



GUSTAV'S NEWSLETTER



Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery
17-19 Bruce Street, EUDUNDA SA 5374

Opened: Friday/Saturday 10am– 4pm Sunday 11am - 4pm
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Welcome to our May newsletter.

We shall be celebrating History Week from 21st to 30th May. This year we are recognising and acknowledging the Buildings and Shops of our Town. We are very lucky to still have so many of our wonderful old buildings; much of our main street is as it was many years ago.

Up until 'Just Shearing' moved into 13 Bruce Street (in 2008), the shop had previously and continuously, since opening in 1887, been a barber or hairdressing salon. Handke's Butcher is another example of this continuation of businesses. Handke's Bruce Street shop has operated as a butcher since opening in 1887. Their Gunn Street premises were opened by A. Wittorff, butcher, in 1878.

Many of us spend a lot of time in our main street, but when was the last time you actually looked at our buildings?

Have you looked up and seen some of the lovely facades of the buildings? There is art deco moulding, different parapets, and wrought iron work. The repainted Wiesner sign looks fantastic.

Don't forget, both Fridays in History Week, (21st & 28th) hot soup will be on sale from the Heritage Rooms. The proceeds from the sale of the soup on the 28th May will go to the Cancer Council, as our contribution to 'The Greatest Morning Tea'.

The Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery Committee will be hosting a Sunday Family Roast. This will be held in the Eudunda Club on Sunday 23rd May 2010, at 12 noon. The two course meal will be \$15 Adults, children 10 years and under \$10. Bookings are essential, so please ring Eudunda Club on 08 85811015 before Wednesday 19th May to book. Enjoy a delicious roast and relax with family and friends.

PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a public meeting held in the Heritage Rooms on 17th June at 7pm. This meeting is to collect suggestions on the route the 'Lavender Federation Trail' shall take through our district.

This is a walking trail, beginning from the banks of the River Murray at Murray Bridge, already to Truro, and it will continue onwards, through our area on its way to the Clare Valley. Come along with your ideas and suggestions and help get a really good 'walking trail' route organized.

Heritage Happenings

We have been busy with our catering for local events and also luncheons for people on bus tours who visit our town. What wonderful, positive comments we continue to receive, both on the cooking and also how fabulous the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery is. We recently had a busload of people visiting the Gallery as part of a WEA course. It was a pleasure to meet Malcolm Bartsch from this group when they came through the Gallery. Malcolm donated his Grandmothers lace making equipment to the gallery many years ago, and he was pleased to see it displayed. He also kindly donated some of our large history display boards/stands. It was lovely to be able to thank him for his generosity, (and he became a Friend of the Gallery!) Talking of which, subs are now overdue. Could you please make sure you send your \$10 to Ora Jenke to keep your membership current? We know you wouldn't want to miss your

Gustav Newsletter or our annual Morning Tea.

Around the Rooms

Once again, Terry has been busy moving and organizing the rooms. He has finished the kitchenette area and it is a real pleasure to have such a large open space now. Nick M. has been busy removing the wallpaper on the western internal wall. This wall has had a damp problem, which we are now working on.

We are always looking for people to help us with the cataloguing. Please leave your name at the gallery if you are available. It isn't hard work, just a few hours of your time; and many hands will make the workload lighter.

We are the proud owners of a new four wheeled trolley for moving heavy objects around the gallery. It is really going to save our backs! A sack trolley is next on our 'to buy' list.

Gallery Gossip

We are very pleased to report President Jim Reese is on the mend after his stay in hospital. Gil Schulz is settling in back home after his hospital visit. We wish you both continued recovery. Paul Bonner has also been in our thoughts with the surgery he has been undergoing.

Articles in this newsletter which come from Betty Dreckow's book 'Hills, Valley and Plains' written in 1986, are marked with a *. Copies of this wonderful book are available from the

Heritage Gallery. Items from the talks with Mary Hutchinson, (June 2000) have a # next to them.

