

# GUSTAV'S NEWSLETTER

Eudunda Heritage Gallery  
19 Bruce Street, EUDUNDA SA 5374

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## **OUR BUS TRIP:**

What a wonderful day we had and a big thank you to Stan for driving us around. Firstly we headed off to the Balaklava Museum and enjoyed a few hours exploring their museum which included Centenary Hall which was built in 1878 which housed displays of clothing, old cameras, war memorabilia which included a beaded snake made by a Turkish POW, photographs, a bedroom with items of yesteryear, sewing machines and lots more, and outside, a shed with a good collection of household goods, wood stove, a variety of old irons, ice chests and many more interesting items, then a short drive to Urlwin Park which was opened in 1986 with displays of farm machinery, German and English wagons, Chevrolet car, a well laid out blacksmith shop, Telephone exchange and an old Bank building which was used for both the Bank of Adelaide and the Commonwealth Bank and much much more. We really appreciated all the hard work they had put into all their displays. Our thanks goes to Norma Schopp for her valuable input explaining the many displays and the stories behind them ie Corduroy Road etc, and to the men, who have spent many long hours restoring machinery, and who were kind enough to start some of them up for us. Well done fella's.

After a very nice lunch at the Terminus Hotel we continued on our way to visit the 2 storey Mallala Museum which was previously an old Flour Mill in its heyday.

After getting off the bus and stretching our legs, we entered the Mallala Museum and were greeted by Margaret and her friends and began exploring the downstairs displays of banking, medical, church-which included a lead glass window insert, bridal, organs, family history and war memorabilia and upstairs a dining room and bedroom layout, clothing, glassware plus much more. We were quite impressed with the way they had enclosed many of their displays with Perspex, which kept the dust out but in no way hindered the view of the many wonderful memorabilia of yesteryear they have collected for future generations. Out in the shed area we came across a blacksmith forging area, a buggy, fire

engine, Ford car, weighing scales, petrol bowser and plenty more. Stepping outside we wandered around the pastoral and farm machinery sheds and inspected the windmill and then continued inside to the school room and after browsing around we were invited to sit down at the school desks (we all felt we were back in the classroom at school once again with a few funny recollections of what went on many years ago) to enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea with the wonderful team from Mallala with plenty of fun, laughter and ideas swapping. After thanking them for allowing us to take photographs and waving goodbye we climbed back on the bus and all agreed it had been a wonderful day out and like ourselves, it was great to meet people who were willing to put so much of themselves into preserving local history and that it was a credit to both museums as to what they had been able to achieve.

This group photo was taken outside the Balaklava Museum.



Blacksmith forging area-Mallala Museum



Fire engine, Ford car-Mallala Museum



## **MEMBERS**

It was great to hear from one of our members and our thanks go to Florence Knight for sending us an email and sharing her earlier experiences on an Exchange switchboard, a copy of which we have placed on the switchboard we have on display.

## **ZANDER FAMILY HISTORY**

Barry Zander has given us a family photograph to hang in the Gallery and also advised us that there is a web site dedicated to the Zander Family.

## **HANDY HINTS**

- **DRIPPING SHOWER-HEADS:** The solution to a dripping shower head is to replace the washer in the tap handle. A blocked showerhead needs to be removed and washed out in hot water and detergent. Then use a piece of wire to clean out the holes.
- **CEILING FAN WOBBLES:** Check that the fan blades aren't out of balance by clipping a clothes peg mid-way along the leading edge of each blade, one at a time. Turn the fan on to a low speed and see if the added weight stops the wobble. When successful, replace peg with adhesive-backed lead-weighted tape.
- **SPRAY PAINTING:** For a professional finish keep the sprayer upright and spray parallel to the painting surface. Move the sprayer slowly and steadily using the entire arm to maintain uniform spacing between sprayer and surface. Start with a fine mist from a distance then work a little closer to the finish. Several light coats are best to ensure paint doesn't run.

**Friends are the flowers in the garden of life**

## **GOSLING COTTAGE**

It was 5 years on the 13<sup>th</sup> October since the official launch of our Cottage and congratulations must go to everyone who worked tirelessly in those early days to make a dream come true.

Many visitors have gone through the Gosling Cottage since it was opened and their comments have been full of praise and laughter when they catch sight of something and recollections come flooding back with happy memories of themselves or their parents or grandparents.

