

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

Digitisation of Historical Records at Clare Regional History Collection

The Clare Regional History Group's library contains a collection of written and photographic material of historic interest. The sources of information include: newspapers; birth, death and marriage records; cemetery records; church records; council records; school records; and books.

During this century, digitisation of collection materials has become practice worldwide. The digitisation of Clare Regional History Group records ensures the preservation of fragile material thereby improving access for those interested. The records digitised so far include Cemetery records, Church (baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials and mission and station visits) records, Community Group records, Council records, Family records, Hospital records, and School records. The details appear in the New Books and Records section on p. 6.

Dedicated volunteers, including Jill Clarke and Helen Perry have been undertaking this work for several years. To date there are over 352,000 images of about 640 books. The digitised records are available for viewing in the library and may be printed at a cost of 20 cents per A4 page. People unable to visit the Research Room can phone during opening hours to enquire about the availability and cost (based on cost recovery) of research services.

Digitisation of Historical Records Workshop in Alice Springs

Helen Perry

In June I attended a **Digital Access to Collections Workshop** which was run by GLAM PEAK, the national organisation for Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums. The workshop was held over two days at the Araluen Arts Centre at Alice Springs. There were about 30 participants at the workshop from all over the Northern Territory (and me). They represented every sort of collection you can think of – NT Archives, a community radio station, a craft collection, National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Alice Springs Public Library, Central Land Council and Aboriginal Corporations, among many others. Continued p. 2



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Contributions to our newsletter are

welcome. The closing

date for the next

newsletter is 31st August

2018

Embroidered Signatures – a story of young Kathleen Edwards and her friends

Dr Margaret Cameron



In the last newsletter we reported on the Signature Quilt Project being conducted by The Embroiderers' Guild of SA Museum, and indicated we would report on examples of embroidered

signatures held in the region.

Often when we think about family history we think about the homes and property where people live, and the memories associated with them. Women's history can also be invoked through special items, such as china, furniture or handwork passed down through generations.

In 1902, Kathleen Edwards (later Griffiths) embroidered a decorative cloth with signatures of her friends. The cloth measures about 85 cm by 25 cm (about 33" x 10"); is made of white linen and is delicately hemmed. There are 60 signatures of her friends, who were residents of Clare. Each signature appears to be unique, presumably the actual signatures of the individual people. The embroidery is in cursive and done with white thread, making it appear delicate, but difficult to read.

This signature cloth is important because it tells us about relationships and friendships Kathleen had as a young girl, something we might otherwise not be able to determine after over a century. Some of the names are P. Giles, Ruby Jacka, Clarrie Foot, J. E. W. X. Hopkins, and Mabel McKinley.

The embroidered signature cloth was passed to Mary Kennedy, niece of Kathleen Edwards. Mary Kennedy had the cloth framed to preserve it and donated it to the Clare Regional History Group in 2008. It is available to the public for viewing and can be seen at the CRHG rooms between 1 pm and 4 pm Thursday or Friday each week.

Other embroidered signatures

There are two other signature cloths available to view in Clare – at the Clare Old Police Station and Courthouse Museum. Both are square supper, or afternoon tea cloths (about a square metre). They are both made of linen fabric with red embroidery. One, which was donated to the Museum by Judy Lemon, belonged to her mother Mrs Thelma Coles (nee Koop). The signatures appear to be those of members of the 50th Battalion serving in the 1st World War. One signature is of Ross Coles, brother of Judy's father Dick. The cloth is in good condition compared with the other, which appears to be older and its provenance is unclear. The signatures include E. A. Lamming, Mary Byrne, H. W. Temperly, Ida Ramsey, Wm J. Odgers and Ruby Searle. These signature cloths may be viewed at the Museum during opening hours (www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/clare-old-police-station-and-courthouse-museum/).

The Embroiderers' Guild of SA Museum, is researching the history of South Australian autograph quilts. **If you can help, please contact Dianne Fisher, Curator of the Embroiderers' Guild of SA Museum, an accredited museum in the History Trust's Community Museums Program:** difisher53@outlook.com

Digitisation of Historical Records Workshop in Alice Springs continued from p. 1

The organisers of the workshop were very generous with their knowledge. They challenged us to think about our various collections and the specific issues we encounter. I learnt that Clare Regional History Collection is doing well in the area of digitisation, and the organisation of the collection in general.

The presentations were arranged around the following topics – Plan, Prepare, Digitise and Share. We learnt about establishing priorities, policy writing, copyright and different approaches for different media. I now have a strong network to seek advice.



