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FROM THE PRESIDENT

While our Society is off to a great start to 2024, the same cannot be said about our next door neighbour, the Museum of South Australia. Many of our members are keenly engaged in questioning the proposed changes afoot and they are significant. Not surprisingly it stems from a lack of funding, with the Chief Executive and Board seeking ways to make ends meet. In short, their solution appears to be a 'restructure' whereby the longer-term, more highly paid staff are replaced with differently focussed positions at lower levels. They say it's also about the 'digital reimagining' of the Museum and greater emphasis on the public facing side of the business. However, that comes at the price of the Museum's long term focus and contribution to scientific research. Many people are deeply concerned about such a fundamental change and the loss of so much experience and corporate knowledge in those to be shown the door. I have written to the Minister responsible and the Museum CEO on behalf of RGSSA expressing concern, but have received only 'form letter' responses. My subsequent correspondence has not been answered. I also noted the presence of numerous RGSSA members at the recent public demonstration at Parliament House. While there's been a temporary pause on the restructure, it's likely that unless there's further public pressure, the Museum could become a very different entity in future. There is a public petition and social media campaigning if you are interested to support your Museum.

In this edition of GeoNews you'll find more information about a publishing deal signed recently for a new series of books on antipodean Geography. This is a great opportunity for the Society and is being led by Director Iain Hay. It means that our Society will be at the forefront of renewed publishing efforts, and that's a positive thing for us and for Geography overall. Iain is currently finalising an editorial board and there is already a prospect for the first book.

In other news, we recently held two morning tea events to gather together our many volunteers and recognise their efforts. All our volunteers give generously to the Society and it was good to pause for a few minutes to thank them for their work. Speaking of volunteers, a number have put up their hands to open our doors on four weekends during History Month. It's good to be capitalising on this event and to be

active at a time when a majority of people are not busy with their weekday activities. This is a whole new audience for us to engage with and it will be interesting to see how many people discover RGSSA for the first time during History Month.

If you didn't see the recent email, may I again acknowledge and congratulate our Director, Professor Iain Hay on being awarded the prestigious 2024 **Laureat d'honneur** by the International Geographical Union (IGU). This is a rare thing, with barely a handful of Australians ever been given this honour in the past. IGU has described Iain as "an accomplished influencer and knowledge provocateur whose impacts on Geography over more than three decades have been innovative, cumulative and far-reaching internationally." The award will be presented to him in Dublin, Ireland on Friday 30th August. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Iain and in recognising how fortunate we are to have him as RGSSA Director.

And finally at the time of writing, I'm about to embark on a 6,000 km outback lap adventure of SA, riding my trailbike across the Simpson desert and remote areas of our arid north. I relish being in these subtle landscapes and camping under the stunning skies which stretch from horizon to horizon, without interruption. Who knows, if you're interested, there could be a story to tell for a future lecture...

Leigh Radford OAM, President

FROM THE EDITOR

March proved to be another busy month for the RGSSA: From a visiting Interstate Tour Group by the Australiana Society, to full house attendance at Adam Courtenay's lecture on Sir Charles Todd (which included the attendance of some of Todd's descendants), and an update with highlights of our Treasures Project. Congratulations to committee members involved in organising such a variety of successful events.



Adam Courtenay book signing

As ever, please feel free to submit or suggest articles you think may be of interest to our membership. Meanwhile, thank you to members who contributed to this edition.

Margie Dawson, Editor.

Unveiling the Antipodes: New RGSSA International Book Series to Shine a Light on Australasian Geography



The Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (RGSSA) and leading international publisher Anthem Press are excited to announce a ground-breaking new partnership that will rewrite the map (figuratively speaking) of geographical scholarship. This collaboration yields the "Antipodean Perspectives on Geography" book series, a platform dedicated to amplifying the voices and insights of geographers from Australia and New Zealand.

The Memoranda of Agreement (MoA) was formally signed by RGSSA President, Mr. Leigh Radford OAM, and RGSSA Director, Emeritus Professor Iain Hay. This landmark agreement establishes a collaborative partnership between the Anthem and the 139 years old RGSSA and appoints Professor Hay, a distinguished geographer, as the Series Editor.

"The 'Antipodean Perspectives on Geography' series is a significant milestone for the RGSSA," said Mr. Radford. "It will provide a vital platform for Southern Hemisphere geographers, particularly those in Australia and New Zealand, to share their unique research and perspectives with a global audience."

This exciting series will focus on publishing monographs and edited collections of 20,000-30,000 words, aligning with Anthem Press' prestigious "Impact" series. Professor Hay explains the title's intriguing meaning: "Antipodean" signifies not only the series' Australian origin but also its focus on high-quality work from this region, while simultaneously welcoming contributions with strong Australia and New Zealand content. Furthermore, it embraces the geographical definition of "Antipodes" as opposing points on the globe, reflecting the series' desire for "oppositional" or thought-provoking ideas.

Professor Hay, Series Editor and RGSSA Director, adds, "I am delighted to be leading this initiative. The 'Antipodean Perspectives on Geography' series will offer a vibrant platform for innovative and thought-provoking geographical scholarship, fostering a deeper understanding of our planet's diverse landscapes and human interactions."

The signing of these MoA marks the beginning of a fruitful collaboration intended to enrich the field of geography. The "Antipodean Perspectives on Geography" series is poised to become a leading resource for geographers worldwide, contributing a fresh, Australasian perspective to this fascinating discipline.

Leigh Radford OAM
President RGSSA

Emeritus Professor Iain Hay
Director RGSSA

CONGRATULATIONS TO RGSSA LIFE MEMBER ROBERT H GRANT, OAM

In 2024 Honours List, Robert was awarded an OAM for Service to local government and to the community.

In recognition of his service in the Australia Defence Force Robert H GRANT has also been awarded the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation.



*Republic of Vietnam Cross of
Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation*

Alan Pickering

NEW MEMBERS

We have much pleasure in extending a warm and cordial welcome to the following new members and trust that they will enjoy a long and rewarding association with the Society.

Emma Baker Vincent Jeisman Michael Blackwell David Underhill

William Clarke Maxwell Slee Megg Kelham

VISIT BY THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

The Australiana Society, an incorporated association of collectors and researchers, visited the Society's Rooms on the morning of 20th March. The Australiana Society is devoted to researching, preserving, and collecting Australia's heritage: art, decorative arts, antiques, historic items, collectables, buildings and sites, and portable heritage made in, or relating to, Australia.

State branches of the Australiana Society have been formed to promote the objectives of the Society within each state. A committee for each branch is responsible for organising local meetings and events.

Our visitors were Australiana members on a bus tour and came from Queensland, NSW, Tasmania, Victoria, and the ACT. A key aim of the Australiana committees is to increase membership of their Society in each state by providing events which promote common interests. Consequently, they were very interested in our displays, the history of RGSSA, our library and the collections we own.

The South Australian Branch meets on a regular basis for lectures, tours, 'show & tell' and social gatherings.



Relics from the Calvert expedition 1896 with guides Liz Willanski and Geoff Lemmey

Items included in the Society displays were from Ernest Giles 1875 and 1880, John McDouall Stuart 1858 to 1861, Herschel Babbage 1858, William Coulthard 1858, John McKinlay 1861 and 1862 (McKinlay Expedition looking for Burke and Wills in 1861), Boyle Travis Finnis 1864, Robert Edmonds rifle (from the McKinlay expedition in 1865 in N.T.), part of the tree marking the grave of Robert O'Hara Burke at Cooper Creek (1861), and Lawrence Wells 1896 (Calvert Expedition).

Also on display was a piece of tree from Stuart's 1861 successful crossing of the continent taken into space by Australia's first astronaut Andy Thomas in 1996.



