, Eden Valley, 5235
Virginia Dean, 0427 605 699, varnold48@y7mail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Friends of Willaston Cemetery & Adelaide Northern Districts Family History GroupGuided tour

Gawler Guided Walk: Even More Untold Stories From the Willaston Cemetery

A new offering of well-researched tales about some of the 11,000 people who rest in this state heritage-listed place. Founded in 1866, the Willaston Cemetery has always acted as a regional cemetery. Learn about the monuments it contains and gain the chance to talk to experienced people about how to find your relative's grave site and related stories.
Sat 30 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Willaston Cemetery Dawkins Ave, Willaston, 5118
Peter Applebee, events@andfhg.org.au
Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by email (only)



Gawler Cultural Heritage CentreGuided tour

Grit and Grace Exhibition: Curator Tours

Join staff from the Cultural Heritage Centre for a behind-the-scenes curator tour of our new exhibition, Grit and Grace: Gawler Women in Wartime. Delve deeper into the stories behind the objects, uncover lesser-known histories, and hear about the challenges of researching, collecting, and interpreting women's wartime service.
Wed 13 May, 2pm – 2.30pm,
Wed 20 & 27 May, 11am – 11.30am
Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler, 5118
Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268,
jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au
Free
Bookings not required



Gawler Cultural Heritage CentreGuided tour

James Martin: From Horse Power to Steam Power

Step into Gawler's historical engine room on a guided walk exploring how James Martin's vision transformed South Australia's first country town into a hub of innovation, industry, and civic pride. From blacksmithing and bullock drays to steam locomotives and civic leadership, discover how Martin shaped the Gawler of today. Coffee and cake included in ticket.
Fri 15 & 29, Sat 23 May, 9.30am – 11am
Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler, 5118
Kirst Dudley, 8522 9260,
visitor.centre@gawler.sa.gov.au
Event costs apply Per Person: \$20, Concession: \$16
Bookings required by phone or email



Gawler Cultural Heritage CentreTalk

Planning With Purpose: Colonel Light's Vision, Legacy And Relevance

Join Associate Professor Rob Cheesman AM for a discussion on the importance of adaptive planning processes as outlined in his book, 'Patterns in Perpetuity'. Explore the connection between visionary planning to maximise development whilst maintaining green space and sustaining economic growth, all factors of Colonel Light's Plan for Adelaide.
Thu 21 May, 7pm – 9pm
Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler, 5118
Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268,
jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au
Free
Bookings required online



Gawler Cultural Heritage CentreTalk

Love and the Law: A Legal History of Same-Sex Relationships in Colonial SA

Join PHD Candidate Jacobin Bosman from the University of Melbourne as he shares his research on the legal history of same-sex relationships (broadly defined) in colonial South Australia, with a particular emphasis on how individuals interacted with the law and the community. Case studies include Gawler's tragic story of Neville and Adamson.
Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3pm
Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler, 5118
Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268,
jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au
Free
Bookings required online



Gawler Cultural Heritage CentreExhibition

Grit and Grace: Gawler Women in Wartime

An exhibition exploring the contributions of Gawler's women from the Boer War to Vietnam, on the front lines and at home. It honours their sacrifices, celebrates their achievements, and reflects on the evolving roles of women as mothers, daughters, nurses, fundraisers, and volunteers in wartime.
Wed 6 May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray St, Gawler, 5118
Jacinta Weiss, 8522 9268,
jacinta.weiss@gawler.sa.gov.au
Free
Bookings required online



Gawler Environment & Heritage AssociationGuided tour

Gawler South History and Heritage Walk

Gawler South Walk includes information on Kurna history, flora and fauna pre 1836, and development of the area since 1857 when Gawler South rail station linked to Adelaide. We will pass industrial and commercial buildings, churches, a wide range of pre-1930 heritage houses, stables and outbuildings all containing local materials, South Para river, and amazing slate kerbs.
Thu 14 & Sat 23 May, 2pm – 4pm
Gawler Train Station
Main east entrance, Gawler South, 5118
Adrian Shackley, 0429 004 363,
finniss@bigpond.net.au
Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings required by phone or email



Gawler History Team, Ella Kelty, Jacinta Weiss & Helen HennessyTalk

Caring for Our Community: 150 Years After They Have Gone

Beneath the soil of Gawler's Pioneer Park lies the resting place of early Colonists. Reconstruction of the stone wall required earthworks inevitably disturbing historic graves. A panel of guest speakers will discuss the history of the site, complexity of the project and the process to respectfully reinter the more than 40 Gawler Community members
Thu 7 May, 7.30pm – 9pm
Zion Lutheran Hall, access from carpark on left side
22B Cowan St, Gawler, 5118
Paul Barnet, 0407 473 177,
information@gawlerhistory.com
Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings not required



Peter's Hill schoolchildren, [B16915], c1880, State Library of South Australia

German Heritage Research Group & Barossa German Language AssociationWorkshop

Moving On: Mapping German Settlement Trails

As German ships brought more migrants each year and new generations of pioneer families from the Hills and Barossa sought land or work options, they created clusters around churches and schools and forged viable communities. Seminar stories trace factors influencing settlers' moves, their hopes and hardships, and their success or failure.
Sat 2 May, 9.30am – 4pm
Langmeil Church Centre 7 Maria St, Tanunda, 5352
Christine Leske, 0428 337 132,
ejleske@internode.on.net
Event costs apply Per Person: \$50
Bookings required by phone or email



Ingrid EidamTalk

Pulteney, ‘Bellerophon’ and Identity: GP Malcolm, From the Borders

Pulteney Malcolm influenced the early South Australian colony. In 1836, his son GP Malcolm planned to send fine merino sheep with a cousin departing on the ‘Buffalo’, while the ‘Bellerophon’ carried several figures later linked to Australia’s early settlement.

Fri 1 May, 10am – 12pm

Red Gum Retreat 68 Queen St, Williamstown, 5351

Ingrid Eidam, 0408 406 370, ieidam@dodo.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Ingrid EidamTalk

Red Gum Series: Lost Barossa

The Barossa Special Survey around Williamstown is often overlooked, yet it remains an important district in South Australia’s development. Come and learn about the region’s fascinating history and be introduced to the Barossa Special Survey and its surrounding Community Tree.

Fri 29 May, 10am – 12pm

Red Gum Retreat 68 Queen St, Williamstown, 5351

Ingrid Eidam, 0408 406 370, ieidam@dodo.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Ingrid EidamTalk

The Joint Stock Cattle Company and a Tribute to Robert Rankine

The Joint Stock Cattle Company (JSCC) from 1838 has been elusive, and now a comprehensive study has been able to demonstrate the connections with William Coulthard and various members of the Baird family, and the Murrays. Robert Rankine was the first manager of the JSCC and his contribution to pastoral and agricultural pursuits is not fully known.

Fri 15 May, 10am – 12pm

Red Gum Retreat 68 Queen St, Williamstown, 5351

Ingrid Eidam, 0408 406 370, ieidam@dodo.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Ingrid EidamTalk

Menge, Mengetown, Mineral Wealth Around Williamstown

This talk explores Johannes Menge’s fascination with Cornflower Hill in the Barossa, located near the South Para and the site of Mengetown. It also covers his contribution to the Great Exhibition and the general minerology of the Williamstown area.

Fri 8 May, 10am – 12pm

Red Gum Retreat 68 Queen St, Williamstown, 5351

Ingrid Eidam, 0408 406 370, ieidam@dodo.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Ingrid EidamTalk

Beautiful Lyndoch Valley: Beau Ideal

This talk explores the original administrative aspects of the Lyndoch Valley Special Survey, focusing on its southerly and westerly sections. Included is a discussion on Section 26, Hundred of Barossa, and a tribute to Charles John Andrews.

Fri 22 May, 10am – 12pm

Red Gum Retreat 68 Queen St, Williamstown, 5351

Ingrid Eidam, 0408 406 370, ieidam@dodo.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Ingrid EidamTalk

William Malcolm Introduces Sheep Into South Australia 1836

William Oliver Malcolm is credited with introducing the first sheep into South Australia. This is a bold statement, but is there any truth to it? Private letters and newspaper articles offer compelling evidence to support the claim. This presentation also includes a tribute to Alexander Borthwick Murray.

Sun 24 May, 10am – 12pm

Red Gum Retreat 68 Queen St, Williamstown, 5351

Ingrid Eidam, 0408 406 370, ieidam@dodo.com.au

Free

Bookings required online



Kapunda Historical SocietyBus tour

Journey of Faith: Bus Tour of Local Historic Churches

Guided tour of St Rose’s Catholic Church and Christchurch Anglican Church in Kapunda; Bethel Moravian Commune Church and St Matthew’s Dutton Memorial Church Hamilton. Two course lunch at the historic Clare Castle Hotel included. Booking essential, minimum 15 people required.

Sat 2 May, 10am – 4pm

Kapunda Museum 11 Hill St, Kapunda, 5373

Malcolm Johncock, 0490 672 237, oaklandkapunda@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$60

Bookings required by phone or email



Kapunda Historical SocietyGuided tour

Kapunda Museum and Main Street Walking Tour

Free entry to Museum from 10am to 4pm. Enjoy demonstrations of old crafts, including blacksmithing, and talk on Sidney Kidman’s house, ‘Eringa’. A guided tour of Main Street Kapunda will also depart at 11am.

Sat 9 May, 10am – 4pm

Kapunda Museum 11 Hill St, Kapunda, 5373

Mary Anne Murray, 0417 893 177, museumkapunda@gmail.com

Free

Bookings required by phone or email



Light Country Visitor Information CentreGuided tour

Unearth Kapunda: A Journey Through the Historic Mine

Step back in time this History Festival at Kapunda’s state heritage-listed Copper Mine—the oldest in Australia! Explore nineteenth-century remnants and hear captivating stories on a guided walking tour. Discover the mine’s rich legacy and experience history brought to life. Do not miss this unique journey into Australia’s industrial past!

