



GUSTAV'S NEWSLETTER



Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery
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Welcome to our newsletter and hope you are all looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2013.

Friends of the Gallery Morning Tea

Our Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 13th February at the Eudunda District Hall with the doors open from 10 a.m. It will be a great morning and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our condolences go to the Baehnisch family on the sad passing of Maureen, who was much loved and respected in our community.

Some may not know that our beloved Ora Jenke has been out of action for many weeks after suffering a stroke and confined to her bed in hospital. We wish Ora a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her smiling face around the community very soon.

Lean-to

The lean-to is completed and it looks fantastic. It has taken a lot of catering functions by the committee to achieve this but the end result is well worth the effort.

We have received many offers of help to clean and move the farming equipment into the lean-to and we really do appreciate everyone's help. After the equipment is moved we will be giving the shed a thorough clean-up before we re-arrange many of the items on display so visitors have a better view.

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.

Here are a few headlines from
The Eudunda Courier
July 4th 1984

\$301.53 profit to Eudunda Football Club

Forty six female supporters of the Eudunda Football Club attended an enjoyable progressive luncheon on Thursday 28th June 1984, commencing with first courses, sherries, hordoeuvres and soup at the home of Betty Marshall.

The ladies then moved on to Myrtle Prior's home for the next course. Even though the day was cold the ladies viewed the country side that many had never seen before as they moved on to Mary Geister's home, where many indulged themselves with desserts.

A basket of fruit was raffled, the winner being Janine Schutz with second prize of a pot plant won by Gwen Reichelt. Spin the wheel was enjoyed by all with numerous prizes being won. Two Eudunda Football Club bingo games were played to finish off the afternoon's entertainment. Yvonne Schulz ended the successful day by thanking the hostesses, anyone else who helped with food etc. and the ladies for coming and making it the success it was.

"Heard a whisper some ladies forgot the directions back to Eudunda and went the long way round!"

Council release blocks for sale

The District Council of Eudunda today released for sale 21 blocks in its new subdivision on Section 123.

The subdivision is situated on the North West boundary of the township comprising three streets and 21 building allotments.

A feature of the streets, Park Drive, Mallee Grove and the continuation of Michael Street are that all electrical services are underground - no overhead wiring is visible - each block is serviced from a common television antenna alleviating the need for roof antennas - each block is connected to the town common effluent system - electricity and water are connected to each allotment.

Each street is curbed and sealed. "The cost of developing stage one of the development has been carefully monitored", District Clerk, Mr. Ron McCann, said today. "We have been careful in our development to not overspend in any area but unfortunately some areas have been costly.

Mr. McCann quoted some costs incurred: Common effluent extension, \$28,464.24; Initial land purchase, \$35,000.00; Land development incl. sealing, ETSA & E. & W. S., \$135,714.00

"Council has decided that the blocks which are situated in two levels will sell at variable prices. The top price for blocks on the western slopes with a commanding view of the town and the parks will be \$9,500 and the remainder on the eastern edge of the development \$9,000."

"With suitable blocks almost exhausted in the town we feel that we have offered future residents an attractive living area, off the main thoroughfares, in a relatively new area of Eudunda and at very reasonable prices," Mr. McCann said.

Bleak weather hits Eudunda

Winter arrived in force in Eudunda on Monday, 2nd July.

Rain, hail and snow fell for most of the day with a very heavy hailstorm at 2 p.m. and heavy snowflakes at 4.30 p.m.

Children in Grades 1, 2 and 3 at Eudunda Area School had fun during the afternoon making a "snow" family from hailstones collected around the schoolyard.

The hills south east of Eudunda were a picture with their white capped peaks.

Many residents enjoyed making snowballs, some for the first time in their lives. Vehicles parked in the main street had coatings of white hail and snow for most of the day and during the heavy falls the entire road was covered with flakes and ice before melting.

Rainfall recorded at the Eudunda Post Office up to 9 a.m. Monday morning was 8.00 mm and from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 4.4 mm were recorded.