History Week 21st – 30th May 2010

Hidden treasures of Eudunda.

Discover the hidden treasures of Eudunda. Walk along the vine-draped streets and learn about the historic buildings from the 1880s. Guided walking tour includes businesses, houses and heritage displays in shops and our heritage gallery. Visit Eudunda Club, the oldest operational club in South Australia. Maps for self-guided walks are also available. Parking available on street. Group limit 20. Bookings required for this event.

When and where: Friday 21 & 28 May
Tours from 10.30am-11.30am and
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Tours commence from
Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery,
17-19 Bruce Street, Eudunda. Bruce
Street is a continuation of Gunn Street.

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Admission information:
Cost Per Person: \$2.00

Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery

Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery is dedicated to early pioneer settlement and history in Eudunda and surrounding areas, and features family history trees and memorabilia. Look through our restored 1878 Gosling Cottage. See the display of locally made early farming equipment. Also on display are photographs and objects from the local railway, hospital, schools and churches. Parking available on street. Group limit 50. Bookings required for groups only.

When and where:

Friday 21st	10am – 4pm
Saturday 22nd	10am – 4pm
Sunday 23rd	11am – 4pm
Mon 24 to Thurs 27	10am – 2pm
Friday 28th	10am – 4pm
Saturday 29th	10am – 4pm
Sunday 30th	11am – 4pm

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Admission information:
Cost Per Person: \$2.00



MRS APPELT'S DIARY continued

(1904)

May 1: My husband has opened a
branch business at the other end of
town.

May 10: Mr and Mrs Hoskings the banker are leaving.

June 1: Made wurst today, 40 leberwurst, 46 blutwurst and 36 mettwurst, we paid 4d a pound for the pig.

June 2: Made sausage again today.

June 26: The children are going for a drive, mushroom hunting.

June 27: The teacher's birthday today. The children gave him a suitcase and he gave them coffee and cake.

July 23: Vida and I drove to Dutton today. We used 'Duke' and Pastor Nickel's buggy. The roads were bad and it took us three hours to get there.

August 20: Governor Le Hunte came through Eudunda today, but he only showed himself as the train was leaving.

September 13: Mr A Keache's tender to build our new school has been accepted.

September 21: 2,500 people were at Eudunda Show today, the store was very busy and Mr Haeveker helped us.

October 5: It is 'Schulprufung' (school visiting day) in Neales today.

October 20: I sold a calf for 7/6 today.

November 10: Mrs Schupelius' funeral today. There were 52 buggies and two horsemen in the procession.

December 17: Nice rain. The farmers don't want it just now, but we must be satisfied with things as they are.

December 25: Christmas day. A lovely festival, all are happy. We all went to church.

December 31: It's a dreadful day 110' in the shade and a hot wind and so much dust that one can scarcely see. Many hundreds of rabbits are said to have died as the result of the heat.

1905next newsletter!



EUDUNDA GENERAL STORE

11 * * *July 12th* 1919
The Eudunda Athletic Club.

(A. F. Guerin, Secy.)

Dr. to F. G. E. APPELT

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Wiesner & Co.,

MERCHANTS,
EUDUNDA, S.A.

Have for Sale at Lowest Prices:—

Furniture, Timber and Building Material. All kinds of Ironmongery, Fencing Wire, Netting, Traying, Blacksmith and Carpenter's Tools, Bar Iron, Spades, Shovels and Forks, Paints, Oils, Guns, Sporting and Blasting Material.

TANKS, any size made to order.

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We can supply any make of **Cream Separator**, and all sizes of **Cream Cans**.

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Austr. Imp. Coy., J. S. Bagshaw & Sons, Ltd.,
 Royal Insurance Coy., Ltd. (Fire).

Wiesner & Company

_(now Helen James Studio)*

Wiesner & Company, ironmongers, timber and hardware merchants, was one of the principal business places of Eudunda.

The premises were of an imposing character, two-storey additions having been made which were used as showrooms, and splendidly lighted.

