

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN - WINTER 2014



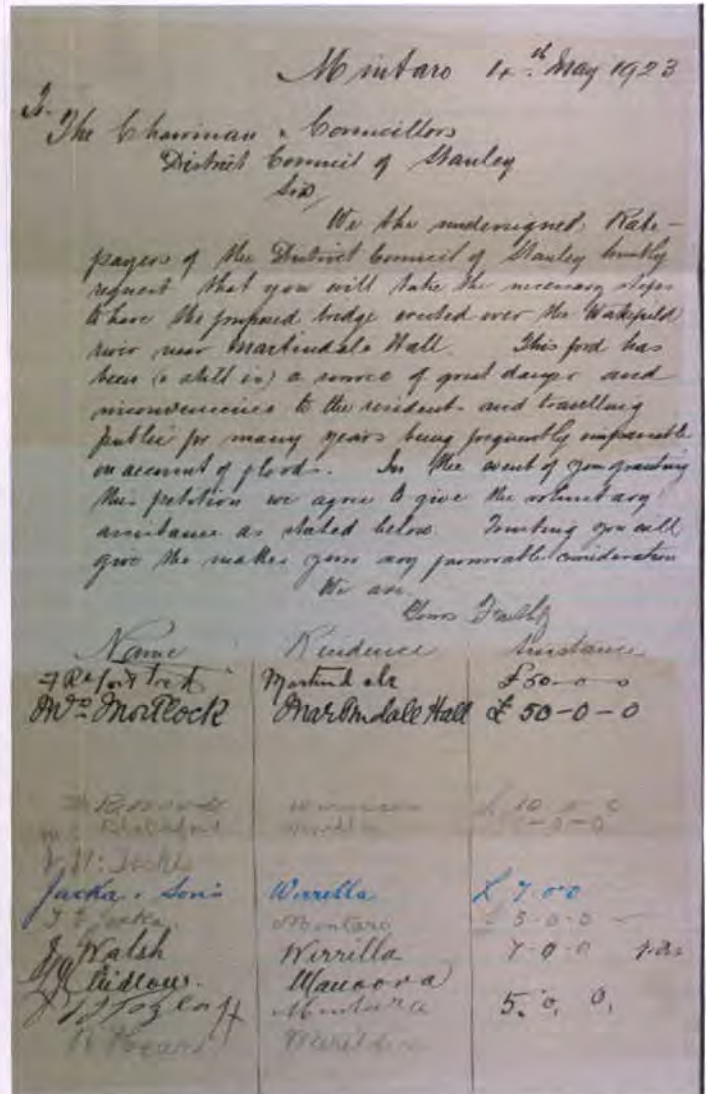
Celebrating 30 years of historic research and conservation

DIGITISING RECORDS

Technology has progressed a great deal since the days back in the 1980s when we would borrow a microfilm camera from the SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society to copy council assessments and other records for our collection.

These days we use a digital camera linked to a computer and with a click of the mouse, the image is taken. The camera is connected to power to save the hassle of batteries. However, we are still using the same table and fluoro lights that Bob Noye set up in 1984.

Volunteer Jill Clarke spends hours in splendid isolation in the "back room" at the History Collection, painstakingly working her way through thousands of pages and images. The camera can be temperamental depending on the amount of writing on the page and Jill demonstrates great patience in working through each volume or task. Thanks for all your work, Jill!



Recent records which have been photographed include District Council of Ninnes minutes (1885 – 1923), District Council of Bute Local Board of Health minutes and inspector's records (1899 – 1981), church records of Sevenhill Parish and the local Anglican parish, admission registers of Clare Primary School dating back to 1885 and a wide range of early documents relating to local Councils.

This petition by ratepayers to the District Council of Stanley requests the construction of a bridge over the River Wakefield near Martindale Hall and each signatory has pledged money towards the project. A telegram relating to the same matter is on Page 6.

