

# Heritage on Sunday

# ONCE UPON A TIME

STORIES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHILDHOOD

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**11am - 4pm**

This exhibition on loan from the History Trust of SA offers a glimpse into the lives of children living in South Australia over successive generations, in both happy and more challenging times. A slide-show complements this exhibition. Do you have a story to tell?



Explore four display pavilions, blacksmith, police cell, laundry and the charming garden. The Museum will be adhering to SA Health Covid guidelines. 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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Heritage For All Ages

The newsletter of the  
Tea Tree Gully  
Heritage Museum



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## Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Museum volunteers, National Trust members, stakeholders and local residents are invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Tea Tree Gully Branch of the National Trust of South Australia. The Branch manages the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum.

The AGM gives participants the chance to review the past year and contribute to plans for the future, including the financial position and budget. A new Committee is elected.

Note that this year we are trialling a daytime meeting and, due to COVID spacing specifications, using a larger venue away from the Museum.

*Guest presenter: Alan Starks on the history of chocolate – with samples!*

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## CALENDAR

Wed-Sun	14-18 Jul	School Holiday 'Froggy Days'	p. 3
Tues	10 Aug	Branch AGM – City of TTG Civic Centre	p. 1
Sun	15 Aug	Heritage on Sunday – Once Upon a Time	p. 8
Sun	19 Sep	Heritage on Sunday – All About Aprons	



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## Congratulations - Jenny Curnow OAM

Jenny Curnow ('know your volunteer' in the last newsletter) was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

This was 'For service to the community through a range of roles.' As well as the Museum, this included current roles in: Adelaide Kiltmakers Guild, Surrey Downs Community Centre, SA Miniature Enthusiasts and Australian Miniature Needlework Society.

## City of Tea Tree Gully Community Grant

The City of Tea Tree Gully has recently awarded the Museum a Community Grant of \$2,937 to purchase equipment for events. This will comprise a new 6x3m folding marquee, plus tables: large for outside and small for internal use.

Our previous grant, awarded in 2019, provided promotional materials: printed brochures, a pull-up banner and a tear drop 'open now' banner.

## Site development / maintenance

Our volunteers have still been active heading into winter. Foundations and uprights have been constructed for the new pergola area north of Clarrie's Shed. Piping for future irrigation has been installed. Stones have been gathered and stonework is underway. Paving bricks have been purchased.

Restoration work has been performed on the Post Office door. Repairs have been made to the pebble paths through the gardens. Roof gutters were cleared prior to winter rains.



## Know your volunteer - Bowdie Papagni



*Proving this newsletter title: 'Heritage For All Ages', Bowdie started volunteering at age 13.*

*He came along to the Museum on a school excursion from Windsor Gardens Secondary College. Our wonderful historic Hotel had such an impact on Bowdie that he asked if he could become a volunteer.*

*Ever since, he has worked countless hours with endless commitment and is a much valued member of our volunteer community. Bowdie is often seen running errands as well as working on the sausage sizzle, He helps out wherever needed.*

*Away from the Museum, Bowdie has worked and has many skills in the aged care sector. Now, at the age of 21, he has been accepted into the Diploma of Nursing at Gilles Plains TAFE.*

*In recent years, Bowdie's enthusiasm has also rubbed off on Emily Ridsdale, and they can frequently be seen working side-by-side.*

## Grants

City of TTG Community Grant: \$2,937 – marquee, tables

## Grant application awaiting outcome

Aust Govt Community Heritage Grant: \$1,300 – sampler restoration

## Heritage on Sunday – June – Life in Miniature

There was much to see at this event, but you had to look very closely!

Each room of the main building included examples of life in miniature. Members of South Australian Miniature Enthusiasts Inc were on hand demonstrating and chatting about their hobby.

Participants were also able to view all the external pavilions. Blacksmith Fred could not remember a busier day! 207 visitors attended.



**Providing COVID restrictions allow:**

A school holiday event for all ages

# FROGGY DAYS

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> to Sat 17<sup>th</sup> July, 10am–2pm, daily  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 11am–4pm

Life is better with frogs – in nature, stories and songs.

Each room of the museum will feature a frog from children's literature and a frog-related activity designed for children and the child within older visitors.



Entry: \$3.00 per person

Hands-on activities + Craft + Treats and more

On Sunday explore the outdoor pavilions and visit our working blacksmith. Wander in the garden and enjoy a Sausage Sizzle.

## Heritage on Sunday – May – Gala Opening

This event commemorated the Gala Opening of the Tea Tree Gully Post Office and Telegraph Station on 20 May 1880. (It was delayed from the 140th anniversary due to COVID last year!)

Speeches (prepared by Mary Jo Zwar) were made from the balcony to the crowd gathered below. Thanks to the Victoriana Society of SA for coming dressed appropriately for the occasion and contributing to the speeches. Our volunteers also contributed, notably Francy Crooks who sang.



Graham Crooks demonstrated his wax seals, while the North East Radio Club demonstrated Morse code and radio communication. The Fox and Firkin loaned us a Union Jack flag.

114 customers attended, including in four Ford Prefect vehicles.



## Know your volunteers - Pat and Frank Grimley

*With their family, Pat and Frank moved into the local area in 1967 (the same year that the National Trust Tea Tree Gully Branch was founded) and began their association with the museum in 1969.*

*The building was in derelict condition; its most recent use as TTG Council Library and some offices. The first tasks were to repair and repaint the interior walls using heritage colours to replace the Council's 'battleship grey'. It wasn't long before Frank was co-opted to the management committee and served as Secretary for a number of years. In those days there was a live-in caretaker who opened to visitors each Saturday, while Sunday openings (2 – 5 pm) were covered by committee volunteers.*

*On his way to work one morning, past Victoria Park Racecourse, Frank noticed workers were removing and burning the old picket fence, so quick negotiation with the Jockey Club resulted in volunteers collecting the remainder which then became the original picket fence along Ellis St.*

*Pat and Frank worked on the annual fundraiser 'Pioneer Dinner'. It was always in winter, with every fireplace kept burning and the menu listing quirky dishes such as 'Colonial Goose' (roast mutton), which Frank always had the honour of carving.*

*Outside the Museum, Frank was employed in the advertising industry for 45 years, whereas Pat did secretarial work for some 22 years, retired, then spent another 5 years in the same industry as Frank.*

*They spent many years heavily involved in Scouting and, after retiring from that, many more with International Youth Exchange, with Frank serving on the State Council.*

*Pat and Frank continue to contribute as Museum guides.*