Who is this?

Your help is sought to identify the person in this photograph.

The photograph was found recently during renovations

being undertaken at the first Clare Methodist Manse. The first Manse was built in 1868, now privately owned, and is next door to the second Manse in William Street.

The photograph was discovered when a mantel piece was removed.

Please send any relevant information to the CRHG clarehistory@internode.on.net.

South Australian History Awards

The culmination of the South Australian History Festival saw the recognition of Historians for 2018.

Historian of the Year: Dr Romain Fathi, Flinders University lecturer, who is originally from France, recently conducted a project to uncover the WWI artefacts stashed away in people's drawers and boxes.

Lifelong Historian: Vivienne Szekeres, for her contribution for SA History, as an employee of the Migration Museum and as a member of national and state committees and boards.

Emerging Historian Award: Joint winners

Dr Steven Anderson: a lecturer in the History Department at The University of Adelaide, with a speciality in Australian issues including frontier violence and legal reform, and actively engaging in disseminating research to non-academic audiences.

AdeLOL team of Dan Schmidt and Tom Stewart: for podcasts and performances taking a comedy trip into the past, exploring weird and wonderful stories from local history with their eclectic brand of lowbrow humour.

Regional Historian: Judy Murdoch was instrumental in the establishment of the Naracoorte regional history branch in 1966. Mrs Murdoch has also documented much of the region's history by writing and publishing 10 books, including the well-known publication 'The History of Naracoorte'.

Congratulations also to **Helen Perry** for her nomination for Regional Historian. Helen has been a dedicated member of the CRHG since its inauguration in 1984, when she was the foundation president. She has served as treasurer and curator for more than 30 years. Helen has shown great leadership and worked co-operatively with the community. She has been instrumental in obtaining numerous grants from State, Federal and local government agencies to improve resources of the CRHG.

At a time when many communities in South Australia were putting effort into developing local museums, Helen's mission has been to develop a research library, like the South Australian Genealogy and Herald Society, and County Record Offices in the United Kingdom. The CRHG is a significant regional resource housing written and photographic material and digitised records.

School Admissions Registers

In the recent edition of The South Australian Genealogist (Vol 45 No 2, p.18-24) the value of school admission registers was discussed. They can include given and family names, birth dates, religion, parents' or guardians' names and occupations, addresses, previous schools, dates of enrolling and leaving, future schools and other remarks.

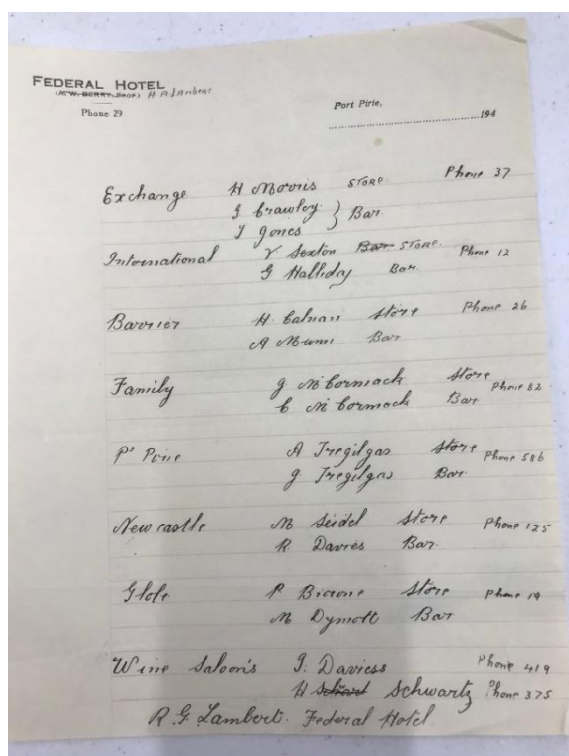
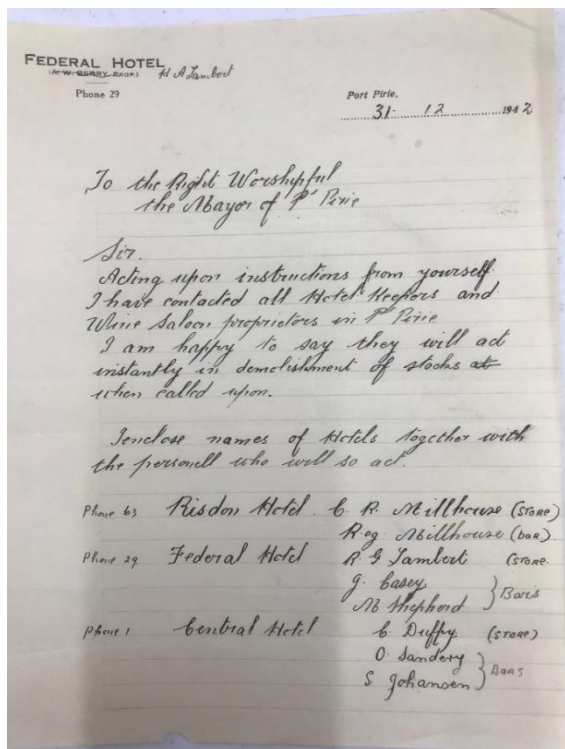
The CRHG holds copies of School Admission Registers for the following schools