NEWS FROM THE GROUP

Meetings and Events

1. CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP AGM

Thurs 14th Aug – AGM & Dinner at the Taminga Hotel 6.30 for 7pm.

Please phone Val on 8842 2376 or email us at clarehistory@internode.on.net to advise if you will be attending.

2. HISTORY COUNCIL OF SA ANNUAL COUNTRY LECTURE

Thurs 28th Aug 5.30 for 6pm a talk by historian Ron Gibbs. Barbara J Long Function Room, Clare Town Hall. Drinks & nibbles to precede the talk. Gold coin please. Members are invited to join visitors for tea afterwards.

3. MEMBERS EVENT

Fri 14th Nov 2014 at Clare Valley Aerodrome 5.30pm. All members welcome to enjoy drinks and nibbles and inspect this important milestone in the history of the region. This will be followed by barbeque tea and sweets if there are sufficient numbers attending. Save the date, your invitation will be forwarded closer to the day.

History Group member Sue Mayfield has drawn the editor's attention to a website that includes an interesting collection of early SA Water photos. It includes some excellent photos of the construction of Bundaleer Reservoir. Here is the link:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sawater>

CLARE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INSTITUTE

Is celebrating 150 continuous years of housing a library. An afternoon tea will be held on Fri 4th July at 3pm. The History Group has assisted with resources for a display in the library for this event. Be sure to visit and have a look at the recent renovations to the Institute building.

CHANGE OF DATE

Stanley Flat Memorial Hall

World War I Centenary Celebrations have been deferred until Sun 2nd Nov. There will be more details closer to the date.

CARDS FOR SALE

To help the coffers the History Group has a series of greeting cards for sale. The cards depict local buildings and are blank to suit a message for any occasion. In addition to the images of Leasingham Winery, the old gum tree at Pioneer Park and Mill Street Cottage, two more have been added to the range. Pam O'Malley has donated an oil painting of the former Presbyterian Church in Union Street and Jan Norman has given a pen & wash painting of the Knappstein Brewery in Pioneer Avenue. The cards are for sale at \$3 each.

The original artworks are also on display in the History Collection.

30th birthday dinner

On Friday 4th April dinner and a show and tell event were held in the Barbara Long Function Room. Thanks to Darius Pask of Mocandunda Vineyards for his donation of wine for this event.

Thirty members attended and an interesting range of objects were displayed. One feature of these events is that the historic object is of special significance to the person, not necessarily relating to the Clare area, so