Relics from John McDouall Stuart 1858-62

Society members Nona Verco, George and Liz Willanski and Geoff Lemmey guided the visitors around the Royal Geographical Society's relic collection.

Rod Shearing OAM

HISTORY MONTH OF MAY - RGSSA EXHIBITION

THE POWER OF MAPS

Mortlock Wing (2nd floor)

SUNDAYS 1pm-4pm during May

Dive into 'The Power of Maps' exhibit: A mesmerising fusion of art and geography. Uncover the hidden stories within contours and coordinates, as maps become windows into history, culture, the human experience, and the pulse of our planet. Explore this extraordinary journey of cartography in this immersive exhibition. (see p28 Feb/Mar 2024 *GeoNews*)

Nona Verco, Chair, Library Committee.

SUMMARY OF RECENT LECTURES

Thursday 21st March 2024

Adam Courtenay

Mr Todd's Marvel

**How one man telegraphed Australia
to the modern world**



*Sir Charles Todd wearing
CMG decoration c1872
(SLSA B12209)*

Present at the March 24th lecture of RGSSA on Charles Todd, were three of his great, great, grandchildren (Susie Herzberg, Jane Linn and James Todd) and two great, great, great grandsons (Tom and Will Todd). Our lecturer was supported by two of his third cousins: Susie Herzberg, a previous lecturer to our Society and James Todd whom introduced Adam Courtenay. Adam is a journalist and author of seven previous books.



James Todd Family from NSW

Robin and James Todd with their
sons Tom (L) and Will (R).

The 150th anniversary of the completion of the Overland Telegraph Line had captivated Adam and James commended the author's eighth book to us. In a readable style, he addresses the context of the time and key players.

Lecturer Adam reminded us that Charles Todd embarked on the project when only one European had previously traversed the overland route from Adelaide to the sea at the north of the continent and east of today's Darwin. Along the way were 35 Indigenous groups, each of which might feel potentially threatened. A brilliant astronomer, scientist and meteorologist, Todd kept distance between the local inhabitants and his party.

Adam described Todd as essentially a time keeper in his previous existence at Greenwich Observatory. At 0 degrees of latitude, Greenwich was the temporal centre of the British Empire. Time balls were present at Greenwich and Deal and another was needed in South Australia. *Telegraph Todd* as he became known won the Adelaide position after impressing his superiors at Deal.

By October 1872, upon the completion of the Overland Telegraph Line, Australia was linked to the rest of the world. Previously news, good and bad, had been slow to reach Europe. News could subsequently be transmitted within a day, instead of a week. This echoed the occasion on 16 August 1858 when a telegraph cable across the Atlantic Ocean connected the Old World to the New. Adam commented on the recent rise of the much-used Internet but questioned its useful impact in comparison to the telegraph.

Our lecturer discussed the impact of the line on the First Nations people. At Barrow Creek the deaths of several European workers resulted in punitive measures with tens of Indigenous people dying. Adam described three phases of contact - first avoidance and little fraternisation, followed by direct confrontation and terrible reprisals. Metal used in construction work proved attractive to the local people. By the 1880s, the damage had been done and a new rapprochement/peace had begun.

Adam emphasised that preliminary courtesies had been observed when the construction crews passed through native lands but it was not dispossession that was sought, simply use of the land in an effort to share resources in a respectful way. Local population were also employed on the project for their country skills. The audience was

delighted to be advised of local children imitating the vast project by erecting miles of wire.

With the project working in both northerly and southerly directions, what was considered the “last pole” was erected on 9 August 1872. Robert Charles Patterson in charge of the northern section in inauspicious circumstances joined the two sections. Thereafter, a 21 gun salute was followed by liquid celebration. Adam commented that with selflessness and self-deprecation, Todd the polymath, by demonstrating fairness and coolness and keeping distance had connected our continent to the rest of the world. Our lecturer mentioned Denis Cryle's *Behind the legend: the many worlds of Charles Todd*. That work further describes the technology that has been ultimately superseded.

Adam commented that he is proud of his book on this Australian story and hopes he has done it justice. It is accessible to young readers. Matilda's Bookshop of Stirling provided copies for sale on the night. Discussion that followed revealed that RGSSA's York Gate Library of William Silver contains titles with details of Todd's mammoth project. Adam's next book will cover SA Premier Strangways.

President Leigh in thanking the author in front of “a full house” mentioned his introduction to the back story of the lecture topic was via the 2007 film *A Wire through the heart*. Leigh presented each of the three descendants of Todd with a copy of our Society's guide to the Flinders Ranges as an incentive to further explore our state.

Valerie Balagengadaran

Members may also be interested in this:

Podcast from Melbourne Herald Sun – Todd the Time Lord

It seemed like science fiction at the time, but in the late 1800s one scientist and his team ventured forth into the deep Outback to connect Australia to the world.

Author Adam Courtenay rejoins the show to tell the extraordinary tale of Charles Todd.

<https://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/in-black-and-white/podcast/5c1a05a37ae07fce8adf37d5e7e74c03>

Thursday 18th April 2024

Dr Roderick O'Brien

Julian Tenison-Woods

The subject of Dr Roderick O'Brien's April lecture was the 1868 textbook *A School Geography* written by Julian Edmund Tenison-Woods (1832-1889). It came about because the cost of importing books was too expensive and it was used by the foundation sisters of St Joseph in Penola.

Dr O'Brien, himself at one time a Catholic priest, was drawn to research the subject because of his scientific expeditions in Asia. Tenison-Woods came from London to the province of South Australia and spent more than 15 years in journalism before his ordination in 1857. His posting to Penola followed.

During his ten years "in the bush", Tenison-Woods produced two books, two government reports and numerous articles. Our lecturer displayed a photograph of his bearded subject wearing a cape and thigh high boots. In Penola, Tenison-Woods teamed up with Mary McKillop and established the Sisters of St Joseph. After ten years there he moved to Adelaide to become the Director-General of SA Catholic Education. Dr O'Brien informed us that in this position his accomplishments included writing for newspapers including *The Southern cross*. Tenison-Woods combined this with establishing a Catholic book depot and publishing a catechism. He undertook to prepare a geographical textbook and later, a grammar. In 1869 he purchased £500 of school books and continued publishing.

Our lecturer informed us that Tenison-Woods left the state in 1872 to work in other colonies and rekindled his scientific passion, leaving 200 works. Later in Asia, he pursued his geological interest.

Dr O'Brien showed slides of the geographical textbook which contained condensed information on countries of the world. A comparable textbook was published by Hobart's Alexander Ireland.

Tenison-Woods' giftedness as a writer is shown by his scholarly articles standing the test of time. His output also included reports to governments and popular journalism. At one point in time, he was also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. The Josephite sisters in 17 schools taught a total of 1600 children.

Aware of our Society's forthcoming trip to state's South East and into Victoria, Dr O'Brien recommended a visit to the Naracoorte caves and also to the Tenison-Woods section of the Mary McKillop Centre in Penola.

In answering questions, our lecturer revealed Tenison-Woods final significant work was spent in Japan checking on coal mining. Much loved and remembered in the South East of our state, and a comrade of Adam Lindsay Gordon, Dr O'Brien indicated JE Tenison-Woods was familiar with the caves and the volcanic past of that area.