## **BOOKS-Family History, Community**

The Heritage Gallery have had 'Emmaus to Worlds End' reprinted and if you have been after a copy they are now on sale at \$50.

Other books we have in stock are –

Altus – Freedom Found	\$11
Connecting the Kernichs	\$90
Fichtner Family	\$90
Fiegert – Hopes Fulfilled	\$20
Graefe J.G and Weiss J.C.F.A. F/History	\$11
Graetz J.G. – Wider Horizons	\$20
Graetz-Greeting the Graetzs	\$70
Grosser Family from Gruenberg	\$12
Grosser Family Supplement	\$20
Heidrich – J.C. Supplement	\$8
Heidrich / Schmidt Family	\$20
Heinrich – J.C. Family	\$46
Heinrich Brothers	\$12
Hilsenitz, Kroschel & Seeliger F/History	\$95
Kalms Family History	\$45
Laubsch Family History	\$45
Lindner Family History	\$35
Marschall-Marshalling the Marschalls	\$11
Modra Family History	\$110
Nitschke Family History	\$70
Noack / Hondow / Schmidt Families	\$100
Peters from Prussia	\$70
Pfeiffer Family from Rakau 1779-1980	\$11
Pfitzner Family (set of 3)	\$18
Prior Family	\$15
Reese Family	\$20
Reichelt Family	\$6
Roocke and Rooke	\$10

Ruediger Family	\$7
Sachse Family	\$5
Schiller Family – 105 years	\$ 1.50
Schiller Family – 125 years	\$12.50
Schultz – Christian and Caroline	\$10
Schulz Family	\$5
Schutz J.G. 1855-1980	\$11
Seidel – Christian	\$55
Twartz in Australia 1858 – 1978	\$5
Wilhelm and Elisabeth Milde & )	
Descendants 1837-1984 )	\$5
Wittwer Family	\$12
Zerner-Zerna Family	\$10
Eudunda Club 100 years	\$3
Eudunda Hospital-Light on the Hill	\$5
Eudunda Show Centenary	\$10
Eudunda 1870 – 1970	\$5
Eudunda 1870 – 1970	\$10
Hills, Valley and Plains	\$35
Memories, Making sense of life	\$30
Peep Hill – St. Michaels	\$3
Prosperity and Failure	\$15
Tarnma	\$20
Worlds End Creek – Looking Around	\$20
Eudunda Area School	\$5
School Days Neales Flat	\$ 7.50
St. John’s Lutheran School	\$30
Sutherlands School	\$5
Peep Hill Public School	\$5
Australia Plains – December 1983	\$3

Plus a good collection of Colin Thiele books, CDs and DVDs.

### **CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY**

The Street Party Committee have been working very diligently organizing this event on December 14<sup>th</sup> so mark it in your diary and go along and have lots of fun with family and friends.

### **EUDUNDA SHOW**

We wish the Show Committee all the best and hope this year will be a great success.

When you are strolling around the Eudunda Show grounds enjoying the wonderful events and you start to get peckish, why not drop into the Sporting Complex where the Heritage Gallery catering committee have arranged a 2 course lunch for \$12.

You've got to get up every morning with determination, if you want to go to bed with satisfaction.

### **BACHELORS HOP BEER**

Chase wild bullfrogs for 3 miles, and gather up the "hops"  
To them, add 10 gallons of Tank Barla, ½ pint of Shellac and one bar of home made soap.

Boil for 36 hours, then strain through an I.W.W. (I won't work) sock, to keep it from working.

Add one grasshopper to each pint, to give it a 'kick'.

Pour a little into the kitchen sink.

If it takes the enamel off it is ready to bottle.

*Taken from an album of Mona Fiedler*

Here is a lovely verse which is on display in the gallery

#### Mother

We laid our heads upon her knee,  
And cares and worries ceased to be,  
She gave advice so lovingly,

Our Mother.

She knew the old sweet lullabies  
That wooed soft sleep to babies' eyes,  
She soothed our pain, hushed plaintive cries,

Our Mother.

Her love has helped us on life's way,  
Her care we never can repay,  
For her we're thankful every day,

Our Mother.

