

Heritage on Sunday

LIFE IN MINIATURE

SUNDAY 20th JUNE, 2021
11am - 4pm



Miniscule, microscopic, mystical, minute

It's a small world

Be captivated by many different dioramas including complete room scenes and outdoor tableaus. Be amazed by their precise detail. Chat to the crafts people who exhibit their small obsessions.



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

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Heritage For All Ages

The newsletter of the
**Tea Tree Gully
Heritage Museum**



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GALA OPENING

141 YEARS ON

SUNDAY 16th MAY 2021, 11am-4pm

In 1880 the Tea Tree Gully Post Office & Telegraph Station was opened

Amid much fanfare Mr. W. Haines declared the Post Office open for business.

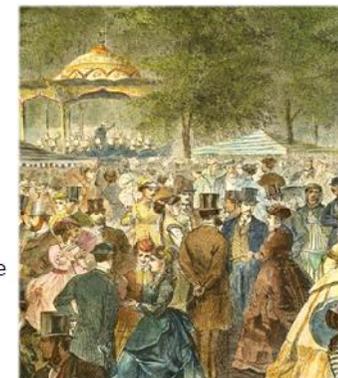
Three cheers were given and congratulatory messages read.

At 11.30am witness this re-created opening ceremony.

The Victoria Society of S.A. will be in attendance and dressed for the occasion.

The N.E. Radio Club will help you send a morse code message and listen to the two-way radio

Post a letter in the original letter box, displays, children's activities



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S
HISTORY FESTIVAL



Enjoy the day as you visit 12 rooms in the heritage building, four display pavilions, working blacksmith, police cell and laundry, all in a charming garden setting. Take time to wander and explore.

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CALENDAR

Sun	16 May	H on S – Gala Opening of PO 141 years on	p. 1
Sun	20 Jun	H on S – Life in Miniature	p. 8
Wed-Sun	14-18 Jul	School Holiday ‘Froggy Days’	
Tues	10 Aug	Branch AGM – Council Chambers	p. 2

What tool is that?

Have you noticed that various carpentry tools on the left as you enter the blacksmith shop are being arranged and named. Mary Jo Zwar is researching and naming these tools and reducing the clutter to representative samples that will assist visitors understand their use. If you have an interest or particular knowledge, please speak to Mary Jo.

School visits

Janet Ashton has led the development of two new modules to streamline School visits. This has enabled our Guides to concentrate on the new modules rather than a wide range of options. Our first school visitors in 2021 were happy with the modules and the attention given by our Guides.

For your diary

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Trust Branch and Museum takes place on the second Tuesday in August. Last year, we postponed it, and eventually cancelled it, due to COVID.

With restrictions likely still in place, we have decided to change to a larger venue this year and also try it as a daytime meeting.

To further entice you, the guest speaker will explain the history of chocolate – with samples. Record the event in your diary now.

Tuesday 10 August, 10.00 am
Banksia Room, City of Tea Tree Gully Civic Centre

Site development / maintenance

Hopefully you will have noticed the better condition and white appearance of the Museum’s window frames. The bulk of this work was performed professionally via a major State Government grant to NTSA. A number of Branches were allocated a share of this grant – about \$20,000 for us.

Work has commenced on forming an entranceway between the inner lawn area and the transport pavilion, agricultural implements, police holding cell and blacksmith shop. This will eventually include terracing, seating alcoves and vines.



Planning and preparations are also under way for a nature playground at the rear of the site. Rubbish has been removed and the area levelled. The City of TTG has supplied large timber logs which will be set in the ground for climbing / walking or used to make various play items.

Damage from a falling tree branch has been repaired on the police holding cell roof and a section of fence.

Perhaps not as interesting, but important nonetheless, the men’s toilet urinal cistern has been replaced. Problems of old age and being embedded in the wall have now been overcome with a standard cistern fixed externally to the wall.

Grants

Share of State Government grant to NTSA – restoring window frames

Grant application awaiting outcome

City of TTG Community Grant: \$2,670 – marquee, tables

Who do you call?

Who do you call to mow the lawns and sweep paths prior to events? Who paints, especially picket fences, and maintains the tractors? Who will work on practically any project, and not just on Mondays? This includes taking collection items for he and wife Judy to clean at home. At events, who is regularly in the heat of it? Its **Brent Van Loenen** ... at the BBQ plate!



In earlier life, Brent operated a seven day Ampol service station at Pooraka, specializing in brake linings. Notably, he worked Christmas days for years so staff could spend the day with their families. He also owned VLAS Auto Spare Parts at Salisbury until retirement. While his children attended Pembroke School, he was a volunteer driver moving boats for the Rowing Club. He was an active member and treasurer of Highbury Lions Club for many years, which led to his involvement with the Museum.

Brent maintains a beautiful vineyard on 'Emu Creek' at Clare, supplying grapes to local wineries. Prior to vines he was a weekend hobby sheep farmer. He is a great husband to Judy and dad to his children and extended family.

Brent is a great volunteer asset to the Museum – he will try his hand at anything. He also volunteers on the Clipper Ship 'City of Adelaide' at Port Adelaide.

Know your volunteer - Jenny Curnow

Jenny's involvement with the Museum commenced in 2014 and soon saw her co-ordinate the Gift Shop (with Linda), contributing many hours, effort and materials.

Jenny instigated our unique maroon tops, made distinctive aprons for open days and produced new school guides' outfits.

Jenny is involved with events management and has overseen our most successful events, namely 'All Wrapped up for Winter'.

As Roster Coordinator, Jenny co-ordinates the volunteer roster for all Museum events and visits. Her administration results in the efficient running of the programmes.

Jenny works where ever needed and the Branch is very fortunate to have her as a volunteer.



Interests outside of the Museum include kilt making, church activities, staying fit and knitting.

Heritage on Sunday – February – Welcome ...

This event was billed as a Welcome to 2021 and Welcome to Country. Unfortunately the Kurna Elder scheduled to attend missed the date.

We continued however with the launch of our latest display: Kurna Nation. This replaces an earlier display in the entrance to Clarrie's Shed. Much effort has gone into consultation with Kurna elders to have images and text represent them. Further audio is also available. Tools on display are authentic – having been made by an elder.

The display designer, Richard Browning, launched the display. Attendees included Alison Russell from NTSA and Pauline Cockrill from the History Trust of SA (which provided financial grants). 66 people visited.



Heritage on Sunday – March – Engines in Action

Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers were our guests for this event. They displayed four stationary engines and fired them up during the day.



A restored 1924 Garford fire engine drew much attention.

105 visitors attended.

Heritage on Sunday – April – Retro Picnic

The weather was a bit colder but visitors still enjoyed themselves and ate plenty. It was great to see some made a special effort to dress retro!

Thanks again to all our volunteers, including a special appearance from DJ Peter spinning his vinyl.



Photo: Lisa Firth