Armagh	Farrell Flat	Sevenhill Primary
Brunga	Gum Creek	St Josephs
Blyth	Hanson	Stanley Flat
Bo Peep	Harmerville	Waterloo Primary
Clare High	Hill River Primary	
Clare Primary	Mintaro	

From the Archives

World War II and Alcohol Restrictions: why did hotels in Pt Pirie agree to destroy alcohol?

Dr Margaret Cameron



To understand the context of the letter the following provides a perspective. In December 1941, when the Australian Government declared war on Japan, it imposed a range of restrictions intended to curb expenditure in view of the cost of war. Amongst the restrictions were those relating to alcohol or liquor, and production of beer and other alcohol was reduced under government order by one third, and duties (also prices) increased. Apparently, whisky almost went out of circulation except in hotel bars (*The Argus*, Melbourne 13 February 1943)

While the Commonwealth Government was concerned to manage the cost of the war effort, and perhaps curb behaviour, underlying concern about alcohol consumption was a moral panic about the harm done by alcohol to the soldiers and citizens, men and women. The *Northern Argus* reported on such temperance views expressed in Clare in May 1942, after a meeting convened by the Mayor, Mr Gordon Bails, where the President and the Secretary of the United Churches' Social Reform Board, Rev. H G Hackworthy and Rev. E H Woolacott expressed their concerns about easily available and overuse of alcohol. The representatives of the churches contended

[t]he worst enemy within our gates is the wave of excessive drinking now sweeping the country. ... In Australia itself drink has become the most disturbing factor militating against the war effort. War is costing us £22,831 an hour. Drink and gambling are costing £21,000 an hour. In every capital city disgraceful and demoralising scenes of drunkenness have become alarmingly common. If we are to prevent Australia from falling into the hands of the powerful and ruthless enemy now at our gates the whole nation must awake and without delay deal effectively with this deadly enemy (p. 5).

In line with the temperance movement, the meeting urged, considering the serious harm being done to the war effort and National morale, that Federal and State Governments 'take immediate steps further to restrict alcoholic consumption', and made the following unanimous resolutions:

1. The complete regulation and control of the liquor trade as a nonessential industry
2. The closing of all liquor bars not later than 6 pm on week days and 1 pm on Saturdays
3. The reduction of the alcoholic content of beer by 50 per cent
4. The banning of the sale of bottled beer
5. The prohibition of the use of intoxicating liquor on railways within the Commonwealth.

Inconsistent with the temperance movement, but pre-empting the letter signed by the Port Pirie publicans, the meeting also recommended

6. The destruction of all stocks of alcoholic liquors, in the threatened area, in the event of an invasion (p.5).

What was happening in Port Pirie? The town was the site of an operating smelter that was important for the war effort. Anticipating Japanese air and submarine attacks, the Commonwealth Government called on Australians to implement civil defence measures. Blackout restrictions were introduced and

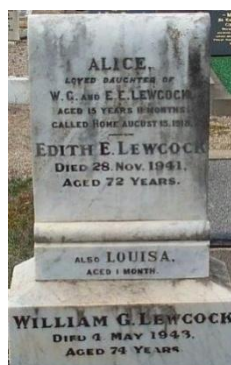
air raid warning instructions issued (<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/history/conflicts/australia-and-second-world-war/resources/all-australian-homefront-1939-1945-1>). In Port Pirie, street lighting was blacked or browned out leaving the town in near darkness (*Recorder* 22 July 1942, p.2; 3 February 1943, p.1). Also, volunteers were watching the skies for hostile planes (*Recorder* 9 October 1942, p. 3).

