

COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS

WED 17TH TO SAT 20TH NOVEMBER, 10AM-2PM DAILY

SUNDAY 21ST 11AM TO 4PM

Have a leisurely browse through 10 rooms of the heritage building filled with gorgeous traditional Christmas decorations – in all colours!

Enjoy a cuppa and Christmas treat in our tea room.

Discover unique hand-made gifts in our stocked shop.



Surrounded in a beautiful garden setting take time to wander and explore.
Sausage sizzle on the Sunday
Entry: Adult \$5, Conc \$4, Children Free

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We also thank Frances for her recent donation of a portable public address system.

Heritage For All Ages

The newsletter of the
Tea Tree Gully
Heritage Museum



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Heritage on Sunday

SPRING IN THE GARDEN

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2021

11am - 4pm



Explore 13 rooms within the building, four display pavilions, blacksmith, police cell, and laundry all in a charming garden setting.

The Museum will be adhering to SA Health Covid guidelines.

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CALENDAR

Sun	17 Oct	Heritage on Sunday – Spring in the Garden	p. 1
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Annual General Meeting - 10 August

Deborah Morgan, National Trust of SA President, conducted the election of the new Committee for 2021-22:

- Chair Gill Starks, also Events Coordinator & Visits Coordinator
- Secretary Mark Taylor
- Treasurer Trevor Ashton
- Schools Coordinator Janet Ashton
- Construction and Maintenance Facilitator Peter Townsend
- Karina McMurtrie, Alan Starks, Alan Zwar

The following appointments were also made outside the Committee:

- Collections Manager Jan Dolling
- Promotions Coordinator Francie Crooks
- Roster Coordinator Jenny Curnow

Thanks to Allan Starks for his flavourful 'history of chocolate' presentation.

Have you seen our latest souvenirs?



Jute market bag (\$12 each)

Bamboo reusable cup (\$8 each or \$10 filled with coffee)



Not a Museum run event, but at the Museum and likely fun for families ...

"When The Lights Go Out Paranormal"
PRESENTS
All Hallow's Eve
Saturday 30th October
3:00-6:00pm
7:00-10:00pm

Come along for some frightful fun!
What is the witch brewing in her cauldron? Discover what the headless butler is serving and have a dance at the 'Boo Boo' Ball. Jack O' Lanterns abound and many skeletons are to be found. It will be a grave mistake not to visit the 'Ghostery Store' for fiendish foods and creepy keepsakes. Collect your treat bag, follow the black cat trail and much more!!

\$8 per person
tickets through eventbrite -
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/all-hallows-eve-tickets-162940337937>
or limited \$10 tickets at the door

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@whentheLIGHTSGOOUTPARANORMAL

Farewell from volunteer Rudy Vuurens

About 10 years ago, Barbara and I found an invitation in our letter-box asking if we would like to attend the AGM of the Old Highercombe Hotel Museum. OK – never heard of it so let's go and have a look see.

A small crowd was gathered in the 'Ballroom' and the Chairlady explained about the museum and the reason for its existence. Future plans were presented and to us it seemed a lot of work to be done for the future and many hands would be needed. We discussed what we had heard and seen and thought it a good idea to check it out some Monday morning.

I duly arrived one Monday morning and introduced myself to Gill and then met the other volunteers. They seemed a friendly bunch and I soon found out they had lots of different skills. I told them about my background in sign writing and silkscreen printing, and also that I was a bit of a DIY person. I was also prepared to do whatever was necessary as I liked what they had achieved so far.

Those 10 years I spent were very enjoyable and it always felt good to go home feeling satisfied with the day's achievement.

It was a little sad when we decided to leave St Agnes to move closer to the grand-children in Brighton South. I enjoyed the camaraderie of the volunteers and along the way learned new things and ways of doing it.

I hope my small contributions have added to the Museum becoming what it is today. Credit also goes to Gill and all the ladies giving their time and energy for such a worthwhile cause.



Best wishes for the future.
Rudy and Barbara.

PS I also met an old colleague of mine from the Myer Emporium days, namely Graham Bull's father, Lloyd.

We wish Rudy and Barbara well in their new home and local community.

Froggy days – July

Our school holiday event this year attracted 283 visitors in the depths of winter. Visitors followed a trail of lily pads and children loved counting the frogs. Friends, Lauren, Emily and Krupa, counted a record 397 frogs on the Sunday.

Numerous frog facts and fiction were on show, including the 'Wisdom of Kermit'. Hands-on activities included making frogs - a hopping cardboard frog, a play dough frog and a threaded frog.



Thanks to Mary Jo Zwar for two years effort on assembling this theme - it was postponed from 2020 due to COVID!



Heritage on Sunday – August - Once Upon a Time

This event featured a travelling exhibition provided by the History Trust of South Australia: 'Once Upon A Time ... Stories of South Australian Childhood'. Material was sourced from several SA community history groups and the SA Government Photographic Collection. Games and child activities from the Museum's own collection added to visitors' experience.



Heritage on Sunday – September – All About Aprons

A relatively quiet day, but visitors were able to see an array of aprons spread throughout the Museum and learn some of their history.

It was interesting to see volunteers wearing their own favourite.

Know your volunteer – Mary Jo Zwar



“And this is where the whole family used to take a bath.”

A boy who had visited the museum with his school class brought his parents to a Sunday opening and was telling them all about ‘the old days’. That was a special moment for Mary Jo Zwar. It epitomised our mission of ‘preserving and interpreting the past for the benefit of people today and in the future’.

Mary Jo slipped into volunteering at the museum gradually over many years. Her husband Alan became involved soon after they moved to Adelaide in the early ‘80s, and she occasionally assisted by washing dishes for the Pioneer Dinners or sitting with him on quiet Sunday afternoon guide duty.

After retirement, Mary Jo became more involved in her own right. She joined the small band of ‘Monday Munchers’ who all did whatever needed doing. The first Teddy Bears event for children launched her into what has become her special project – designing special events for children and, more recently, for Heritage on Sundays.

Research into frogs, potatoes, mice, aprons and all the other themes could become all-consuming for a period of time. It led to some fascinating discoveries and, hopefully, to enjoyable experiences for our visitors.



Mary Jo received an NTSA Honour Award in 2014.



Monday volunteers at the Museum

