



# Relative Thoughts

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The FPPFHG Committee and members wish to congratulate Chris Grivell, Elizabeth Grocke, Joy Nieass and Lynette Gibson on being the recipients of Australian Government Volunteer Awards 2022. Chris, Elizabeth and Joy were presented with their awards by Amanda Rishworth, Federal Member for Kingston, on 16 November 2022, during a ceremony at Hallett Cove Community Centre. Lynette was unable to attend.



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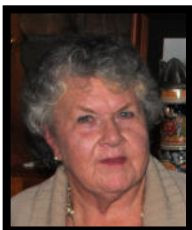
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT to AGM



Thank you for your attendance here today. This brings the year of 2022 to an end for our Group.

Our year didn't start until February as the COVID epidemic cases increased and we cancelled our January meeting, to ensure we all stayed safe. As you have all been aware we have managed our activities according to the conditions of the time.

Our Committee this year welcomed Sharon Green as Vice-President, Ros Dunstall as Secretary and Kerry Edwards as our Webmaster. They joined Peter Tuck, Jenny Chapman, Elizabeth Grocke, Lynette Gibson, Gay Jennings and Nola Clisby. Together we have had a busy year and another very successful year of the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group. Christine Keen retired from the Committee but has remained the Editor of *Relative Thoughts*.

This year has been another great year because of you, the members, who attend our meetings, workshops or an offsite gathering. Activities have been organised and planned by Sharon Green with The DNA and UK/US Evenings, Heather Boyce the Computer Evening Group, Ros Dunstall the Aussie Group. Not forgetting the Resource Room with Sharon Green and Chris Grivell supported by Pauline Redman, James Binning, Ian Blatchford – this has been a challenging year for them including stocktaking and 'weeding' the collection. In the Resource Room is another busy group of members who are continually working on the Pioneer Project – they are currently checking and updating the information available. We owe a huge thank you to Kath Fisher, Judy Dowling and Marie Noble. This collection is now being scanned by Sharon, ensuring we have a scanned copy for safe storage and access.

During the year we have lost some of our special members, who are missed by us all. We have welcomed new members and we had a very successful New Members Meeting in October.

Our Speaker Coordinator Elizabeth planned another interesting year for us. Re-read your Journals for the year to refresh your memory. We look forward to the program for 2023.

The Wednesday Workshops with Sharon have proved successful. I look forward to what will be on offer for us to extend our knowledge of programs/DNA and any other interesting topic available. Resource Room openings are also another great way to do some research using the programs available or checking out the book collection with many Family Histories. The Website which Kerry manages is another great source for local information and also current activities, times etc.

General meetings always have "buzz" when we arrive, the trading table with Jeanette and her helpers, buying raffle tickets from Chris, checking in with Nola and generally meeting with each other, it is certainly the place to be. Coffee break is organised by Elizabeth with members assisting, another chance to catch up or buy a book from Jim Binning. This does reinforce the title which the group has become known, as the Fleurieu Peninsula Friendly History Group. Thank you all. Congratulations to you if you have been fortunate to win a

prize in the raffle.

Christine Keen resigned from the Committee but has continued as the Journal Editor. You will agree with me, it is certainly a well presented publication, which is made possible with articles from you the members. What an interesting collection of history we have shared. Thank you Christine.

You will be able to read the reports from all of the convenors in the next Journal.

Personally, I thank you for the opportunity to be the President of this amazing Group. As previously mentioned the people who have supported me during the past six years have made it all possible. I know you are in very good hands with Sharon now filling the position.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy 2023. See you next year.

**Joy Nieass**  
**President**

## **SPEAKER COORDINATOR REPORT to AGM**

Hello all---it's that time of year again for Reports, and what do I say, thank you for a starter.

Your attendance each month shows you enjoy what is presented and I have enjoyed finding our speakers. A side line to this is when I am talking to the speakers about their presentation and our group the one question they all seem to ask "how many people will be present" I answer "about 50", they are very surprised, please keep it up. 2023 again is shaping up to be interesting, with I hope a varied speaker list, from Guest Speakers doing Show and Tell, to Authors, a 3x Grandfathers life story, a Body Mystery and the Telegraph Line.

Putting on one of my other hats: Raffles...Firstly a huge thank you to Chris for her support on manning this job each month. Like in all groups fundraising is always needed. Be they big or small, there are always unexpected purchases so please continue your support and this leads me to our Yearly Christmas raffle—again thank you and congratulations to our 2022 winners and as they say—spend it wisely.

Off with that hat and on with the Afternoon Tea hat. I took over from Chris Keen during the year and I seem to have done it right, no one has died from what I have provided and there usually is not much left. Thanks go to the varied helpers each month, it has been much appreciated and I hope you all enjoy today's offering.

I seem to be repeating myself with thankyou's, but I do sincerely appreciate all your help and assistance, it does make coming to the meeting more enjoyable.

In closing I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year and I look forward to seeing you all on 21 January 2023 for Guest Speaker Show and Tell.

**Elizabeth Grocke**  
**Speaker Coordinator**

## **WEBSITE & FACEBOOK REPORT to AGM**

At our AGM in November 2021 I was elected to the committee for the first time and became the webmaster in addition to looking after our Facebook page and group.

Our website updates are done using software called Word Press and as I wasn't familiar with this program and I found it complicated to use, I attended a course at the WEA centre. For the following couple of months I spent a few hours each of most days going through each of the website pages to become familiar with the content and bringing it up to date. During the year I've kept it updated, in particular the Event Calendar and Pioneer Register, as I've received changes. Our website was well designed and holds a lot of information, so is well worth a visit.