These were reached both by lift and staircase, the total floor space being about 6,500 square feet, which contained a large assortment of furniture of all kinds. The firm obtained its goods from one of the largest furniture factories in the state, where only the very best seasoned timber was used and the highest class workmanship put into the manufacture.

Large importations included pianos and sewing machines- notably the 'Veritas and the 'Stella'- and general furniture.

The immense stock embraced drawing room, dining room, bedroom, and kitchen furniture, and household

requisites, ironmongery of all classes, comprising hardware, earthenware, cutlery, tin ware, glassware, clocks, watches, electro ware, wallpapers, lamps; also fancy goods, stationery, cigars, tobacco etc.

Building materials of all kinds were always on hand at Adelaide prices, farm and other appliances, wire netting, blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools; while a specialty was made of guns and all sporting-materials.

Messrs Wiesner also dealt largely in superphosphate fertilizers, the turnover in 1906 being about 300 tons.

They were agents for the Australian Implement Company, J.S. Bagshaw & Sons, Royal Fire Insurance Co., and Basedow, Eimer & Co.

Johannes Gottlieb Wiesner, the first proprietor of the business, opened 1890.

Gosling Store

(now Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery Rooms)*



Arthur E. Gosling while still a boy, gained experience in the general storekeeping trade in the northern districts of the State.

Mr Gosling subsequently became connected with the business of Charles Moore, drapery merchant, of Adelaide. In 1889 he came to Eudunda and established the general emporium which was favourably known throughout the district.

The gentleman took a keen interest in the progress of all movements pertaining to the advancement of Eudunda, and was for four years a member of the Neals District Council.

Arthur E. Gosling ran his emporium from 1902 until 1920

Shopping in the 1950s

At one o'clock on Tuesday during the school holidays you'd dress up to come shopping. We'd come in by car- a little Vauxhall. We used to do our shopping at the top end. There was the baker, the greengrocer, the hairdresser, the butcher, the SAFU cream factory, the stock and station agent, the post office, H.O.

Leditschke's garage, Mr Woidt's general store that sold everything from hobnail boots to safety pins, and Mrs Knight's- they had twelve kids. And there was the pub. We'd only come down the main street if we had to buy shoes or clothes. And then we'd go to Hambours and Eudunda Farmers.

Margaret Doecke #

Rabbit Cannery*

Seventy three men from the Eudunda district went to Parliament House as a deputation and were responsible for the passing of the 'Rabbit Destruction Act of 2/2/1877'.

When Mr David Moody was elected to the House of Assembly in 1878 along with Messrs James White and James Shannon, the topic of the rabbit plague was the main conversation of the district amongst the farmers and graziers.

This led to a Cannery Works being built at 'Mount Misery', near Eudunda on section 107, Hundred of Neales.

Trappers and small boys were engaged to trap the rabbits. The industry flourished but the scarcity of rabbits 'forced the closure of the factory'.

In 1902 a travelling circus performed for the workmen at the Cannery on some ground which had been levelled for an arena. [Sadly little remains of the Rabbit Cannery, ed]

Memoirs of Leslie Charles

(Bob) Nicholson

(b.11.11.1902)

written 1986*

Many businesses have changed hands over the years. The names remembered are: Dan Tierney in 1910, haircuts 6d, shave 3d. Alf Asser, Frank Mercer, J.H. Wookey, Alf Neal, Alf Post, Vin Geyer, and another referred

to as 'Old Frieze'. Alf Neal in the earlier days opened a shop in opposition to J.H. Wookey, on the opposite side of the street in the 'bottom end' of the town.

Alf Neal later barbered at the 'top end' for some time in the shop next to Schultz's old butchers shop. 'Old Frieze' was a barber at this end of town also. Vin Geyer had his hairdressing salon at the 'top end' next to Goldsbrough Mort, which used to be Leditschke's Show Rooms, later he moved to the main street area.