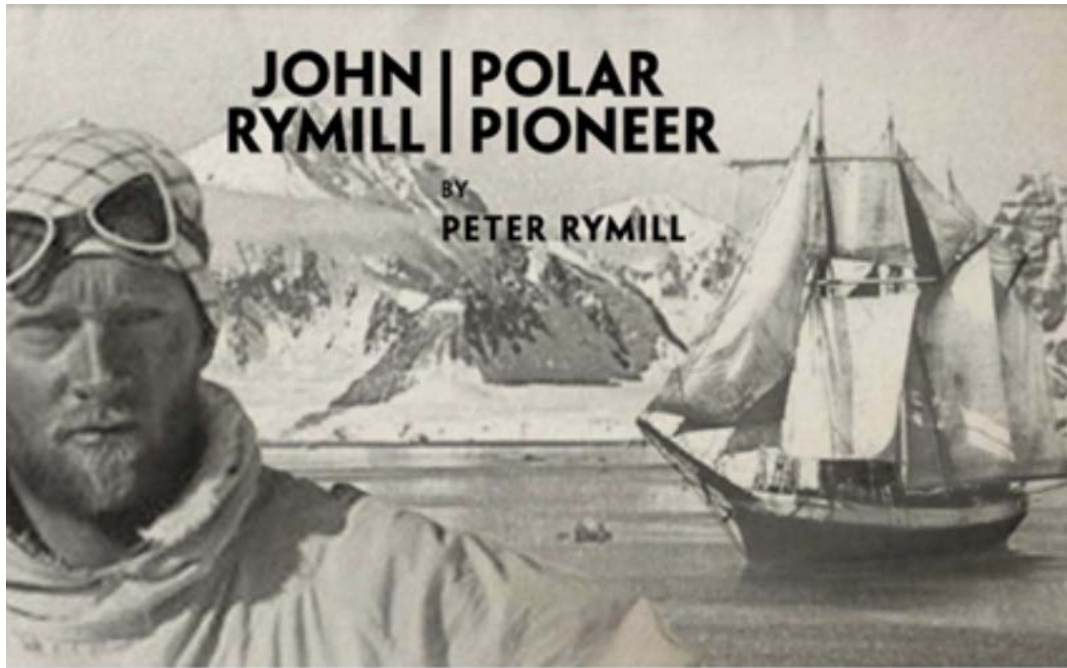
At the conclusion of the lecture, Joc Schmiechen and Kathy Patitsis acquainted the audience with the current proposed developments affecting scientific staff at the South Australian Museum. Of particular concern is the proposal to turn off freezers containing DNA samples of rare, threatened and extinct creatures from its collections.

Valerie Balagengadaran

UPCOMING LECTURES

Thursday 20th June 2024
John Rymill (Grandson)

John Rymill – Polar Explorer



Hear from his grandson how John Rymill left Australia bound for England, on a journey that would culminate in him becoming one of Australia's foremost polar pioneers.

The British Graham Land Expedition (BGLE) of 1934-1937 was a successful geophysical expedition led by prominent South Australian John Riddoch Rymill. Revealing secrets from one of Earth's only remaining frontiers, the Polar regions, this expedition resulted in the largest and most accurately detailed survey of the Antarctic continent confirming the existence of a peninsula rather than an archipelago.

About 100 years ago, Penola-born John Rymill left Australia bound for England, on a journey that would culminate in him becoming one of Australia's foremost polar pioneers. From earning his stripes in Greenland after unexpected tragedy, to garnering the confidence of the UK supporters for one of the last private Antarctic ventures, to how he selected his crew, John Rymill had a remarkable history.

Thursday 2nd July 2024
Professor Andrew Beer

Solving Intractable Problems: Geography and the Grand Challenges of our Time

This presentation of the RGSSA's Annual Brock lecture is being held in conjunction with the 2024 Institute of Australian Geographer's Conference. ***Please note the location of this lecture is:*** The University of Adelaide, Napier Building, Room G04. (Doors open at 5pm)

In common with other parts of the world, Australia is increasingly confronted by profound challenges that place at risk our economies, social structures and cultural assets, as well as the environmental systems that sustain us individually and collectively. Examples include the on-going need to manage the impacts of climate change and limit global warming; an acute housing crisis that has seen dwelling prices and rents surge, locking many out of the home purchase market and consigning the most vulnerable to an expensive and insecure rental sector; growing and entrenched inequality; the loss of biodiversity as a consequence of unfettered development; the structural ageing of the population in the global north even as parts of the global south continue to experience high growth rates; and, a global economy increasingly affected by adverse events and tensions between states. This presentation considers the role of geography in identifying and enacting solutions to these dilemmas. It argues that existing policy measures either fail or have limited impact as they seek to establish a uniform set of interventions, irrespective of local conditions or needs. In addition, they overlook the resources embedded within a region or community, despite the fact they could represent the difference between success or failure. The presentation draws upon the literatures relating to socio-technical transitions and change agency to consider how geography represents an opportunity for experimentation and learning, while also opening an avenue for mobilising local capacity. The paper concludes with a call for the development of place-informed policy and programs as a way of mapping innovative solutions to apparently intractable problems.

Andrew Beer is the Executive Dean of UniSA Business. He comes to this role after working previously as the Dean of Research and Innovation, at the UniSA Business School. Prior to commencing with UniSA in 2016, Andrew worked at The University of



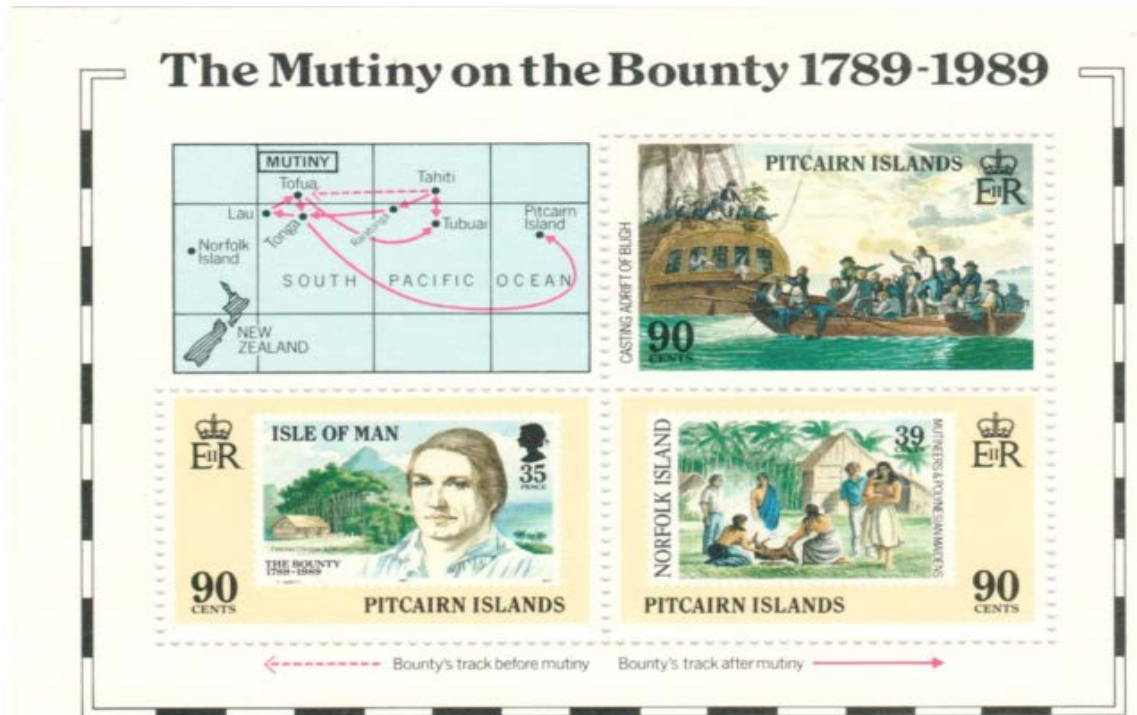
Adelaide and Flinders University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide and a PhD from the Australian National University.