Early in the year the committee decided to remove the Facebook Page and just keep the Facebook Group as we didn't need both. I've been one of a few administrators of our page and group since they started, which includes approving membership, removing inappropriate posts and blocking members who post them (not that we've had many). I've also added articles from *The Advertiser* newspaper and shared messages from other groups that may interest members. At one point during the year Facebook changed our group from private to public without notifying us. This meant people didn't need to ask to join, they could just jump in! This resulted in one of our posts receiving 13,600 people viewing it in the first seven days. It's now private again, which is more appropriate for our group.

**Kerry Edwards**  
**Webmaster**

## **DNA EVENING GROUP REPORT to AGM**

Well surprisingly it is now about six years since the idea of a DNA group was first mooted, and although we are small in numbers, we are here to assist members when needed. We primarily meet to discuss different websites that you may upload your DNA to, and how to interpret the different ways the sites give results etc.

We have members who are contemplating taking a DNA test attend with whatever questions they may have, and we assist members who would like help in organising purchasing their test, to registering it etc.

We can aid in uploading to other sites and answering any questions arising from these tests. A fun aspect of these groups is actually finding out that most of us are connected in some way - even if we are not directly related, we often share cousins.

Thank you to all members who have attended throughout the year and a special thank you to my Side Kick Heather who is always available with help.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

**Sharon Green**  
**Convenor**

## UK/US REPORT to AGM

I am happy to be the convenor of the UK/US group. We are a small but conscientious bunch of members that meet generally once a month to further our research. There is a core group who are regulars, with other members joining us when they are:

- Needing help with a Brick-wall
- Wanting help with how to decipher/interpret a record
- Wishing to utilise the groups Ancestry and Find My Past World subscriptions
- Requiring assistance with their Family Tree Maker Program.

We have welcomed several of the newer members to our group in recent times, and hope to see them attending next year. Understandably the weather we have faced this year has been a deterrent for some.

I would like to thank all the members who attend our group and extra thanks to Heather Boyce for assisting with helping the members.

On behalf of the UK/US group we would like to wish you a fabulous Christmas and New Year and hope to see more of you at some of our evenings.

**Sharon Green**  
**Convenor**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT to AGM

2022 commenced and finished with an AGM and two New Members' Meetings (open to all) were held with 27 people attending the October midweek meeting.

With Covid19 plans in place we were able to meet on a regular monthly basis.

Membership to date is 130 (including Honorary Members) with an average of 47 people attending our general meetings.

A great response to the renewal of subscriptions is much appreciated. Thank you.

Keep safe and well in 2023  
**Nola Clisby**

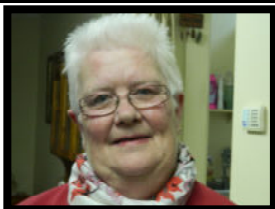


FPFHG Facebook Group



View of Witton Bluff on Facebook and websites

## LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!!! By Elizabeth Grocke



**October 2022** *Ron Dearing, Put Some Flesh on the Bones*—Ron presented an interesting insight to his family. He is a keen genealogist, photographer and now a writer for the past 20 years. Ron told us how he had explored his family history, and having exhausted all available records going back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

Ron became a member of the FPFHG and when he came to a meeting one day, another member advised and encouraged him to 'put some flesh onto the bones'. Make your family stand out, every member has a story to tell. So this encouraged him to start that never ending search for their stories. During the recent Covid pandemic he decided to bring six relatives to life in his book *Put Some Flesh onto the Bones*. Ron also mentioned that all branches of his tree came to Adelaide for very different reasons.

There are stories about a family member who whittled a leg out of wood to replace the leg he had lost in an accident. Each Christmas he presented himself with a new leg as a Christmas present.

Then there's another who decided to jump ship, swim ashore, and climb a gum tree. He would not come down until he saw the sails of the ship disappear over the horizon.

Another one, Lomas, joined Captain Sturt on an ambitious plan to drive cattle overland from Goulburn to Adelaide, in the new Colony of South Australia.

We all need to ask ourselves the question, ... do we know the reason why our family made that move?



**November 2022** *John Brownlie, The Headstone Project SA*— The Headstone Project came into being in Tasmania in 2011.

The project is a voluntary project dedicated to locating and ensuring that all World War 1 Veterans who served overseas have their final resting place suitably marked. Headstone Project South Australia volunteers search for WW1 veterans throughout the state for those whose graves are unmarked. Volunteer investigators confirm the gravesite, research the veteran's military history then seek to locate a living relative or descendant. A comprehensive report is then compiled.

Once all enquires are completed and appropriate cemetery authority requirements are met, the gravesite will be marked with a prescribed, military headstone consisting of a pedestal headstone and plaque that acknowledges the veteran's service to Australia.

Relatives and or descendants are not asked to contribute towards the cost of the memorial.

Based on population and statistics, *The Headstone Project SA* conservatively estimate there are in excess of 2500 World War 1 servicemen and women buried in unmarked graves in over 900 cemeteries throughout the State.



Being an entirely voluntary organisation *The Headstone Project SA* is totally dependent on raising funds through various government and non-government grants and welcomes donations from corporations, companies and individuals as well as sponsorship for goods and services.

Inserted with permission of John Brownlie. A very interesting presentation.

**Elizabeth Grocke**

## **RESOURCE ROOM REPORT to AGM**

Firstly, I would like to thank our hard working committee who are also generally the Resource Room helpers: Chris Grivell, Pauline Redman, Heather Boyce, Ian Blatchford and Jim Binning. Jeanette Bell and Margaret Tickle have been great helpers throughout the year.