In this context of the potential for war it appears that hoteliers agreed to destroy their alcohol, but for what purpose? The *Hobart Mercury* (19 March 1942, p.7) sheds some light, reporting that following raids by the Japanese on Sourabaya, Java, the Dutch reportedly destroyed every drop of alcohol to avoid any possibility of Japanese troops 'getting liquor and inflamed and attacking the Dutch'. The report also comments that Australia might well follow in the event of enemy.

Comments welcome.

Illness, Death and Burial in 1918: Alice Lewcock

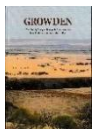
Val Tilbrook



One hundred years ago, the most common cause of death amongst young people was infectious diseases. The following extract from the *Northern Argus*, 23 August 1918 demonstrates how this impacted on the local community of Clare. The article reports on the death, and the determined effort of a family to arrange the return of the body and burial of Alice Lewcock who died of consumption (tuberculosis) at Beltana, aged 15.

Much regret was expressed last week when it was learned that Miss A. Lewcock, only daughter of Mr. W. G. Lewcock jun., had died suddenly at Beltana, where she had been residing for the benefit of her health for some time with her mother. Arrangements were made to bring the body to Clare for burial, and it was not until Tuesday that it arrived by train at Farrell's Flat. Owing to the Hill River being in flood the hearse was unable to cross until the evening, and the funeral cortege did not reach Clare until about 8 p.m., the body being interred shortly after. The Rev. Mr. Crowley conducted the burial service, and Messrs. Harder and McDonald carried out the funeral arrangements.

New Books and Digitised Records



Growden: The Family Story of George & Ann Growden who Emigrated to Australia in 1865, by Marguerite GrowdenRazl

This is a story of the migration of the Growdens from Cornwall to South Australia and is linked to the broader study of migration of Growdens to the United States of America, Canada and South Africa. The author, Marguerite GrowdenRazl recounts that Cornwall was the homeland of the Growdens, and those migrating to South Australia can be traced back to at least 17th Century.

In 1865, George and Ann Growden with their children arrived in South Australia. They moved to the mid north of South Australia within a few years when the family settled on the Blyth plains. With the opening-up of land for selection, the several sons took up land in the Hundreds of Belalie and Booyoolie (Jamestown and Gladstone areas). Meanwhile, another son established a blacksmithing business in partnership in Auburn. By the 1876, sons had selected land at Wooloway and Eurelia, north of Orroroo. While some Growdens subsequently moved to Western Australia, many descendants continued to live in mid north places such as Gladstone, Hawker, Jamestown, and Snowtown. There are Growdens now living throughout South Australia. As the author states and is the case with most genealogical studies, this story follows the men in the Growden family. However, the author also includes an interesting section on the Growden women. The book contains many photographs and maps.

This genealogy study is an impressive publication. It is based on 20 years of research carried out by the mother and sister of the author. This is reflected in the thoroughly researched and well written study, contextualising the Growdens leaving Cornwall and settling in the mid north of South Australia in the social, political and economic conditions that prevailed at the time.



Robins: A little history (2018) by Karyn Hayes

This is a compilation of records for the Robins family, who migrated from Kent, England in 1848, arriving in South Australia in December 1848. The account follows the extended family through marriages, and names include Kauschke, Corder, Smith, Cooper, and Mikael or Michael. The family settled in Tanunda, but over time members of the family lived in the Barossa Valley and the Clare Valley, in particular Clare and surrounds. A highlight of the record is the use of newspaper articles to help portray living conditions prevailing at the time, with examinations of the report of a legal case following the death of a baby, and the report of a domestic conflict. A legacy of the Robins family is a group of houses built in Clare, including those known as Robins Row on the western side of Main North Road as you enter Clare from the south.

New Digitised Records

Cemetery Records

Auburn General
Black Springs
Bungaree
Chickford
Clare General
Emu Vale
Manoora
Mintaro
Rhynie
Riverton
Saddleworth
Spring Farm Methodist
Stockport
Tarlee
Tarnma
Upper Skilly Methodist
Upper Wakefield (Auburn) District
Watervale
White Hut Gaelic
White Hut Methodist
Morn Hill Burials
Ward's Belt Primitive Methodist Burials
Church Records
Barunga Range Uniting Church Parish
Blyth St Margaret Anglican
Broughton Mission
Bungaree St Mark Anglican
Burra Catholic Diocese
Clare St Barnabas Anglican
Penwortham St Mark Anglican
Sevenhill Parish
Snowtown Uniting