Professor Beer has served as a Research Fellow at the University of Plymouth, a Leverhulme Fellow at the University of Ulster, and a Visiting Professor at the University of North Texas. He was the Chair of the South Australian Government's Homelessness Strategic Group from 2011 to 2017 and is a Fellow of the Regional Australia Institute. He served on the College of Experts for the Australian Research Council and is a Fellow of the UK's Academy of Social Sciences. Professor Beer was Chair of the Regional Studies Association from November 2013 to November 2017.

His research interests include the operation and functioning of Australia's housing markets (including the provision of housing for persons with a disability), the drivers of regional growth, structural change within the economy, and the impacts of an ageing population. He is currently undertaking research in four major areas: the outcomes of the closure of the Australian automotive industry; the cross-national analysis of the leadership of places; the quality and condition of Australia's housing stock; and the use of services and housing by Australia's ageing population.

Currently, he is collaborating with Professor Markku Sotarauta of Tampere University, Finland as a joint editor on the Handbook of City and Regional Leadership (Edward Elgar) and is in the process of completing a Policy Expo for the Regional Studies Association on place-based policy.

Evaluating Maude's and Hooker's HMS Bounty Tracks after Leaving Tahiti on September 22, 1789



This study compares Henry E. Maude's "In search of a home: From mutiny to Pitcairn Island" with Brian N. Hooker's "Down with Bligh, Hurrah for Tahiti." Maude's article appeared in *The Journal of the Polynesian Society* (1958) and later revised for *Of Islands & Men* (1968). Maude claimed the HMAV *Bounty* sailed westward from Tahiti-Tetiara-Moorea in September 1789 before curving southeast to Pitcairn Island. Whereas in Mercator's *World* (2001) Hooker has the mutineers contemplating a northeast sail towards the Marquesas Islands but decided instead to stand southeast to mysterious islands labelled on a Henry Roberts' chart as "Isles said to be dic.d by the Spaniards 1773." While Maude's JPS article has been cited thirty-three times, Hooker's magazine piece has none except for a reference on James R. Galloway's *Fateful Voyage – The Mutiny on the Bounty*, a website linking transcribed entries from the logbook of the *Bounty* and related documents to Google Earth images. It is curious that Galloway adapted Hooker's trajectory minus the quest for the Spanish Isles. Instead, Galloway envisioned that Christian, master's mate and chief mutineer,

steered the Bounty northeast to the southern group of the Marquesas Islands. Did Galloway intentionally ignore Hooker's search for the supposed Spanish Isles (32 o S, 128 o W), a 1,539 nm (2,850 km, 1,771 mi) voyage from Tahiti? Or was this omission a simple misreading of Hooker's "Down with Bligh"? Therefore, it is important for Bounty/Pitcairn scholars to ascertain which of these tracks is more or less worthwhile.

Donald Patrick Albert is a professor of geography in the Department of Environmental and Geosciences at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Dr. Albert took geography degrees from Salem State College (BS), Appalachian State University (MA), and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (PhD). He is the founder and editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research now in its 15th year. Dr. Albert's research spans across the subfields of medical geography and geography education, and since 2018, historical geography involving the Bounty/Pitcairn Island saga. These latter studies are available from [Scholarly Works @ SHSU](#) under the title Pitcairn Islands Research Station. Dr. Albert is a director-at-large for Pitcairn Islands Study Group and a contributor to its publication, The Pitcairn Log. He collects Bounty/Pitcairn memorabilia including books, carvings, and stamps. Don Albert is originally from historic Salem, Massachusetts, which incidentally has connections to the Bounty/Pitcairn Island story. Dr Albert is the inaugural recipient of the RGSSA's Library Research Fellowship.

Frances Gnodtke, Chair, Program Committee.

DOROTHY PYATT RGSSA LIBRARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD

On December 7, 2023, **Dr Donald Patrick Albert** received notification of a successful application for a 2024 Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (RGSSA) Library Fellowship. The RGSSA Library Research Fellowship program was created in 2023, using funds from the Dorothy Pyatt bequest, to give scholars from around the world an opportunity to pursue their work in proximity to a distinguished collection of primary sources.

Further information will be in our June/July edition of *GeoNews*.

Margie Dawson, Editor.

SUMMARY LUNCHTIME LECTURE

Thursday 4th April 2024

Dr Sandy Scott

ICELAND ~ A Diverse Travel Destination

Focussing on the effects of volcanic activity on ice caps and glaciers and with praiseworthy determination, Dr Sandy Scott acquainted the audience with the highlights of his 17 day and 3,400 km Icelandic journey,

Of its population of only 380,000 (36%) live in Reykjavik located in its SW corner while the Vatnajokull area of interest is in its SE. The parliament Althing is the world's oldest Legislative Assembly. Fish exporting began in 1300 and continues as a source of foreign currency, supplemented today by tourism.

A young Island, Iceland's geological development depended on tectonic plates and sea floor spreading, as lately explained to us by Dr Frances Williams in her recent presentation.

Sandy's magnificent collection of slides showed the effect of volcanic eruptions in glacial areas. Scenes of geysers, associated electricity production, floods, black clouds and soot production made for spectacular viewing.

Many thanks to Andrew Lothian for his assistance on the day.

Valerie Balagengadaran

LUNCHTIME LECTURE

Sessions are to be held in the Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building of SLSA from 12.00 – 1.00 pm unless otherwise indicated. *(Please note the days may not always be consistent.)*

Bookings via RGSSA website are essential: <https://rgssa.org.au/activities/lectures>

Monday 6th May 2024

Dr Mick de Ruyter

The Phantom of Djulirri

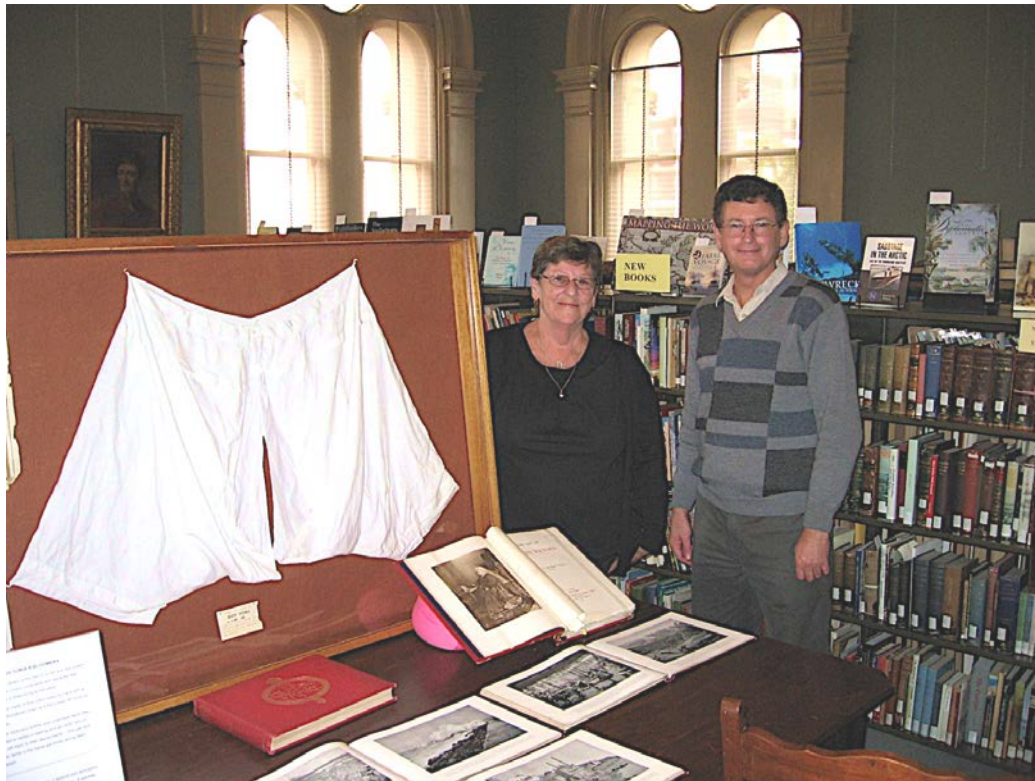
This presentation, based on work with Daryl Wesley and Wendy van Duivenvoorde, will trace the origin of a complex rock art motif of a ship in Arnhem Land, Australia.

