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Our June Meeting

Glen Woodward - S.A's Firsts

We had a lively and interesting talk from Glen Woodward at our last meeting about South Australia's 'firsts'. Glen is an avid collector of SA firsts, and has hundreds of firsts in his collection. As Glen had a handout ready to pass around after his talk, only a few of his 'firsts' will be recorded here.

- The first baby born in SA was Henry Hindmarsh Gouger on 29 Dec 1836. Henry was, of course, the son of the first Colonial Secretary, Robert Gouger. Unfortunately, he died eleven weeks later.
- The much-disputed story of the first European to set foot on SA soil, on Kangaroo Island, was also mentioned. Whatever the claims of two of the men on board, it can be safely said that two-year-old Elizabeth Beare was the first European female.
- Mary Cecil Tenison-Woods was the first female barrister, and she began the first all-women legal practice in 1923.
- SA's first cremation was at Centennial Park in 1903.
- The first ANZAC memorial was held in South Australia three months after the Gallipoli Landing.
- J.P. McGowan, born Terowie, SA, was the first South Australian in Hollywood, in 1910. Beginning as an actor and equestrian stuntman, he also became a screen-writer and

director who had a long and distinguished Hollywood career.

- The first meetings toward a Commonwealth of Australia were held at Pennington Tce, North Adelaide.
- In 2010 Rebecca Richards, an anthropology student at Adelaide Uni, became the first Aboriginal Rhodes Scholar.

These are just a handful of the interesting firsts in Glen's collection, indeed he has so many that he was only able to present around half of them! It was a very informative and enjoyable meeting.

Do you want your memories to be part of history?

BETWEEN 1945 – 1995, HAVE YOU GROWN VEGGIES OR FRUIT TREES, OR KEPT CHICKENS IN YOUR ADELAIDE SUBURBAN BACKYARD?

If so, Linda Haines would love to interview you. Linda is a PhD student at Adelaide Uni who is looking for interviewees in the above category to gather data for her thesis on "The Bounty of the Suburbs – Backyard Food Production and Use in Adelaide in the Post WWII Period, 1945 – 1995.

If you would like to help, please phone Linda on 8313 4004, or email linda.haines@adelaide.edu.au.

Linda will be coming to our August meeting to introduce herself, but there is no need to wait until then if you are happy to give an interview.

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Special Offer

You may be aware that the Marion Historical Society has published two books.

“Tomorrow is Yesterday” is the story about the Miller family who lived in Seacombe Gardens. This book retails for \$10.00.

And “Yesterday’s Child” which is the story of the author Margaret Western growing up as a child living in Marion. This book retails for \$5.00.

As a special offer, we are selling both books for only \$12.00.

Copies of these two books are available from Ian or Judy Morphet.

From the Newspapers 100 Years Ago

In line with our visit to parliament

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Tuesday 19 June 1917, page 1

NEXT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

Some of the Measures.

The final touches have not been put to programme which the Government will present to Parliament at the session which will begin on July 12. The Premier (Hon. C. Vaughan) was not able to discuss it on Tuesday morning, but he remarked that a large number of Bills dealing with repatriation, the settlement of soldiers, and incidental war problems would be on the list. A measure dealing with the powers of the Government Valuator, and one amending Fisheries Act, would be submitted, and the Government proposed to proceed with the townplanning resolution.

On the other side of the world

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 19 June 1917, page 5

RECORD TO BE PROUD OF

APPRECIATION OF THE KING.

We are all proud of our Australian troops, and every man with a heart is determined that when they return, each individual must be given a fair opportunity, without being "milked" by profiteers, or set to labour at

heart-breaking toil which can bring little or no recompense. The merit of the troops is beyond cavil, as the following extracts from the London "Daily Telegraph," of April 18, show:

Following is the text of a message which the King sent to Major-General the Hon. Sir Newton Moore on the conclusion of his inspection on Salisbury Plain yesterday of troops from the de pots of the Australian Imperial Force: -

"Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men - I am very glad to have had an opportunity of inspecting the various training units of the Australian Imperial Force, and I wish to express my satisfaction with the appearance of the fine body of men on parade to-day.

"You will, I know, acquit yourselves with credit when your time comes to reinforce those splendid Australian divisions at the front, whose deeds and fighting qualities have won the highest praise.

"Do not forget your kinsmen who have willingly given their lives for the Empire. Emulate their example, and so preserve the proud record made by them in the great war."

News from the Marion Heritage Research Centre

Get in now for a free talk by Lucy Gaylard from State Records, at 2pm on Wednesday 9 August. Please call the MHRC to book.

Please note that if you are researching at the Centre you can always ask for one-on-one help. Call to make a time, or just walk in!

Once again a reminder to look in the local newspaper and the “What’s On!” booklet for info about our events each month.

Bookings for events are usually required. Please call us on 7420 6445 or email heritage@marion.sa.gov.au

Marion Historical Society

Wednesday 16th August 2017
7.30pm at Cooinda:

David and Alison O’Loughlin
‘Art Deco.’

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