The Resource Room committee would also like to thank the Pioneer Register team of Kath Fisher, Judy Dowling and Marie Noble who we feel are definitely a part of our team, as we try to work hand in hand where we can.

Our aims for this year have generally been met.

- A successful History month program in May, with changed format
- Well attended monthly workshops
- Halfway through Scanning Pioneer Register
- Making more space /Book cull completed

What we are aiming for in the coming year.

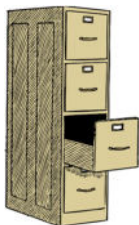
- Re-classifying "Local" content to "Fleurieu"
- New "Military Category"
- Highlighting more of our fabulous Resources
- Possibly conducting a member Survey so we can better cater for members
- Finishing scanning the Pioneer Register
- Getting started on other projects that have been on the back burner.

The Resource Room Committee would like to thank the Executive Committee for their continued consideration of ideas and suggestions that we bring forth. We would like to thank the members who avail themselves of the Resources we provide and invite you all to make it your mission to explore the Resource Room in greater detail next year.

I am stepping down as Resource Room Coordinator and would like to thank Ian Blatchford for stepping into the role for next year. On behalf of the Resource Room team we would like to extend our best wishes for the festive season and wish you all a safe and happy 2023.

**Sharon Green**  
**Resource Room Coordinator**

## PIONEER REGISTER REPORT to AGM



This year we have added 76 new pioneer families to the Pioneer Register. We now have 612 names and will aspire to have over 700 names by the end of next year. Thank you to all who added, either their own family members or names from the Adopt-A-Pioneer list. A new source of starting families this year has been from the book *Fragments of Time* by Paddy O'Toole from the National Trust Willunga branch.

A new project developed by Marie Noble has been a quality review of all items in the register so that we can be more confident of the reliability of the information we have. Following, is a very detailed report. Thank you to Judy Dowling for finding sources needed to correct unsupported information and for reviewing Marie's work.

### **Pioneer Register Quality Review – Annual Report Oct 2022**

A significant role of the Pioneer Register is identifying Fleurieu Peninsula pioneers for distant researchers and providing information. During the first half of 2022 one such interstate research enquiry exposed that not all of the files in the collection, submitted over many years, are of a standard in keeping with FPFHG practice. It exposed the realisation that we did not have a clear picture of the content of the collection.

This revelation triggered the development of a review and, if necessary, a correction process, on all files in the collection as at the beginning of May. This process aims to:

- 1) standardise file quality in line with the expectations of FPFHG
- 2) provide a picture of the makeup of the collection i.e. types of Family Group Sheets being used; inclusion of photos and/or research evidence
- 3) ensure the index card system reflects the files held

As at end of October, files reviewed include all in folders A to Haw.

<b><u>Total number of files reviewed</u></b>	239
No of files missing	1
Non-pioneer files (ie not Fleurieu Peninsula or not pre 1900)	10
Files of non-standard research practice	6
Files without research sources noted	89
Files without a Family Sheet	12

### **File content overview**

Family Sheet types:	
FPFHG =	71
Legacy =	40
Tree Maker =	96
Other =	12
None =	10

Files with photos = 31

Files with research evidence added, e.g. copies of certs; Trove articles etc = 119

At the current rate, the review is expected to be completed by mid-2023. An end date for

corrections/additions will not be known until the review is completed. The correction/addition process is a joint activity between the Pioneer Register team and club members.

Even at this early stage of the review, it is clear that much valuable and well-presented research has been contributed and the collection is something for the club to be proud of.

A process for intake, that will support the collection’s integrity on an ongoing basis and maintain informing stats, is still to be documented.

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Thank you to Sharon Green for the work she has been doing to scan copies of items contributed to the Pioneer Register so that we can also have a digital record. Also, thank you to Kerry Edwards for correcting some past errors in listing names and for responding so quickly with our new items.

We have been very pleased to see new members who have been engaged in the Pioneer Register and am thankful for the increased number of members who have become involved.

Some future plans are to:

- Improve our own Family Group Sheet and make it available on our website
- Prepare Submission Guidelines for Register items to be available online
- Finalise the current Quality Review Project but keep open if needed
- Increase involvement in the project

**Kath Fisher, Judy Dowling and Marie Noble**

# JARED AWARD RECIPIENT

We recommend Christine Keen as a recipient of the Jared Award for 2022. Christine’s contribution to our Group commenced when she first joined the Group in May 2014 after a visit to our Resource Room during History Month. Christine joined the Executive Committee in November 2014 as our Journal Editor. This position she still holds.

As we are all aware we enjoy our Journal when it arrives. Each edition is full of interesting articles, submitted by members or her research. Her role on the Committee ended in 2020, but she has continued with her Journal Editor role.

Currently we are hoping for a member to become her ‘apprentice’. Christine is unable to continue due to changes in her personal life. We thank her for her time in the role and on the Committee.

Thank you Christine for your contribution to the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group.

Thank you to Carlene’s daughter, Karen, for attending to present our recipient with their Award.



## 10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

The Executive Committee would like to acknowledge the following members who were awarded their 10 Year Membership Certificates at the AGM.

Chris Grivell, Elizabeth Grocke, Peter and Kath Fisher. Trish McCann Mortimer and Florence Stopps will be presented their certificates at a later date.



## AUSSIE INTEREST GROUP REPORT TO AGM

The Aust Interest Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month with no particular theme but the idea is to help with queries, suggestions and show and tells. We all seem to gravitate to our DNA successes or problems and many have met with new cousins during the year. One interesting fact is that some members have found connections within the group.