Bill (J.W.) Caddy was a boot maker next to the Barber in the main street. At the back of his store he had a huge tub full of water for softening the leather. Paul Stapleton (Snr) was also a boot maker.

Later Mr Con Haseloff had a fully stocked grocery shop with stacked shelves which seemed to stretch to the ceiling and reached by a ladder. These two buildings, known as the Michalk Buildings were built by Paul Michalk during the depression.



The National bank was the first bank in Eudunda, followed by the Savings

Bank which was situated in Gunn Street. (This building was like a 'dungeon'). Mr Rawolle helped with the building of the present Saving Bank.

The Commercial Bank was the third Bank which was located in the building now Westpac [now Kath's Gallery, ed]

The Police Station was located where Mrs Rawolle now lives [Pam Dutschke's, ed]. In 1880-1890's prisoners were tied to a post or tree as no cells were available.

Blacksmiths were Klæbe. This was the largest business of all. Klæbe did general blacksmithing and also made cultivators. Others were Jansen, Krummel and Reinhold Mibus; Tony Maylin was a wheelwright and shoe-smith.

Weckert and Marston were the printers in Eudunda before N.W. Baehnisch.

Wiesner & Co. sold timber in the building across the road from their premises, they sold furniture and hardware in their two-storeyed building, it was a very busy business in its heyday.

It was later sold to M. Mattei, then M. Warner. [Helen James Studio, ed]. Klæbe built the two-storeyed building across from the Eudunda Hotel/Motel. It was a huge drapery and grocery store, much better than the E.F.C.S. and also sported delivery vans, but as E.F.C.S. grew Klæbe's dwindled.

Sample rooms for commercial travelers in drapery, were located in the shed

behind the Royal Hotel [Light Hotel, ed].

The samples would arrive by train in large tin trunks and be displayed for a week. The commercial travelers would contact all the stores, Klæbe, F.G.E. Appelt, Oscar Kamm, Berkholz, Gosling and E.F.C.S. to come and view the goods.

McLeods present site was originally a garage, who the builder was is unknown, but in my time Ben Weis and Colin Orrock were the proprietors.

Colin Orrock built a plane in the building, a moth, and lost his hand when swinging over the propeller to start it.

Herb Ziersch and Dick Duldig followed in the 1920's, later Bip Wagner, a tyre agent; J.C. Woodward, Steve Richardson, Harry and Phil Smith and Jack Knight had an agency for skins and tyres.

Paul Severin was the District Clerk, undertaker and carpenter. Mrs Severin gave millinery classes. Mr Julius Rohde was also an undertaker and carpenter.

Bill Both's carpenter's shop was in the building which was P. Pollard's second Wheat Barn, located near the old Courier office. Dietrich Both was a very good builder and carpenter.

Building lime came from E.R. Wilksch's kiln, Bower.

Miss Emma Pfitzner was a dressmaker. She had a little dim shop with a yellowing globe in her workroom which was located in Bruce Street.

The Neales council office was a small room in Paul Severin's house where people would go to pay their rates etc. Council meetings were held in a room of the Radestock's Hotel.

Goslings had the drapery and grocery shop where Hambours now are [Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery Rooms, ed].

In the 1920's the ladies section became a chemist store owned by Stempel and Jolly. Later came Arthur C. Holloway in the same premises. Cecil David Nichols followed Holloway.

In the present chemist building, Hyde, McKee and Walkley have operated. Dentists have been Duncan and Schoff.

Doctors Feige, Purvis, Mattison, Thomas, Brookman, Bowering and Kearney have attended the medical needs of the community. I recall Doctor Thomas driving his brown single seater T-Ford.

Elder Smith & Co Ltd premises were situated on the site of Schultz's butcher shop. In 1916 I recall paying a cattle account at Elder Smith's for my father with 63 gold sovereigns taken from a calico bag mother had made.

For lighting of the street corner posts, Albert Rohrlach, who worked at E.