Sat 9 & 23 May, 10am – 12pm

Historic Kapunda Copper Mine Mine St, Kapunda, 5373

Cindy Ruediger, 0429 229 783, visitorcentre@light.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15

Bookings required by phone or email



Luhrs Cottage Schoolroom, 2023, Darlene Cooper

Luhrs Cottage Preservation SocietySelf-guided tour

Chalk, Hymns & Cottage Walls: Two Lutheran Teachers, Two Paths, One Town

Discover how schooling began in Light Pass, how a church division led to another church and school, and what happened when German schools closed during WWI. Did students attend the new public school? Explore early German and English texts, practice cursive writing, copy letters on a chalk boards — recreate the past.

Throughout May, 9am – 4pm

Luhrs Cottage 407 Light Pass Rd, Light Pass, 5355

Darlene Cooper, 0404 378 672, darlenecooper@bigpond.com

By Donation

Bookings not required





Special Mother's Day High Tea event at the Eagle Foundry B&B, Gary Iremonger

National Trust of SA, Gawler Branch Special event
& Helen Hennessey

Significant Women of Gawler Talk & Special High Tea Event

Historian Helen Hennessey will give an in-depth talk on the significant women of Gawler and how they shaped Gawler from its origins through to the present day. This will be followed by a tour of the historic Eagle Foundry (circa 1870) and a special Mother's Day High Tea event. Bookings can be made through Eventbrite or contact the Eagle Foundry B&B.

Sun 10 May, 12pm – 2pm
Eagle Foundry B&B 23 King St, Gawler, 5118
Gary Iremonger, 0408 844 964,
eaglefoundry@hotmail.com

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



Organ Historical Trust of Australia Performance

Dodd Organ Double Delight

Experience two pipe organs built by the renowned Adelaide organ builder Josiah Eustice Dodd at St John's and St Paul's Lutheran Churches in Tanunda. These instruments will be played in concert by one of Adelaide's finest organists. Dodd organs are known internationally for their luscious sound and distinctive musical presence. A short walk is required between the two locations.

Sun 17 May, 2.30pm – 4pm
St Paul's & St John's Lutheran Churches
113 Murray St, Tanunda, 5352
Steven James Kaesler, 0408 811 837,
skaesler@barossa.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: Free
Bookings not required



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Balaklava Museum Performance

Harvesting History

Walk your way through history. Find clues and uncover hidden messages. Listen to stories from the past, presented by members of Balaklava Community Arts dressed in period costume. Blacksmiths will be working, and tractors and engines running. Coming dressed in period costume is encouraged while you immerse yourself in Balaklava's rich history.

Sun 31 May, 1pm – 4pm
Balaklava Museum 34 Short Tce, Balaklava, 5461
Grace, 0461 491 160, diannetaylor762@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Family: \$20, Child: \$5
Bookings required online





Lights... Camera... How about this weather?

MOEC

Discover the lost era of silent film.

Step back to the dawn of visual storytelling and experience Australia's earliest cameras, images, and cinematic curiosities – a living archive of how moving pictures first came to life.



Visitors exploring the Homestead Gardens, 2025, Bungaree Station

Bungaree Station Self-guided tour

The Story of Bungaree Station

Explore South Australia’s pioneering past with a self-guided tour of iconic Bungaree Station. Audioposts and signs bring the property’s 185 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. Self-paced tour, allow 1.5 hours.

Every weekday in May, Sat 2, 9, 23 & Sun 24 May, 10am – 4pm

Bungaree Station 431 Bungaree Rd, Clare, 5453 Bungaree Station, 8842 2677, info@bungareestation.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$15, Children under 12 years: Free Bookings not required



Clare Regional History Group Exhibition

Centenary of the New Clare Town Hall

The present Clare Town Hall was opened on 21 April 1926. Its striking design made it a prominent feature of the main street. This exhibition illustrates the design and construction of the hall and the community activities that made it the centre of social life in Clare and district for 100 years. Connect with the past or relive the happy memories.

Every weekday in May, 9am – 5pm

Foyer of the Clare Town Hall 229 Main N Rd, Clare, 5453 Gerald Lally, 0457 020 680, clarehistory@gmail.com

Free Bookings not required



Clare Regional History Group Workshop

Clare Family History Research

Discover your connections with Clare and surrounding districts. The Clare History Room has an extensive library and research collection and facilities. There will be special openings in May for people who wish to search for family or other connections with Clare’s past. Friendly volunteer research staff will be on hand to assist you. All welcome.

Every Wed & Fri in May 1pm – 4pm, Sat 9 May, 9am – 12pm

Clare History Room 229 Main N Rd, Clare, 5453 Gerald Lally, 0457 020 680, clarehistory@gmail.com

Free Bookings not required



Dublin History Group Special event

Dublin: 2001 – 2026 – 2051

2026 Dublin’s history has been unearthed! The Dublin Lions Park Time Capsule is open at the Dublin Institute, featuring memories from 2001. Today is the future of history. Now, it is your turn to be the storyteller. We are filling a brand-new capsule to be opened in 2051, and we would like the community to contribute to keep the connection alive.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 4pm

Dublin Institute 9 Sixth St, Dublin, 5501

Andrea Brow, 8529 2391, info@dublinhistorygroup.com.au

By Donation Bookings not required



Eudunda Hall Special event

Eudunda Hall 101: The Music, The Movie, The Memories

Celebrate Eudunda Hall’s 101st anniversary: 41 Years since Eudunda Area School’s production ‘The Eudunda Show’, 21 Years since the combined St John’s Lutheran Primary School and EAS’s CD ‘Together with Music’, and 11 years since the final ‘Eudunda Rocks’.

Fri 22 & Sat 23 May, 5pm – 9pm Sun 24 May, 11am – 1pm

Eudunda Hall 27 Bruce St, Eudunda, 5374

Eudunda Hall Committee, 8581 1101, EudundaHall101@outlook.com

By Donation Bookings required by email (only)



Jamestown Local History Centre Open day

Jamestown Church Tour

Join us for a guided tour of Jamestown’s local churches. Learn about their uniqueness and rich local heritage. Spend 30 minutes at each of our four locations, commencing at the Anglican Church. Your own transportation between locations will be required. A printed brochure with information, including the former Baptist Church, will be provided. Pay at the door.

Sun 17 May, 1pm – 5pm

St James Anglican Church 76 Irvine St, Jamestown, 5491

Kaye Bottrall, 0417 812 915, tnkbottrall@activ8.net.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10, Children & Students: Free Bookings not required



Mallala Museum Exhibition

Early Agriculture on the Plains

Explore the theme of agriculture on the Adelaide Plains as you discover the comprehensive local history collections of the Mallala Museum. This award winning community museum is a gem that will surprise and reward you, with its interpretive displays and memorabilia, that cover all facets of rural life in a small farming region on the Plains.

Every Sun in May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Mallala Museum 1 Dublin Rd, Mallala, 5502

Marcus Strudwicke, 0407 392 191, marcuss@apc.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$5, Child: \$1, Concession: \$5 Bookings not required



Mintaro History Group Guided tour

Headstones Tell Stories: A Moonlit Walk Through Mintaro’s Cemeteries

If you find walking through cemeteries and reading headstones a fascinating way to connect to past lives, come with us as we walk though Mintaro’s Catholic and Town Cemeteries. The story of Mintaro’s settlement will be told through the stories of significant early settlers who lie beneath the headstones.

Fri 1 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Mintaro Institute 56 Burra St, Mintaro, 5415

Elizabeth Brady, 0488 439 212, libbybrady2@gmail.com

By Donation Bookings not required



National Trust of SA, Jamestown Branch Bus tour

Jamestown and Districts Bus Tour

Explore the history of Belalie East, the Hundred of Whyte School, and Old Canowie. Visit significant locations in Whyte Yarcowie and Terowie, including the army gaol and eye doctor’s house and the Terowie platform where General MacArthur stood saying ‘I shall return’. Afternoon tea provided.

Sun 3 May, 1pm – 5.30pm

Jamestown History Centre 23A Doon Tce, Jamestown, 5491

Mervyn Robinson, 0417 863 450, mervynnaileen@bigpond.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$50 Bookings required by phone (only)



Wharfedale 1910, Print Shop Peterborough, 2025, Peterborough History Group

Peterborough History Group SA Guided tour

Extra! Extra! Connecting Our Community Through the Local Newspaper

Seventy years of Peterborough’s news and events with ‘The Times’. Connecting the Peterborough community with weather reports, meeting and council minutes, and social events. A record of the vibrancy of a busy, energetic, and enthusiastic community and how they maintained their connections with each other and the surrounding regional towns.

Every Wed in May, 10am – 1pm

Print Shop Peterborough 7 Jervois St, Peterborough, 5422

Judith Evans, 0408 220 248, pborohistory@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10 Bookings not required





Polish Hill River Church Committee, 1869, PHRCM

Polish Hill River Church Museum Exhibition

By Sea They Came, First on the ‘August’ in 1856

Although Poland was not yet on the world map for some 123 years, people saw themselves as Polish and chose to migrate halfway around the world to find a better life and freedom. Families like Bocian, Borowski, Bocian, Buda and Bula; Klos, Kluska Konopka and Kostera; Malycha, Mlodystach, Nickel, Rucioch and Pawelski — come and learn their stories.

Sat 16, 23 & 30 May, 11am – 4pm

Polish Hill River Church Museum
225 Polish Hill Rd, Polish Hill River, 5453

Edward Dudzinski, 0401 411 754,
archive.phrcm@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Port Pirie Regional Library Display

Honouring the Past: Stories Written in Our Streets & Stones

Explore the origins of the cemetery, notable burials, its role in preserving our shared heritage and how it connects generations past and present. Discover the stories behind local streets named in honour of fallen soldiers, and others who made an impact. Learn who they were, where they served, and how their sacrifices shaped our community.

