

Nairne News



Newsletter of the Nairne and Districts Residents Association



District Hotel 1936. Photo: State Library of South Australia, image B31822

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The District Hotel played a significant role in Nairne's 175 year history, being one of the first meeting places for the original District Council of Nairne. The preferred site for the town's post office was heatedly debated in this building during a public meeting which was momentarily interrupted by a pair of dogs fighting under the table! Later, the Crooked Billet, behind the Millers Arms Hotel, became the site of the Nairne Council meetings and it was there that the Nairne Council wound up in 1935; to be amalgamated with the District Council of Mt Barker.

Nairne's hotels are still popular meeting places for locals and are undergoing renewal and improvement as they continue to flourish.



Nairne and Districts Residents Association

President's report, by Simon Martin

It has been another big year for Nairne with the celebration of the 175th since the town's founding. To celebrate, 2 major events have been planned by the association for the town –

- The Old Style Movie Night. This was held in June and was a great success. We even had some rarely seen movie footage of the district from 1925.
- 'Nairne Alive – 175' will be held in and around the Main Street in November (see p 4). This promises to be one of those big street events that Nairne does so well.

We continue to see the Nairne Master Plan being rolled out with the undergrounding of the power lines in the Main St. This has given us some challenges in the planning of 'Nairne Alive – 175' but the thought that the trees on the north side of the street won't be severely pruned again will be a great birthday present to the town.

NDRA decided to give our 2014 guest speaker events an historical flavour this year. This resulted in two very interesting talks –

- Helen Carman and Dot Richter. Both women are well known for their tireless involvement in the Nairne Market from its founding. They entertained us with tales of their school days in Nairne.
- Lyall Strout talked about the history of the Chapmans factory, Nairne sporting history and much, much more.

We continue to have the bi-monthly elected members' forum, and I would like to thank the councillors for their continuing attendance which provides us with an excellent opportunity to keep informed about changes in our town, to ask questions and raise issues.

This year we decided that NDRA needed it's own Facebook page. You can link to this page, if you use Facebook, by searching for Nairne and Districts Residents Association.

The NDRA now has a new data projector to assist with presentations by speakers at our meetings. We would like to thank the Nairne Market for their generous donation to the NDRA, and Cr Trevor Corbell for his ward donation, both of which were put toward this acquisition.

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Nairne and Districts Residents Association



President's report (continued), by Simon Martin

If you are interested in getting a little more involved in your local community, this Association is a great way to stay informed or become active in local issues and events. Everyone is welcome to attend the speaker nights, councillor forums and monthly meetings, including non-members. These meetings are held in Nairne on the third Wednesday night of each month (except December). In September and October, these meetings will continue to take place in the Nairne Institute but, from November, when the Institute is turned into a museum, we will hold our meetings at the Nairne Railway Station.

If you can support the Association by becoming a financial member, you will receive the detailed minutes to each meeting - so if you cannot attend meetings, you can still stay informed. You can also choose to receive a digital copy of the Nairne News by email. We really welcome new members as they always bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the group. Please consider joining by filling out the membership form below and bringing it along to our next meeting - 7 pm at the Nairne Institute on Wednesday 17 September 2014, or post it to us at the address provided on the form. We welcome you to our group!

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Nairne Alive—175



On Sunday 30 November 2014, from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, the Main Street of Nairne will be the setting for the 175th celebrations of this amazing town. The Nairne and District Residents Association is combining with the Nairne Community Sustainable Market and other Nairne Community Groups to give the Main Street of Nairne the feeling of past years.

The original market place on the corner of Jeffrey and Main Street will be filled with market stalls again; the Institute will open as the Nairne Museum; and the Nairne Market, which is housed in the Old Police Station, will be open with a display of archive police articles in one of the Old Police Cells. This will be a perfect spot for a 'photo-shoot'. The Red Cross, RSL and Nairne Primary School will have displays in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Be sure to invite your old school classmates to reminisce on those 'good old school days'. The Old Barn opposite the Soldiers Memorial Hall will be open with a display of art work by local artists. Nairne Lions are presenting a historical display at the Old Railway Station and will also be running bus tours which will point out historic sites within Nairne and the surrounding area.

Our local businesses in the Main Street will be open and are excitedly planning to create further historic atmosphere for this day by dressing in costume and providing food and entertainment from past eras. All attending on the day are invited to dress in costume from the various eras.

'Nairne Alive – 175' is warming up to be a great celebration event. We look forward to seeing you there and would be pleased if you could invite others who you know would like to attend this event.

The organisers gratefully acknowledge the funding support provided by the District Council of Mount Barker and the Nairne Market for this special event as part of the district-wide 175th celebrations.

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Councillor's commentary...

By Trevor Corbell

Hello, and welcome to my column in this edition of the ever-popular 'Nairne News'; an outstanding contribution, by editor Cathy Smallridge and proofreader Jo Parkinson, to the healthy community spirit which is alive and well in our town.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mt Barker District's 'Heroes of the District' - Nairne's own **DEAN AND HELEN CARMAN!** At a function at Auchendarroch House on Friday 8 August, the District Council of Mt Barker, in conjunction with the Mt Barker Rotary Club, announced the names of fifteen recipients of 'Community Hero' awards, drawn from nominations across each of the fifteen towns and villages in the District.

