

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2012



JOIN OUR FUNERAL PROCESSION

On **December 8-9, 1862**, a solemn cavalcade of camels, horses and their riders passed through what is now the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council area, on its way to Melbourne via Adelaide. The camels carried the bleached bones of doomed explorers Burke and Wills that had been retrieved from Coopers Creek, following their deaths the previous year. Thousands of people lined the route of this sombre group. The sorrowful end of Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills, two ambitious explorers who put their lives on the line to discover a south-north link across the vast unknown heart of Australia, had captured the hearts and emotions of everyone in the young country of Australia.

A small committee, comprising members of the Clare Regional History Group, Mount Horrocks Historical Society and the Rhynie Improvement Committee is planning a re-enactment of 'The Burke and Wills remains retrieval cavalcade' to mark the 150th anniversary of this significant event in history. In spite of what we now know of the deficiencies in the Burke and Wills expedition, their deaths were the cause of great sorrow and mourning. As the cavalcade of horses and camels passed from town to town, flags flew at half mast, shops closed their doors and many people wore black and bowed their heads in respect.

As with the original, the re-enactment cavalcade, consisting of two camels carrying representations of the bodies of Burke and Wills and a number of horses and riders, will leave Bungaree Station after breakfast on Sat 8th December 2012 and travel into Clare where it will be greeted at the town hall by the Mayor at midday. It will proceed to the Clare Showgrounds for lunch then on to Horrocks Cottage. On Sunday, 9th December the group will leave mid-morning from Horrocks Cottage, Penwortham and travel to the Rhynie Hotel for lunch.

At each of the three stops- Clare, Penwortham and Rhynie, there will be entertainment including music, poetry readings, a brief description of the history of the event and other speeches. The public is urged to attend and to be part of this historic re-enactment.

The Mid North's link with early explorers does not end with the Burke and Wills epic. Rival explorer John McDouall Stuart stayed at the Taminga Hotel in Clare in 1859 at the start of his successful expedition to cross the continent. Seven days after the State funeral for Burke and Wills, a messenger arrived in Clare, having galloped from Mount Remarkable, to send the dramatic telegraph announcing that Stuart was making a triumphant return. Stuart sent his own official message from Burra where he arrived by coach a day later. His route paved the way for the Overland Telegraph Line.

BURKE & WILLS REMEMBERED

THE MID NORTH CONNECTION!

Featuring a unique re-enactment of the retrieval of the remains of these famous Australian explorers
including a cavalcade of mounted riders, horses and camels.

8 – 9 Dec 2012

Bungaree, Clare, Penwortham, Rhynie

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Subs are now due

The Annual General meeting was held last week (refer Gerald's Chairman's Report on page 6) and member subscriptions for 2012/13 have been set at the same rate as last year. Please renew soon or, if you are not a member, consider joining our Group – your sub will help to support the preservation and display of our region's history.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Individual	\$20
Family	\$25
Corporate	\$100
Life (Cat B)	\$200

Payments can be made direct to
Clare Regional History Group
BSB 105-030
Account No. 037 104 140

Following on from a very successful membership drive last year, over the next months we will contact local businesses to expand our corporate membership base.

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email?
Please email us at clarehistory@internode.on.net and we will arrange for this to occur.



The new compactus, installed in July courtesy of Group funds and a Council asset grant. Thank you Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council!

The Copy Camera Project

Thousands of images of documents and volumes have been taken and stored on our network over the past year. Examples include church records from St Mark's Bungaree and St Barnabas Anglican churches, Snowtown council assessments, council records for the former District Council of Dalkey, and cemetery maps and burial registers held at Clare council office.

If you have records that you would like to have digitized, especially public records, please contact Helen on 0417 714 151 or hrperry@bigpond.net.au. We are keen to photograph any records of interest to users of our collection and we will give you a CD ROM for your own record. A donation to recognize the amount of time involved is welcomed.

Wedding photos

We would like to expand our collection of local wedding photos. Please bring in your treasured photo of your special day, especially the whole bridal group, or email them direct. The History Group committee members have been asked to bring theirs in and here is the first one!