We continue to discuss many subjects, not all of which are family history related. It is always a pleasure to meet with members in this informal situation.

Thank you to all members who attended during the year and I hope to see you again in 2023. Our first meeting for 2023 will be February 11.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**Ros Dunstall**  
Convenor



## **JOURNAL EDITOR REPORT TO AGM**

As another year draws to a close for our History Group, I'd like to thank all the members who have contributed to the Journal throughout the year. As always when a call goes out for articles, I'm often inundated with wonderful contributions.

I would like to extend thanks to the proof-readers who help check the journal each quarter for their continued support. Your efforts continue to make my job easier. There is always a need for proof readers, so if interested please let me know.

Thank you to Jeanette Bell for collecting the journal from the printers and continuing to label and post the printed journals each quarter. Please continue to advise either me or members of the Executive if you are having problems receiving your journal.

As announced at the July meeting, it is my intention to step down as Journal Editor at the end of 2023. If you feel you are up to the challenge of the role, please feel free to chat with me for more information.

**Christine Keen**  
**Journal Editor**

## **THE UNCOVERING OF THEBERTON COTTAGE** **by Kerry Edwards**

On Friday 2 December 2022 Mary Ann and David Minor, Joan Davies, Mary Lou Williams, Ros Dunstall and I joined a large group in Drill Hall at the Torrens Parade Ground for a very interesting talk about the archaeological excavations of Colonel William Light's cottage. The Chair of the SA Heritage Council Keith Conlon introduced Archaeologist and Heritage Consultant Guadalupe Cincunegui and together they discussed what's been found then answered questions from the audience.

Some background (that I couldn't write better myself) from the SA History Council's website:

### *STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE*

*Theberton Cottage was the bespoke home of Colonel William Light, the first Surveyor General of South Australia and the founder of Adelaide, and his partner Maria Gandy. Light was the first colonist in South Australia to choose a section, namely Section 1 of the Hundred of Adelaide where he began building Theberton Cottage in 1838. The home was still being constructed in January 1839 when William and Maria's temporary hut on North Terrace was destroyed by fire, resulting in the loss of most of Light's personal and professional records. The couple first moved into the dairy at Theberton Cottage until the house with its 'four lofty rooms' was completed in February and lived there together until Light died from tuberculosis 6 October 1839.*

*The existing documentary evidence of Theberton Cottage has proven insufficient to under-*

*stand and interpret the bespoke home William Light and Maria Gandy built, and misrepresentations of his home and subsequently aspects of his life have abounded. While Theberton Cottage was demolished in 1926, subsequent redevelopment of the site has been minimal and there is a reasonable likelihood that the place will yield archaeological evidence that contributes meaningfully to our understanding of the life of Colonel William Light, one of South Australia's most profoundly important figures.*



Keith explained in 1839 in a land lottery Light drew the most prized plot, Plot 1 and became the owner of 324 acres of land (equivalent to a suburb in size) at Theberton\*. He took out a mortgage of £797 and built a house with an underground room, cesspit (outside toilet), tank well, stables, dairy, mediterranean garden in the front and planted vegetable and fruit trees. Later some of the southern part of this land was sold to help repay this large debt.

The now owner of the land, Lion Nathan, employed Guadalupe and her team (including students) to dig the site. The first step was a 'desktop assessment' which is looking at documentation.

She found a plan by an engineer from 1882 and a newspaper article from 1926 asking for the site to be kept for historical significance, which of course didn't happen. The construction of the West End Brewery had stripped almost everything and if they'd gone down another 30cm there would have only been the underground construction left. However, the concrete buildings and sheds over the cottage footprint had protected it from further destruction.

Guadalupe said it was a "goldilocks" site to work on. Either too wet with our winter rains and they had to wait for it to dry out or too dry and as it's clay, it's hard to dig. The stables were in a very poor state. The bricks were handmade with large finger prints (maybe from Light himself) and only lightly fired so very crumbly. No footings were used (which was common for this era). They found only a couple hundred artefacts when normally in a dig like this they'd find thousands—possibly because the site was extensively cleared before the brewery was constructed. Light lived there less than a year, which could be why so few of the artefacts directly relate to him.

A lot of these were in the cesspit as it was used for dumping rubbish or in the underground room but most were in the coal scullery. These included a 'coffin doll'\*\*, toothbrush and dominoes made of bone, a chain and slide-rule (possibly used by Light). The cesspit was an unusual shape with a front section before the door. The stairs down into the underground room were from the outside and the floor of the room had a large hole where a brewery factory pylon had pierced the floor. The underground tank is full of asbestos. They were not allowed to dig down in the well because it's a safety hazard as it may



collapse in. However, they dug down seven or eight metres and it was all brick, which was unusual for this time as it would have been expensive to build. It was rumoured that the roof was originally slate but no trace of this remained and the only photo of the building showed iron. The kitchen was at the back of the house. Traces of the mediterranean garden outline were Guadalupe's most exciting find.



What next? Guadalupe and her crew finish on the site in early December 2022 then begin analysing and recording their findings. There is a group interested in building a replica cottage. The site is for sale and is heritage listed so must be preserved by the new owner. Let's hope the archaeology is a selling point.

### **Kerry Edwards**

\*Extract from Wikipedia: 'Light named his home after Theberton Hall of Suffolk, England, where he was educated. The area was known as Theberton until approximately 1840, with the variant spelling now accredited to a typographical error.'