Every weekday in May, 9am – 5pm
Every Sun in May, 1pm – 4pm

Port Pirie Regional Library
3 Wandearah Rd, Port Pirie, 5540

Port Pirie Regional Library, 8632 1649,
library@pirie.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



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 9 & 23 May, 10am – 12pm

Eudunda Cemetery 31 Peep Hill Rd, Eudunda, 5374

Samuel Doering, 0477 972 630,
sdhistorytours@gmail.com

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



Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Cottage Committee Open day

Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Cottage Open House

Visit the restored family home of the explorer and adventurer Sir Hubert Wilkins. Peruse memorabilia as you take in the architecture and landscape of Sir Hubert's childhood home. Open house with afternoon tea.

Sun 24 May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Cottage
Wilkins Dr, Mount Bryan East, 5419

Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Cottage Committee,
8894 2078

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Bookings not required



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Port Lincoln History Group Display

Mill Cottage Connections

Visit Mill Cottage Museum in May and help celebrate 160 years of Connections with Port Lincoln. Our ‘Grand Old Lady’, Mill Cottage, was built in 1866 and celebrates 160 years this year. The Corporation of Port Lincoln bought Mill Cottage 60 years ago and the Port Lincoln History Group have managed Mill Cottage Museum for 20 years.

Every Wed in May, 10am – 2pm
Every Sun in May, 2pm – 4pm

Mill Cottage Museum, Flinders Park
10-24 Flinders Hwy, Port Lincoln, 5606

Anne Nagel, 0403 634 937,
portlincolnhistory@gmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



Port Lincoln Railway Museum Guided tour

Railway Connections on Eyre Peninsula

Participate in a guided tour behind the scenes in the former railway administrative offices at Port Lincoln, and find out how the railways provided vital connections for Eyre Peninsula communities. This tour includes parts of the heritage-listed building which are not normally accessible to the public.

Sun 17 & 24 May, 1.30pm – 2.15pm & 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Port Lincoln Railway Museum
1 Railway Pl, Port Lincoln, 5606

Margaret Knife, 0417 401 364, treasurer@eprps.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$6
Bookings required by phone or email



Whyalla Community Craft & General Market Association Open day

Whyalla Steel Works Connections With Migrants

Explore the history of the steel works and ship building at the BHP Museum and Steel Cap Gallery. Discover the connections to early migrants who lived at the Tanderra Hostel and worked at BHP.

Sat 30 & Sun 31 May, 10am – 3pm

SteelCap Gallery, Tanderra Craft Village
4 Port Augusta Rd, Whyalla Barson, 5600

Ellen Zukowski, 0417 805 257, ellenzed@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Lionel Coventry, The First Whyalla Town Commission, December 1945, 2025, Paul Mazourek.

Whyalla Maritime Museum Exhibition

Whyalla After the War

Eighty years ago, in 1946, the first year after the end of WWII, Whyalla experienced extraordinary flooding, the first royal visitors, the first workings of a new Town Commission, and the BHP Whyalla Shipyards started production of brand new D-class freighters.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Whyalla Maritime Museum
Lincoln Hwy, Whyalla Norrie, 5608

Paul Mazourek, 0419 212 077,
paul.mazourek@whyalla.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$18, Family: \$48,
Concession: \$15, Child: \$12
Bookings not required



Douglas Point North, 2025, Paul Mazourek

Whyalla Maritime Museum Talk

Introduction to Whyalla Coastline

It is about time to visit the 120km long ‘Forgotten Corner’. The scenic beauty of the wider Whyalla region’s coastline from Douglas Point North to Murninnie in the South, interconnects the changing terrestrial and marine environments with fascinating First Nations heritage and the history of the First Europeans’ settlements.

Wed 20 May, 11am – 12pm

Whyalla Public Library
19 Ekblom St, Whyalla Norrie, 5608

Paul Mazourek, 0419 212 077,
paul.mazourek@whyalla.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Fleurieu Peninsula



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Alexandrina Council Heritage Advisory Group Special event

Alexandrina Heritage Awards 2026

Join us for an evening celebrating the people that care for Alexandrina’s heritage, as awards are conferred across six categories. Our guest speaker, writer Liz Harfull, passionately tells the stories of rural Australia and is recognised for her work celebrating food, community history, and the stories of remarkable everyday rural women.

Thu 14 May, 6pm – 8pm

Hope Forest Dingabledinga Soldiers Memorial Hall
1653 Brookman Rd, Hope Forest, 5172

Alexandrina Council, 8555 7000,
alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Alexandrina Libraries Workshop

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.

Thu 7 May, 11am – 12pm

Goolwa Library 11 Cadell St, Goolwa, 5214

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Alexandrina Libraries Workshop

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.

Thu 7 May, 3pm – 4pm

Strathalbyn Library
1 Colman Tce, Strathalbyn, 5255

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Alexandrina Libraries,
SteamRanger & Oscar W

Guided tour

History Month: Rail & Sail

Experience the best of the Fleurieu’s steam heritage, with a packaged ride on the historic ‘Cockle Train’ and a one-hour cruise on Goolwa’s historic paddle steamer ‘Oscar W’. Learn from volunteers as they provide information regarding the history of the area and transportation during the journey, while taking in the scenic landscapes of the Fleurieu.

Wed 20 May, 11am – 3.15pm

Victor Harbor Cockle Train Station
5 Railway Tce, Victor Harbor, 5211

SteamRanger, 1300 655 991,
bookings@steamranger.org.au

Event costs apply
Adult: \$75, Child: \$32, Concession: \$65, Family: \$200
Bookings required online



Alexandrina Singers
& Strathalbyn Players

Guided tour

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 16, 23 & Sun 17, 24, 2pm – 4pm

Meet at Save the Children Op Shop
8 Rankine St, Strathalbyn, 5255

Gillian Tucker, 0403 595 446, gillian.tlc@gmail.com

Event costs apply
Adult: \$15, Concession: \$10, Child: Free
Bookings required online



Anacotilla Springs

Guided tour

Native Vegetation Heritage Agreement: Connecting People and the Land

A presentation on the 25 hectare Heritage Agreement area and the significance of the remnant fauna within the Anacotilla Gorge. Walk down to the historic weir and along the river floor to experience the variety of wildlife, 300 year old trees, and rejuvenating vegetation of the picturesque Gorge. Note: the terrain in parts will be downhill on uneven ground.

Sun 3 May, 10am – 12.30pm

Anacotilla Springs
7421 Main S Rd, Second Valley, 5204

Pamela Wright, 0412 864 276,
admin@anacotillasprings.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Frank Potts, late 1800s, PFC Trust

Bleasdale Vineyards,
Malcolm Ludgate & Ian Doyle

Special event

There's a Story in Every Glass: Bleasdale Documentary

A too-good-to-miss screening of Ian Doyle and Malcolm Ludgate’s long-awaited documentary, taking you through the life of Frank Potts and the establishment of Bleasdale Vineyards. Features original footage of the Red Gum Lever Press in action and interviews with Potts descendants and Wolf Blass. Celebrating three centuries of South Australian pioneering history.

Fri 8 May, 7pm – 9pm

Langhorne Creek Memorial Hall
89 Bridge Rd, Langhorne Creek, 5255

Bleasdale Vineyards - Kate Mooney, 8537 4031,
katem@bleasdale.au

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



Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group
& Yankalilla District Historical Society

Talk

A Volunteers' View of Coastal Habitat Restoration in the Cape Jervis Area

Talk and guided walk. Cape Jervis is a biodiversity hotspot with stunning views to Kangaroo Island. Carolyn Schultz will talk about coastal habitat restoration and show how volunteers are rejoining fragmented habitat, providing food and shelter for wildlife, and spaces for people to enjoy. After the talk will be a short, guided walk of the Shady Grove Loop.

Sat 30 May, 10am – 12.30pm

Cape Jervis Community Club
Rainsford St, Cape Jervis, 5204

Carolyn Schultz, carolyn.schultz165@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Christobel Kelly & Jaynie Langford

Talk

Thin Places Conversation: Practicing the Past in Onkaparinga.

Through thin layers of history, the Fleurieu Peninsula continues to draw artists to paint and create in the landscape. Join arts historian Christobel Kelly and Sauerbier House coordinator Jaynie Langford in conversation to discuss this rich artistic history and its lasting legacy together with afternoon tea.

Sat 23 May, 2pm – 3pm

Sauerbier House Culture Exchange
21 Wearing St, Port Noarlunga, 5167

Jaynie Langford, 8186 1393,
Jaynie.langford@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Encounter Bay Family History Group

Self-guided tour

Victor Harbor Heritage Hunt

Embark on a self-directed heritage hunt and discover Victor Harbor’s fascinating history in this fun, family-friendly activity! Follow clues to explore significant heritage locations around the town, answering questions along the way. All correct entries will go into the draw to win one of 60 fantastic prizes donated by local businesses.

Fri 1 May – Wed 13 May, 10am – 4pm

Victor Harbor Library
1 Bay Rd, Victor Harbor, 5211
Victor Harbor Visitor Information Centre
2 Railway Tce, Victor Harbor, 5211

Encounter Bay Family History Group, 0435 440 885,
traceytrelor@hotmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



Festival Fleurieu & Yankalilla District
Historical Society

Exhibition

Henri van Raalte an Inspiration Exhibition

Henri Benedictus Salaman van Raalte (1881 – 1929) artist, etcher, and curator is the inspiration for this art exhibition by local artists. Find out more about Henri through a display of his works and historical information alongside the exhibition of paintings and more.