Identification of watercraft in Australian Indigenous rock art can provide a rich narrative context of culture contact experiences. This historical richness is even greater when the watercraft can be identified as a specific ship and the associated historical sources investigated. This talk outlines the case for the identification of a complex ship motif at Djulirri, Arnhem Land as the survey ship HMS Fantome, from around 1907 to 1912. The apparent presence of an anchor bed on the forecastle and the compartmentalisation of the hull suggests a vessel constructed as a warship between the 1860s and 1910s. HMS Fantome was the only warship in the area at the time that accorded with both the external and internal configuration of the painted ship. Archival research shows that between 40 and 60 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander men served in this ship during its operations on the northern Australian coast between 1907 and 1924. The painting at Djulirri was most probably done by a man named Noreman who worked onboard as a stoker's assistant and who thereby developed extensive knowledge of the internal layout and operations of the ship. This identification offers evidence with which to expand understanding of both the nature and context of Indigenous Australian military service.

Frances Gnodtke, Chair, Program Committee

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR COLLECTION

The Society is seeking extra help to organise our collection of around two hundred relics. Society members, George and Liz Willanski, are currently organising into categories the relics from the Society's 1897 Calvert expedition.



We have compasses, jewellery, camera equipment, bottle shards, clothing items, dead ammunition, surveying items, food, and liquid storage items.

This is your chance, on a Monday morning, from 10 am to 1 pm, whilst the library is closed, to get behind the scenes of a 19th century Australian exploring expedition.

See what the expedition supplies consisted of, the route they took and find out the outcome.

Contact the Society if you would like to assist or find out more details.

Rod Shearing OAM

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT LEADER NEEDED

Make a Difference: Volunteer Engagement Leader Needed!

Enjoy meeting new people? Like making connections? Want to energise your RGSSA?

RGSSA thrives on the passion of its volunteers. We seek an enthusiastic **Volunteer Engagement Leader** to help build our thriving community. Our inaugural Volunteer Engagement Leader will bring to life a simple and streamlined approach we have created to help match enthusiastic volunteers with identified opportunities across the Society. This will foster knowledge sharing, allow volunteers to make meaningful contributions, and make a real impact to the success of the RGSSA.

Why you'll love it:

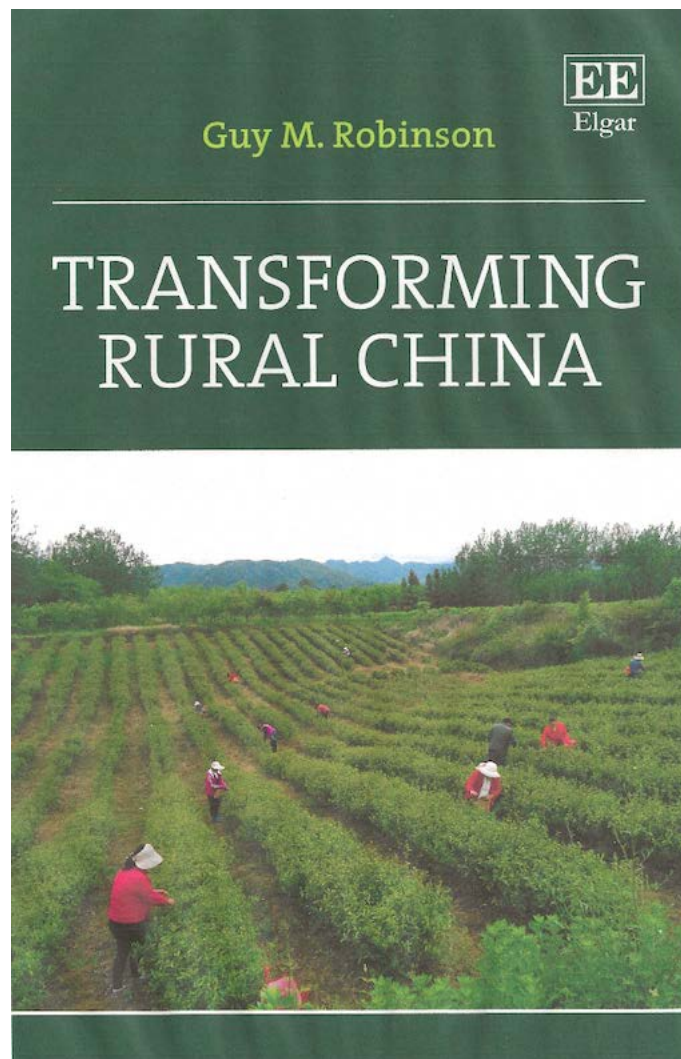
- Be at the heart of our volunteer network.
- Help connect members to personally engaging and rewarding experiences that benefit the Society.
- Draw from, and extend, your knowledge of how the RGSSA works.
- Support a passionate and friendly group who share your love of learning, geography, and community.

This unpaid role is not expected to be onerous. Hours are flexible. It would be great if you have basic computing skills (e.g. email, Word, Excel) and while it would be good if you already have some understanding of the Society's organisation, we are very happy to provide you with an introduction.

Make a real difference to your RGSSA. Apply today! Just email our Director, Iain Hay director@rgssa.org.au to discuss this opportunity to be a catalyst for the Society's future success.

Iain Hay, Director.

NEW BOOK by RGSSA Vice President Guy Robinson LAUNCHED IN UK



"Vice-President Prof. Guy Robinson is pleased to inform members that his new book, *Transforming Rural China*, has been published by Edward Elgar publishers.

<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/transforming-rural-china-9781803928579.html>

The book was launched at a day-long symposium held at Newnham College Cambridge on March 28th 2024.

Margie Dawson, Editor

Charles Todd's involvement with RGSSA

The Branch Without a Tree, a centenary history of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, (South Australian Branch Inc), by Kenneth Peake-Jones, published 1985 by the Society.



Society members & local community - applying finishing touches to the Todd border marker in 1998

In the above publication we read:

- In June 1883, the Geographical Society of Australasia was founded in Sydney and three of South Australia's leading citizens met to consider the formation of a South Australian branch. They met in the office of the State's Postmaster General, Charles Todd. Present were Todd, Sir Samuel Davenport and the Chief Justice, S.J. Way.
- Charles Todd, who had always had doubts about the branch's ability to survive, served one year, 1889-90 as Councillor.
- A.W. Dobbie, a versatile member, delighted Adelaide with his electrical experiments: He introduced the telephone to South Australia, and A.T. Magarey was its first private subscriber. Charles Todd and W.H. Bragg set up a wireless transmitter at the [Adelaide] Observatory in 1900. In 1902 the rooms [the Board Room of the YMCA, Gawler Place, Adelaide] were lent to the Committee for Producing Rain by Artificial Means.
- The seventh Brock Memorial Lecture in 1980, on Charles Todd, was delivered on behalf of Major General G.W. Symes.

