

GUSTAV'S NEWSLETTER



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HELLO AND APOLOGIES for the lack of news in June. We've had a bit of a shake up with our previous editor packing up for a trip around Australia, or where the pleasure takes them, and we wish Margaret & Roger a happy and safe journey.

We have been very busy with getting repairs done to the Observer Office next door, as a car smashed into the front section early hours of the 16th April 2003, luckily no one was hurt and not much damage done.

6th AGM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to the 6th AGM of the Eudunda Heritage Committee.

We have had another successful year.

The highlight being, the opening of the Gosling Cottage, which was a huge success, with 100 people present on the day. It was featured in the Visitors Monthly magazine.

We also finalised the Colin Thiele Drive, and have had maps printed with details and storylines for each point of interest. Also the new "Visit Eudunda Pamphlet" was released showing maps of Top End and Bottom End Maps and places of interest, of the town.

Tourist Buses are still quite steady, with at least one or two per month, from all over the State and various organisations.

Next year our loan for the first 5 years finishes and we are re-negotiating with ECBAT and council.

We are having some upgrading done on the inside and outside of the Gallery, now that the Observer's Office has been repaired.

We retained our 130 Friends of the Gallery this year, so we still have community and other people from outside the areas full

support. The Committee thanks these loyal supporters.

I'd like to thank all our volunteers without them we wouldn't be able to do some of the work that needs to be done, E.g. Gallery Duties, Maintenance, Catering, Computer work to name just a few. Last, but most important Thank You to a great Committee of very willing people who give 100% without them the Eudunda Heritage Gallery wouldn't be as successful as it is.

Dot Bonner, President.

Got an afternoon to spare? Why not rediscover the Eudunda Area. Get a map from the Heritage Gallery and take "The Colin Thiele Drive." Or alternatively organise a guided bus tour for a group of family members and/or friends

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Approximately 800 people attended the Christmas Carol Evening in the main street. The evening was under the auspices of the Eudunda Band, and proceeds were to aid the Eudunda & District Ambulance. During the evening mention was made to six members of the Band who each had over 25 yrs of service. Those being C Haseloff, HE Jenke, H Loechel, Harold, Paul & Rudy Jenke.

BURGLARY IN THE COUNTRY

Eudunda March 11. This morning when Mr. PA Gosling, general storekeeper, of this town, went to open his premises he found that they had been broken into during the night. The

police were informed and Mounted Constables McArthur, Miller and Wegner are making enquiries. The burglar first smashed a window but it is apparent, he did not enter by that means. A heavy iron crowbar, belonging to Messrs Edwin Davey & Sons, millers, was found in the next yard, and the marks on the two back doors showed that they were "jimmied" open with it.

The till from the grocery side was discovered near the back door, and the contents, about 10/6 pence in small change had gone. The drapery till & the iron safe containing a large amount of money, were not interfered with. Mounted Constable McArthur & Miller tracked a man's footprints from the mill along the railway line at the back of the town until a blind lane was reached, passing Messrs AC Wiesner & R Fritsch's house. The latter gentleman heard his dog bark furiously at 2am. The tracks then led to the back of Mr. Goslings shop. The police say that the work appears to be that of an amateur, and an early arrest is expected.

*Cheer up children! You 'll soon be alright
your colds won 'l keep you awake tonight, the
bottle dad brought holds something sure
Wonderful Wood's Great Peppermint Cure,
Take it for coughs, and take it for colds, and
take it at once when croup unfolds, never a
cough or a cold endure - ask for **Wood's Great
Peppermint Cure.***

NEALES FLAT CFS

A group of 26 interested landholders met in the Neales Flat church Hall on the 15th August 1975 to express their concern at the lack of fire fighting facilities within their area. This meeting was presided over by Mr. A.S.K. Holding who at the time was the Fire Supervisor for the District Council of Eudunda. Mr. Holding explained to those present that Eudunda was shortly to receive a new unit. When this occurred it was then likely that the Council would allow the surplus 1943 Austin unit to come to Neales Flat provided it could be housed and maintained properly. A motion was passed to ask the Council to allow the unit to come to Neales Flat. A committee was formed - Wally Hage (President), Allen Kleinig

(Secretary), with further members Vin Diener, Paul Schiller and Paul Heidrich. This was the beginning of the Neales Flat Country Fire Service.

(An extract of the Neales Flat CFS History.)

NEALES FLAT CFS Dec 20 1978

Several years ago the former Eudunda CFS unit was placed at Neales Flat and since then has been maintained by the people of that district.

However last month it was discovered that the old pump had a broken shaft and it was decided that a new pump be purchased immediately and fitted.

The cost of pump and fittings, after Government subsidy, amounts to \$1000. The Eudunda Council will stand some of this cost, however the committee has decided to raise \$500.00, and is appealing to landowners to make donations. Donations may be sent to Neales Flat CFS c/o AK Kleinig, Eudunda.

DISTRICT COUNCIL CENTENARY FEATURE

IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS WATER..... by Jim Reese

Eudunda-Cowi - "water from the ground," the spring that gave the town its name. Where once those quiet natives rested, where over 100 years ago those drovers watered their herds enroute to the markets of Adelaide and Kapunda, the springs that for nearly 50 years were the life giving fluid of the town, are now broken and empty save for a tiny trickle. Sheep graze on its edges and all is once more peaceful. But within vision of them life does continue, Eudunda thrives - no longer dependent on its springs - the spring that gave its name to our town. What other names have been left with us to remember or simply to forget? Who were those people whose names are perpetuated in the streets of Eudunda? John Hannan, the founder and by repute the namer of the town leaves his name for posterity. Ward, aptly named for a street in which a hospital is situated: but who was Ward? Ebenezer Ward was a politician and a close friend of William Oldham, the surveyor of Eudunda. It was Ward who in 1872 published the first newspaper in Kapunda, the Kapunda Evening News.