Recipients include long-time Nairne resident ALAN SARGENT who, amongst other things, contributed greatly to the restoration of the old St James schoolhouse on the Old Princes Highway at Blakiston; and artist LIZ HIRSTLE (Dawesley), who is largely responsible for the numerous murals in Nairne.

Other award recipients in North Ward are BARBARA DAY-BRINKLEY (Harrogate), JOHN KLUSKE (Hahndorf), ROLY MacDONALD (Brukunga), ELAIN McINNES (Kanmantoo), HELEN RAISON (Littlehampton) and RICHARD WILLIAMS (Callington).

Beyond North Ward are RAY BAILEY (Prospect Hill), CLIVE BROOKS (Meadows), ANDY BYRNE (Mt Barker), DAVID DOWNING (Flaxley), DENISE & PETER FRY (Wistow), GILBERT LOWE (Macclesfield) and ANNETTE SCHIRMER (Echunga).

But, in addition to the awards made to these outstanding community workers in each of the District's towns, it was Nairne's Helen and Dean Carman who received the ultimate accolade by being named 'HEROES OF THE DISTRICT', that is, the entire Mt Barker District! Many readers will know of the remarkable contribution Dean and Helen have made to the community in so many ways; a tireless effort over 50 years, which they continue to make.

Thank you Helen and Dean, we are grateful - and so very proud of you!

BALD HILLS ROAD/SE FREEWAY INTERCHANGE. Actual construction is now well on the way. Coinciding with the interchange project is a major upgrade of the **Bald Hills Road/Old Princes Highway T-junction**. Scheduled to start by the end of this year, the first stage of work at the interchange site, expected to be completed in 2015, will be an on-ramp to the west and other directly related elements of the interchange. The following stage (2015-16) will be the construction of an off-ramp from the west and the Bald Hills Road/Old Princes Highway T-junction.

Council is also talking with the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) about how some long-anticipated shared cycle/pedestrian pathways might be incorporated into the overall interchange project.

UNDERGROUNDING of the powerlines (at a combined SA Power Networks/Council cost of \$1.8m) on Main Road between Farquharson Street and the Liberty servo is now well under way. Inevitably, there is some disruption while this work is being done, but it is expected that it will be

completed by the end of October. At the same time, Council has started work (costing \$30,000) on possible **street-scaping** designs for a new, exciting business precinct on Main Road (including adjoining Mick Murphy and Matthew Smillie Parks, and Leith Street). Possible designs will be made available for public consultation and input before any physical work is done, expected in 2015-16.

For enquiries about the undergrounding work, contact project manager Ian Powell (0408 970 966) or check the Council website for updates.

NORTH ROAD UPGRADE. A \$450,000 first stage of an upgrade of North Road is now being worked on. Major elements of the project include installation of several traffic-calming 'slow points', a major reworking of the North Road/Junction Street T-junction, re-treatment of the Woodside Road entry point, and some carriageway surface improvements.

NEW FOOTBRIDGES. Approved in the 2014-15 Council budget, a new footbridge is to be constructed over the Nairne Creek near the **Bridge Street**/North Road/Sydney Road junction. This welcome addition will remove hazards for pedestrians at the location, enabling better access to the cycle/pedestrian path on Sydney Rd linking to the Nairne Sports Complex.

A replacement of the old timber footbridge over the Creek between the **Jeffrey Street extension** (next to 'Head, Hearts & Hands') and North Road is also in this year's budget.

WAR MEMORIAL FLAGPOLES.

Council is working with the Nairne RSL to provide some measures enabling two additional flagpoles to be erected at the Nairne cenotaph (war memorial) in Mick Murphy Park (next to the CFS station) when ceremonies at the site require them. The RSL has requested this work in time for next year's 100 year commemoration of the Gallipoli Peninsula campaign in World War I. The extra poles will enable the flags of New Zealand and Turkey to be flown together with the Australian ensign.

BUS STOP SHELTERS 'SPRUCE UP'.

As a community gesture, the Nairne & Districts Lions Club has volunteered to repaint the newly installed shelters near the Medical Clinic, and at the corner of Woodside Road and Old Princes Highway. Council will be providing the paint.

Many thanks to the Lions for their generous contribution to the community in this project.

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Getting things done



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Councillor Trevor Corbell

Councillor's commentary...

COUNCIL ELECTIONS. Occurring every four years, the schedule for this year's elections of a mayor and councillors is as follows.

