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# NEWSLETTER



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 Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery
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## Friends of the Gallery Morning Tea

Well another year has come and gone and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing our "Friends" at the Morning Tea with everyone chattering away and catching up with the latest news with each other.

Thank you to Marcus Reseigh for being our MC for the day and reading the poem 'To the Mallee' and to Peter Herriman for his input and showing of the DVD.

We had a bit of confusion about the Birthday year but since then we have gone back to the drawing board and sorted it out. The Morning Tea is to celebrate the Birthday of when the "Friends of the Gallery' commenced and not when the Eudunda Heritage Gallery commenced.

So congratulations to all our 'Friends of the Gallery' we celebrated your 13th Birthday this year.

### **RAFFLE**

Congratulations to Shirley Riemann who won the raffle and our thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.



Jim Reese cutting the Birthday Cake

### Photos from the 'Friends' Morning Tea







#### Australia Day Award

We were very proud to receive the Community Event of the Year - Eudunda Ward for our Pioneer Market Day, which would not have been such a success without all your support in making it a great fun day. Blat Goulder did a fantastic job organising and most definitely "roping" in a lot of helpers to make this a special day. A highlight of the day was the 'Maypole' and a credit to the school children who performed it so beautifully.





Back row: Joan Latz, Yvonne Rohde, Blat Goulder, Yvonne Schulz Front row: Irene Hall, Dot Bonner, Delilah Balmer

## Around the Rooms

The committee were successful in obtaining a grant from Volunteer Funding for \$1,89.30 to purchase additional helving to display more items in the Heritage Gallery.

As you may be aware the Heritage Gallery has been closed for renovations. Due to the hardwork of the committee we have fundraised enough money for the Lean-to and to have the walls and ceiling painted in the main room by Phil Heinrich and Lyle York and the floor boards sanded, stained and sealed by Robert Hillier. Good work fellows. It really looks good and we are very happy with the finished result. We would like to thank everyone who helped to move all the displays out of the main room and then move them back, it was a big job and we really appreciate it.





The Lean-to project is progressing slowly, the plans are with Council waiting for approval. Will keep you up to date.

### UPDATE

Looks like we have to re-submit the plans with a very slight alteration and 'fingers crossed' they will then be approved by Council....Hurray!!

Chemplus at Nuriootpa were replacing the carpet tiles in their pharmacy and were interested in donating the old carpet tiles to someone who would appreciate them This information was past on to us by Brenda Holding and a few phone calls later the Manager Guy Ewing was happy to donate them to the Heritage Gallery providing we picked them up. You can still see the dust trail Blat Goulder left behind her as she rushed down there to pick them up .....Thanks Blat. These carpet tiles will be laid in the boardroom area to replace the carpet which was ruined in the last flooding of the Heritage Gallery.

## History Festival - About Time

About Time: South Australia's History Festival will be held throughout the month of May and the Heritage Gallery will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday to celebrate this event.

This is a great opportunity to visit the Gallery and check out everything we have on display, give us your opinion on the revamp we have done and to pick up a History Festival book and discover other treasures in our wonderful State.

# Christmas Festival

The Hall & Catering Committee have informed us that they will be holding a 'Christmas Festival' in the Hall on Friday 7th December, Saturday 8th December and Sunday 9th December and we wish them a very successful event.

If you are interested in participating in this event you will need to get cracking now and start making your decorations etc as we believe there are some wonderful prizes available in different categories.

It seems odd to be talking about Christmas now but as we all know the months keep flying by very quickly and before we know it....the Christmas season will be on us.

A Poem read by Marcus Reseigh at the Morning Tea.

## TO THE MALLEE

Fence lines and roadsides of mallee straight Rusty wire strands alongside the gate, Dirt roads running true tapering away Ominous clouds brooding over the day, Furrow upon furrow of planted grain Catching and cradling the life given rain, Brightly white wool washed by winter's downpour Dark black crows boldly rehearsing the score, Last years stubble greying with age Tuffs of green grass turning a new page, Grey clouds drifting like an outstretched hand With pockets of sunshine warming the land, Understated the mallee is humble and meek Revealing the calm and contentment we seek. 11/6/2008 Morgan Road Eudunda, S.A. June 21 1970

Mary Broughton Page, "The Chronicle" 121 King William Street, ADELAIDE, S.A.

Dear Mary Broughton,

As an old- time resident of Eudunda (I was born here in 1888), I would like to pass on some little known facts about the district, and offer a correction or two to some of the other correspondents.

Very few people know that Eudunda once had its own copper mine. This was on a property that was owned by my father (and later by me until I retired) and was situated 2 miles south of the town. The mine was worked before the railway to Eudunda was constructed and the ore was carted to Kapunda by bullock wagon. The teams by-passed the Eudunda township, crossing through Mr Gosden's property. In Kapunda, it was included with ore from the mine there which was transported by rail to the city. A strong water flow was struck in the shaft at 40 feet, but there was still a considerable amount of good quality ore above the water line when the Kapunda mine was closed. This mine was then forced to close also. When the mine was closed in by my father, water seeped out of the hill, and ran down a creek for about 2 miles, turning the wire blue and green whenever it touched a fence. To-day the only sign of the mine is a small patch in the paddock where nothing grows, although this is disappearing in time.

Many people have wondered why the railway line through Eudunda has a few unnecessary curves. It was planned to pass north of the town, but the flour miller, Mr Davey organised a partition amongst the setters to get the line past his mill. However part of the line was already built with a curve to the north where the race course is now. This was left, and the line was veered south to go through the town and then past his mill.

Dr Fiege did not own the first car. His was preceded by one owned by Mr Jim Gosden and what a noisy contraption it was - it could be heard about three miles away. The doctor incidently was a very good friend of my father's, and he called regularly at our place to buy chaff. My father at the time had an egg merchant business, and had three or four vans touring the district to collect eggs.

The first water laid on in the town came from a spring (it no longer flows) neat the property now owned by Mr Marcus Pfitzner. This was piped down the hill to the two hotels. The railway dam which was built when the railway was constructed, burst on two occasions, sending water cascading down the Morgan road. On one of these occasions people were finding crayfish as far as two miles down the road.

There was originally a cattle track half a mile wide to Morgan, and others went to Truro and Point Pass, but I do not think that these were as wide. These tracks were later subdivided into 20 acre workingman's lots leaving a three chain road. A condition of sale was that these blocks must be lived on, but many of these dwellings were no more than dugouts as some of the people who took the blocks up could not afford a normal house.

The Eudunda Club was built by a Mr. Sander (or Zander) and while he was building this he engaged Mr. Dietrich Both, who later became a prominent builder in the town.

Mr Paech who was one of the first members of Parliament in Eudunda, proposed bringing water from the Murray to Eudunda, but was howled down by the "experts"; who said it was impossible. How times have changed.

Pen name - "Ellowar" C. O. Rawolle



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