Taken in the backyard of 17 Essington Ave, Clare on 18th April 1981. Can you pick the bride & groom?

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Meetings and Events

Thurs 30 Aug @ 4pm Committee meeting
Thurs 18 Oct @ 4pm Committee meeting
Sat 8th – Sun 9th Dec – Burke & Wills re-enactment from Bungaree to Rhynie. BYO horse / camel, or just come along.
Thurs 13 Dec @ 4pm Committee meeting
 5.30pm Xmas drinks

On Friday 25th May the History Group and supporters jointly unveiled eleven historic markers in Clare. Our last newsletter contained historic background about seven of these buildings – hotels, former hotels and a billiard saloon. Here follows details about the subjects of the other four plaques.

ENTERPRISE BREWERY, Pioneer Avenue, Clare

“A golden opportunity for brewers, merchants, capitalists and others”

Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages have been produced continuously on this site since 1880. Originally part of Inchiquin, the double story brewery property was constructed by Mrs Fanny Filgate, daughter of the founder of Clare and owner of Inchiquin, Edward Burton Gleeson. Her husband Jonathon had previously operated breweries on other sites in Clare until his death in 1866 and Fanny continued the business.

Enterprise Brewery adopted the motif of a racehorse and jockey and this took pride of place on top of the building in place of a regular weather vane. (The present weather vane is a replacement of the original.) With the opening of new agricultural areas to the north and growth in the population of Clare, there were plenty of customers for the Racehorse beer, lemonade and soda water produced on site.

John Christison became a partner and later sole proprietor in 1905, changing the name from Enterprise to Clare Brewery. The business continued to expand and at various times owned at least 13 hotels throughout the Mid North.

Although the brewery was fitted out with new equipment in 1913, legislative changes to restrict trading hours greatly affected profits, particularly in draught beer sales and the brewery was forced to close in 1917.

However, the aerated water and cordial side of the business continued to operate as Clare Mineral Waters. It was led by Frank Bulfield who had visited Clare in 1910 on a sporting trip and liked it so much he returned to take up the role as brewery secretary in 1912. By 1960, Clare Mineral Waters had nine staff and an annual wages bill of £6000.

Local winemaker Tim Knappstein purchased the building in 1976 and established a new winery in the premises, known as Clare Enterprise Winery. Following a merger with Wolf Blass to expand the winery into the export market, the business and building were purchased by Lion Nathan and both premium wines and boutique beer are now produced on the premises of Knappstein Enterprise Winery and Brewery, thus completing the circle.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR BREWERS, MERCHANTS, CAPITALISTS, AND OTHERS TO SECURE A SOUND AND PROFITABLE BREWERY, WITH WELL-ESTABLISHED BUSINESS.

SALE OF THE
CLARE BREWERY,
WITH ALL THE
FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD HOTELS,
BREWING STOCK-IN-TRADE,
PLANT, AND GOODWILL,
AS A GOING CONCERN.

THE EXECUTOR TRUSTEE AND AGENCY COMPANY OF S.A., LIMITED (the Trustees in the Estate of JOHN CHRISTISON, deceased), have instructed

Moody, Winnall, & Stace

to offer the above for sale by auction, at the TOWN HALL, ADELAIDE.

On a date to be named in MAY, 1912.

The Freehold Properties are:—

CLARE BREWERY.—Situated at the northern end of the town on a large block of land, containing 9 acres 1 rood and 20 perches or thereabouts. The buildings and all improvements are most substantial and in perfect order. The well on the property is inexhaustible, and the water is beautiful, being used for brewing, and the aerated waters, and cordials. Included in the Sale will be plant and equipment, an inventory of which will be available for inspection at the Offices of the Auctioneers, and at the Brewery.

BARRIER HOTEL, Port Pirie, together with all the Offices and Sample Rooms. This is a very fine block of buildings, situated at the corner of Ellen and Alexander streets.