Fri 22 May – Sat 24 May, 10am – 3pm

Yoho Delamere Uniting Church Hall
30 Yoho Rd, Delamere, 5204

Festival Fleurieu, libbymatt15@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre

Display

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre: Your Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival Hub

Make the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre your first stop during the Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival 2026. Come and view the digital display of historical images. As the official festival hub, the centre will provide information, programs, and booking assistance, helping visitors explore heritage sites, events, and experiences across the region.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival Hub
163 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooe@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre & Yankalilla District Historical Society

Exhibition

Scenic Second Valley Artworks

Second Valley’s natural beauty has inspired artists across time. Come and view a variety of works loaned from private collections, featuring a copy of well known South Australian artist, James Ashton’s ‘A Grey Day’ (c1910). Find out all about the festival at the Visitor Centre, the Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival Hub.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
163 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooeee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Fleurieu Environment Centre

Talk

Bush Foods and Other Useful Plants of Interest Before European Settlement

Since colonisation, the landscape has experienced substantial transformation resulting in significant reductions of indigenous flora and habitats. Neville Bonney, a respected author and expert on Australian bush foods, provides insights into the varieties of native plant species and bush foods that were present prior to these changes.

Sat 23 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Fleurieu Environment Centre
Shop 3, 50 Main Rd, Normanville, 5204

Fleurieu Environment Centre, 8558 3644,
info@flec.com.au

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



Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group

Talk

Mary Ann Calnan: Courage & Resilience on Kangaroo Island

Anthea Taylor tells us of the extreme hardship her three times great grandmother endured on Kangaroo Island. Widowed a year after arriving in 1936, raising her children through isolation, loss and adversity, they built new lives full of resilience and enterprise, leaving a lasting legacy that included the famed Faith, Hope, and Charity cottages at Kingscote.

Sat 16 May, 1.15pm – 4pm

Noarlunga Uniting Church Hall
23 William Rd, Christies Beach, 5165

Ros Dunstall, 0419 851 761,
fleurpengroupinc@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Fleurieu Stars

Guided tour

Discover Carrickalinga’s Night Sky

A guided tour of Carrickalinga’s night sky with a laser pointer, telescopes, and a local guide with 50+ years of experience. Event dependent on weather conditions (backup date Sat May 16 in case the weather on May 9 is not favourable). Dress like you are going to the South Pole.

Sat 9 May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Carrickalinga Bushfire Refuge Reserve
Carrickalinga Rd & Broadbeach Dr, Carrickalinga, 5204

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooeee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Friends of the Currency Creek Cemetery

Guided tour

‘Stories Behind the Headstones’: Currency Creek Cemetery tour

Alexandrina Libraries 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 13 May, 2pm – 4pm

Currency Creek Cemetery
Peel Rd, Currency Creek, 5214

Alexandrina Libraries, 8555 7000,
libraries@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online

Inman Valley Community & Memorial Hall Association

Special event

Inman Valley Presents Our Farming History

Step back in time and discover the rich agricultural history of the Inman Valley. From citrus orchards and black frosts to butter factories and dairy closures. Speak with the locals about how things have changed; see the tools that were used, and browse through some publications from the Inman Valley Agricultural Bureau library.

Sun 17 May, 10am – 4pm

Inman Valley Memorial Hall
1714 Inman Valley Rd, Inman Valley, 5211

Frances McDonald-Furler, ivmemorialhall@gmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



Jakarde Collective

Exhibition

Found in the Littoral Zone

What happens when the Jakarde collective think littoral? Shorelines, shipwrecks, sea life, sardines! What have they created, hand crafted, repurposed? See the art exhibition in the original 1850s bluestone gallery in the historic Randalsea area of Second Valley.

Fri 1 May – Sun 3 May, 10am – 3pm

Randalsea Rustic Gallery
7874 Main S Rd, Second Valley, 5204

Emanda Fretwell, e.fretwell@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required

Lot 50

Special event

Welcome Back to Gnomeland Children’s Picnic

Lot 50 was once the location of a magical place called Gnomeland. Some of that magic has been re-created for a fun and games picnic for preschoolers. Join Ruth and the cafe team to discover Yankalilla gnomes and friends. Children must be accompanied by adult caregiver.

Thu 14 May, 10am – 11.30am

Lot 50 64 Main St, Yankalilla, 5203

Ruth Mills, 0434 401 754, hello@lot50.com.au

Event costs apply
Per Person: \$10
Cost includes snacks and games, coffee available to purchase
Bookings required online



A Track Maintenance Crew on a Velocipede, c1900s, Port Milang Railway Museum

Milang Railway Museum

Guided tour

Hands On Railway History

A hands-on opportunity to try for yourself some of the things that happened on South Australian railways in the past. You can ride a velocipede, weigh a vehicle, send morse code, weigh parcels, drive a train, act as a train guard, and much more. A conducted one hour tour for individuals, small groups, and families.

Sun 17 May, 12pm – 12.50pm, 1pm – 1.50pm,
2pm – 2.50pm & 3pm – 3.50pm

Milang Railway Museum
Daranda Tce, Milang, 5256

Peter Lucas, 0414 232 060,
secretary@milangrailway.org.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Myponga Progress Association

Performance

‘Pongy Fest’

It is 1971 and ‘Australia’s answer to Woodstock’ took place on the outskirts of Myponga. ‘Sometimes Kevin’ play songs from the festival and more, interspersed with stories of the epic event. From headliners, Black Sabbath, to groups that morphed into Australian musical legends like Daddy Cool and the Angels, a milestone well worth celebrating. Cost includes dinner.

Sat 16 May, 5.30pm – 10.30pm

Myponga Hall 40 Main S Rd, Myponga, 5202

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooeee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$50
Bookings required online



Willunga’s Historical High Street Walk

What are the stories behind the quotations on the bronze strips in the footpaths of the High St, Willunga? Who was John Hart? Who was Miss Thorne, and why was she imparting instruction? Was gold really discovered in the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery? What was the Gunter’s Chain? Join us to learn about these and other aspects of Willunga’s past.

Sun 3 & 17 May, 1pm – 3pm

Willunga Courthouse and Slate Museum
61 High St, Willunga, 5172

Brian McMillan, 0409 635 277, team@willungantsa.au

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



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 South Australia, and SA’s first motor racing Grand Prix street circuit. Enjoy afternoon tea and coffee at the historic railway station. Suggested donation: \$5.

Sun 10 & 17 May, 2pm – 3.45pm

Port Elliot Railway Station
Cnr The Strand & Henry St, Port Elliot, 5212

Gordon Ure, 0415 695 789,
portelliotnationaltrust@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings required online



New for 2026

There is always something new to discover in the History Festival program. This icon indicates an event fresh for 2026.

‘Matthew Flinders, the Man Behind the Map of SA’: A Talk by Gillian Dooley

Who was Matthew Flinders, arguably the most famous man in South Australian history? Why was he in SA waters in 1802, and why did he meet Nicolas Baudin in Encounter Bay? In this talk, Gillian Dooley, author of ‘Matthew Flinders: The Man Behind the Map’, explains his background, his dealings with the French, and what happened before and after the encounter.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3pm

RSL Hall 10 The Strand, Port Elliot, 5212

Gordon Ure, 0415 695 789,
portelliotnationaltrust@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Mayhem in McLaren Vale

Join us at the historic Willunga Courthouse to learn about the crimes and misadventures of the denizens of McLaren Vale. Discover the shady pasts that have been all but forgotten. Be astonished by the characters from bygone days as they recount their experiences with crime, criminals, and misadventures.

Sun 10 & 24 May, 3pm – 4.15pm

Willunga Courthouse and Police Station Museum
61 High St, Willunga, 5172

Paddy O’Toole, 0412 347 280, team@willungantsa.au

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



Dunstall Cottage Display & Mother’s Day Information Stall

View a display through windows of tiny, historic Dunstall Cottage, home to 10 children all born in the front room during the 1920s and 30s. Their mother Mildred, daughter of Yankalilla shopkeepers, was loved by all. On Mother’s Day, find out about National Trust membership. Sale of plants, flowers, and books about the district.

Throughout May, 8am – 6pm

Mother’s Day Stall 10 May, 11am – 2pm

Dunstall Cottage, Bungala Park
42 Main S Rd, Normanville, 5204

Joan Thompson, 0408 825 270,
joanthompson47@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Willunga Slate Quarry Tour

Join us at Willunga’s only working slate quarry. Slate was discovered by settlers in 1840 and a vigorous industry developed. Willunga was the only area in Australia that produced roofing slates, which were exported to other colonies. How was Willunga slate quarried? Hear the stories of this fascinating time and see how the slate was worked.

Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3.15pm

Willunga Slate Quarry
Quarry Rd, Willunga South, 5172

Paddy O’Toole, 0412 347 280, team@willungantsa.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$13
Bookings required online



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Looking Back & Looking to the Future

The Port Milang Museum showcases many interesting and diverse exhibits focusing on Milang's rich history, including photographs of historic buildings and Milang-built paddlesteamers. Take a look at the 100-year-old steam engine from the 'P.S. Sunbeam'.

Sun 3 May, 10am – 4pm

Port Milang Museum 1406 Milang Rd, Milang, 5256

Allan McInnes, 0437 800 811,
milanghistoricalsociety1979@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required

'Thin Places': An Exhibition by Christobel Kelly

'Thin Places' brings history alive through contemporary painting and intriguing sculptural works. The exhibition, public talk, and written publication examine what it means to 'practice the past'. By specifically referencing Onkaparinga local history, the exhibition invites audiences into the world of South Australia's rich artistic past.

Wed 13, 20 & 27 May, 10am – 4pm
Thu 14, 21 & 28 May, 10am – 4pm
Fri 15, 22 & 29 May, 10am – 4pm
Sat 9, 16, 23 & 30 May, 1pm – 4pm

Sauerbier House Culture Exchange
21 Wearing St, Port Noarlunga, 5167

Jaynie Langford, 8186 1393,
Jaynie.langford@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required

Historic Walk Around the Old Township of Second Valley

A guided walk to see the well-preserved historic precinct of Second Valley, including the old flour mill, cottages, bridge, and springs. Local guides will share the stories of the early village.