\*\*Reference from Wikipedia: A coffin doll is a common name for a Victorian mourning doll. During Victorian era these became a way for parents to create an effigy of a deceased child for remembrance.

Photos by Ros Dunstall

For more information see:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-council>

<https://www.ihconsultants.com.au/>

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

Winners of the FPFHG Christmas Raffle are:

- 1st      Voucher to the Value of \$100—Joy Nieass
- 2nd      Voucher to the Value of \$50—Philip Grocke
- 3rd      Voucher to the Value of \$25—Jill Szczurko

Congratulations. Thanks to all who participated.

**Elizabeth Grocke**

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new member:

**Janice Leighton**

We would like to welcome back a rejoining member:

**Gary Murphy**

**Nola Clisby**

## MEMBERSHIP FEE RENEWAL

Membership Fees Reminder

For those members who have already paid their memberships for 2023, thank you.

**If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.**

**Reminder:** There is a \$5.00 rejoining fee payable for any membership not paid by 28 February.

## A SENSATIONAL SHOOTING by Kerry Edwards

My mother Marcelle Edwards (nee Usher) found a shooting death in our family. Our cousin Marian Gully's (nee Usher) husband Isaac Gully was shot and killed by his daughter Marion Berenice Gully on 27 December 1918 at Moppa near Nuriootpa, South Australia. It made several newspapers at the time and I thought you might like to read one of the articles, copied below.

**Kerry Edwards**

*Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1931), Monday 30 December 1918, page 4

### TRAGEDY NEAR NURIOOTPA

Nuriootpa Tragedy - Sensational Shooting Case Mr Isaac Gully, farmer, residing at the Moppa, about 3 miles from Nuriootpa, met his death on Friday last in sensational circumstances. He came home at an early hour on Friday morning and it is alleged that subsequently a quarrel occurred between him and members of the family, and that one of his daughters, Marian, aged about 21, alarmed by an alleged attempt on the part of her father to attack his family, fired a shot from a revolver, which mortally wounded him. Mr Gully lingered for some hours, but died on Friday afternoon. Miss Gully was subsequently arrested by Mounted Constable Davies on a charge of manslaughter.



## Inquest

The inquest was opened at the local police station at 4:30pm before Mr W Appelt (Coroner), and a jury of six, M C Davis of Nuriootpa and M C Miller of Tanunda appeared for the police, and Mr W E Heuzenroeder represented Miss Gully. Mrs Marion Gully, widow of the deceased, said:-On Friday morning I went into my husband's bedroom at about 9:45am to ask for some money for household expenses. He declined to give me any. I told him I must have some, even if only to feed the horses. He walked up to me and gave me a stinging slap in the face with his open hand. He walked to the mantelpiece and took down four cartridges of a No 12 shotgun and said, "I will shoot the lot of you." He then walked past to get the gun which was kept in my daughter's room for safety. He pushed me out of his way. My daughter, Marian, was dressing in her room. On hearing the slap in the face and his threat to kill us, she came in carrying the revolver (produced) in her hand. I did not know the revolver was loaded. Deceased tried to push past her, and I heard the report of a firearm. At the same moment my husband fell down. We then turned him over, as he had fallen on his face, and did what we could to help him. We at once sent for Dr Cowan and placed pillows under his head. My son Clarence came into the room at almost the same time as my daughter, and when he saw his father take the cartridges, he left the room in search of a gun. I was dazed at the time by the blow. When the doctor arrived I explained what had happened. When he saw the four cartridges lying under my husband's hand, he asked what they were there for. I told him that my husband had tried to take our lives, and had been shot. He had threatened my daughter and myself on several occasions, including Christmas Day and the day following. He was in a very irritable state on these occasions. My son Herbert brought the revolver from Adelaide for the protection of myself and my daughter as we were so often alone. It was kept in my daughter's room but we had no experience of firearms. My daughter had only fired it off on about three previous occasions. Mr Gully came home at about 2:25 o'clock that morning. I don't think he was sober. I do not keep liquor in the house. When I took the pillows off his bed to place under his head, I found a flask of whisky on the bed half full. I cannot say who fired the shot. The gun in the bedroom belongs to my son at the front. I spoke to both Dr Cowan and M C Davis in November last about my husband threatening our lives. He had struck me before, and frequently threatened our lives. By the Coroner – My husband did not refer to the shooting after he was shot.

## Medical Evidence

Dr Cowan of Angaston gave medical evidence. He said:- I saw Mr Gully lying on the floor with pillows under his head and made as comfortable as possible. Mrs Gully told me he had been shot in the chest. I examined the wound and concluded he was dying and informed Mrs Gully to that effect. I administered morphia. To-day I held a post-mortem on the body. The wound was a puncture one between the seventh and eighth rib. The track of the wound was horizontally through the left lung and I found a splintered bone in the spinal column. A long search for the bullet failed to reveal it. On the previous day while I was attending deceased he gave me to understand that he had got what he deserved. I cannot recollect his exact words. Mrs Gully had consulted me about her husband's behaviour about a month or so ago. I recommended her to go to the police. I knew Mr Gully casually. He appeared to be perfectly rational. Mrs Gully informed me that her daughter had shot the father as he had threatened their lives. There was no indication of burnt flesh or clothing to point to the shot being at close quarters. By Mr W E Heuzenroeder – The cartridges (produced) were lying alongside Mr Gully as though they had dropped from his left hand. The mother gave

me to understand that the daughter had shot him in defence of the mother's life.