Davey's flour mill [Laucke Mill, ed], went around fuelling with carbide and lighting them.

This was a practice about 1912. Some were situated at Mann's Hotel, Paech's Hotel, opposite the old post office, G. Weckerts corner and the corner of Bruce and Barwell Streets.

There were two butter factories, one owned by Taylor Bros from Gawler. The factory in the main street was originally built by J Woolston from Mt Mary in 1917-18. He was a jeweler, later followed by J.A.T. Freund and Eric Freund. Mr Mitchelson was the manager and cream tester.

Taylor's also collected eggs and held carcass competitions, besides processing the cream. Herb Ziersch occupied the building later as a general agency and carcass competitions were still held.

A fire occurred in Edwin Davey's flour mill in the 1920's and the boiler lay in the yard for 50-60 years.

Oscar Kamm's store (CWA rooms) was literally packed with goods. C.F. Leditschke (CFL Stores) later occupied this building, Bert Woidt drove a van for CFL to Brownlow, later the CFL Stores moved to Berkholz Buildings. Rohdes's Newsagency formerly Berkholz

Building



John C. Woodward had a café opposite the Eudunda Institute and later it was occupied by Wagner's and Lou Goedecke.

People would have refreshments there when Balls and Social functions were held in the hall.

Centenary Buildings [Eudunda Hardware, ed] used to be a Government betting agency with Wuttke as the agent. The other Government betting shop was next to Schultz's butchery.

Later the Centenary buildings were occupied by Paul Stapleton (jr) with his electrical shop and Allan Stapleton had a shoe shop.

R.J. Nicholls newsagent was located where Hambours store room now is. His father Tom Nicholls was a saddler in the 1880's and Reg still sold some leather goods in later years.

Baker Schultz had a delivery van and he travelled out of Eudunda. Elliot as a child bought delicious buns from his van.

Other bakers were Oscar Traeger, Tommy Harrison and Matz.

In late 1951 the wheat sheds which were in the railway yards blew down when a whirlwind hit town.

Coles saleyards were located where the present police station is and Eldersmith & Co yards were located near McLeods.

The stock trucking yards opposite the mill were transferred to the south end of the railway yard, this area were then made into town gardens and a war memorial was constructed.

Elliott's Store

(now Lifetime Books)

This business was taken over by Frank Elliott from the Shepards. It was operated by Frank, Allan, Irene, Doris and Audrey, all of the Elliott family.

Frank was appointed to the position of Clerk and Overseer, District Council 1933. Late 1934 saw the operation altered to Elliott Bros being Wilfred and Allan. At that time Wilfred and wife Laura were conducting a mixed business in Riverton (the home of the Elliott family) which was sold and they moved to Eudunda.

A change came again in 1936 when Allan decided on school teaching, leaving Wilfred to carry on for approximately 10 years. Late 1946 Wilfred was joined by son (Spen).

During the period to 1969 they changed the name to Elliotts. Other types of operations undertaken included school transport.

Reluctantly because of age and ill health December 1969 brought the period of operation to a close.



Their very own Fruit Ice Blocks. (1930s)

M.J. Locks had a wonderful fruit and vegie shop at the top end. They made their very own fruit ice blocks.

They were such a treat, a penny each. Nectarines and peach slices with this frozen fruit juice.

To be given a penny to go up there on a hot summer's night! None of us had our own refrigerators.

Rita Niemz #

Summoned for allowing 11sheep 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 -.

Cheer up children! You 'll .soon be alright your colds won't 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.

We hope you enjoyed our Newsletter and find it interesting and informative. If you have any local yarns or family history you think might interest fellow Friends of the Gallery please send or drop them into the Gallery.

Editors Blat Goulder & Irene Hall

No One Can Be Perfect

LONDON (AAP)—



Bruce Street, Eudunda, 1907.



Railway Parade, 1907.



*View of Eudunda, c.1924.
Railway drain and Elder Smith
& Co Saleyards in foreground.*