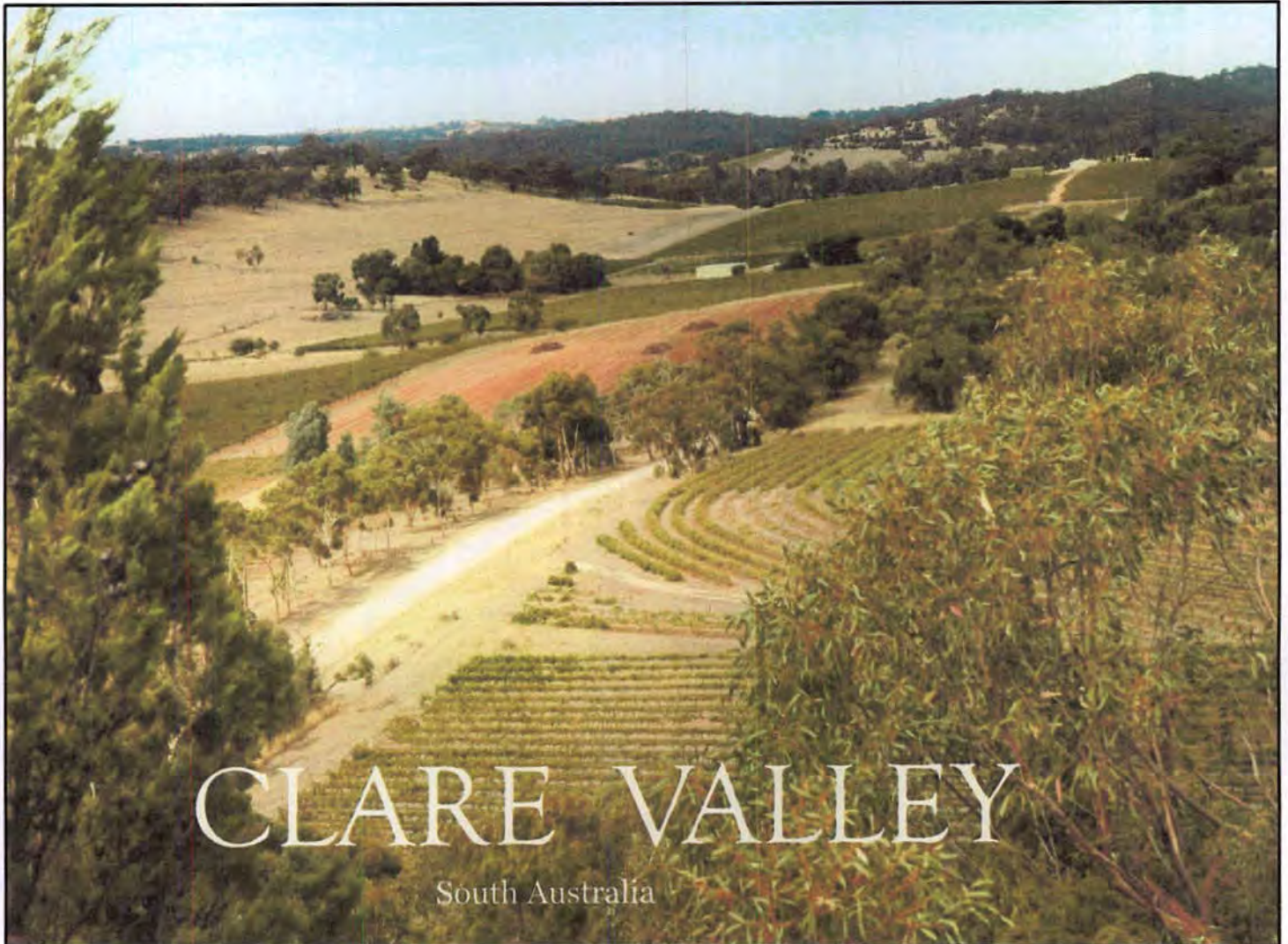
all sorts of objects emerge. Ambrotype of Edward Perry, who emigrated to Victoria in 1855. This

image was sent to his sister Margaret in Somerset.

A powerpoint presentation was displayed at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day, in memory of local servicemen who died on service in the Second World War. Curator Helen Perry was successful in obtaining photos of almost all the 26 men whose names are listed on the World War II memorial at the entrance to Clare oval. An interpretive marker has since been unveiled at the Clare Cemetery gates to document their link to the memorial.

NEW PICTORIAL RECORD OF THE BEAUTIFUL CLARE VALLEY

Local resident and tourism guide Coralie Jones has released a book of photos recording the sites of the Clare Valley. Available for \$20 from Clare Regional History Group, various wineries and direct from Coralie (phone 0434 982 930), this 23 page booklet documents buildings, panoramas and people of the local towns and countryside. From her work at the Clare Valley Visitor Information Centre, Coralie perceived a need among tourists for a souvenir of this type.



ROTARY TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN CLARE IN NOV 2014

– reminiscences by Charter President, the late Bill Knappstein

I will very briefly try to give you some of my impressions of the Clare Rotary Club during the first 3 years of the Club. The Club was formed on August 5th, 1961, at a Meeting held in the Assembly Room of the Clare Town Hall with a Membership of 30; the first luncheon was held in this Hotel on Monday August 17th and the Club was Chartered November 7th, 1961, but owing to the closeness of the Festive Season our Charter night was not held until Saturday, February 27th, 1965, when the then District Governor, John McArthur presented the Charter.