- In 1996 and 1998 the Society collaborated with the Institute of Surveyors and the local community of Paringa S.A. to refurbish the SA/NSW border erected by Todd in 1868. (details in *GeoNews* 1996 and 1998).

In the Libraries Board's history written by Carl Bridge, *A Trunk Full of Books*, 1986 - we read the following:

- In 1861 at the opening of the Institute Building [the Palladian edifice on the corner of Kintore Avenue and North Terrace – the original Institute Library, Museum and Art Gallery] Charles Todd demonstrated the wonders of electric light, 'the whole room filled with a brilliant lurid glare of extreme light'.
- In September 1873, Sir Charles Todd, Canon Farr, and Mr. West-Erskine, on behalf of the Board, saw the Chief Secretary to urge that £500 a year be placed on the estimates to form the commencement of a Public Library of Reference, distinct from the present Library.
- It was planned [prior to 1884] to light the new building [known as the Jervois Wing, now the Mortlock Wing] with electricity - as was Melbourne's Public Library - and Charles Todd drew up several plans, but... the Library was gaslit until 1913.
- In 1883 the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery Bill was introduced in the House of Assembly. Based substantially on the Victorian Act, it was drafted by Rees, Everard, and Todd.
- The big clock, which looked down from the rails of the first gallery on the main reading room below, was bought in 1886 by Charles Todd from Dent and Sons in the Strand, London.

The Society's occupied spaces have included the now Hetzel Theatre, Institute Building, three northern rooms level I to II Mortlock Wing and now the top gallery and Level II south Mortlock wing.

Rod Shearing OAM

IN THE WORDS OF OUR EXPLORERS

Part 2

Some of our courageous explorers of South Australia not only had excellent survival skills and geological knowledge, but some were quite poetic in their descriptions of this amazing land. With respect to our Indigenous People, outdated and offensive words have been edited. The following descriptive passages were discovered whilst cataloguing cabinets in our Manuscript Collection (MS c...).

From the pen of Herbert BASEDOW:¹

“The superfluity of water allows of a pannican – showerbath.” (Pg 23)

“These grubs burrow into the trunk of the eucalypts and when cooked have a decidedly rich bone and sweet taste resembling that of the marrow of bone.” (Pg 25)

“A rich growth of vegetation marks the site of this well. Huge native fig trees (Ficus platypoda) grow upon the granite, sending their roots deep down into the fissures. We tried to stew some of the figs, but the result was a failure.” (Pg 32)

“Our Indigenous Australian (word replacement) assistants are busily engaged in unearthing the wonderful honey ant which they call winuddtharra or yerrummba. With hand and yamstick they carefully follow up the narrow pipe that communicates with the nest below, usually at the base of a mulga two or three feet beneath the surface. The female ant is looked for, since it alone collects the gatherings of the working ants and stores an extraordinarily large amount of honey within itself. The abdominal section of the ant swells in proportion to the amount of honey collected and ultimately assumes a globular shape, having then a diameter of about half an inch. The honey at that stage is enclosed in a very thin membrane. The ant in this condition is unable to move. The phenomenon is a natural mode of storage for times of need.

¹ **BASEDOW**, Herbert. Journal of Govt. N.W. Expedition March 30th – Nov 5th 1903. Various sizes, chiefly 25.5 x 20 cm. [**MS. 129c**]

Indigenous Australians (word replacement) are passionately fond of these little luxuries of the bush and spend a long time collecting them. To eat the honey, the ant is grasped by the head, the abdominal portion placed between one's lips and the contents squeezed into the mouth. To the palate the first sensation is that of a distinct taste of formic acid, which no doubt is excreted by the ant in self-defence. This taste is, however, slight and momentary; after bursting the membrane a flavour of rich honey follows. The honey is more fluid than that of bees."

(Pg 34-35)

"The vivid bloom and carpet of flowers extending across the Glen as far as the eye could see, broken by the white and knotted stems of stalwart gums, that shepherded the course of the Ferdinand and the purplish blue and warm background of partly clad and partly bare granitic mounts, are pictures that will ever remain fresh in the minds of the few whom good fortune favoured with an opportunity of traversing this most attractive and little known region." (Pg 44)

"The intervening flats between the outcrops of ridges of rock are sand and bear mulga, roly-poly, occasional clayey flats bear salt-bush, pine, fig and the so called native rose, figure prominently among the vegetation on the hill sides. The last named grows in handsomely shaped and full bushes bearing pink flowers resembling those of the hollyhock or rose-mallow." (Pg 53)

"When the mists of evening rose and the light in the glen grew dim and the blue-black thickets of mulga on the plain could not be distinguished from the pines on the hills, I could barely persuade myself to believe that the landscape before me was part of arid Central Australian and not Thuringia or Tyrol. From among the verdant pasture and succulent herbs that decked the plain, peeped the butter-cup yellow heads of everlasting, of which one could not resist to gather a bunch and tie it to the pommel of the saddle." (Pg 55)

"We are entertained throughout the night by the combined vocal exertions of the dingo and curlew." (Pg 59)

“The leaves float upon the surface of the water like those of a water lily, which early in the mornings carry a drop of water in their centre as brilliant as a bead of melted silver.” (Pg 64)

“Shortly after three o’clock this afternoon a beautiful meteorological phenomenon was witnessed by us. The sky had gradually become veiled in a streaky, thick grey mist. The rays of the sun became dim and all that remained in the western sky was an orange-coloured disc surround by a number of concentric rings of delicate hue. The innermost ring was well defined and of a dark grey colour which merged outwardly into a bright yellowish-brown, surrounded by a rim of splendid silvery white line, a diffuse corona encompassed the whole. The day throughout has been oppressive and weird, the moonlit night exceptionally calm and clear. I was several times awakened by the long-drawn “hoots” of the bronze-winged pigeons.” (Pg 83-84)

“As I sat alone tonight, musing at the camp fire, I heard distant, sweet music, first it seemed faint, mournful and whining, then it grew louder and shrill like the high notes of an organ. I wondered what it could mean and when it stopped, I thought it was just my imagination or that I had dreamed of the Sirens. But no, it presently started afresh and my amazement grew until a sudden gust of wind forced a shrill, unmusical, sighing note from the desert oak above me. The sweet notes had indeed been produced by the gentle play of the wind breaking upon the wiry pendant twigs which acted like a natural aeolian harp.” (Pg 90-90A)

“I cannot help comparing our caravan with Charles MacKay’s “lonely ship upon a lonely sea” sailing “to seize the secrets of the West and wrench the bolted doors of worlds unknown” (Pg 91)

“A pretty picture lies before us having brown with the red seed stalks of the triodia for its foreground, the deep blue-black line of casuarina in the distance, with a golden beam of sun light pouring from a rent in the threatening sky locally upon the healthy verdure of the Glen, the sky laden with deep blue and white cumulus and the ranges the background being the warm dark misty blue outline of the hills.” (Pg 105)

“A magnificent sunset is beheld by us tonight. The first effect was noted in the sky. A warm radiant horizon is overlain by a sky that passes through various shades of blue and green. Then there appears the pearly glow of the Zodiac, with long drawn streamers of red and blue radiating from a common centre on the horizon that can be followed, though of diminishing intensity well up towards the zenith, when the phenomenon vanished in the east an even more brilliant repetition of the luminous display is seen in the west. A floating cloudlet of crimson adds beauty to the scene and the effect yet enhanced by the bold outline of the ranges to the right and the rigid form of a resting camel cut out in black against the glowing sky” (Pg 129)

“Another beautiful light-effect was witnessed in the eastern evening sky. The zone nearest the earth was tinted a deep royal blue, above it appeared a series of horizontal layers of colour, one passing imperceptibly into the other. From below upwards the principal colours were purple, reddish-brown, crimson, yellow and bluish-green. The sky around possessed the mellow blueish grey hue so characteristic of the region.” (Pg 136)

Kate Buckley

UPCOMING SESSIONS RARE BOOKS GROUP

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Sir Joseph Banks (1743 – 1820) and the Age of Enlightenment

Thursday 27th June 2024

Sir Joseph Banks, naturalist, explorer and President of the Royal Society for more than 40 years, was among the most outstanding figures of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

In his younger years, as well as accompanying Cook on his voyage to the Pacific, he sailed on expeditions to Newfoundland, Labrador and Iceland collecting over 30,000 plant specimens.