Sat 2 May, 10am – 11am & 2pm – 3pm
Sun 3 May, 11am – 12pm & 2pm – 3pm

Second Valley Soldiers' Memorial Hall
140 Finnis Vale Dr, Second Valley, 5204

Jane Olsson, olssons@ozemail.com.au

Free
Bookings required online

Communication As It Was

Come and see us. We have buggies of different kinds, we even have an old bullock wagon which we are restoring. We have musical instruments, some of which are quite rare and still in working order. In days gone by most families had someone who played a musical instrument or could sing. Great fun was had by all. Memories for everyone. Pay at the door. For large group bookings please phone or email.

Every Sun & Thu in May, 10am – 2pm

Pt Elliot Showgrounds 1 Wright St, Port Elliot, 5212

Secretary, 0427 624 431, rainesw12@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$7
Bookings not required



Skirmish training, 1862, London Illustrated News

Enlist for an Afternoon and Shoot With the Noarlunga Volunteer Rifles

Before the french attack South Australia, pledge allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and enlist in the NVR. 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 31 May, 12pm – 3pm

Southern Rangers Black Powder & Modern Shooting Club
Long Gully Rd, McLaren Vale, 5171

Danny Davis, dannydmd@hotmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$50
Bookings required by email (only)



The Old Violinist, 2021, Liz Evans, Found-timber bowl, 2025, Trevor Hatwell & Hartley Morning, 2025, Helen Stacey

Past & Present

Visit Stacey Gallery in Old Strathalbyn, settled 1839. See early Scottish workers cottages with self-guided history tour booklet. Admire Liz Evans' pencil portraits, Trevor Hatwell's found-timber bowls, Helen Stacey's acrylic early rural sites, Ngarrindjeri weaving, Helen Moon's silks, aged artefacts and collectables. Refreshments available in cottage garden.

Every Tue – Sat, Sun 3, 17 & 24 May, 10am – 4pm,
Sun 10 May, 12pm – 4pm

Stacey Gallery & Studio
17 Harriet St, Strathalbyn, 5255

Helen Stacey, 0416 075 052,
helen@helenstacey.com.au

Free
Bookings not required

Secrets of the Strathalbyn Clock Tower

For 130 years visitors to Strathalbyn's Clock Tower have scrawled their names and dates on its internal timbers. See images of the signatures, hear stories of the people named, take the rare opportunity to see inside the tower. Generous donations are needed to save St Andrews church and clocktower. The first hour on Sunday will be a church service.

Sat 30 & Sun 31 May, 10am – 3pm

St Andrews Uniting Church
1 Alfred Pl, Strathalbyn, 5255

David Bunton, 0404 228 322,
david@davidbunton.com

By Donation
Bookings not required

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. You may also appreciate the Bassett Boys' Schoolroom while honouring our First Nations heritage through indigenous plantings in our native garden.

Sat 16 May, 10am – 12pm

Wirra Creek Community Garden
17 St Lukes St, Willunga, 5172

Suzy Reiche, 0403 867 213, team@willungantsa.au

Free
Bookings not required

Discover the Geology of the Fleurieu Peninsula With Rob Kirk

Join Rob, a passionate geologist, for an engaging journey through the Fleurieu's geological wonders. With global experience and degrees in geology and geophysics, Rob reveals how cosmology and tectonics shaped our Fleurieu Peninsula landscape, from ancient formations to glacial paths—plus insights from his book 'The Fleurieu Rocks'.

Thu 14 May, 2pm – 3pm

Victor Harbor Library 1 Bay Rd, Victor Harbor, 5211

Victor Harbor Library, 8551 0730,
library@victor.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online

Victor Harbor Library & Author Rob Kirk

Talk

A Taste of History: ‘Dr John Woodforde and Six Parrot Puddings’

An engaging talk with author Rob Kirk as he delves into the captivating history of South Australia through his book ‘Dr John Woodforde and Six Parrot Puddings’. This remarkable work draws on the personal diaries of Dr John Woodforde, a colonial surgeon and member of Colonel William Light’s survey party, creating a vivid picture of the colonial life.

Thu 14 May, 12pm – 1pm

Victor Harbor Library 1 Bay Rd, Victor Harbor, 5211

Victor Harbor Library, 8551 0730, library@victor.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Victor Harbor National Trust Museum

Display

Posts From the Past

In the past pioneers sent news by post and it was delivered by sea and land. The museum is excited to show how people stayed connected from afar. Exhibits and displays of postcards and letters, diaries and journals show how people stayed connected. Technological changes gave new ways for people to connect with the use of the newspaper, telephone and radio. Entry to the Museum will be \$2 per person every weekend in May just for the History Festival.

Every Sat & Sun in May, 11am – 2.30pm

Victor Harbor National Trust Museum
1 Flinders Pde, Victor Harbor, 5211

Debra Bridge, 0417 840 195, admin@victorharbornattrust.org.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$2
Bookings not required



Yankalilla Area School & Yankalilla Historical Society

Exhibition

Connections Then & Now

Then & Now is a project that Yankalilla Area School students are undertaking with the local Historical Society, exploring historical images and recreating them through photography and painting. Students research local places and compare past and present, investigating change, continuity, and community identity.

Tue 19 – Sun 24 May, 10am – 3pm

Small Hall, Yankalilla Showgrounds
Cnr Main S Rd & Jervois Rd, Yankalilla, 5204

Yankalilla District Historical Society, yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

Free
Bookings not required



Yankalilla District Historical Museum

Display

Wedding Dresses Through the Ages

A collection of bridal fashion from the 1800s onward in this exhibition, showcasing romantic and beautiful wedding dresses across different eras.

Tue 19 – Sat 23 May, 10am – 4pm

Uniting Church Hall 119 South Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Ann Ryan, 0409 980 227, annr190117@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$5
Bookings not required



Yankalilla District Historical Museum

Special event

Yankalilla Museum Open Day

Join us for a special open day at the Yankalilla Museum. Come see various demonstrations including hay making, wooden tool demonstration, spinning, blacksmithing, and rope making.

Wed 6 May, 10am – 4pm

Yankalilla Museum 163 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Robert Ryan, 0434 701 460, yankmus52@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival participants, 2025, Pamela Wright

Yankalilla District Historical Society

Special event

Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival

Connect with the fascinating heritage of Yankalilla and the Western Fleurieu. Explore exhibitions, join themed walks, attend talks, enjoy displays, and participate in workshops and research. Find the region’s hidden gems using the virtual calico bag of self-guided activities. See the full program at www.yankalilladistricthistory.org

Throughout May

Yankalilla Council District
163 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240, cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Yankalilla District Historical Society

Bus tour

Time Travel Meet the Mayfields Bus Tour

Travel back in time to meet the Mayfields. Join a bus tour of historic Yankalilla, Bald Hills and Torrens Vale sites relating to the Mayfield family. See where they lived, died, and were buried and hear their stories brought to life. End with a guided tour of 1856 Bungala House. Devonshire tea included.

Wed 13 May, 12pm – 4pm

Bungala House 34 Main St, Yankalilla, 5203

Yankalilla District Historical Society, yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

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



Yankalilla District Historical Society

Display

Recipe Books and the Cooks

Find out about local cooks and their recipe books. Nostalgic food memories evoked. View a collection of recipes and cook books used or created by local cooks, from community fundraisers to the latest Fleurieu food culture. Selected recipes posted weekly on Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival Facebook page.

Every Mon, Wed Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun 10am – 4pm

Yankalilla Second Hand Shop
92 Main St, Yankalilla, 5203

Emanda Fretwell, 0457 329 272, e.fretwell@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Yankalilla District Historical Society

Display

Catlow & Co.

Who was EJ Catlow? How many schools have there been in the Yankalilla district? How many still survive? Who were some of the teachers? Visit the old state heritage-listed schoolroom at Christ Church (now the church hall) to find out the answers. Also learn about the history of the church and see some of its treasures.

Sat 23 May, 10am – 4pm

Christ Church Yankalilla
132 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240, cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Yankalilla District Historical Society

Guided tour

The Great Gorge: A Historical, Geological and Botanical Walk

Come to the Great Gorge, just south of Normanville, and meet Dr John Woodforde who walked through here in 1836. Also talk with the first farmer in the gorge. We will then have a 3-4 hour walk (3.5 kms return) on easy paths through the gorge discussing plants, rocks, and history. Bring lunch and a thermos to enjoy at the old ruin.

Sun 24 May, 11am – 2pm

Meet at Garnet Kelly Reserve, Great George path
6790 Main S Rd, Normanville, 5204

Rob Kirk, robkirkconsultants@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings required online



Bullaparinga Cemetery: Not Forgotten

Delamere Action Group have been busy researching unmarked graves in historic Bullaparinga Cemetery. New plaques have been placed on some of these graves dating from 1861. Join the tour and hear the stories discovered, including that of artist Henri van Raalte, Christie family mail delivery by row boat, Price of Price's Bakery and more.

Sat 23 May, 10am – 12pm

Bullaparinga Cemetery
94 Stockyard Hill Rd, Delamere, 5204
Yankalilla District Historical Society,
yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Carrickalinga History & Biodiversity Walk

Enjoy a guided walking tour along the easy North Bay pathway to Haycock Point. Hear about the history of Carrickalinga on the way and the biodiversity of this unique environment on the return journey.

Tue 19 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Meet at Mitchell Reserve North Bay car park
Gold Coast Dr, Carrickalinga, 5204

Yankalilla District Historical Society,
yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



They Went Too Young

Join Margaret Morgan for a tour of historic Yankalilla cemetery, which will focus on the graves of children. On this tour you will learn about their short lives, the causes of their deaths, and the story of their families. These families include Bennett, Boys, Buchanan, Lake, Martin, Matthewson, Roads, Sampson, Skinner, and Tooth.