JUNCTION HOTEL, Brinkworth.—Substantially built, Single-storey Hotel, in a very prosperous town, situated in one of the picked farming districts of the State, and only hotel in the town.

EUREKA HOTEL, Redhill.—This hotel is two-storey, in good repair, and is also situated in a splendid district. Only hotel in the town.

GULNARE HOTEL, Gulnare.—Single storey, nearly new house, situated on the railway line, in perfect order, commanding a good business. Only hotel in the town.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Clare.—Single storey, situated in the main street, at the northern end. It is the best-constructed hotel in the town.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, Watervale.—Single storey House, situated in the centre of the town.

The Leaseholds comprise:—

Globe Hotel, Clare.

Mundoora Hotel, Mundoora.

Ford's Hotel, Clare.

Port Broughton Hotel, Port Broughton.

And the trade of the following Hotels is secured to the Clare Brewery:—

District Hotel, Auburn.

Blyth Hotel, Blyth.

Stanley Hotel, Clare.

Arthurlton Hotel, Arthurlton.

Beetaloo Hotel, Laura.

Full particulars of the terms of the leases of both Freeholds and Leaseholds will be supplied on application, as also will be the particulars of rent and trading conditions.

The situation of the Brewery has many advantages, amongst others, being between the North and the North-Western lines: it is in a position to deliver beer at Farrell's Flat (which is only 12 miles distant), for all towns on the main line, and being only eight miles from Blyth can deliver beer there for all towns on the North-Western and Yorke Peninsula lines.

The Purchaser will be required to take the Raw and Manufactured Stocks, and all Horse Stock, Vehicles, &c., at a valuation, and to take over all trade advances at the face values. Particulars of these will and all information may be obtained from the Auctioneers.

Bona Fide Buyers will be supplied with accurate and reliable figures, showing the turnover of the Brewery during the past three years.

THE CLARE BREWERY and its products are so very popular throughout the northern area of South Australia that comment is unnecessary.

All information as to trade from the Auctioneers, 8, Waymouth-street, Adelaide. Particulars relative to leases and tenancies from Magnus Badger, Esq., Solicitor, Clare.

The auction notice to the right is from The Northern Argus, 20 Apr 1912 and advertises the estate assets of John Christison (1849 – 1911).

FORMER NORTHERN ARGUS BUILDING (1871 – 2005)

– now Langdon's Shoes & Northern Music

We come forward with no flourish of trumpets. We put forth no high-sounding policy; our aim will be to be just and fear not and our convictions we shall maintain with independence of spirit and outspoken candour. – *Northern Argus*, first editorial February 1869

The Northern Argus was founded by brothers-in-law Henry Tilbrook and Alfred Clode and was first printed in 1869 in a small building on the northern side of Lennon Street (now Victoria Road). The valuable printing machinery which arrived from London in 1867, had to be stored on a family-owned farm until the Lennon Street building became available.

In 1870, a third partner, Henry's brother Alfred Tilbrook joined the firm. Alfred Clode retired a month later, leaving Henry Tilbrook, who was the first editor of this newspaper - 1869-1889 - in partnership with his brother.

Early in its history the four-page-tabloid newspaper was published each Friday, but in 1871 it became a weekly, broadsheet publication. On October 6th the newspaper moved into new premises on this site.

Later editors of the paper include: Robert, then William Kelly, followed again by the Tilbrook men – Alfred, Reginald, Eric H., Godfrey, Denis and Tudor.

In 1996 the *Northern Argus* was purchased by Rural Press and moved from this location to purpose-built premises at 181 Main North Road in 2005.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This site, at 190 Main North Road, was owned by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Loyal Clare Lodge from 1888 – 1926. In 1930 these premises were built as a ground-floor banking chamber for the Savings Bank of South Australia and to house, on the top floor, residential facilities for the manager, Mr JF McGrath, and his family.

Designed by Mr WH Harral of Adelaide, it was built by Clare builder Mr AJ Bowley, also the mayor of Clare at that time. The banking-chamber counter and fittings were the work of Mr W Durward. At the invitation of the Chairman of the Savings Bank, Sir Herbert Phillips, Mr Bowley opened the bank on 26th September 1930.