(to be continued) Please bring any photos or Rotary memorabilia to the History Collection or Monica Trengove for scanning. We have extensive records for the club but are using this special anniversary to expand them.

RESTORED LIGHT HORSE SADDLE



History Group volunteer, Carolyn Semple, has recently completed a labour of love – restoring a Light Horse regiment saddle which saddle belonged to her father, Morgan de Neufville (Denny) LUCAS. Born in 1903 he worked as a young man in the Gawler Ranges area and in 1934 moved down to Burra to a family property, **Braefoot**. With his favourite stockhorse **Daylight**, he joined the 9th Light Horse, Flinders Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

His nephew, John Noble remembers
“...one of my emblematic memories of the War (WWII) was of Uncle Denny Lucas appearing in the full dress of a Sergeant of the Light Horse. Over 6 foot tall, slouch hat with plume, tunic with brass buttons, riding breeches with a strip down the side and highly polished riding boots with spurs...”

In 1942 he joined the A.I.F. and was posted to Queensland.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS –

Kathy Nicholls, Lochiel
Helen Smith, Auburn
Kay Lambert, Auburn

We welcome these women to membership of our Group. They joined as part of their attendance at the History Master Class conducted during May.

David and Paivi Forsaith, of Adelaide and White Hut, have also joined, as Financial Life Members. David spent his childhood in Clare, and shares common forebears with local resident John Dickeson – Richard and Margaret Hart (nee BOWS) who operated the Saltia Hotel in 1885. David is hoping to learn more about Margaret BOWS through using the History Collection.

AN OFFER OF HELP WITH NEW ZEALAND RESEARCH

CRHG member Sue Carter has recently renewed her family membership and made this offer to other members:

In tracing some of our family I have found that there was more movement between Australia and New Zealand pre 1900 and after, than would be thought. Consequently from visits to New Zealand we have some great resources in various NZ index CDs, some of the material accessible only by our membership of the NZ Society. I would be happy to search these indexes for the Clare History Group if the need should come up. – Sue Carter email gazsu@picknowl.com.au 0410 520 670

CAN YOU HELP?

SEARCHING FOR HISTORY OF THE SEVENHILL HOTEL

Kate and Paul at the Sevenhill Hotel are seeking photos and stories about the old days of the pub. Kate has distributed a flyer seeking help:

The Sevenhill Hotel is over 150 years old and there is limited archived history.

This year in July we want to celebrate this iconic pub's 151st birthday by putting together an historical

book about the hotel. We are asking for community help – to delve into old photo albums or remember stories of visiting the pub many years ago. Please spread the word and ask around. We want you all to be part of this historical book we are putting together.



Please contact Kate 0413 480 958 email kate@sevenhillhotel.com.au

FORMER SCHOOLS IN THE BLYTH AREA

Local resident Jeff Pratt is keen to see the sites of former schools in the Blyth area be marked for posterity with an interpretive sign including the history and photos of the site. Jeff has come to the History Collection for assistance with research and we would welcome any photos or other information. The schools being researched are Everard Central, Gleeson's Well, Harmerville, Blyth Plains, Bowillia and Boucaut. It is hoped that the signs can be unveiled in May 2015. Funding is still being sourced.



This photo depicts students at Bowillia in 1947, photo courtesy of Ian Roberts (Max Carling Collection).

FEEDBACK

Clare Regional History Group

From: "John Buzacott" <johnbuzacott@bigpond.com>
To: "Clare Regional History Group" <clarehistory@internode.on.net>
Sent: Friday, 28 February 2014 6:22 PM
Subject: Re: History Group newsletter - Helen - Requested comments for next newsletter
Hi Helen & Val,

Your Newsletter (Sent on 27th instant - Spring 2013/Summer 2014) is just another reason for one to maintain contact with the "roots" of your family tree, as I recently discovered within the contents of this latest Newsletter.

On page 3 there was an article regarding the last Memorial Church Plaque (The 6th) being laid for St Paul's Lutheran Church - In this article was an item of great interest to myself and especially my wife Elaine, as it refers to her Uncle Hugo STILLER, laying the foundation stone, Hugo was her father's brother!