Thu 21 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Yankalilla Cemetery
2832 Inman Valley Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Yankalilla District Historical Society,
yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required online



Yankalilla's Visionaries, Enthusiasts and Story Tellers Town Walk

More than a miracle! People of vision, enthusiasm, and stories. Tales, Wales, and gnomes. Morse but no code, a Nutter, a Webb but no spider, a Thorne that turns into a Lake, a lady Newman. What do Lily Dear and Willie Carr Fish have in common? A suspicious fire! Who was Redlock? Who is Goode at golf? Facts spread like jam on a youngster's lunch.

Thu 14 May, 11am – 12.30pm,

Tue 26 May, 1pm – 2.30pm

Christ Church Yankalilla
132 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



Thomas Willson's Yankalilla

Take a guided walking tour of the original Yankalilla township survey, commissioned by Thomas Willson in 1857. Find out about this man, his vision, his family, and the people who once lived on these Yankalilla lots. Start at a church, end at the pub.

Tue 5 May, 11am – 12pm

Yankalilla Uniting Church
119 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Emanda Fretwell, e.fretwell@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings required online



Mitchell Cottage Afternoon Tea

Celebrate the 1925 Golden Wedding Anniversary of George and Sarah Mitchell at an afternoon tea party with some 'bubbles'. Meet them and their son Horace via a talk of their 50 years living here from the 1870s. Examine finds from near the cottage remains, and the recent archaeology.

Sun 31 May, 2pm – 4pm

Mitchell Cottage
130 Nosworthy Rd, Torrens Vale, 5203

Rob Kirk, robkirkconsultants@bigpond.com

Free
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Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival

Opening and Book Launch at Second Valley

Displays of images and historical information relating to Second Valley and Wirrina will be featured all weekend, with the opening of the 2026 Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival at 11am on Saturday. Included will be the launch of the next publication in the historic tours of Yankalilla and District Historical Society series ‘Old Second Valley and Wirrina’.

Sat 2 & Sun 3 May, 11am – 4pm

Second Valley Soldiers Memorial Hall
140 Finnis Vale Dr, Second Valley, 5204

Sue Speck, 0448 438 974

Free
Bookings not required



Echoes of Exploration: Colonel Light’s

Campsite Rediscovered at Rapid Bay

Showcase of the discoveries and research of the site. Rapid Bay was named by South Australia Colonial Surveyor General Colonel William Light who landed there 8 September 1836. Rapid Bay was a basecamp for Colonel Light for months with some of his survey crew stationed there from November to January. Hear the research and see what has been discovered.

Sat 16 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Yankalilla Community Library
181 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Taylor Lupp, taylor.1807@outlook.com

Free
Bookings required online



Who’s Been Sleeping Where?

Four workshops on how to research where your ancestors lived or the previous owners of your home. Each session will cover a different aspect of various research aids, especially SAILIS, followed by Q&A and individual help. Six people per session, bringing your own laptop is encouraged. For further details visit the Yankalilla District Historical Society website.

Fri 15 & 22 May, 1.30pm – 3pm,
Wed 27 May, 10.30am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3pm

Yankalilla Community Library
181 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Yankalilla Library, 8558 2043,
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



Kurna Knowledge

Banksia Park Normanville

Workshop, games, and activities for all ages with Kurna educator Drew Kilner. Learn about cultural practices, stories, language, and the interconnected relationship of First Nations people to Kurna Country. Includes Kurna Knowledge walk with guide of Banksia Park Normanville showing indigenous food and useful plants.

Sat 9 May, 12pm – 3pm

Banksia Park Normanville
Mary Ave, Normanville, 5204

Liesl von der Boch, vonderborchliesl@gmail.com

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



Behind the Books: Writers’ Speak

Each Friday in May a local history writer will speak about their books and the process that went in to creating them. What is involved, motivation, topic selection, writing style, research, and publishing process. Followed by Q&A session and morning tea. Details of each session at yankalilladistricthistory.org.au

Every Friday in May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Yankalilla Community Library
181 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Yankalilla Community Library, 8558 2043,
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required online



History and Hospitality: Yankalilla Hotel

Yankalilla Hotel country hospitality since 1854. View the display of photos and memorabilia. Discover the stories and characters. Learn more about this local pub built on one of the original Yankalilla township lots. After exploring the heritage on show you are welcome to enjoy some good old country hospitality for yourself.

Throughout May, 10am – 10pm

Yankalilla Hotel 105 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Yankalilla Hotel, 8558 2011

Free
Bookings not required



Centenary Celebration Yankalilla

Memorial Park

Celebrate the centenary of Yankalilla Memorial Park. Lunch available at Football Club 11.30am – 1.30pm. Book launch, presentation of park history, trips down memory lane from all the sporting clubs, and memorabilia display in the Bowling Club from 2pm – 4pm. Afternoon tea and bar facilities available. All welcome especially past players and committee members. Please note, meals are available at own cost.

Sun 17 May, 11am – 3pm

Yankalilla Memorial Park Sporting Grounds
104 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings required online



The Diprotodon, Rocks & Fossils

at Yankalilla Museum

At the Yankalilla Museum Open Day, geologist Rob Kirk will provide an insightful presentation on the Fleurieu’s megafauna and geology of 50,000 years ago. Discover the significance of the 1892 discovery of a Diprotodon femur at Hay Flat, and join our expert guide for a tour of the museum’s fascinating rock and fossil collection.

Wed 6 May, 11am – 12pm

Yankalilla District Historical Museum
169 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 8558 0240,
cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Free
Bookings not required



Yankalilla Red Cross Display

Yankalilla Red Cross has been supporting the community for over a century. Support them by coming to see the display of historic memorabilia. Morning tea will be available for \$5.

Tue 5 & Wed 6 May, 9am – 12pm

Yankalilla Uniting Church
119 Main S Rd, Yankalilla, 5203

Roxanne Chapman, 0439 369 833

Free
Bookings not required



Discover, learn, and connect

When visitors make their way through the South Australian Maritime Museum, they will hear Uncle Moogy's voice recounting the Ngarrindjeri story of the yuki, the bark canoe.

The Ngarrindjeri were highly skilled at making canoes out of a single sheet of thick bark from river red gum. The yuki was part of everyday culture for First Nation groups living in the riverine regions of south-east Australia. They used it to travel along the Murray River and Lower Lakes regions of South Australia, where scar trees still remain to remind us of the long practice of yuki making.

The yuki is part of a Ngarrindjeri dreaming which has been passed down from generation to generation. Ngurunderi, the spiritual ancestor, travelled down the Murray River in his yuki, searching for his two wives who had run away. Along the way he shaped the landscape creating the rivers, lakes, landmarks, plants and animals. At the end of his journey, he put the yuki up in the night sky to become the Milky Way.

The multisensory exhibition, funded by Arts SA, is one of the latest additions to the Maritime Museum and weaves First Nations culture deeply into the overarching story of the Museum.

As the curator of this exhibition, I had the honour of connecting with the yuki story and supporting Uncle Major 'Moogy' Sumner, the cultural leader, together with a team of First Nations digital creatives, and Flinders University motion capture specialists, as they created this experience.

The practice of coming together to select and prepare the bark and make the yuki did much to bring the wider community into conversation with First Nation elders. This was a deeply moving hands on learning experience that invited us to contribute to the continuation of Ngarrindjeri cultural practices which pre-date European settlement by hundreds, if not thousands of years.

Thanks to this experience, I now connect with the yuki story outside the museum. Whenever I drive past Lake Alexandrina, I look out for a certain scarred tree in the landscape. When I look up in the night sky and see the Milky Way, I now know some of the stars Ngarrindjeri use to navigate the riverways.

The yuki story is one of many First Nations stories shared at our museums and online. Come and visit us during the History Festival to explore and connect with First Nations peoples, history and living culture.

Dr Birgit Heilmann

Senior Curator
History Trust of South Australia

ICIP notice

This article includes information from the yuki exhibition which shares the traditional knowledge or ICIP of the Ngarrindjeri people and has been created with permission, and under the guidance of Ngarrindjeri Elder, Uncle Major 'Moogy' Sumner.



Cutting the yuki at Kuitpo Forest, Kurna Country, September 2023. Photographer: Ethan White, History Trust of South Australia

Uncle Moogy paddling in the yuki at the Dolphin Sanctuary, Garden Island, Kurna Country, April 2024. Photographer: Ethan White, History Trust of South Australia.



Yankalilla RSL Branch &
Yankalilla Historical Society

Display

Re-member Yankalilla RSL

Like many RSL branches, membership was falling. The Yankalilla branch has been re-invigorated with a new committee and increased membership. Come to the open day on VE Day. See the display of memorabilia and 're-member' our veterans and their role in local heritage. Gold coin donation entry. Morning and afternoon tea available for \$5.

Fri 8 May, 10am – 2.30pm
RSL Hall 16 Main S Rd, Normanville, 5204
Yankalilla District Historical Society,
yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

By Donation
Bookings not required



Yankalilla Yarns Fine Art Studio
& Artist Karen Hammat

Workshop

What the Tree Leaves:
Eco-dyeing Workshop

Learn how to use the natural flora in the local environment to dye paper. Be inspired by seeing one of the oldest Eucalypts in the district on the property of artist Karen Hammat who will be running the hands on workshop in the unique cob built studio/gallery.

Thu 7 May, 9am – 12pm
Yankalilla Yarns Fine Art Studio
Glebe Ave, Yankalilla, 5203
Karen Hammat, yankalillyarns@gmail.com

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



Yankalilla Youth Theatre

Special event

Local Film 'Tumbleweed'

The Yankalilla district have made history with Yankalilla Youth Theatre's comedy western film 'Tumbleweed'. Featuring over 100 locals and an original script inspired by local historic photographs. Be treated to a few YYT surprises. Come along and see the project's end result and support Yankalilla Youth Arts not-for-profit.