What a son saw

Clarence Gully, son of deceased, deposed:- On December 27 I was on the back verandah of father's house. I heard the sound of quarrelling inside. The voices appeared to be those of mother and father but I could not decipher the words. I heard a sound resembling a smack and went into my father's bedroom where the sound seemed to come from. My mother, sister and father were in the room. I heard father speak but I can't remember what he said. He walked towards the mantelpiece and took four cartridges like those produced. I then ran into my sister's room where the gun was kept and was looking for it when I heard the report of a firearm. I could not find the shot gun as it was hidden behind a curtain. I went back into my father's room and saw him lying half on a couch and half on the floor, with his face downwards. He said "Why did you do it." I don't know who he addressed. My mother told me to run to Mr Slater and ring for the doctor which I did. I went back home stayed a few minutes and then rode into the town and rang up the doctor from Isaac and Marion Gully - 1911 the Nuriootpa Post Office. When he took the cartridges I thought father was going to shoot the three of us. He had made threats to that affect about six months ago and on Christmas Eve he had also threatened to shoot us. The revolver (produced) was usually kept under the fender in my sister's room. I helped my brother to pay for the revolver for my mother's and sister's protection as I did not think my father was safe. As far as I know my sister had not handled a firearm before. Father did not say a word to me regarding how he was shot. I was not in the room at the time. By the Coroner - I did not speak to my sister after the shot was fired. Neither did my mother. Mother did not speak about the shooting to me.

By M C Miller - After I had been for the doctor my sister made a statement. I can't remember the exact words but I believe it was to the effect that she shot him when he tried to push past her.

By Mr Heuzenroeder - When I got back to the room my mother was standing by my sister. My sister said father had tried to get past her to get the gun. I remember on Christmas morning, at breakfast, he threatened to shoot my mother and sister. The gunshot, I believe, was inflicted in defence of my sister, mother and myself.

By the Foreman of the Jury

Every time father went to the city he made threats against my mother and sister but we had no special reason for getting excited. Another son Clarence Wilfred Gully of Adelaide, said - I have heard my father make threats against the lives of my mother and sister. Last Christmas Eve at the Adelaide Railway Station father said "I will stir them up and blow their lights out." He was then referring to my mother and sister. I brought the revolver for my mother and sister as they are much alone and in a lonely spot. Years-ago father had a laceration on his brain, and in 1911 he became very irritable but had no cause for his ill feeling toward my mother and sister. I was not present yesterday when my father was shot.

By the Foreman

I did know my father was not too safe, but it was because mother and sister were so much alone that I supplied the revolver for them. I shot him Marian Berenice Gully (the daughter) said: - "At about 10 o'clock on Friday morning I started to get dressed to drive to Nuriootpa. Mother went into my father's room to ask for some money to do some shopping. He refused three or four times to give it to her. I heard the sound of a

smack and got the revolver from under the fender. I heard mother and father still talking and went into the bedroom. My brother followed me. I heard father say, "I will shoot you all." I saw him take four gun cartridges from the mantelpiece. My brother left the room, and I stood in front of mother. Father tried to push past.

He stopped and then came on again and I fired the revolver. I did not know whether I would hit him, but just put it up in self defence. He fell half on the floor and half on the couch. He said, "Why did you do it?" I told mother some one had better go for the doctor at once. Mother and I turned father over and Marian, Herbert & Mabel Gully - 1917 bathed his head and wound in cold water, supporting him on our knees for about half an hour, and then laid him on some pillows. Dr Cowan arrived some time afterwards.

By Mr Heuzenroeder

I had only fired a revolver five times before, and had only had it a fortnight. I did not intend to kill father. It was done in defence of the three of us. I fired at him to prevent him from getting the shot gun. He had threatened our lives on Christmas Day and the day after. Mother and I had given him no cause for it.

By one of jury

Father did not object to a returned soldier staying at our place.

By Mr Heuzenroeder

The soldier left last Monday afternoon. He was a friend of my brother at the front. He was there with both my parents' approval and consent.

Justifiable Homicide

Mr Heuzenroeder then addressed the jury, and emphasized the probability of the shot having saved the lives of several people. After a retirement of 20 minutes, the jury returned the following verdict:- "That the deceased came to his death by gunshot wound inflicted by Marian Berenice Gully in defence of the lives of her mother, herself, and brother and that no blame is attached to her." M C Davis, who, in conjunction with M C Miller, had conducted the case for the police, thereupon, withdrew the charge of manslaughter, and Miss Gully was released. Throughout the proceedings she maintained an undisturbed demeanour. The verdict was a popular one.



Isaac Gully and Marion Usher

## VALE ALINE ORTIS TREBILCOCK



Sadly we announced the passing of our one of our Foundation members, centenarian 'Aline Ortis Trebilcock' on 21 November 2022.

Aline was born in Adelaide on 1 July 1921, the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of Frank and Helen Lykke. She grew up in Rosewater, and when she finished school worked in the Timber Industry at Port Adelaide doing office work.

Aline enlisted in the Air force during WWII, where she made many life-long friends. She returned to Adelaide after the war and married Bruno Pio Ortis who she had fallen in love with prior to the war.

Aline and Bruno had four children, Jim, Malcolm, Helen and Stephen. They had moved to Myponga after Malcolm's birth and ran the 'Otis' store and were heavily involved with the Italian community of the area.

We came to know Aline in 1996, as she was a foundation member of our group. Aline was heavily involved in the early years of our group and was living in Willunga. At that time she proposed Barry Maslin as Treasurer. Aline was a keen historian not only in her family history, but also local history, recording and interviewing many Myponga residents.