The Savings Bank was known as 'The People's Bank'. It also offered an extensive school banking service - the "Penny Bank department". Bank officers, with the help of teachers, conducted a weekly collection of bank money from students at schools in South Australia, including 12 local schools in 1930.

At least 60 local trades and 50 business organizations were associated with the erection of the building in 1930.

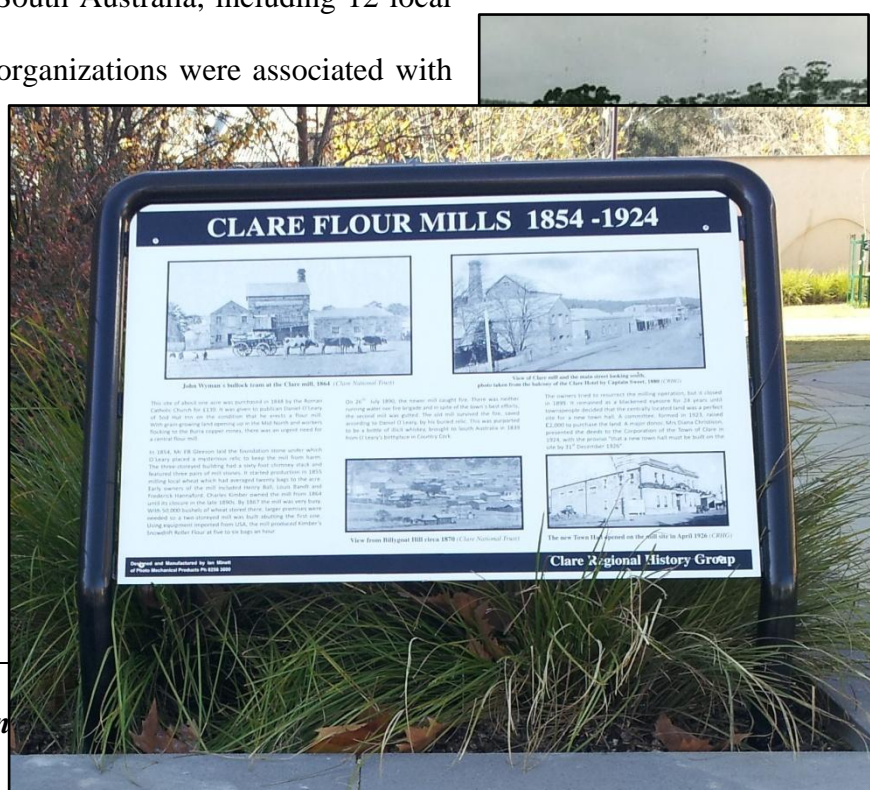
In 1930 the Savings Bank of SA (throughout the state) held £21.7M in accounts, representing 61% of the state's population.

At the opening, the mayor commented on the faith the Savings Bank Trustees had demonstrated in the future of Clare, by erecting this building as the country was passing through a time of depression.

Aerial photo showing the Savings Bank of SA circa 1950s, courtesy of Clare National Trust (on right).

THE CLARE FLOUR MILLS

We are building a Collection of written



(now the site of Ennis Park and Clare Town Hall)

This site has been marked by the first of our larger, free-standing signs (pictured).

The History Group committee plans in the future to use signs of this design to mark larger buildings and sites such as churches and cemeteries.

The sign gives the story of the Clare mills and includes several photos including the one below of the mill in 1864 (photo courtesy Clare National Trust).

THE FUTURE – HISTORIC



MARKERS STAGE 3

Current planning is aimed at erecting six larger signs to record the history of Clare churches and / or cemeteries. A grant application has been submitted to assist with the cost. The proposed churches include Clare Uniting Church, St Barnabas Anglican Church, Clare Lutheran Church, Clare Baptist Church, St Michael's Catholic Church and the site of Clare Presbyterian Church. Actual sites will be reliant on the consent of landowners and availability of funding. Watch this space for future updates on this project.