The maximum temperature was an uncomfortable 6.3 degrees and the minimum an even more uncomfortable 3.4 degrees. At 3 p.m. in the afternoon 5 degrees was recorded.

HARRY CHARLES SMITH

written by Florence Knight

Harry Charles Smith was born Heinrich Carl Schmidt at Mintaro on 13th September 1884 were his father was stationed as a policeman. He grew up in Auburn and moved to Morgan in 1897. He must have attended school there because he used to tell of a teacher calling him a "wandering Jew" because he had left his desk to pick up a ruler, this was at the school on the top of the hill at Morgan.

When he left school he began work with Landseers who were merchants working out of Morgan. For several years he was the "boy" on the River Murray trading steamer "PYAP". This paddle steamer called at stations and blocks along the River Murray selling general merchandise and picking up wood and produce. When he was about 17 he was in Adelaide and met Gertrude Amelia Loring at the Malvern Methodist Sunday school.

For several years he worked for Bell & Co. at Jamestown. While he was there he played Lacrosse and was selected to be in the South Australian team to play against a Canadian team when they visited Adelaide.

Harry became engaged to Gertrude in 1907 and they were married in Malvern Methodist Church on the 28th September 1910. By this time he was on the "PYAP" again which was now owned by the Eudunda Farmers.

After their marriage they moved to Eudunda and he travelled out into the Murray Flats around Neales Flat, Brownlow and Stonefield in a horse drawn van selling general merchandise and collecting produce for Eudunda Farmers.

Their son Wilhelm Carl was born at Eudunda, his name was later changed to William Charles (Charlie). Soon after they moved to Mt. Barker working for Bell & Co.. Son Phillip Harry was born at Mannum where Harry's father was stationed. Sometime during the first World War the name was Anglicised. Florence Margaret Loring was born at Mt. Barker.

Early in the 1920's he took up his own store at Hamley Bridge, naming it "The Red Store". They stayed in Hamley Bridge several years and he and Gertrude were keen workers for the Croquet Club. The original Club house was built then. He was also Master of the Masonic Lodge while there.

When there was a change in the railways and many workers left the town he closed the store and went to manage Landseers at Milang, he was only there for a few months when he was offered the Managership of Eudunda Farmers at Eudunda, this was in 1926. He managed the store for 6 years and then went into his own business at the other end of the town, the "Top End" in 1931. He also developed a grocery round in the Brownlow Murray Flat area, this time in a motor vehicle and calling on many of the same farms he had called on 25 years previously. He was still in business, assisted by his son Phil when he died at the age of 61. His wife had predeceased him 3 years earlier. Harry Smith was a well respected and liked person. He was a keen gardener and loved fishing and went on many fishing trips with his sons and a group of friends to Blanchetown and at one time to Corney Point on Yorke Peninsular. He was a bowler and worked for the formation of the Bowling and Croquet Clubs in Eudunda. Gertrude was the first president of the croquet in Eudunda. He was Master of the, Eudunda. He and Gertrude are both buried in the Eudunda Cemetery.

Working on the road

A fellow stopped at a rural gas station and, after filling his tank, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink his cola and he watched a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man came along behind and filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was about 25 feet behind filling in the old. The men worked right past the fellow with the soft drink and went on down the road. "I can't stand this," said the man tossing the can in a trash container and heading down the road toward the men.

"Hold it, hold it," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with this digging?"

"Well, we work for the government, " one of the men said.

"But one of you is digging a hole and the other is filling it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the governments money?"

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. "Normally there's three of us--me, Rodney and Mike. I dig the hole, Rodney sticks in the tree and Mike here puts the dirt back."

"Yea," piped up Mike. "Now just because Rodney's sick, that don't mean we can't work, does it?"

Editors Irene Hall and Blat Goulder



Invitation

to the

"FRIENDS OF THE GALLERY"

MORNING TEA

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2013

To be held in

THE EUDUNDA DISTRICT HALL

Doors open at 10.00am

**Thank you so very much for being a
'Friend' of the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery
and for your continued support.**

**We look forward to seeing you there.
Remember to wear your name tag.**