Barry also was very familiar with Myponga and remembers the Otis store, where on the odd occasion he would sit and reminisce with Aline over a cuppa. Barry remembers her as a kind and gentle lady.

In later years when Aline found it more difficult to attend meetings, June and Neville Hudson would bring her to the meetings she wanted to attend up until her health declined. They both admired her independent spirit, and commented on her technological abilities using computers, i-pads and digital cameras well into her nineties, but remembered her telling them about working in signals in WWII where she was using the latest technology at the time.

I remember Aline being very proud at the AGM just after our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday lunch receiving her 'Foundation Member' badge, and it was a privilege to be able to present it to her.

Aline will be mentioned in our group's history as being our first centenarian, and may possibly be our only one, only time will tell.

Our thoughts are with her family, but we will remember and celebrate a life well lived.

**Sharon Green**

## ORIGINS OF NAMES ON THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA

### Christies Beach

Twins Alexander and Maxwell Christie were born to William and Ann nee Maxwell on 6 December 1814 in Edinburgh Scotland. Alexander married Ann Dowie on 26 December 1838 while Maxwell married Ann Gilchrist on 11 December 1838.

The twins and their wives departed Edinburgh on 3 January 1839 aboard the *Sir Charles Forbes* arriving in South Australia on 7 June of that year. At that time land was for sale at one pound per acre with a section of 80 acres entitling the buyer to a town acre as a bonus. Alexander thus purchased 80 acres in section 93 in district B (Black Forrest) with the town acre being in Hindley Street and his brother buying his 80 acres on section 90 in district B. Alexander also purchased land in 1848 in the Glenelg area calling his farm Woodside and by 1841 had a good pise (rammed earth) home with stockyards, grew potatoes, owned six cattle, while depending on his neighbours water from a well.

Alexander also stayed on his section and as well in July 1856 he purchased Section 103 in the Hundred of Waitpinga being 115 acres in Cape Jervis and again in September of the same year he became the owner of section 102, which was 77 acres. In January 1858 he bought 31 acres at Delamere.

Alexander and Ann had in all thirteen children with one named Margaret dying at 14 months in 1853 being buried at St Mary's churchyard Edwardstown. Around 1855 the family shifted to land at Stockyards (Glenburn then Delamere) On 12 May 1858 the ninth child, Lambert Ferris Bowden Christie was born. Four more children followed with the last two being twins arrived May 1865. As well as farming Alexander had the mail run to Kangaroo Island.

### *The Kangaroo Island Mail Run*

The notes of Mr Hugh Anderson Watson continue:-

"After coming to Cape Jervis Alexander met an old sailor named Jock Thompson and his two sons, George and Alex, they lived in a hut on the beach near the boat harbour. This old sailor had a small boat and made a scanty living by catching fish when the weather was favourable. He would sell his catch to the miners of the Talisker Mines, also to the local residents. In the course of time, Alexander came to light with a fine big new boat of his own. I believe it was about 26 feet long, a cutter rig with masts and sails. In the larger boat he and Jock Thompson often crossed to Kangaroo Island carrying passengers or goods of any kind or anything else that was offering. About the year 1866, the people of Kangaroo Island wanted a regular mail service. They eventually petitioned the Government for a weekly service to go overland to and from Cape Jervis, thence by boat to Hog Bay, a distance of eight-nine miles, and from there along the coast to Kingscote, about another 30 miles. After many attempts, the request was granted and tenders were invited for the boat service, and the successful tenders were A Christies and J Thompson, and the term was for three years. They had the first two terms and carried the mail for six years. The next term was secured by Mr Harry Bates of Kangaroo Island. As there was nothing now for Jock Thompson to do at Cape Jervis, he and his two sons shifted their camp to Yorke Peninsula. After a time A Christie got the mail contract back and

carried it on with the help of his sons.

Lambert attended the Cape Jervis school erected on the corner of his father's property and aged thirteen, having finished his education there he became a blacksmith. He worked on Kangaroo Island assisting his father with the mail run, then at Laura and finally returned to Second Valley where he married Rosa Grundy in June 1889. They had three children while living there before purchasing a farm "Dalebrook" on the creek now called Christie Creek. It is here that Lambert took up farming wheat, barley and oats. Five more children were born.

The children were initially taught by a governess, then to the Reynella school where they travelled by horse and trap. The younger ones in the family attended the Morphett Vale school and as it did not go beyond primary school Rosa shifted to Kensington Park in 1911 so that the children could attend Norwood High School. Lambert continued farming with his eldest son Leslie and with Dulcie and Dorothea as housekeepers.

Lambert took an active part in local affairs being a councillor for the Morphett Vale District Council and from 1904- 1909 he was chairman. He was also the president of the Literary Society, which held competitions in recitals, piano playing vocal items in both junior and senior sections. Lambert and his younger sons worked the farm until 1932 when it was sold and the land south of the creek was sub divided and became known as Christies Beach. The rest was sold to Clem Dyson who in turn sold it to the Housing Trust in the 1950's.

Lambert went to live with his daughter Dulcie and her husband Ernest Edwin Hunt of "Orari Stud" on Beach Road Christies Beach where there is Hunt Crescent, Christies Avenue and Lambert Avenue all adjoining each other. Lambert died on 5 July 1934 and is buried at Scot's Church Morphett Vale with Rosa dying at Pt Noarlunga in May 1950.