The past 12 months has been an extremely busy year for the Group, the highlight being the History Highways photographic project which was officially launched at the Clare Town Hall on 24th November, 2011. We were successful in obtaining part funding from History SA, a grant of \$3000, as part of the celebrations of 175 years of the founding of our State. Through sponsorship and great support from several local businesses we were able to make up the remainder of the funds. After many long hours of research, gathering and sorting of suitable photographs by members it all came together and proved to be a huge success. In my opinion, what made it an extra special occasion was the enthusiastic number of primary school students who visited the photographic and static display throughout the day. Hopefully a seed has been planted in some of the children's minds with regards to the importance of local history in their environment. At this point I wish to sincerely thank both Helen and Sue who proposed this project and worked tirelessly through to its completion. To everyone else on the committee you all contributed your skills in various ways and for these thanks must go to you all.

Last year our resources came to the fore when our Curator, Helen, was 'in the limelight' when filmed by an SBS television crew in relation to their programme, 'Who do you think you are'. Helen undertook extensive research for former AFL footballer, Michael O'Loughlin whose ancestors once owned and lived on land in

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the Skilly Hills near Auburn. This programme was aired earlier this year and it was great to see one of our enthusiastic members on national television.

Since our first unveiling of historic makers in Clare's Main Street in May last year members have been undertaking research on several other historic sites within Clare. On 25th May, as part of History Month, the Group chose 11 sites, where plaques were unveiled before a small and brave crowd, due to the cold and windy conditions. This project once again brought attention to the general public of the need to classify these historic sites within Clare.

Also as part of History Month, on the evening of the 25th May, our Group played host to author, Peter Moore, an author, archivist and former lawyer. He gave a very interesting lecture to a small group of people on the former Lawyers of Clare, 1851 - 1945. Judging from the number of questions after the lecture he was well received.

In July we purchased our long awaited compactus after receiving a Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Community Grant of \$2,000. Our Group made up the remainder \$3,000. This has freed up much space and the local Birth, Marriage and Death Registers and Indexes are now in a more secure area. We have recently applied for three other small Grants and if successful, will allow us to purchase a laptop computer and furnishings for our ongoing photographing project.

In December this year will be the re-enactment of the Burke and Wills Recovery Expedition. A small group has been regularly meeting to coordinate this event which is supported by the Clare Regional History Group and others.

It has been difficult for some of our members this year to attend the Collection, due to its location up stairs; we do appreciate your input into whatever task you are able to do for us at home. Perhaps in the future we will one day be located at ground level within the town library.

For your interest the total number of volunteer hours given by our members for the year is 1831 and the number of visitors to the Collection was 230.

This year I won't single you all out individually, but wish to say as volunteers your contribution to the Clare Regional History Group does not go unnoticed. You give of your time and energy freely and work in your assigned positions and projects with dedication. As Chairman, I appreciate your efforts as we strive to continue to provide a fantastic resource for visitors to the Collection from near and from far. This is a Collection you should all be justly proud of as you have all contributed in some way to its success. Thank you.

Gerald Lally
Chairman

Books For Sale

A History of Ngadjuri Lodge Trust by Win Johnson (2011) **\$10**

The story of Bungaree Station by Rob Linn (2011) Illus. **\$10**

The annual reports of Rotary Club of Clare 1964 – 2011 (DVD) **\$20** Limited release

TIMES PAST – a pictorial history of Farrell Flat by Gerald A. Lally (2012) **\$30 194pp.**

"A walk with Laurel" a walking tour of the buildings and families of Farrell flat from the memories of the period 1929 – 1939 by Laurel Mickel (nee Mickel) (2012) **\$5.**

THE PATHS OF GLORY LEAD BUT TO THE GRAVE a history of Clare Cemeteries by EHH 'Clarion' Tilbrook and Miss M Tilbrook (originally published in *The Northern Argus* in 1939) **Re-released with updated index \$20.00**

