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Our September meeting:

Up the Creek – A story of Sturt Creek.

By David Jarman.

At our September meeting we enjoyed a very interesting talk from David Jarman about the Sturt River.

We heard of the activities of the Kaurna people, for whom the river was a link between the hills and sea, and also played a significant part in their Dreaming. We saw pictures of the last standing shield tree and of the fire trees along the banks of the river.

The social and utile aspects of the river for the European settlers and their descendants were also discussed, looking at the subjects of transport, fishing, social gatherings and children's play, among others.

David spoke of the river in flood, and how this began to cause problems for the people living near the river, especially as the population of Marion and other villages along the river exploded in the mid twentieth century. The solution to that problem came in the form of a concrete flood-control dam.

David finished up by talking about the environmental impact of encroaching suburbia and the infrastructure created to support it. He also spoke eloquently on current and future projects to reduce that impact, in which he focussed mostly on the wetlands projects.

It was a highly enjoyable and informative presentation.



Horner's Bridge, the first bridge to be constructed over the river in 1866, (photo taken 2007).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sturt_River,_Adelaide

Unusual and Interesting

Beyond the Pale

From *pale* - "jurisdiction of an authority, territory under an authority's jurisdiction", suggesting that anything outside the authority's jurisdiction was uncivilized. The phrase was in use by the mid-17th century, and may be a reference to the general sense of boundary, but is often understood to refer specifically to the English Pale in Ireland. In the nominally English territory of Ireland, only the Pale fell genuinely under the authority of English law, hence the terms *within the pale* and *beyond the pale*.

https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/beyond_the_pale

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**Excerpt from an article in the
'Adelaide Church Guardian'**

April 1st, 1954

About 50,000 people greeted the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they came from Government House to the Cathedral on Sunday, March 21. There was some crowding near the Cathedral, but by 11 a.m. all was in order, and they passed through a Guard of Honour, formed by Queen's Scouts, the Church of England Boys' Society, Girl Guides, and the Girls' Friendly Society. When the Queen alighted, the Governor, Sir Robert George, met her and presented the Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacon of Adelaide and Mr. Justice Ross, the Chancellor of the Diocese. The Bishop, carrying his Pastoral Staff, led the Queen up the Nave to her seat. Copies of the Form of Service had been distributed outside the Cathedral; amplifiers enabled about 4,000 people standing there to follow all that was said or sung, and they took a very real share in the Service. Inside the Cathedral the excellent seating arrangements made by Mr. Dean Berry enabled everyone to get settled without any confusion. The bowls of massed delphiniums in the Sanctuary gave a splendid touch of colour. Such was the setting for the service.

OUT OF THE IVORY TOWER

Join us at History SA for this special event next week:

Monday 24 October 5.30 for 6pm-7.30pm

Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground

Parking available onsite (entrance off Victoria Drive)

Admission is FREE - but registrations required
<https://out-of-the-ivory-tower.eventbrite.com.au>

Historians Dr Nick Brodie and Dr Kiera Lindsey have found popular success with their recent publications. Discover their secrets in a special Talking History event.

Nick's recent publication '1787: the lost chapters of Australia's beginnings' challenging our national understanding of the 'discovery' of the continent. His previous book, 'Kin: a real people's history of our nation', used his own family tree to explore varied threads of Australian history.

Kiera's compelling tale, 'The Convict's Daughter: the scandal that shocked a colony', also recounts a meticulously researched story from the author's own family.

Join us, as these two rising stars of Australian history share something of their approach to writing.



**News from the Marion Heritage
Research Centre**

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There are a couple of events coming up in October so now is the time to put them in your diary.

Tuesday 25th October, 2 – 4 pm:
Talk by Major Chris Roe of AMOSA
'Australians in Battle 1916: Fromelles and
Pozières 100 Years On...'

The second talk will be on Tuesday 22nd
November.

Booking for these events is essential to ensure a place, so please book with Danielle.

For more information, please contact Danielle on 7420 6455 or email the above address.

Marion Historical Society

Next meeting:

Our Annual Christmas Lunch

Meet at 12pm for a 12.30 start on Sunday 20th November, at the Marion Sports Club. RSVP please by Wednesday 16th.
phone Judy 82985585 or email:

marionhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Partners welcome. Next year's program will be given out at the lunch.

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