Lloyd. Allan and Laurence were all members of the Wiesner family, the family responsible for the subdivision of Maryville in Eudunda west. Michael St and Hambour Ave are like Hannan, the only streets which are named after true citizens and benefactors of the town. Michael being named in memory of Don Michael, a past chairman and member of parliament for the district, and Hambour Ave in appreciation of the huge part, the late George Hambour, like Mr. Michael a past chairman of council and MP, played in the progress and future planning of Eudunda.

As for Bruce, Gunn, Wiegall and Barwell Sts here is a situation that hopefully would never happen in this day and age.

Stanley Melbourne Bruce was Prime Minister of Australia when the street was renamed from Repass Rd: King William St became Gunn St, after the then leader of the opposition in the SA parliament, North West Bend Rd. became Wiegall St commemorating the Governor of SA, Sir Archibald Wiegall K.C.M.G and a street un-named became Barwell St named by a patriotic council after Sir Henry N Barwell MP, Premier of South Australia. It is perhaps with some pride for Eudunda that Hill St, named after a man who did little toward the establishment of Eudunda, was thus named.

John Hills claims to fame are many - firstly he was also a friend of William Oldham, secondly, as a boatswain, he came to SA in 1836 aboard HMS Buffalo, and who, with Henry Morns, nephew of Governor Hindmarsh and first chairman of the District Council of Julia, moved to Kapunda to assist Oldham in his employment as Mines manager and surveyor.

From the Eudunda Courier and Murray Flats Advertiser Thur July 13 1922 Little Tommy, the terror, had been a good boy for most of the day, and was permitted to sit at the table along with his parents" distinguished visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Brown. He had received strict instructions to ask no questions, and Tommy tried hard to obey. But Nature won, and he suddenly enquired: "Mamma, do Mr. & Mrs. Brown still play in the band?" Will they play us something when tea is over.'" "Why, Tommy, MR & Mrs. Brown don't play in any band. Why do you ask such a question'. "Because," said the terror, in disappointed tones, "I heard you

tell papa that Mr. Brown played second fiddle to his wife." There was music after tea, and Tommy was the drum.



"OH, *THEY'RE SHARE farming!*—
Had a bit of bad luck last season!"

Taken from the old minutes book for Sutherlands Hall.

Scale of Charges for Hall

- Concert travelling 8pm till 12 & use piano £1-
- Picture show £1-
- Political meetings day 10/- night 12/6 (later 15/-)
- Public Ball (by outside body) All night 3am 25/-
- Rehearsals & Concert 2/6
- Entertainments for local purposes 50% less than usual rates (later flat rate 7/6)
- Religious services day 2/6 night 5/- (later 2/6)
- Travelers retail salesmen £2- per Jay (later £1-) 30/- day & night (later 3/6)

Not a bet, but a certainty

Not a bet, but a certainty said Mr. Segnet a geologist of merit from the Mines Dept after he had examined the asbestos mines belonging to the Eudunda Asbestos Mining Syndicate last Tuesday.

Mr. Segnet spent 6 hours at the site and made a thorough examination of the claims held by the syndicate.

On his return he was asked for a candid opinion as to prospects and made the foregoing remark. According to him there is an unlimited supply of the product at the mine. He also told of certain instances where the Robertstown asbestos had stood up to certain work twice as long as the imported article.

No One Can Be Perfect

LONDON (AAP)—
*Summoned for allowing 11 sheep to stray on to the highway, Mr. Thomas Horsington, a 45-year-old farmer, was asked by a magistrate's court if he had anything to say. He replied: "In all humility, the Lord Almighty made the heaven and earth - and even he had sheep that strayed."
The court fined him £1 -.*

THANK YOU'S

The Eudunda Heritage Committee would like to extend a big Thank you to:-

Des Pfeiffer for cleaning and repairing the gutters of the Eudunda Heritage Gallery, and for the general odd jobs which he is available for throughout Eudunda.

Bronte Pfitzner for helping to restore the Observer Office to its former glory, after the car went through the front window.

Also **Phillip Heinicke** for painting the front of the Observer Office and Eudunda Heritage Gallery.

Your work and effort was greatly appreciated.

Who and Why Gustav?

When Eudunda celebrated 125 years of white settlement in 1995, local artists Jim and Ronda Dunstan formulated the idea of figurines to depict characters of early pioneer days in Eudunda.

Gustav and his Dog were the first to appear. Jim and Ronda named Gustav after one of the fictional characters in a Colin Thiele book (Sun on the Stubble and Uncle Gustav's Ghost). The Dunstans then went on to do workshops with the Community and Schools making many more such figurines. The original Gustav and his Dog moved around the town to different locations, and have now become identifiable with the 125-year celebration.

When the Eudunda Heritage Committee first assembled its collection in the old Weisner Building (the two story former emporium in the South West corner of the Railway Parade and Kapunda Street Junction) Jim and Ronda gave the figurines of Gustav and his Dog to that body of people.

The Eudunda Family Heritage Committee adopted Gustav and his Dog as its official logo in acknowledgement of our District's hardworking Pioneers and their faithful four legged offiders.

This year, 2003, after extensive consultation with the community, Eudunda Community Business and Tourism Association (ECBaT) also adopted Gustav and his Dog, as part of the Eudunda logo. Eudunda - Valley of Hidden Treasures is the slogan, which accompanies the picture.

The Eudunda Heritage Gallery

Would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Descendents of the **Singh family** and wish them well in celebrating their reunion on November 23rd 2003