### **Eudunda & District Ambulance Service Inc.**

In 1945, with World War 11 over, active local committees felt that their already planned fund raising functions could be continued and the funds used to purchase an Ambulance for the District. Under the guidance of Mesdames N. H. Walker and H. D. Michael, and assisted by Hospital Board members, Dr. E.

Thomas, Messrs. H. Leditschke and A. Holloway, a Ladies Ambulance & District Committee Fund was formed.

In September, 1946, this body, with a representative from the Eudunda, Robertstown and Morgan District Councils plus a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, set up the Eudunda and District Ambulance Committee and a Constitution was drafted. The first minutes were recorded on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1948, the Committee comprising Dr. Thomas (Chairman), Messrs. Leditschke, Magor, Holloway, Noske, Trotter, Mesdames Michael and Walker. Mr. C. H. Wuttke was appointed Secretary. Mr. Wuttke was instructed to purchase a 4 berth Chevrolet ex-service Ambulance from Darwin, and Mr. Leditschke spent many hours of free labour restoring it to a roadworthy condition. It was put into commission on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1948, when the first patient, Mr. G. Traeger of Morgan, was transported to the Eudunda Hospital at a hire charge of £2.

At least for the first twelve months Mr. Leditschke drove and maintained the Ambulance on a voluntary basis, but in 1949, the local garages were rostered six monthly to service and supply drivers for a re-imbusement of 5/- an hour. The second crew members at this time, who gave their time voluntarily, were Messrs. N. W. and V. H. Baehnisch and Mr. L. Kinter, who had served with the 2/6 Field Ambulance unit.

In 1951, the present Secretary, Mr. L. G. Grope, was elected. In 1955, as a result of a public appeal, a new VW Ambulance was purchased. In 1957 the Eudunda Service became affiliated with the St. John Council for S.A., and a reciprocal Service agreement between the Metropolitan Service and other affiliated Country Services came into effect, creating a State wide co-operation. During this year a First Aid course was conducted by Mr. J. Revitt from St. John H.Q. and Dr. D. Bowering and 17 personnel gained Certificates.

Since this time the ambulance has been manned by qualified First Aiders drawn from those who have been trained each year by Mrs. M. Grope, who is a Lay Lecturer for St. John. In 1966 Mrs. Grope was honoured by Her Majesty the Queen and admitted as a Serving Sister of the Order of St. John.

In 1962 the first Holden Ambulance was purchased. It was replaced in 1966, in which year a mobile radio was installed, with a base control at the Eudunda Hospital, which has been of invaluable assistance to all concerned. A new scheme of interchange of Ambulance with the Metropolitan Service was instituted in 1968 – this has proved a very economical system for the smaller country services. Apart from the standard life-saving equipment the Ambulance is fitted with a heater/refrigerated cooling system which adds much to the patient's comfort.

In 1968, Mr. H. O. Leditschke, in recognition of services rendered to this Service, was made first Life Member.

In the first twelve months (1948-49) subscribers membership totalled 199 (50 cents for family – 25 cents for single persons), the hire charge then being 5 cents

per mile. In the last period (1968-69) members totalled 553 (\$1 family – 50 cents single), hire charge, common throughout the State, 25 cents per mile. 1970 will prove to be a momentous year – the completion of the St. John Centre, to be officially opened by the Governor of S. A. This will not only house the new vehicle, but also provide training and other facilities for the service. The cost of this building well exceeds \$10,000 of which \$2,165 was raised at the last St. John Building Appeal in 1967 – a building program which benefits not only our own District but those in all parts of the State.

The present Committee are particularly grateful for the assistance of men and women of the town who have served as crew members over the years, St. John for their help and co-operation, and Matron and staff of the Eudunda Hospital.

*From Eudunda 1870-1970*

Once again it shows what determination and hard work can achieve and if you would like to help and carry on this wonderful community service why not contact the Eudunda Ambulance Service and offer to become a volunteer.  
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## **GALLERY**

We have been busy moving things around at the front of the gallery to create a foyer which allows us more room to re-organize things. Our thanks go to the fellas who were on hand when we needed some heavy lifting done and to Terry for fixing display frames securely for us.

Keep an eye on the cracked front window as it is soon to be replaced, thanks to Goyder Council and quotes are underway to replace the iron and guttering on the front verandah roof.

Our thanks go to Joan Latz and her son who donated and installed an upgraded computer for the front office which allowed the HP printer to be connected to it.