CLARE CAMEOS by Win Johnson (1986). 2nd ed. Includes oral histories of our older Clare residents as interviewed by Win in the State's Sesquicentennial year. **\$15.00**

TALKING HISTORY – Tales of Clare S.A. by R.J. (Bob) Noye (2003). 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus*. **\$15.00 (\$12.00 members)**

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THE CLARE I REMEMBER by J.J. 'Boss' Simons. 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons' boyhood in the 1880's and 1890's. Fully indexed. **\$15.00**

THE LAND HISTORY OF POLISH HILL RIVER 1842 - 1990 by William Pattullo (1991). Details the ownership history of 120 sections of land in Polish Hill River, to the edge of Mintaro township. **\$25.00**

CARINYA 1956 - 1989 A Peaceful and happy home Compiled by Marj. Ashby. **\$5.00**

THE METHODISTS OF CLARE 1851 - 1977 by Win Johnson (1994). 124pp. Indexed. **\$12.00**

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

HARD-YACKA - The story of a Mid-North town in South Australia by Julie-Ann Ellis (1995). **\$40.00**

MAGPIE CREEK JUNCTION a history of Brinkworth and district 1892 - 1992 (1992). Compiled by Brinkworth Centenary Book Committee. 233pp. **\$40.00**

JUST AS IT WAS by Winifred Johnson (2001) Tells the story of Win's life with humour & affection. 96pp including photos **\$18.00**

BLYTH - a silo of stories 1860 - 1990 by Win Johnson and district of Blyth, including family stories, farming, photographs, many in colour. **\$45.00**



CLARE - A DISTRICT HISTORY by R. J. Noye (1998). Includes photographs, sketches & maps. Essential starting new index.

\$20.00 (\$15 - members)

(1991). A comprehensive history of the town community and sporting activities. Excellent

Definitive history of the town and district. point in Clare research. 231pp. 4th edition, with

BUNGAREE – Land, Stock & People: History of Hawker family and Bungaree Station (1992). 230pp **\$45.00**

CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL 1879–2004 by Ro Wood & 125TH Committee (2004) **\$10.00**

SADDLEWORTH - Hub of the Wheel by Elinor A. Bellman (1995) **\$35.00**

CLARE – A BACKWARD GLANCE – by J. Haynes & E.J. Schmaal (1980) **\$8.00 (Recently reprinted)**

HEAD OF THE RIVERS – Black Springs, Manoora, Waterloo (1992) **\$25.00**

FROM WHERE THE BROUGHTON FLOWS by Maurice B. Keain (1976) A history of the Spalding district **\$15.00** (out of stock)

MARRABEL AND DISTRICT – The Legend of Curio – a history of Marrabel & district **\$25.00**

MARRABEL & DISTRICT REVISITED – additional material of the 'early days' at Marrabel **\$25.00**

HILL RIVER A Valley of History by Gerald Lally (2004) **\$30**

A LANDMARK OF FAITH Church of the Immaculate Conception Mintaro and its parishioners 1856–2006 by Gerald Lally (2006) **\$30.00**

FROM WHERE I SIT A Collection of articles on chosen themes written over past times by Win Johnson **\$16.00**

South Clare Sports Club – Celebrating 50 years of success 1960 – 2010 by Gerald Lally et. Al. (2010) **\$20**

THE INCHIQUIN STORY by E. Jean Schmaal. **\$4**

A QUIANT COURTHOUSE by E. Jean Schmaal, **\$4.**

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CD-ROMS

HEADSTONE PHOTOS FROM



LOCAL CEMETERIES (CD Rom) (2005) \$10.00

FEDERATION CD ROM - history

of the Clare & Gilbert Valley District for all computer buffs and their friends - a great gift idea! (2002) **Special price \$10.00 (\$15 for 2)**

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

BOOKS

Mitchell, Elyne *Light Horse: The story of Australia's mounted troops*, 1978

PAPERS & Other

Val Morgan Theatre Commercials: Clare Delta Theatre 1961-2 (33rpm records of commercial soundtrack to accompany advertising slides plus CD of same): Donated by David Lloyd