The Stillers were, and still are, very strong Lutherans - in fact the Stiller brothers helped at various times as a family, to build the 8 Miles Plains, St John's Lutheran Church, in Kuraby, Brisbane (The Church in which my wife and I were married in, back in 1974, and our youngest daughter was married in, on October 13th, 2012!!!)

The Architect for the Kuraby Church btw, was Elaine's Mother's Brother, Reg Waldman so it was a real "Family Affair"!

It was a great surprise to discover the unexpected article and Photo, and as an even better one, Elaine now has a record of both our families line "branches" having been located (in the past) in Clare.

Thanks again for yet another piece of Family Lore, (I say another, as some years ago, Val found our old Family Bible (Printed in 1860) and rescued it from a Jumble Sale over at Mt Horrocks!) My membership has certainly been worth it, over the decades!

Thanks again, and kind regards,

John Buzacott JP-CDec
Cairns, Queensland

Telegram from John Mortlock to the chairman of the District Council of Stanley on 5th May 1923. This telegram was found among records under the stage of Clare Town Hall in the 1980s and recently photographed with our digital copy camera. This with other early documents will be transferred to State Records SA later in the year.

E.T. No. 2. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.- POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

TELEGRAM.

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Will support construction new Bridge River Wakefield near Martindale by contributing One Hundred pounds towards cost John Mortlock					

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BOOKS & CDs FOR SALE

CLARE - A DISTRICT HISTORY by R. J. Noye (1998).

Definitive history of the town and district. Includes photographs, sketches & maps. Essential starting point in Clare research. 231pp. 4th edition, with new index.

\$20.00 (\$15 - members)

CLARE VALLEY, SA by Coralie Jones (2014) **\$20** (A pictorial souvenir)

A History of Ngadjuri Lodge Trust by Win Johnson (2011) **\$10**

The story of Bungaree Station by Rob Linn (2011) Illus. **\$17**

TIMES PAST – a pictorial history of Farrell Flat by Gerald A. Lally (2012) **\$30 194pp.**

“A walk with Laurel” a walking tour of the buildings and families of Farrell flat from the memories of the period 1929 – 1939 by Laurel Mickel (nee Mickel) (2012) **\$5.**

THE PATHS OF GLORY LEAD BUT TO THE GRAVE a history of Clare Cemeteries by EHH ‘Clarion’ Tilbrook and Miss M Tilbrook (originally published in *The Northern Argus* in 1939) **Re-released with updated index \$20.00**

CLARE CAMEOS by Win Johnson (1986). 2nd ed. Includes oral histories of our older Clare residents as interviewed by Win in the State’s Sesquicentennial year. **\$15.00**

TALKING HISTORY – Tales of Clare S.A. by R.J. (Bob) Noye (2003). 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus*. **\$15.00 (\$12.00 members)**

THE CLARE I REMEMBER by J.J. ‘Boss’ Simons. 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons’ boyhood in the 1880’s and 1890’s. Fully indexed. **\$15.00**

THE LAND HISTORY OF POLISH HILL RIVER 1842 - 1990 by William Pattullo (1991). Details the ownership history of 120 sections of land in Polish Hill River, to the edge of Mintaro township. **\$25.00**

CARINYA 1956 - 1989 A Peaceful and happy home Compiled by Marj. Ashby. **\$5.00**

THE METHODISTS OF CLARE 1851 - 1977 by Win Johnson (1994). 124pp. Indexed. **\$12.00**

CLARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - a history 1856 - 1988 by Helen Dickeson (1993). 120pp. Includes baptisms, marriages, burials, and extensive index. **\$14**

HARD-YACKA - The story of a Mid-North town in South Australia by Julie-Ann Ellis (1995). **\$40.00**

MAGPIE CREEK JUNCTION a history of Brinkworth and district 1892 - 1992 (1992). Compiled by Brinkworth Centenary Book Committee. 233pp. **\$40.00**