Community Group Records

Clare 150 Jubilee Committee
Clare Community Welfare Centre
Clare Rotary Club
Clare Town Hall
Corporation of the Town of Clare newspaper cuttings
Ngadjuri Lodge
Snowtown Methodist Ladies Guild
Council Records
Barunga West
Blyth
Bute
Clare
Gilbert (Riverton)
Hutt and Hill River
Kulpara
Mallala
Ninnes
Port Broughton
Rhynie
Saddleworth
Snowtown
Stockport
Upper Wakefield
Waterloo

Family Records

21st Birthday Key
Diary of Frank Williamson who travelled to Australia in 1879
Solly Family Ledger 1870-1933
Solly Family Ledger 1906-1911
Spackman scrapbook
Tillbrook, Joshua – Day book 1914-1918

Hospital Records

Blyth District Hospital

School Records

Armagh Primary
Blyth Primary
Clare Primary
Farrell Flat
Gum Creek
Hanson
Harmerville
Hill River Primary
Mintaro
Sevenhill Primary
St Josephs
Stanley Flat
Waterloo Primary

BOOKS & CDs FOR SALE

NEW

Wilson, John (2018) **The Riesling Railway**, self-published, printed by Openbook Howden, St Marys SA 5042, photographs, illustrations, maps, drawings **\$110**

Ashby, Marj (1989) **CARINYA 1956 - 1989 A Peaceful and happy home**, South Australian Country Women's Association, Clare Branch, Clare, S. Aust. **\$5**

Bond, David (2014) **CLARE SHOW "A fine all round display" for 150 years**. Written to celebrate 150 years of shows in Clare. **\$33**

Brinkworth Centenary Book Committee (1992), **MAGPIE CREEK JUNCTION a history of Brinkworth and district 1892 – 1992**, Brinkworth, S. Aust Recently reprinted. **\$50**

Dickeson, Helen (1993), **CLARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - a history 1856-1988** 120pp. Includes baptisms, marriages, burials, and extensive index. **\$14**

Bellman, Elinor A. (1995), **SADDLEWORTH - Hub of the Wheel**, Saddleworth, S. Aust **\$35**

Cross, Jack (2016), **Two Crosses: Ephraim and Jack - a proletarian history**: including life in the unusual village of Armagh 1840 to 1910; as well as on Bungaree Station after 1860, Printak Pty Ltd, Adelaide, SA. 145 pages, illustrations, maps, portraits, facsimiles **\$30**

Ellis, Julie-Ann (1995), **HARD-YACKA - The story of a Mid-North town in South Australia**, Yacka Historical Group **\$40**

Hawker, Frankie and Rob Linn (1992), **BUNGAREE – Land, Stock & People**: History of Hawker family and Bungaree Station, Turnbull Fox Phillips, Adelaide 230pp **\$45**

Haynes J. & E.J. Schmaal (1980), **CLARE – A BACKWARD GLANCE** **\$8**

HEAD OF THE RIVERS – Black Springs, Manoora, Waterloo (1992) **\$25**

Johnson, Win N.

- (1988), **COTTAGES AND CAMEOS OF CLARE** by 100pp, illus. **\$25**

- (1986), **CLARE CAMEOS** Includes oral histories of our older Clare residents as interviewed by Win in the State's Sesquicentennial year. 2nd ed. **\$15**

- (1991), **BLYTH - a silo of stories 1860 - 1990** A comprehensive history of the town and district of Blyth, including family stories, farming, community and sporting activities. Excellent photographs, many in colour. **\$45**

- (1994), **THE METHODISTS OF CLARE 1851 - 1977** 124pp. Indexed. **\$12**

- (2010), **FROM WHERE I SIT**, A Collection of articles on chosen themes written over past times **\$16**

- (2011), **A History of Ngadjuri Lodge Trust** **\$10**

- (2001), **JUST AS IT WAS** Tells the story of Win's life with humour and affection. 96pp including photos. **\$20**

Jones, Coralie (2014), **CLARE VALLEY, SA** A pictorial souvenir. **\$20**

Lally, Gerald A.

- (2004), **HILL RIVER A Valley of History** **\$30**

- (2006), **A LANDMARK OF FAITH Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mintaro and its parishioners 1856–2006** **\$35**

- (2012) **TIMES PAST – a pictorial history of Farrell Flat** 194pp. **\$30**

Lally, Gerald, et al (2010), **SOUTH CLARE SPORTS CLUB – Celebrating 50 years of success 1960 – 2010** **\$20**

Linn, Rob (2011), **The story of Bungaree Station** (Illus) **\$17**

MARRABEL & DISTRICT REVISITED – additional material of the 'early days' at Marrabel **\$25**

Neill (nee Mickel), Laurel (2012), **"A WALK WITH LAUREL" a walking tour of the buildings and families of Farrell Flat from the memories of the period 1929 – 1939** **\$5**

Noye R. (Bob) J.

