



## Our April Meeting Annual General Meeting and Show & Tell

### AGM

We had quite a good turn-up of members for our AGM, chaired by Heather. Ian delivered his treasurer's report for the last time and is now taking his well-earned retirement from the committee after many years of service. We all thank Ian for all his hard work over the years.

Thank you to Mayor, Kris Hanna for taking over the chair for the election of committee members. Heather Latz, Liz Donley and Mandy Coote were all returned to the committee, but we were not able to find a fourth person. This means if one committee member is absent, we will be unable to hold a meeting. If anyone finds that they are able to make a one-year commitment, please let us know.

### Show and Tell

For show and tell we had five presenters: Clem, Heather, Avril, Peter and Stuart.

**Clem** showed us his almost 90-year-old Chitral hat. Chitral was a princely state when the British Raj controlled India. Chitral hats became popular in England in the 1800s as "smoking caps" They came in various colours with embroidery or beadwork.

Clem was given the hat as a child, by his mother's former employer, Rev. Walden, who had spent time in North-West India. Clem showed photos of Rev. Walden, of his parents' marriage, and of himself as a child on a tricycle, wearing the Chitral hat. This was the only time he ever wore the hat, as it was kept away with all of the special Manchester and apparel.

**Heather** had brought a letter which was written in 1898 as a "letter of introduction" or reference

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for her husband's grandfather, William White, who was then 19. The letter was written by Joseph Stear Carlyon Cole, who was the founder and Headmaster of Stanley Grammar School in Watervale, which operated from the 1860s to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The building is now a B & B.

The letter gives a good illustration of the language and forms of expression that were used at that time. William is shown to have been a possibly average student, but conscientious and dutiful. This was borne out by his actions: his father having died leaving a widow and seven children, of whom he was the eldest, William undertook to see them all settled before he married. With his letter of introduction, he obtained a job as a clerk at Wallaroo Mines. Twenty-one years after the death of his father, with his siblings all settled, he married at the age of 39 to Dorcas Holman, 31, and they had four children.

**Avril** shared some interesting research by volunteers at MHRC. One had bought an old cash box at a secondhand stall. Inside were about twenty crumpled pieces of paper, including receipts dating from 1888 to 1915. The name on most was an E Fowler of 71 Kermod Street North Adelaide.

The volunteers were keen to find out more, and Avril wanted to give us an idea of the breadth of research that can be done and the enthusiasm and teamwork of the volunteers. Using Ancestry, Genealogy SA, Trove, Land Titles, SLSA Photo Collection, cemetery records and others, Danielle, Jill, Jan, Glynis and Avril shared their skills to piece together the story of Ellen Fowler and the businesses she dealt with during those years. The talk was a very condensed version of facts found.

Avril told us about Ellen's family, migration to Australia, marriage and subsequent family life. She showed photos of the businesses that Ellen

dealt with and the location of the boarding house she ran in North Adelaide, which is now where St Mark's College is. The last receipt was made out to Ellen's daughter (also called Ellen) in 1915. It was from Geo. E Morgan of the Victoria Square Marble Works and was for the inscriptions on the headstone of the Fowler family, situated in the West Terrace Cemetery.

It was clear that Avril and her fellow volunteers had enjoyed delving into the story behind the receipts and a theme of her talk was "One person's trash is another person's treasure!"

**Peter** showed a pictorial history of the Marion Methodist Church Chapel. It was built in 1862–63, but the congregation quickly outgrew the building, so it was extended to the west in 1867. When the building was being restored in the 1980s, a builder pointed out that there was something very odd about the windows, and that either two tradesmen had worked (at odds) on either side of the building, or the plans had been forgotten. The brick surrounds of the 1867 window on the southern wall are quite different from the surrounds of the older southern and all the northern windows. Peter showed slides to illustrate the differences. It's amazing that you can look at a thing many times, without noticing the anomalies!

**Stuart** showed us some postcards of Marineland, which operated from 1969 to 1988 in West Beach. Then he displayed photos he had taken of industrial and commercial buildings in Edwardstown, which no longer exist. There were several photos of the SA Rubber Mills building on South Road, which occupied most of the block between Dunorlan Road and Woodlands Terrace. It was demolished in 2018 to make way for a Bunnings store. There were also photos of the site of Furness Ltd, which was on the corner of Furness Avenue and South Road. They made pianos, caravans and doors.

Altogether, it was a very interesting evening. Thanks to all the presenters.

## History Festival May 2021

Over 600 events were advertised in this year's History Festival, which runs throughout May.

All events are advertised on the History Festival

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website at <https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/>.

Remaining events include:

The Marion Village Museum will be conducting guided walks of the village area on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

[\(https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/marion-historic-village-guided-walk-and-afternoon-tea/\)](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/marion-historic-village-guided-walk-and-afternoon-tea/).

The Living Kaurna Cultural Centre is running a Warriparinga history and environment tour on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

[\(https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/warriparing-a-history-and-environment-tour/\)](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/warriparing-a-history-and-environment-tour/).

Our Marion Village, Hills and Coast bus tour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May booked out quickly and went very well. Ian Morphet planned the tour and did the commentary on the bus and Judy Morphet and Heather Latz assisted. We have enough people on the waiting list to run the tour again late this year.

## News from the Marion Heritage Research Centre

*In June, we are presenting a talk by*

*David Jarman*

*'Secrets of North Terrace'*

*Wednesday 2nd June, 2pm,*

*at the Marion Council Administration building.*

*Places are limited so please contact us ASAP to book. Free!*

*The Heritage Research Centre is open as normal for 2021, and you are welcome*

*to call us on 7420 6455, email us at*

*heritage@marion.sa.gov.au*

*or drop in from 10am to 4pm,*

*Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.*

*We love meeting new heritage friends!*

*Watch out for our events listed in the Marion Libraries' What's On! brochure, and on the City of Marion/Libraries social media pages.*

## Marion Historical Society

### Next meeting:

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

at 7.30pm at Club Marion  
Hills View Room 2/West

**Beth Ingram**

*A New Start -*

*Moving to Marion in the 1950s*

*All visitors are Welcome*