JUST AS IT WAS by Winifred Johnson (2001) Tells the story of Win’s life with humour & affection. 96pp including photos **\$18.00**

BLYTH - a silo of stories 1860 - 1990 by Win Johnson (1991). A comprehensive history of the town and district of Blyth, including family stories, farming, community and sporting activities. Excellent photographs, many in colour. **\$45.00**

BUNGAREE – Land, Stock & People: History of Hawker family and Bungaree Station (1992). 230pp **\$45.00**

CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL 1879–2004 by Ro Wood & 125TH Committee (2004) **\$10.00**

SADDLEWORTH - Hub of the Wheel by Elinor A. Bellman (1995) **\$35.00**

CLARE – A BACKWARD GLANCE – by J. Haynes & E.J. Schmaal (1980) **\$8.00 (Recently reprinted)**

HEAD OF THE RIVERS – Black Springs, Manoora, Waterloo (1992) **\$25.00**

MARRABEL AND DISTRICT – The Legend of Curio – a history of Marrabel & district **\$25.00**

MARRABEL & DISTRICT REVISITED – additional material of the ‘early days’ at Marrabel **\$25.00**

HILL RIVER A Valley of History by Gerald Lally (2004) **\$30**

A LANDMARK OF FAITH Church of the Immaculate Conception Mintaro and its parishioners 1856–2006 by Gerald Lally (2006) **\$30.00**

FROM WHERE I SIT A Collection of articles on chosen themes written over past times by Win Johnson **\$16.00**

South Clare Sports Club – Celebrating 50 years of success 1960 – 2010 by Gerald Lally et. Al. (2010) **\$20**

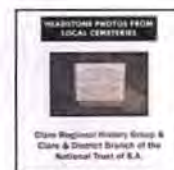
THE INCHIKUIN STORY by Jean Schmaal. **\$5**

A QUIANT COURTHOUSE by Jean Schmaal, **\$5**

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CD-ROMS

HEADSTONE PHOTOS FROM LOCAL CEMETERIES (CD Rom) (2005) **\$10.00**



THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ROTARY CLUB OF CLARE 1964 – 2011 (DVD) **\$20** Limited release

FEDERATION CD ROM - history of the Clare & Gilbert Valley District for all computer buffs and their friends - a great gift idea! (2002) **Special price \$10.00 (\$15 for 2)**



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OPENING HOURS (these have recently changed)
Thursdays & Fridays – 1.00– 4.00pm
(If travelling some distance it is wise to ring and check.)
Out of Hours Opening Fee - \$20.00

ACQUISITIONS Autumn 2014

BOOKS

Carey, Cristene, et al *Secrets of the Hills & Vales: an explorer's companion*, 1988
Mt Horrocks Historical Society Inc. *Green's Cottage Penwortham – Information file*
Normandale, Harold *To and about Yorke Peninsula*, 1983
Cornish Assoc. of SA *Cornish Migration to Australia – Biennial seminar 2007*, 2007
Tyler, MJ, Twidale, CR & Ling, JK *Natural History of Kangaroo Island*, 1989
Thomas, Keith A. *Neagles Rock Reserve Survey Report, Clare South Australia*, 1996
SA State Planning Authority *Mid North Planning Area – Supplementary development plan Clare*, aft 1975
Pearce, I & Cowling, C *Guide to the Public Records of Tasmania – Pt 4 – Records relating to free immigration*, 1975
Broughton, GW *Men of the Murray*, 1973
Casey, G & Mayman, T *The Mile that Midas Touched*, 1973
Forsyth, Ida *He Came from Ireland: the life history of the Rev. Samuel Forsyth*, 1952
Lockwood, D *The Front Door: Darwin, 1869 – 1969*, 1974
Madigan, Michele *Dennis and Catherine Quigley and Sons: South Australia 1854...*, 2013
Lasseter, Harold *Lasseter's Diary*, 1986 (facsimile)
Geach, Lara, et al *To The End They Shall Remain: Memoirs of South Australian war veterans and their families*, 2012
Various *RSL Writing Competition 2001: Winning and highly commended entries*, 2001
Camilleri, Jenny *Some Outstanding Women of Broken Hill and District*, 2002
Payne, Pauline *Thebarton: Old and new*, 1996
Page, Michael & Ingpen, Robert *Colonial South Australia: Its people and buildings*, 1985
Balfour, C & T, Colin *South Australia Revisited*, 1986
Auhl, Ian *From Settlement to City: A history of the district of Tea Tree Gully 1836-1976 1976-1993*, 1993
McGill, David & Tilly, Grant *Cityscapes*, 1977 (Wellington, NZ)
Watkins, Kel & Rodda, Colleen *Bungaree Yarns*, 1988
O'Malley, Bill *8 Albert Street Clare: brief history of ownership & occupation 1848 – 2014 Section 37 Allotments 83 & Pt.84*, 2014
Jones, Coralie *Clare Valley South Australia*, 2013