Banks used his position as President of the Royal Society to encourage the scientific endeavours of others, sending botanists and explorers all over the world, looking for new and economically useful species that could be cultivated on British lands. He was knighted in 1795.

The RGSSA library holds many old and rare books illustrating Banks' long and influential career. Presented by Sally Hanley, this session will also include valuable RGSSA items retrieved from the State Library's Rare Book Room, namely Banks' journal (from Captain Cook's first voyage in HMS Endeavour, 1768-1762) and two rare manuscripts.

Another session not to be missed!

Jill Kerby, Convenor, Rare Books Group

LIBRARY NEW BOOKS TO Feb 2024 - *Part 2*

The books listed below have been catalogued by Gail Ward and Rosemary Hocking, and includes items held in the gallery collection which have not previously been listed on the online catalogue.

Hume, Ethel Douglas. *The globular jottings of Griselda.* Edinburgh : Blackwood, 1907.
A delightful collection of diary entries that offer an intimate glimpse into the life of a witty and erudite young woman in Victorian England. Ethel Douglas Hume's prose is charming and insightful, and her observations of daily life are still relevant and entertaining today. rg 910.4 a 1907

Leys, Winifred H. *Golden days in many lands.* London : Methuen, 1910.
Travel tales from the turn of last century. rg 910.4 a 1910

Gerbault, Alain, 1893-1941. *The gospel of the sun.* London : Hodder and Stoughton, 1933.
The creed of the young Frenchman who sailed the Firecrest single-handed round the world, interwoven with impressions of life in the Pacific islands. rg 910.4 a 1933

Watt, William Monro. *Home from Callao in a hoodoo ship : an epic of the sea.* London : Heath Cranton, 1933. rg 910.4 a 1933

Randell, Jack, 1879-1944. *I'm alone.* London : Jonathan Cape, 1930.
"I'm Alone" was a Canadian ship used as a rum runner during Prohibition in the United States. She was best known for having been sunk by the United States Coast Guard while trying to flee. rg 910.4 a 1930

Villiers, Alan, 1903-1982. *The Indian Ocean.* London : Museum Press, 1953. rg 910.4 a 1953

Elmberg, John-Erik. Islands of tomorrow. London : Hart-Davis, 1956. rg 910.4 a 1956

Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966. Labels : a Mediterranean journal. London : Duckworth, 1930.

Waugh chose the name Labels for his first travel book because, he said, the places he visited were already 'fully labelled'; in people's minds. Yet even the most seasoned traveller could not fail to be inspired by his quintessentially English attitude and by his eloquent and frequently outrageous wit. From Europe to the Middle East and North Africa, from Egyptian porters and Italian priests to Maltese sailors and Moroccan merchants - as he cruises around the Mediterranean his pen cuts through the local colour to give an entertaining portrait of the Englishman abroad. rg 910.4 a 1930

Wells, Frederic De Witt, 1874-. The last cruise of the Shanghai : being the story of the teakwood boat over the Viking trail. New York : Minton, Balch & Company, 1925.

Contents: Adventure -- Copenhagen to Bergen -- Bergen -- Bergen to the Faeroes -- The Faeroes and Iceland -- Reykjavik -- Iceland to Greenland -- Narsak -- Greenland to Labrador -- Battle Harbor and Newfoundland -- Shipwreck -- Rescue. rg 910.4 a 1925

Farmer, H. F. The log of a shellback : a narrative of life and adventure before the mast in the 'nineties. London : H.F. & G. Witherby, 1925. rg 910.4 a 1925

Jackson, Frederick George, 1860-. The lure of unknown lands : North Pole and equator. London : G. Bell & sons, 1935.

Frederick Jackson (1860-1938) probably the most unsung exploration hero of all time ... a little like Hubert Wilkins. Despite the title the book starts in Western Queensland and the lead up to that is most interesting. Soon we are at Waigate Island, quite a contrast and the journey from Khabarova to Archangel. Then the big event .. the Jackson – Harmsworth Polar Expedition ... Franz Josef Land ... winter, new discoveries and dangers and that extraordinary meeting. Further North and eventually a third winter. After all of this cold weather and excursion to war Jackson explores Central Africa and Liberia. 910.4 a 1935

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. Memories of travel. London : Macmillan, 1923.

Contents:-Impressions of Iceland (1872); The Tatra 1. The mountains of Poland (1878); 11. The mountains of Hungary (1878); Swaroff's campaign (1884); Impressions of Palestine (1914); The isles of the Southern Pacific (1912); The scenery of North America (1921); The Altai mountains (1913); Appendix to chapter on Iceland. rg 910.4 a 1923

Jackson, Thomas Graham, Sir, 1835-1924. Memories of travel. Cambridge : University Press, 1923.

Contents: Travel.-Dauphine'.-Maggiore and the Borromean Islands.-Venice and the Euganean Hills.-Assisi.-The Dolomites.-Dalmatia, Herzegovina and Bosnia.-Salonica.-Constantinople. rg 910.4 a 1923

Treves, Frederick, Sir, 1853-1923. The other side of the Lantern - an Account of a Commonplace Tour Round the World. London : Cassell and Company, 1916.

Contents: Pt. 1. The Mediterranean and the Red Sea -- pt. 2. India -- pt. 3. Burmah and Ceylon -- pt. 4. China -- pt. 5. Japan -- pt. 6. America. rg 910.4 a 1916

Lockhart, John Gilbert, 1891-1960. Peril of the sea : a book of shipwrecks and escapes. 2nd ed. London : Philip Allan & Co. 1928.

Contents: The white ship, 1120 -- The strange voyage of Pietro Quirini, 1431 -- The last voyage of Sir Humfrey Gilbert, 1583 -- The casting away of the Tobie, 1593 -- The wreck and redemption of Sir Thomas Gates, 1609 -- The shipwreck of King James II, 1682 -- The story of Occum Chamnam, 1686 -- The wreck of the Wager, 1740 -- The wreck of the H.M.S. Phoenix, 1780 -- The loss of the Royal George, 1782 -- The shipwreck and slavery of Saugnier, 1783 -- The loss of the Halsewell East Indiaman, 1786 -- The loss of H.M.S. La Tribune, 1797 -- The Medusa, 1816 -- The burning of the Kent East Indiaman, 1825 -- The wreck of the Rothsay Castle steam packet, 1830 -- The story of the Birkenhead, 1852 -- The loss of the Titanic, 1912. rg 910.4 a 1928

Henderson, Daniel, 1880-1955. Pirate Princes and Yankee Jacks: Pirate Princes and Yankee Jacks Setting forth David Forsyth's Adventures in America's Battles on Sea and Desert with the Buccaneer Princes of Barbary, with an Account of a Search under the Sands of the Sahara Desert for the Treasure-filled Tomb of Ancient Kings. London : J.M. Dent & Sons, 1923.