Sat 23 May, 6pm – 8pm
Myponga Hall 40 Main S Rd, Myponga, 5202
Evette Wolf, eveswolf@gmail.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$20, Child: \$10
Bookings required online



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Bagot's Northern Territory Motor Tour, 1926,
State Library of South Australia

Brenton & Amanda Whittenbury,
Brenton & Donna Taylor

Special event

Overland to Darwin and Back

Centenary re-enactment of Australia's first commercial north and south motor tour. The longest in the world at the time. Attend the Rundle street send-off of the two 100 year-old vehicles and other cars of the era. Join us two days later at the historic Beltana township for a community BBQ and screening of the original 1926 film of the tour.

Dinner & Film: Wed 20 May, 6pm – 10pm
Beltana Community Hall
11 North Tce, Beltana, 5730

Brenton Ross Whittenbury, 0434 686 667,
brenton@grundysshoes.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$30, Child: \$20
Bookings required by phone or email



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Display

'Bitter Springs in Translation':
Sharing a Forgotten History

'Bitter Springs in Translation' revisits the 1949 film through First Nations' voices and the memories of local residents who witnessed its making. Drawing on archival film, recent language translations, and new interviews, the project reveals untold stories of Country, displacement and shared history, presented at the Quorn Silo Light Show.

Throughout May, 6pm – 6.30pm

Quorn Silo Light Show
Railway Tce, Quorn, SA, 5433

illuminart stories in light, 1300 455 864,
enquiries@illuminart.com.au

Free
Bookings not required.



Railway workers on a steam engine [B 62378], 1881-1882,
State Library of South Australia

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, Sat & Sun, 11am – 6pm,
Every Fri in May, 11am – 8pm

The Royal Victoria Hotel 3 First St, Beltana, 5730

Grayson Cooke, 0478 262 964,
grayson.cooke@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Flinders Ranges, South Australian Tourism Commission,
Emile Ristevski

Outback Communities Authority

Special event

Flinders Ranges Heritage Trail Launch

Discover the rich First Nations, European, geological, and fossil heritage of the Flinders Ranges. Join our panel of heritage experts as they launch the Flinders Ranges Heritage Trail and share their insights into what makes this remarkable region so unique.

Sat 9 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Beltana Community Hall North Tce, Beltana, 5730

Grayson Cooke, 0478 262 964,
grayson.cooke@sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



New for 2026

There is always something new to discover in the History Festival program. This icon indicates an event fresh for 2026.



Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Exhibition

Connecting the Outback

The railways opened up outback Australia to mining, agriculture, and farming while transforming access to education and medical care. Become acquainted with the bush life, from the excitement of mail deliveries and fresh food to the arrival of loved ones. Railways connected the outback to Australia and the world.

Throughout May, 9am – 4pm

Station Museum, Quorn Railway Station
Railway Tce, Quorn, 5433

Lisa Southon, 0419 810 973,
museum.manager@prrr.org.au

Free
Bookings not required



Mounted Police Officers c1880s, SA Police Historical Society

SA Police Historical Society, SA Police Special event
& Farina Restoration Group

Unveiling of Memorial for Mounted Constable Spicer

On Saturday June 28 1884, Mounted Constable (MC) Spicer was accidentally shot during firearms training at Farina. After initial treatment at Farina, he was transferred by train to the Pt Augusta Hospital where he died next day. The SA Police Historical Society and SA Police have partnered with the Farina Restoration Group to erect a memorial for MC Spicer.

Fri 29 May, 10.30am – 11.30am

Farina Ruins Mulgaria, Farina, 5733

Bill Prior, 0411 721 239, wlprior@bigpond.com

Free
Bookings not required



Kangaroo Island



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Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Special event

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 or vodka tasting on the deck. Immerse yourself in history, nature, and Kangaroo Island charm.

Throughout May, 9am – 4pm

Emu Ridge Eucalyptus & Post Office Museum
691 Willsons Rd, MacGillivray, 5223

Bev Turner, 8553 8228, info@emuridge.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$4, Family: \$12,
Concession: \$3, Children 6 years & under: Free
Bookings not required



Parndana Soldier Settlement Museum Special event

Soldier Settlement & Lifelong Connections Luncheon

A luncheon will be held with an opportunity to catch up with anyone connected to the Kangaroo Island Soldier Settlement Scheme over the years. The Parndana Soldier Settlement Museum will be open afterwards for all to reminisce and relive great times. Contact organiser for luncheon menu and price per person.

Sun 24 May, 12pm – 1.30pm

Parndana Hotel
Cnr Cook St & Wedgewood Rd, Parndana, 5220

Josephine Budarick, 0427 700 535,
parndanamuseum@gmail.com

Event costs apply
Per Person: Contact organiser for luncheon details
Bookings required by phone or email



Limestone Coast



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100 Crows Talk

Leaving the Farm: A South Australian Life in the Shadow of War

Historian Neil Churches reflects on how war stories grow out of South Australian farm life. From places like Keith to wartime Europe, this talk explores leaving, choice, and connection. It does not offer answers or conclusions. Instead, it sits with memory and how history is lived alongside everyday life over time.

Thu 21 May, 7pm – 8.30pm

Keith Bowling Club Memorial Ave, Keith, 5267

Tamara Doheney, 0432 359 792,
tamara@100crows.com

Free
Bookings not required



Telling the Whole Story Project site, 2025, T Pomery

Distinguished Professor Irene Watson Talk

Wanga Kalawa

This event features a circle of talks and a guided walk through Country, beginning at a native garden alongside Maria Creek. Senior Elder Irene Watson will share the history of this Meintangk place. This immersive experience deepens our understanding of history by centring First Nations ways of knowing and being and valuing these knowledges for the future.

Sat 23 May, 11am – 2pm

Kingston Information Bay
Cnr East Tce & Watson St, Kingston SE, 5275

Tamara, Saltwaterpeoples@outlook.com

Free
Bookings required by email (only)



Stories, Stories, Stories...!

Do you like hearing stories about history? Do you like sharing stories about history? The history of the beautiful Narracoorte Homestead property has been 180 years in the making — come along, share a glass of local wine, some food, and your stories and photos that will contribute to ensuring our pioneering past is fully remembered for years to come.

Tue 12 & 26 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Narracoorte Homestead 30 McLay St, Naracoorte, 5271
Natasha Biggins, 0448 393 595,
narracoortehomestead@gmail.com

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



Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Kingston to Naracoorte Railway

The first railway in the South East commenced in 1876, connecting the developing Port of Kingston with the inland agricultural hub of Naracoorte. It transformed freight and passenger travel in the region. Our enthusiastic volunteers will guide you through our curated collection of photographs and memorabilia illustrating this fascinating story.

Sun 17 May, 1.30pm – 4pm

Kingston SE National Trust Museum
23 Cooke St, Kingston SE, 5275
Maureen Andrews, 0407 718 304,
maureenandrews30@outlook.com

Event costs apply Adult: \$10, Child: \$5
Bookings not required



The Forgotten Artist and Poet of Port MacDonnell

Join us in celebrating the remarkable life and legacy of Charles Elliott Perryman. Listen to recitations of his poetry and view his WWI sketchbook compiled while serving overseas in the Australian Army Medical Corps. Event cost includes museum entry and light refreshments. Event supported by District Council of Grant.

Sat 9 May, 7pm – 9pm

Port MacDonnell Community Complex
7 Charles St, Port MacDonnell, 5291

Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 8738 3000,
portmacmm@gmail.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$10
Bookings required by phone (only)



Travel Back in Time at Historic Yallum Park Homestead, Penola

Learn about Adam Lindsay Gordon through the play 'Reckless', read by actor David Reed in Yallum Park's elegant dining room. Enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea prepared by chef Ian Perry of Red Shack Cafe, Penola. The late Christina Hindhaugh's play was performed for 14 years starting in 1993, across both Victoria and South Australia. Play reading approximately 50 minutes.

Sun 24 May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Yallum Park Homestead Mount Burr Rd, Monbulk, 5277
Andy Clifford, Yallum Park, whiskaswool@bigpond.com

Event costs apply Per Person: \$70, Member ALGCC: \$50
Bookings required by email (only)



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Open Days: Connections Across Two Iconic Sites

Enjoy tours at The Round House and Captain's Cottage Museum. Explore the connections that shaped Murray Bridge — from the building of the bridges to model paddle steamers, historic farm machinery, and early settlers' daily life. Visit both sites in one day!

Every Thu in May, 11am – 3pm

Captain's Cottage Museum
12 Thomas St, Murray Bridge, 5253

The Round House
146 Railway Tce, Murray Bridge. 5253

RCMB Tourism Officer, 0409 357 798,
r.martin@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

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Barmera Central Visitor Centre Exhibition

Loveday Internment Camp Memorabilia Display

An exhibition showcasing artefacts and the history of the Loveday Internment Camps, established during World War II. Many of these artefacts have been made by the internees. The display also provides instructions for installing an app that offers a self-guided tour of the remaining sites, preserving this significant chapter of our local heritage.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Barmera Central Visitor Information Centre Barwell Ave, Barmera, 5345

Kelsey, 8588 2289, vic@barmeratourism.com.au

Free Bookings not required



Barmera Public Library Exhibition

The Golden Year of Creators: 50 Years of the Theatre Gallery

A display of art and craft pieces, past and present, a history of the Theatre Gallery with meeting books dating back to the very first meeting, and photos of past and present members. Included are art workshops for both adults and children presented by current members — all things gold! There will also be a private morning tea for past and present members.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Barmera Public Library 4 Barwell Ave, Barmera, 5345

Serena Burn & Sue Webber, 8588 2872 sburn@bbc.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings not required



Berri Library Exhibition

A Look Into the Lives of the WWI Soldier Settlers of Our District

A poster display of WWI returned soldiers and a brief look at their military service and lives as participants in the SA Soldier Settlement Scheme. Blocks of land in Berri, Glossop, Monash, and Winkie were allocated to returned soldiers, where they planted and grew vineyards and orchards. They worked hard alongside other “blockies” to establish a thriving district.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Berri Library 29 Riverview Dr, Berri, 5343

Jacque Zagotsis, 7522 6010, jacquezagotsis@gmail.com

Free Bookings not required



Berri Library Workshop

Unlocking Family Records: A Beginner’s Guide

A one-hour workshop introducing new resarchers to the family history databases and electronic resources available in the Berri Barmera Local History Collection. Jump start your journey into genealogy with library staff guidance and the right tools.