Mastermann, *Flinder's Chase Revisited*, 1972
Koenig, Kay *Broken Hill: 100 years of mining*, 1983
Moorehead, Alan *Gallipoli*, 1959
Loney, J. K. *Wrecks along the Great Ocean Road*, 1974
Dept. of Material Conservation and Restoration Western Australian Museum *Conservation & Restoration for Small Museums*, 1981
Libraries Boards of SA (Facsimile) Smith, Christina (c.1812-1893) *The Booandik Tribe of South Australia: a sketch of their habits, customs, legends, and language. Also, an account of the efforts made by Mr. and Mrs. James Smith to Christianise and civilize them*, 1965 (original 1880)
Brown, Malcolm *The Imperial War Museum Book of 1918 Year of Victory*, 1998
Smithers, A.J. *Sir John Monash: a biography of Australia's most distinguished soldier of the First World War*, 1973
Tregenza, John (Dr.) & Fenner, Charles (Dr.) *Thebarton Cottage: the home of Colonel William Light and the great controversy surrounding it*, 1997
Blainey, Geoffrey *Triumph of the Nomads: a history of ancient Australia*, 1983
Robertson, Beth M. *Oral History Handbook*, 1997
Walker, Jenny (Ed) *South Australia's Heritage*, 1986
Council Purchasing Authority *The South Australian Local Government Directory*, 1997
Blainey, Geoffrey & Hutton, Geoffrey *Gold and Paper 1858-1982: a history of the National Bank of Australasia Ltd*, 1958
Dept. of Mines *Handbook of Prospecting in South Australia*, 1952

PAPERS & Other

Boomsma, C.D. *The Ecology of the Western Clare Hills, S.A.*, 1948
Todd, Mary A. *The Distribution of Eucalyptus Species in Portion of County Stanley, S.A.*, 1965
Rotary Club of Largs Bay *Largs Bay Centenary Booklet: 1882-1982 containing centenary programme*, 1982
Port Adelaide City Council *Port Adelaide since 1856: 125th anniversary*, 1981
Religion (in Australia) (Copy of part of unknown book)
SA Transport Authority *The Bay Line: A history of transport to Glenelg*, 1979
Loney, J. K. *Wrecks along the Murray*, 1974
The Memorial Gardens Committee *Kapunda: Centenary celebrations 1901 – 2001*, 2001 (Booklet – Cent. Of Federation)
Save the Bush Vegetation Management Workshop: for community groups, local government and the Hummocks Hill and Lower North Soil Conservation Boards, 1995 (Two booklets, one with vegetation/maps)
District Council of Riverton *Riverton Information Booklet*, 1994
Paton, Joan *The District Council of Encounter Bay: the first fifty years*, 1965
Stempel, A.A. & Tolley, J.C. *The Story of Victor Harbor*, 1979
Ludbrook, N.H. & Johns, R.K. *Geology of South Australia*, 1970