The District Council of Angaston 1853-1993: 140 years of local government, 1993

District Council of Snowtown: Voters roll 1972

District Council of Blyth Assessment listing 1981/82 – 1987/88 Relate to assessment cards held by State Records

District Council of Snowtown Valuation lists (Originals c.01/07/1974-30/06/1980)

Smart, Liz *Narridy Cemetery History* Notes and a short history of people buried at our cemetery, 2007

Sumner, Tony et al *They Rode Into History: The story of the 1839 Mt Bryan expedition*, 2010 (DVD)

The Civic Record of South Australia 1921-1923, 1924 (Photocopy of pp.363-9 relating to Clare) Donated by Liz Smart.

Come Visit Koolunga – Home of the 'Original Bunyip'

Ngadjuri Lodge Official Opening (Speeches) 1976, 2012

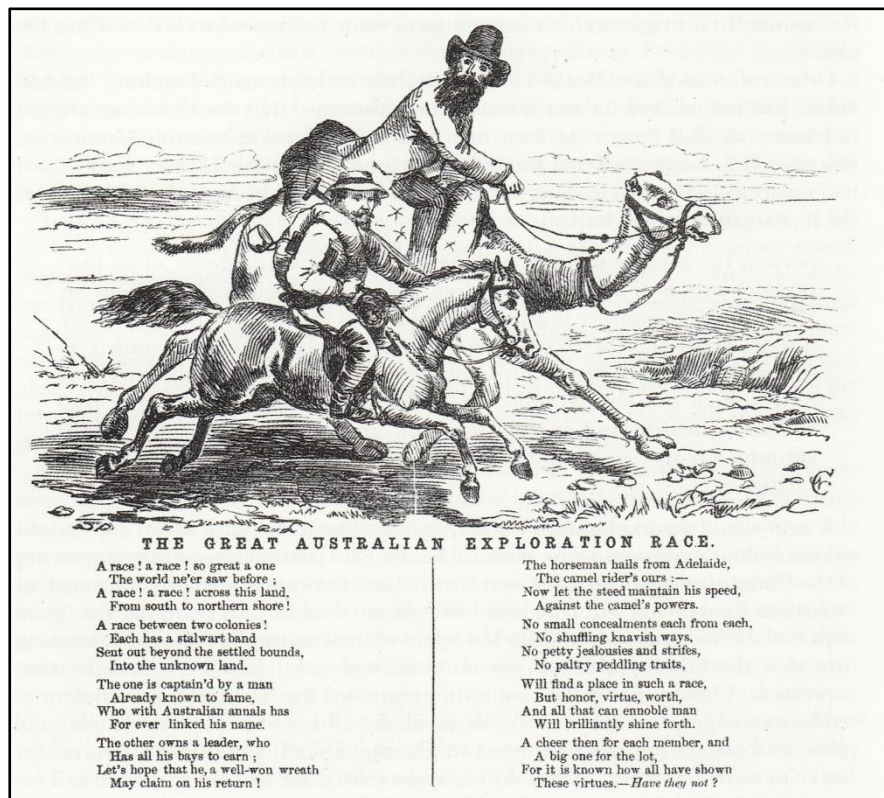
The District Council of Crystal Brook: Councillors 1882-1988 (Card)

District Councils of Broughton & Redhill: Councillors 1888-1988 (Card)

Parker, Washington *Skillogalee Chapels Research*, 1983 (Copy from MHHS)

Bully Hayes, The Pirate of the Pacific Ocean (Photocopy from MHHS)

CRHG, *Clare Cemeteries: Headstone photos and cemetery index*, 2012 (CD-Rom)



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Opening hours

Thursdays 10-30 – 4.00pm

(if you are travelling some distance, it is wise to ring and check)

Out of Hours Opening Fee \$20

**Please note that the Collection is closed
from mid December to late January.**

CONTRIBUTIONS (however small) are welcomed for our Spring newsletter.

**Please email them to hrperry@bigpond.net.au
by early Oct 2012. Thank you!**