Thu 21 May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Berri Library 29 Riverview Dr, Berri, 5343

Berri Library, 7522 6010, jzagotsis@bbc.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings required by phone (only)



Berri Visitor Information Centre Exhibition

From Brownies to Guides: A Century of Girls Leading the Way

Through this month long display, discover the rich history of the Brownies and Girl Guides in the Berri Barmera district. From early camps and community service to lifelong friendships and leadership. This is a story of local girls growing into confident, capable women, shaped by the dedication of local leaders and volunteers in our community.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Berri Visitor Information Centre Riverview Dr, Berri, 5343

Sam Meeuwenoord, 8582 5511, samantham@bbc.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings not required



Loxton Historical Village Main Street, 2018, Loxton Historical Village

Loxton Historical Village Self-guided tour

Loxton Historical Village

Step back in time and explore a rich collection of memories and exhibits from days gone by. The Village brings to life the story of a typical rural community, with more than 45 thoughtfully curated displays, each sharing the resilience, determination, and sacrifices of the pioneering families who made the brave choice to settle and shape the region. Wander through historic buildings, discover everyday objects from another era, and admire the extensive collection of machinery and vehicles that once powered rural life.

Every Tue-Sun throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Loxton Historical Village Allen Hosking Dr, Loxton, 5333

Loxton Historical Village, 8584 7194, requests@thevillageloxton.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$15, Child: \$8, Concession: \$12, Family: \$35, Group of 15 or more: \$10 Bookings not required



Loxton Public Library Exhibition

Connections and Memories: Hidden Gems From the Archives

Step back in time in the local history display room. Explore treasured photographs, stories, and hidden gems from our archives, including a special mini-display on the rich history of the Loxton Institute — the building that now houses our history collection. Original ‘Loxton News’ newspapers will also be available to browse throughout the month.

Every weekday in May, 9am – 5pm Every weekend in May, 10am – 2pm

The Loxton Institute Loxton Library & Visitor Centre 29 East Tce, Loxton, 5333

Loxton Public Library, 8584 8051, loxtonlib@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Free Bookings not required



Preserve Your Memories: Family Photo Digitising Workshop

Learn the basics of digitising your family photographs and slides in a friendly, hands-on session. Try out our overhead scanner and slide scanner, and bring along a few cherished items to practice with. This workshop complements our regular drop-in slide scanning sessions held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Tue 12, 19 & 26 May, 1pm – 2.30pm

The Institute 29 East Tce, Loxton, 5333

Loxton Public Library, 8584 8051,
loxtonlib@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Through the Lens: Open Day

Celebrate the opening of Through the Lens! Step into the past with vintage cameras, hands-on activities, and a live historic photobooth. With interactive displays and family-friendly fun, discover how photography connects generations through creativity, technology, and everyday moments.

Sat 2 May, 11am – 1pm

Waikerie Library an&d Visitor Information Centre
1A Strangman Rd, Waikerie, 5330

Waikerie Library and Visitor Information Centre,
8541 0720, waikerielib@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Van Dyke Brown Printing Workshop

Discover the magic of early photography in this hands-on Van Dyke Brown printing workshop. Learn this historic process using light, chemistry, and creativity to produce rich, sepia-toned prints. Perfect for curious beginners and creative minds.

Sun 24 May, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Waikerie Library & Visitor Information Centre
1A Strangman Rd, Waikerie, 5330

Michelle Gray, 0455 253 004,
info@michellegrayphotography.com.au

Event costs apply Per Person: \$45
Bookings required online



Roll Up Their Sleeves

The Barossa cookbook was compiled in 1917 as a war effort fundraiser. Using the companion cookbook 'Rolling up Their Sleeves' printed over 100 years ago as the central inspiration for this exhibition, it delves into the archives weaving together the central place food has in the social history of Waikerie and the surrounding districts.

Sun 3 & Sat 30 May, 10.30am – 2pm

Rain Moth Gallery 4 Peake Tce, Waikerie, 5330

Michael Honore Cox, 0458 365 971,
michaelhonore@hotmail.com

Free
Bookings not required





W.H. Bruce Limited Queen Trading Boat, 1921, National Trust of SA, Waikerie Branch

Through the Lens

Step into the past through photographs and the cameras that captured them. From vintage equipment to treasured images, discover how photography connects generations — linking technology, creativity and everyday moments to the stories we continue to share today.

Throughout May, during opening hours

Waikerie Library & Visitor Information Centre
1A Strangman Rd, Waikerie, 5330

Waikerie Library & Visitor Information Centre,
8541 0720, waikerielib@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Free
Bookings not required



Connecting to the History of Waikerie

Participate in a guided walk through the Waikerie Cemetery, where you will learn about the history of the cemetery and the town. Discover the locations of early graves, war veterans, and view the final resting places of individuals who have contributed to our town. Additionally, gain insights into some tragedies associated with rural living and life on the River Murray.

Tue 5 & Tue 19 May, 10am – 12pm

Waikerie Cemetery 46 Strangman Rd, Waikerie, 5330

Julie Webber, 0409 097 483,
waikerie.history@gmail.com

Free
Bookings required by phone or email



Waikerie's Echoes of War

Using photographic and written archival material this exhibition highlights the sacrifices made by past veterans from Waikerie and the surrounding district and the unique effect on the social fabric of the town. Individuals and their stories will be featured on their return to the community and the efforts that were initiated for their support.

Sun 3 & Sat 30 May, 11am – 5pm

Waikerie RSL Museum
10 Thompson St, Waikerie, 5330

Michael Honore Cox, 0458 365 971,
michaelhonore@hotmail.com

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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.

Throughout May, 10am – 4pm

Farm Shed Heritage Museum
50 Mines Rd, Matta Flat, 5554

Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre,
1800 654 991, visit@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Event costs apply

Adult: \$12, Member: Free, Family: \$30, Child: \$3

Bookings not required



National Trust of SA, Central Yorke Peninsula Branch Special event

Maitland Museum: Lost Trades Experience

Heritage displays, blacksmith demonstrations, running stationary engines, coffee van, various workshops, working Clydesdale, scrap booking, cakes and biscuits, BBQ, drinks, wool spinning, lace making, knitting, embroidery, raffles, and much more. Children under 16 free.

Sun 31 May, 10am – 3pm

Central Yorke Peninsula National Trust,
Maitland Museum 3 Gardiner Tce, Maitland, 5573

Steven Thomas, 0418 813 162,
thomo@southwood.com.au

Event costs apply Adult: \$5, Child: Free
Bookings not required



Port Broughton Sailing & Boat Club Display

Port Broughton Sailing & Boat Club Boatshed Complex Meander

Come and see a display of sailing and powerboats, outboard motors and maritime artefacts including paintings, life saving devices, and radios. Timber boats being restored on site by volunteers and an organic community garden. See Captain Dale's 11ft likeness model of the boat 'Triumph', mural, and talks at 4 Bay St.

Every Wed in May, 9am – 1pm

Port Broughton Sailing &
Boat Club Boatshed Complex

370 Fisherman Bay Rd, Pt Broughton, 5522

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Yorke Peninsula Family History Group Workshop

Family & Local History Research: Yorke Peninsula

Research your family and local history with expert guidance from volunteers. Resources available include information on pioneering families and copper mining history along with many reference materials including births, deaths and marriages, cemetery records, school and church records.

Every Tue in May, 10am – 12pm,
Every Wed in May, 2pm – 4pm

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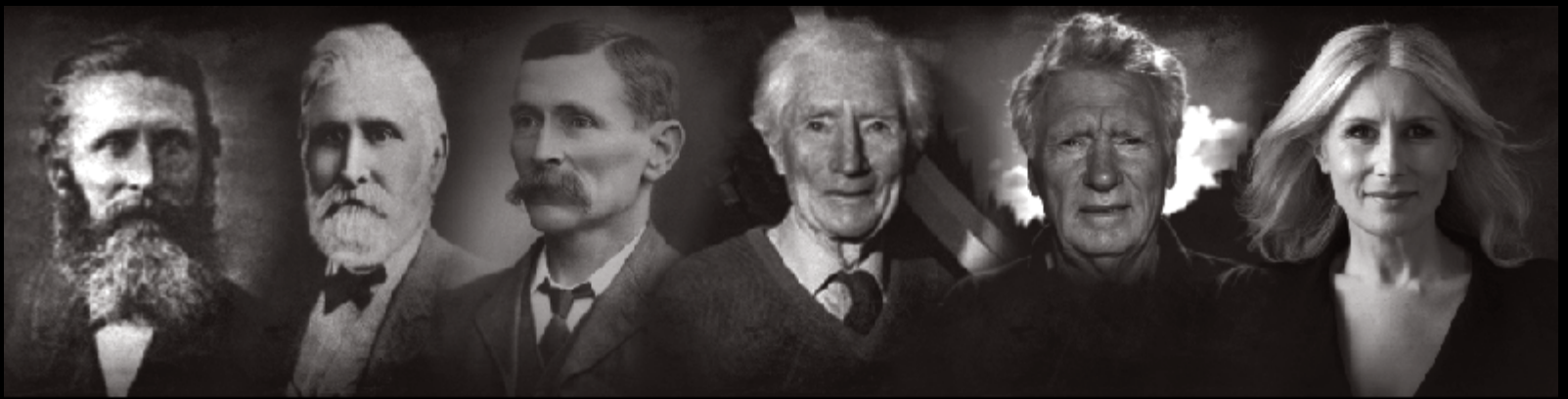
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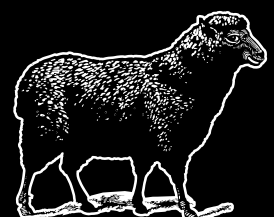
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