- (1998), **CLARE - A DISTRICT HISTORY** - a definitive history of the town and district, including photographs, sketches & maps. Essential starting point in Clare research. 231pp. 4th edition, with new index. **\$20 (\$15 for members)**

- (2003), **TALKING HISTORY – Tales of Clare S.A.** 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus* **\$15**

Pattullo, William

- (1991), **THE LAND HISTORY OF POLISH HILL RIVER 1842**

- (1990) Details the ownership history of 120 sections of land in Polish Hill River, to the edge of Mintaro township. **\$25**

- (1986), **THE OWNERS OF STANLEY FLAT 1836 – 1986** reprinted 2015 **\$30**

Schmaal, Jean

- (c. 1986), **THE INCHQUIN STORY**, Clare & District Branch, National Trust, [1986?] Clare S.Aus **\$5**

- (1987), **A QUAIN COURTHOUSE** Clare & District Branch, National Trust, Clare S.Aus **\$5**

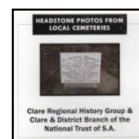
Simons, J.J. 'Boss' (1944), **THE CLARE I REMEMBER** 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons' boyhood in the 1880's and 1890's. Fully indexed. **\$15**

Tilbrook, EHH 'Clarion' and M Tilbrook (1939), **THE PATHS OF GLORY LEAD BUT TO THE GRAVE a history of Clare Cemeteries** (originally published in *The Northern Argus* in 1939) Re-released with updated index **\$20**

Warrior, Fred et al (2005), **Ngadjuri – Aboriginal people of the Mid North region of South Australia**, Meadows SA, SASOSE Council Inc **\$40**

CD-ROMS

HEADSTONE PHOTOS FROM LOCAL CEMETERIES (CD Rom) (2005) **\$10**



THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ROTARY CLUB OF CLARE 1964 – 2011 (DVD) **\$20** Limited release

FEDERATION CD ROM - history of the Clare & Gilbert Valley District for all computer buffs and their friends - a great gift idea! (2002) **\$10**



UPCOMING EVENTS

CRHG Exhibitions in the Pop Up Gallery Clare Town Hall

Dr John Bain, 1838-1903

Dr Bain settled in Clare in 1865, and was a generous philanthropist. He donated to the construction of the Clare Town Hall, to the provision of recreational facilities, including a roller skating rink, indoor baths for swimming, and to the construction of a butter factory to encourage industry

National Trust of Clare

Open during July 2018

Clare Historic Walk: updated brochure

The Clare Regional History Group has updated the Clare Historic Walk brochure (formerly prepared by the Lions Club). Copies are available at the CRHG at the Clare Town Hall during opening hours and the Clare Valley Wine, Food and Tourism Centre.

CRHG Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16 August 2018

Dinner and AGM

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

Bentleys Hotel, front room (order from menu)

Guest speaker: Wayne Barrie, 'SA involvement in the Boer War'

All members welcome

Advance Notice

Clare Town Hall Committee
Afternoon Soiree

Sunday 11 November 2018 2.00 pm

SA Police Dixie Band

Luscious afternoon tea and drinks

\$25 p.p. bookings open September

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

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OPENING HOURS Thu & Fri 1 – 4pm

(If travelling some distance it is wise to ring and check.)

Out of Hours Opening Fee - \$20.00

CRHG COMMITTEE

Chairman: Gerald Lally

Secretary: Val Tilbrook

Curator & Treasurer: Helen Perry

Committee members: David Bond, Sue Wurst, Alison Butler, David Spackman, Lyn Woods.

Newsletter Editor: Dr Margaret Cameron

The committee meets bi-monthly, and the AGM is held in August.

Volunteers Welcome

The CRHG welcomes volunteers who have an interest in the past. Let us know if you are interested and, in particular, if you have any of the following skills:

research capacity and enjoyment of working with the public

good writing skills and/or competent computer skills

brochure and exhibition design abilities

website management

administrative skills.

We will help you learn about what the CRHG offers, and you are welcome to engage on a regular or project basis. All ages welcome. Contact us via email: clarehistory@internode.on.net