Brave, energetic, intensely patriotic, Stephen Decatur is America's first great naval hero after John Paul Jones. His short and dramatic life is a story of triumph and tragedy in semi-fictional form. Decatur's raid into Tripoli Harbor in 1804 to burn the Philadelphia, a prized U.S. warship captured when it ran aground during the Barbary Wars, earned him international fame. An admiring Horatio Nelson described the feat as "the most bold and daring act of the age." Explaining the tremendous impact Decatur's action had on the early U.S. rg 910.4 a 1923

Lewis, Alan G. Sport, travel and adventure. London : T. Fisher Unwin, 1915. rg 910.4 a 1915

Douglas, William Orville, 1898-1980. Strange lands and friendly people. London : Victor Gollancz, 1952.

A record of journeys in Greece, Israel, Azerbaijan, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Cyprus, India and Persia. rg 910.4. a 1952

Cummings, Henry. A synopsis of the cruise of the U.S.S. "Tuscarora" from the date of her commission to her arrival in San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 2d, 1874. San Francisco : Printed by the Cosmopolitan steam Printing Company, 1874. rg 910.4 a 1874

Chatterton, Edward Keble, 1878-1944. To the Mediterranean in "Charmina". London : Rich & Cowan, 1934. rg 910.4 a 1934

Kornitzer, Louis, 1873-. Trade winds. London : Geoffrey Bles, 1933.
Reminiscences of a pearl trader. rg 910.4 a 1933

Gosling, Cecil, 1870-1944. Travel and adventure in many lands. London : Methuen, 1926.
Cecil Gosling was a British diplomat (1870-1944). Minister to Bolivia 1910-1916, Consul-General, Gothenburg 1916-1919, Consul-General, Frankfurt 1920-1924. rg 910.4 a 1926

Franck, Harry Alverson, 1881-. A vagabond journey around the world : a narrative of personal experience. New York : Century Co. 1910. Partly reprinted from various periodicals. rg 910.4 a 1910

Thomas, Lowell, 1892-1981. The wreck of the Dumaru : a story of cannibalism in an open boat. London : William Heinemann, 1931.

The present account has been taken from the diary of Fred Harmon, assistant engineer, with added facts and details provided by Harmon and by "Sparks", the writer. rg 910.4 a 1931



FIELD GEOLOGY CLUB

UPCOMING LECTURES & EVENTS 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/THEME	SPEAKER/ LEADER(S)
6 June	Brian Daily Memorial Lecture	Top shelf sedimentary structures	Dr. Nick Lemon
Fri 21 to Sun 23 June	Long weekend excursion	Copper and diprotodons of Burra	Phil Woodard and Kym Dixon
4 Jul	Meeting	No outcrop? No problem! How to view geology when there's no geology to view.	Dr Phil Plummer
28 Jul	Excursion (Half-day)	Rocks from space – in the Tate Museum!	Jayden Squire
1 Aug	Meeting	Surface logging: adventures in the oil patch	Mike Burrell
25 Aug	Excursion	Sellicks geology: from hilltop to beach	Kym Dixon, Peter Briggs, Cynthia Pyle
5 Sep	Ralph Tate Memorial Lecture	Human impact or natural variability? The conundrum of climatic change	Emeritus Prof. Martin Williams

Field Geology Club meetings for 2024 will commence at the new time of 7.00 pm and are held in the Mawson Lecture Theatre, University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus (off Victoria Drive). Meetings consist of a guest lecture, announcements, and a ten-minute talk by a Club member, and are scheduled to end at approximately 8.30 pm. They are free and everyone is welcome to come, and to join us for supper afterwards. Excursions are available to members only, but visitors are offered one trial day or half-day excursion at no cost. For further information visit our website: fieldgeologyclubsa.org.au or email: frances.williams@adelaide.edu.au

Frances Williams, FGC Secretary & Programme Coordinator



ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

To become a member or renew your membership please forward your payment and completed form to:

**Royal Geographical Society of SA Inc. [ABN 93 978 549 002]
PO Box 3661 Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000**

The completed form can be scanned and forwarded by email to:

admin@rgssa.org.au

Alternatively: You can complete the form and pay through RGSSA website:

<https://rgssa.org.au/the-society/membership/become-a-member-or-renew-your-membership>

RENEWAL FEES DUE 1ST JANUARY (GST INCLUSIVE) – PLEASE CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

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What I enjoy about the Society, or hope to enjoy:	

Members can request a name badge to be worn at RGSSA events for \$15 each. Both first name and last name are included. If you wish to purchase a name badge (or two for family membership) please provide your preferred names below:

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To help advance the Society's objectives will you also consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Society's Funds to promote geographical learning? Trust Funds support, sponsor, encourage or promote projects or other activities for scientific study of any or all aspects of geography and/or the educational applications or dissemination of the findings thereof. The funds either provide for growth in our geographical library, knowledge and information services; or are applied to more general geographical activities, awards and scholarships.

All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible (receipt will be issued for amounts greater than \$20)

Yes, I would like to donate to the RGSSA Inc Trusts:				
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FEB - NOV 2024 RARE BOOKS GROUP SESSIONS

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DATE	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Thursday 22 February	Eugene Abraham and Phyl Twigg	<i>Allied Military Intelligence behind Japanese Lines in WW1.</i>
Thursday 28 March	Hugh Orr	<i>The RGSSA's Treasures Project: Progress Report with Highlights.</i>
Thursday 25 April	No session (Anzac Day)	"...We will remember them." 
Thursday 23 May	Phil McCarthy	<i>Awnsham and John Churchill's Voyages and Travels in the New World, published 1704 and 1732.</i>
Thursday 27 June	Sally Hanley	<i>Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), and the Age of Enlightenment.</i>
Thursday 25 July	Elizabeth Dunlop and Jill Kerby	<i>The diverse life of Samuel White Sweet (1825-1886): sea captain, surveyor and photographer.</i>
Thursday 22 August	Nona Verco	<i>The River Thames flows through the York Gate Library</i>
Thursday 26 September	RBG Participants To be advised	<i>What's in the RGSSA Collection about the Men and Women of the North Terrace Plaques?</i>
Thursday 24 October	RGB Participants	<i>A walk with Visionary Charles Todd (with credit to Keith Conlon and Richard Venus)</i>
Thursday 28 November	Kate Buckley	<i>Discoveries from the manuscript drawer.</i>

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

FEB - JUNE 2024 LECTURE PROGRAM AND EVENTS

The following lectures will be held at the Hetzel Room in the State Library of South Australia at North Terrace, commencing at 5:30 sharp. Doors open at 5 pm. Bookings will need to be made through the Society's new website <https://rgssa.org.au>. Please note that advertised lectures and speakers can change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please also note the **BROCK lecture** to be held at the University of Adelaide, Napier Building, Room G04 at 5.30 pm – doors open 5pm.

Thursday 15 February	Frances Williams	<i>The Search for How the Earth Works: A Scientific Detective Story</i>
Thursday 21 March	Adam Courtenay	<i>Mr Todd's Marvel How one man telegraphed Australia to the world</i>
Thursday 18 April	Roderick O'Brien	<i>Julian Tenison-Woods Precursor to South East Tour</i>
Thursday 16 May	Dr Penny Von Oosterzee	<i>The Wallace Line</i>
Thursday 20 June	John Rymill (Grandson)	<i>John Rymill – Polar Explorer</i>
Tuesday 2 July	<i>* Brock Lecture *</i> Professor Andrew Beer	<i>Solving Intractable Problems: Geography and the Grand Challenges of our Time</i>
Thursday 18 July	Professor Donald P Albert	<i>Evaluating Maude's and Hooker's HMS Bounty Tracks after Leaving Tahiti on September 22, 1789</i>
Thursday 15 August	Dr Steven Lapidge	<i>Eat Food Waste Australia</i>
<i>Details of further lectures for 2024 to be advised</i>		

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