

# Heritage on Sunday

# ENGINES IN ACTION

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021,  
11am-4pm**



Members of the Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers' Club will be displaying their working vintage stationary engines.

Come and speak with members and enjoy watching the restored engines in action.



Explore four display pavilions, blacksmith, police cell, laundry and the charming garden.

The ground floor in the main building will be open - the Museum will be adhering to SA Health Covid guide lines. Please understand some restrictions will be in place.

Sausage Sizzle and Devonshire Tea is available and the gift shop is stocked with unique craft.

Entry: Adult \$5, Conc \$4, Children Free

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**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 11am - 4pm**

At 11.30am our new display 'Kurna Nation' will be opened by Mickey Kumatpi Marrutya O'Brien a descendant of the Kurna peoples.

Mickey a Senior Aboriginal Man will perform a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Be entranced as you listen to Mickey share his culture, language and history.



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National Trust of SA - Tea Tree Gully Branch

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## CALENDAR

Sun	21 Feb	H on S – Welcome to 2021 / Country	p. 1
Sun	21 Mar	H on S – Engines in Action	p. 8
Sun	18 April	H on S – Retro Picnic	
Sun	16 May	H on S – Gala Opening of PO 140 years on	

## 2020 ... Year of COVID!

As for most organisations, COVID-19 had a serious impact on the Museum during 2020. All public events were cancelled from April to September. A get-together of volunteers was held in September in preparation for a COVID-safe re-opening to the public. We returned with 'Spring in the Garden' in October and 'Twilight Christmas' in December (postponed from November).

## AGM / Annual Report 2019-20

Committee meetings were cancelled in April, May, June and August. Our normal Annual General Meeting could not be held in August due to restrictions on gatherings. Existing Committee members agreed to continue in their roles until an AGM could be held.

With gathering space restrictions still at the Museum, and the financial year over half gone, it has now been decided to provide the 2019-20 Annual Report online for the information of members and volunteers. The Committee will continue on until the August 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Of course, if you have issues with what is happening, new ideas, or would like to contribute to the Committee, please speak to a Committee member.

The Chair's report and the financial statement may be accessed via the website at [www.ttgmuseum.on.net](http://www.ttgmuseum.on.net).



## Vale

Several inaugural members and long term avid volunteer workers passed away during the year:

**Reta Robinson**

**Ray Kretschner**

**Merna Cichon**

We also remember **Malcolm Moss** who instigated and encouraged the development of our working blacksmith shop.

We pass our condolences to their families.

## Grants

**History Trust CMP: \$3,300** – Preservation Survey

**History Trust CMP: \$12,210** – Pioneers to Producers display

**City of TTG Community Grant: \$1,170** – brochures, banners

**History Trust: \$1,100** – memory boxes

**History Trust: \$3,494** – Kurna display

**History Trust: \$5,566** – Newman portraits restoration

**History Trust: \$1,045** – Kurna display audio-visual

**State Government via NTSA: \$20,000** – preservation of window frames

## Unsuccessful

**Community Voices** – video production

## Twilight Christmas - December

Having returned to public events in October, our subsequent event had to be postponed when the State went into 'lock-down'!

Two weeks later though, 285 visitors took the opportunity to visit this end-of year / Christmas event in the gardens and outside pavilions, including the blacksmith shop. The CWA Tea Tree Gully Branch participated. Miniatures were on display. Mother and Father Christmas visited. Visitors acquired a lot of craft and plants for Christmas gifts.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who ran the event in accordance with SA Health COVID safe guidelines.



## Site development / maintenance

Through the 2020 public events closure, a small group of volunteers continued to maintain and develop the Museum. With no events income, there was a drain on finances but fortunately several grants assisted.

Development of the garden and lawns continued throughout the year, with the benefit of the irrigation system provided by the Tea Tree Gully and District Historical Society,

A new 'Pioneers to Producers' exhibition was launched in October. A History Trust of SA grant paid for the professional design and our volunteers constructed the structures, including a full size milking cow!

Major maintenance was performed downstairs in the main building - cracks were filled and walls re-painted.

A 'picture frame' has been constructed in the garden to outline Ellis Cottage in Anstey Hill Recreation Park. The boundary picket fence has been re-painted. Pavilion floors have been painted. A culvert has been constructed to arrest floodwater rushing down the site and into a neighbouring property.

From a major State Government grant, NTSA allocated \$20,000 to the Museum to preserve the heritage window frames in the main building. This work was subsequently performed by Watermark Painting.

Much research and negotiation has been done to arrange a new Kauria Nation display. This will be launched at the 21 February Heritage on Sunday.

Planning is underway to:

- provide a nature playground at the rear of the Museum site
- revamp the displays to the left of the blacksmith shop entrance.

*A Preservation Survey has been conducted by Artlab, paid for by a History Trust of SA grant. The report will assist in future planning of what should be preserved and how.*

*Thanks to a City of Tea Tree Gully Community Grant, we now have updated brochures and two banners.*



## Heritage on Sunday – October – Spring in the Garden

Supporters and visitors flooded the premises for our first public event after six months' closure due to COVID-19 restrictions. The event was outdoors on a lovely fine day, plus the display pavilions - the main building was closed. It took a large team of volunteers to run the event within SA Health COVID guidelines, with recording visitors, sanitiser provided throughout, restricted numbers in each pavilion, one way traffic, extra staff and extra hygiene preparing and serving food, etc - thank you all for the extra effort.

The keenness of the public to get out of their house to a function was demonstrated by the record breaking 590 visitors.

There was plenty to see, hear and do, including plants for sale, cake and craft stalls, Upbeatz Drumming Ensemble, Spirit of Swing jazz combo, Devonshire tea and sausage sizzle. The Tea Tree Gully branch of the CWA joined us, along with honey and candles from Williamstown and china painting. Children could follow a Busy Bee Trail. Our resident blacksmith and grand-daughter were at work.



Our latest exhibition, 'Pioneers to Producers', was officially launched by Dr Richard Harvey MP. The designer, Richard Browning, attended, as did Amanda James from the History Trust of SA, which granted finance.