Lambert's father, Alexander and his wife continued to live at Cape Jervis, farming and doing the mail run to Kangaroo Island. He died on 27 February 1883 aged 68 years. He was out fishing out from the lighthouse when the weather changed. He headed into a channel but his boat capsized on a reef with Alexander sustaining critical injuries. His plight was seen from on shore and help reached him within minutes but he died at the scene. Ann, his wife died on 19 January 1890 aged 76 and both are buried in the Bullaparinga cemetery near Delamere.

### **Aldinga**

There are varying views of the naming of this. Aboriginal terms include 'much water', 'tree district' 'and battle and burial ground'. In fact in the early days, aboriginal skulls could be found in the sandhills after a heavy wind.

According to Felix de Caux, an early settler in the district, he suggested that the aboriginal names for the area included 'good place for meat', 'open wide plain' and 'much water'.

The village of Aldinga was laid out by Lewis Fidge, a farmer in the district in the 1857s.

### **Delamere**

This area has had several names originally 'The stockyards' but in 1859 at a public meeting it was changed to Glenburn. However in 1865 when applying to bring section 1522 Hundred of Yankalilla under the Real Estate Property Act, Joel and James Cole gave the area the name Delamere. Its origins are unknown but there is a Delamere in Cheshire, England.

## **Goolwa**

The town of Goolwa was proclaimed in 1853 with its aboriginal name meaning 'the elbow' which is the shape of the river Murray in this vicinity. It became an important town because of the tramway that linked Goolwa to Pt Elliot. This was completed in 1855. Early maps of 1841 show that the town was originally called Port Pullen after John Pullen who explored much of the area. An island off Pt Elliot is named after him.

## **Hallett Cove**

John Hallett came to South Australia with his wife and three children aboard the *Africaine* in 1836. He was part owner of the ship with the captain, John Duff. John Hallett brought sheep with him from England and also imported more from Tasmania. By 1838 he exported the first bales of wool from the colony back to England. Also during that year while searching for some lost sheep he came upon a geological wonder (the amphitheatre) and the area became known as Hallett's Cove.

The first subdivision in the area started in 1913.

John was a member of the first parliament under responsible government and also of the first Adelaide City council.

## **Happy Valley**

An Edward Burgess landed at Holdfast Bay and attended the first Methodist service held on the mainland of South Australia in late January 1837. He settled south of Adelaide in a locality they named 'Happy Valley'. A small village grew but this was covered when the Happy Valley reservoir was built between 1892 and 1897.

## **Lonsdale**

The suburb's name was taken from the adjacent railway station. Henry Johnson emigrated from Kirby Lonsdale, England aboard the *Africaine* in 1836. In later years his daughter and her husband leased several sections of land from a Dorothy Sherriff, calling the property 'Lonsdale'.

## **Maslin Beach**

George Maslin purchased a section of land, Hundred of Willunga in 1849. This adjoining beach was declared and unclad beach in 1975. The name was applied to a subdivision of section 368, Hundred of Willunga by Malcolm Vernon Martin in 1957.

## **Morphett Vale**

John Morphett arrived in South Australia aboard the *Cygnets* in 1836 and made his name by being on the Legislative Council and for a time, President. He was also a merchant and pastoralist. He also encouraged horse racing and owned two such horses. Morphettville race course is named after him also Morphett Vale. He married Elizabeth daughter of the resident commissioner, James Hurtle Fisher. He built a magnificent house at Glenelg- Cummins House. His mother was born in Cummins Devonshire, England.

## **Information provided by Lynette Gibson**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings are held at 1.15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Road, Christies Beach. If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker please contact Elizabeth Grocke with details by phone on 0421 102 868 or by email on [philiz@esc.net.au](mailto:philiz@esc.net.au).

21 January—Guest Speaker Show and Tell: Joe Cain (City of Adelaide) and Barry Treleven (Old Camera)

18 February—Benjamin Hollister, German Adelaide

18 March—Max Anderson, Gold Prospector

15 April—Paddy O'Toole, Willunga Policemen

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Other opening times for the Resource Room will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons during February to October, and the 1st Wednesday in November, from 1.00pm—3.30pm.

Members wishing to access *findmypast* during resource room openings, are now requested to contact Chris Grivell and book a specific time. Chris's contact details may be found at the front of the journal.

Opening dates for this quarter are: 1 February, 15 February, 18 February, 1 March, 15 March, 18 March, 5 April, 15 April, 19 April.



## EVENING COMPUTER GROUP



The evening computer class is held in the Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Street, Christies Beach. A \$5.00 donation is requested to help cover the cost of the hire of the hall. The Group meet monthly on the second Monday night of the month at 7.30pm.

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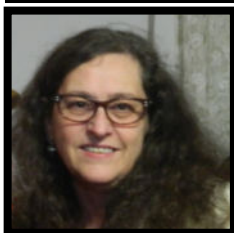


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## EDITOR'S NOTE by Christine Keen



I was incredibly surprised to be named as the recipient of the 2022 Jared Award. I was especially honoured to have my award presented by Carlien's daughter, Karen.

The countdown is on! Three editions to go.

The good news is that someone has shown an interest in taking on the role of Journal Editor in 2024. Their identity will be revealed at the general meeting in January.

I look forward to receiving your contributions for the April edition.

Proof readers are always needed—so if you are interested, please contact me.

**Christine Keen**

**Journal Editor**

## WHEN & WHERE

### MEETINGS

The monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from January—October at 1.15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Street, Christies Beach. The Resource Room is open from 12.00pm each meeting day.

Annual General Meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday in November commencing at 1.30pm. Committee elections are held at this time.

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**Evening Computer Group**—meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. For information contact Heather Boyce, email [haboyce@adam.com.au](mailto:haboyce@adam.com.au).

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