



UCA Historical Society Newsletter

February 2014

**First Meeting of the Year
Friday, 14th February, 6 pm**

***BURIED HISTORY:
Tour of Historical West Tce Cemetery***

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What are your family connections?

Are any of the following names a part of your family's history?

- Adamson
- Barclay
- Bonython
- Brown
- Cotton
- Drummond
- Grayson
- Henderson
- Keen
- Martin
- Peacock
- Smith
- Thomas
- White

Maybe one or more of your ancestors lies buried in the West Terrace Cemetery.

The tour, which we will experience on Friday 14th Feb, will cover the graves of prominent ministers and lay people from the early years of the Colony of South Australia, particularly featuring Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The tour will be led by Mr Brian Jones, a long-time member of the Historical Society Council and keen researcher of the early history of church members of Stow Memorial Church (now Pilgrim) in Adelaide.

Some parking is available within the main gates of the Cemetery. There is also parking in Sturt Street.

We will meet at the main gate of the West Tce Cemetery, which is opposite Sturt Street.

ALL WELCOME



Special points of interest:

- "Sing lustily and with courage"
- Photographic exhibition of Ernabella and Mowanjum communities

**The UCA History Centre at
44A East Ave Black Forest is open
on Wednesdays , 1– 4 pm**

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New web site under
construction

Upgrade of facilities at the History Centre, 2013

Last year the Council received approval from the Synod to install a compactus in the back room of the History Centre. The project included replacement of the original floor in what had been a Sunday School room, when the building had been a Church of Christ property. This needed to be completed, including laying new carpet tiles and repainting, before the compactus could be installed.

The work was begun in mid-August and completed three weeks later! The budget for

the whole project was \$36,000 and we were very fortunate to finish the project under that figure.

Since September we have been busy re-shelving our collection. There is still quite a large amount of items which need to be sorted!

As it is practically impossible to take a photograph of the compactus, if you are interested you will need to come to the Centre and see for yourself! You will be most welcome.

The Volunteers who staff the History Centre.

Two Events during *AboutTime* SA History Month, May 2014

**“Sing lustily and with a good
courage” :**
Sunday, 25th May, 2.30 pm,
Pilgrim Church

On Sunday, 25th May, Pilgrim Church (12 Flinders St. Adelaide) will host a hymn-singing event which will explore the singing of hymns in our former traditions—Congregationalism, Methodism and Presbyterianism—and recent trends in the Uniting Church in Australia.

In introducing the hymns, leaders of this session will address some underlying assumptions, eg When is a hymn not a hymn? What are ‘human hymns’ and why was there opposition to them? Is musicality more important than emotional fervour? Can there be too many hallelujahs?

Dr Judith Raftery and **Rev Dr Julia Pitman** will explore these and other questions that enliven the history of hymns and hymn-singing in the denominations that joined to form the Uniting Church in Australia.

Come and enjoy ‘a good sing’! Afternoon tea to follow.

**A Photographic Exhibition of
Ernabella & Mowanjum Communities**
Tues-Fri, 6-9th May, 10-4
Scots Church

A photographic exhibition will feature the early and current life of the Ernabella community in northern SA and Mowanjum community in the Kimberly region of WA.

These communities were originally Presbyterian Missions and their struggles and achievements will be the centrepiece of this exhibition.

**Open from 10 am to 4 pm, this weekday
exhibition will be held at Scots Church,
North Tce (cnr Pulteney St), Adelaide
from 6th to 9th May.**

Curators of the exhibition, **Rev Dr Robert Hoskin** and the **Rev Dr Bill Edwards**, will conduct seminars and answer questions. South Australian pioneers, Dr Charles Duguid and the Rev J R B Love were closely associated with these communities and recognised the significance of indigenous cultural traditions.

Sunday, 29th June at 2.30pm AGM and Lecture

The Sunday after the 37th Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia (22nd June 1977), the Historical Society will conduct its Annual General Meeting at 2.30 pm. This will be followed at 3 pm by the Rev Dr Malcolm McArthur introducing his paper, "Ministerial Migraines: Churches and State Schools (1940-1990)".

This paper is the first in a three-part series being produced by members of the former Religious Education Project Team within the South Australian Education Department. Team members, including Alan Ninnes and Peter Russell, will produce additional papers in subsequent years.

This session will be held at Church of The Trinity, 318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park and will conclude with afternoon tea.

Religion and State Schools in South Australia (1940-1990)

The Uniting Church Historical Society has agreed to publish three papers on Religion and State Schools in South Australia (1940-1990) over the next two years.

The period examined in greatest detail will be that of the operation of the Education Department Religious Education Project Team as a discrete entity. All three papers will provide a view of the unique South Australian experience of Religious Instruction (RI) and Religious Education in state schools.

The first paper: *Ministerial Migraines: Churches and State Schools (1940-1990)* was written by Malcolm McArthur. To comple-

ment this historical overview, Alan Ninnes (former Project Leader for the Religious Education Project Team), now of the Yilki Congregation, is writing about *Education without Indoctrination: The Religious Education Project Team*. Peter Russell (former Religious Education Project Team curriculum writer/editor and advisory teacher), now of Pilgrim Uniting Church, will share reflections on *Religion: the rubber and the road*.

The three authors would like to acknowledge the support of Gwendolyn Morphett for help with historical detail and Di Russell for assistance as overall editor.

50 year Ordination Celebrations

For information about the 50 year Ordination Celebrations to be held at Kent Town Uniting Church on Sunday, 9th November at 3 pm, contact Rev Lindsay Faulkner (phone 8365 5664) or email nessiefaulker@bigpond.com

Visit to St Andrews, Glenelg Sunday, 31st August, 2.30 pm

As guests of St Andrews Uniting church, 92 Jetty Road Glenelg, visitors will join a guided site tour of the two 19th century prominent buildings and note the social significance of memorials and the church's historical display.

Following the tour, speakers will report on one of the Society's current research projects, "The History of Lay Education in SA". Those involved in this project include the Rev David Houston and Rev Elwyn Penna. Afternoon tea to follow.

**Let us give thanks for the flow of human history;
for the events that have shaped and moulded us
and all our sisters and brothers;
for the ones that question that history;
for the ones who unearthed the stories of the vanquished ,
the oppressed, the forgotten, the unrecorded.**

Book Launch: "Mission at the Margins"

On Thursday, 2nd October, the Society will launch a new publication, "Mission at the Margins". This book launch, at 4 pm, is open to those interested in South Australian mission history particularly to remote and isolated regions.

The book launch will be part of the programme of the Australian Association of Mission Studies conference to be held at Tabor College, Mitchell St, Millswood.

South Australian historian, Ron Gibbs, author of a recent major work on South Australian history, "Under the Burning Sun: A history of colonial South Australia, 1836-1900", will address the conference preceding the book launch.

Gordon Rowe Lecture Friday, 31st October

This lunch-time (1.10-1.50 pm) Gordon Rowe lecture will be presented by **Rev Dr William Emilsen**, faculty member at United Theological College, Sydney.

Dr Emilsen is editor of a major 2014 publication on the recent history of the UCA. In this book 16 contributors explore trends, challenges and highlights of the first decade on the 21st century.

This meeting, with BYO lunch, which will be held in **Room S1 at Uniting College of Leadership and Theology**, is being held in association with the annual Presbytery-Synod Meeting.

Final meeting for 2014 Friday, 14th November, 7.30 pm

This will be held at Church of The Trinity, 318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park, concluding with supper. The theme of the meeting will be:

**the contribution
South Australians have made
in serving our partner churches
in the Pacific, Asia and Africa.**