- Tue 2 Sept:* nomination of candidates open
- Mon 15 Sept:* (7:00 pm) last formal meeting of outgoing Council
- Tue 16 Sept:* nominations close (12 noon); Electoral Commission SA draw for position of names on ballot paper (4:00 pm); Council 'caretaker period' begins
- Mon 20 Oct - Fri 24 Oct:* mail-out of ballot papers and information to all eligible voters commences (in North Ward, you will be eligible to vote for a mayor and four councillors)
- Fri 7 Nov:* period for return of completed ballot papers closes (5:00 pm)
- Sat 8 Nov:* (starting at 9:00 am) Electoral Commission SA counts votes, followed by declaration of successful candidates
- Fri 14 Nov:* Council 'caretaker period' finishes .
- Mon 17 Nov:* (7:00 pm) newly elected mayor and members sworn-in
- Mon 1 Dec:* (7:00 pm) first formal meeting of incoming Council.

The District Council of Mt Barker comprises a mayor and ten councillors, representing three wards - Central Ward (4 councillors), North (4) and South (2). North Ward includes Blakiston, Brukunga, Callington (part), Dawesley, Hahndorf, Harrogate, Hay Valley, Kanmantoo, Littlehampton, Mt Torrens (part), Nairne, Paechtown (for and following these elections) and Totness.

Although it is voluntary, I strongly urge you to take a few minutes to vote. Indeed, you might think about nominating (by 16 Sept) for election yourself, to contribute more directly to the work of the District Council of Mt Barker. Council has before it a wide range of complex and challenging issues, at both the District level and in towns like Nairne. We need to make sure that it is a strong, united and energetic one.

Finally ... Please contact me on 0408 685 759 or at tcorbell@dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au for further information on the matters in this column, or any other Council-related issues. Or you can contact one of your other North Ward councillors, Jeff Bettcher, Lyn Stokes and Simon Westwood. And, for more up-to-date information on issues as they happen, please check my Facebook page 'Councillor Trevor Corbell'. Enjoy the Spring weather!



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By Noni Vassos

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District Hoteliers celebrate 10 years in Nairne.



The District Hotel, Nairne

Rodney and Gail Kennedy have been running the District Hotel in Nairne for the past 10 years. Rod has 18 years experience in the hotel industry, including drive-in bottle shops, bar, duty managing of a large metropolitan hotel and, more recently, in managing the District Hotel with Gail. She has 29 years experience in kitchen, waitressing, bars, gaming and also as a relief manager of a large metropolitan hotel.

They came to Nairne after selling their small percentage of the Railway Hotel in Peterborough. They felt that hotels in the metropolitan area were no longer focusing on customers, but on gaming, and believed that there was more to hotels than that. They wanted their own small hotel. After looking at many hotels in the Hills and far north, they took on the running of the District Hotel in Nairne and, last year in July, they purchased it freehold from Johnston's. It was the first time the hotel has been held freehold since Johnston's purchased it in 1872. Gail says she loves this area, especially Nairne. "We feel our hotel has great staff, service and friendly customers. It is a place you can walk into and feel relaxed and welcome," she says. "We have open fires in our bar and dining room which make the atmosphere here really warm and cosy."

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Since purchasing the freehold of the District Hotel, Rodney and Gail have repainted throughout the whole hotel, replaced all of the carpets and updated the kitchen. They have also improved the dining area and added extra tables.

They have more improvements in mind for the future, with the aim to always retain the feel of a small country pub.



The freshly redecorated dining room in the District Hotel



The old stone barn and beer garden at the back of the Hotel.

Outside, there is a beautiful beer garden and an old stone barn which is available for hire.

The menu at the District includes basic counter meals which are very affordable, ranging from \$9 for fish & chips or a hamburger, to \$12 for schnitzels, and up to \$26 for steaks. Rodney does the cooking and Gail helps out with the preparation.

To celebrate their 10 years in Nairne, Rod and Gail are offering drink specials on tap beer for the month of September; and on 13 September 2014, there will be a fancy dress karaoke night until late! Why not stop in and join the celebrations this month!



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Young Carer Support Program

The Carer Wellness Centre at Woodside advises that a new Young Carer Support Program is starting up. This is a program that will support Young Carers (up to 25 years of age) and their families with the issues they may be facing. This program will offer one-to-one support as well as group support, day trips and retreats, depending on individual needs and interests.

For Further information, please contact the Young Carer Support Worker Amie Johnson, at the Carer Wellness Centre on 8389 7383.

Community life in Nairne in the late 1970's

By Anama Morriss

While Chapman's was making bacon at the eastern end of the Main Street, in 1978 a group of people, inspired by the Findhorn Vision of Community, made their home in the house and old barn opposite the Soldiers Memorial Hall. This shared community house became a focus for regular Sunday night shared meals, workshops that explored the human growth potential, meditation, dancing, drumming, and firewalking were just a few of the activities. Children had the freedom to play in the Barn while their parents kept an eye on the tribe and shared stories.

Volunteers ran Harvest Whole Foods Cooperative, in what was later the Elders Real Estate Building, providing fresh vegetables from the East End Market, and whole grains and nuts. Plans for the Hills Montessori School were discussed there. The school, started by Jen Gibson, opened in the old police building – now the Nairne Market. Children used the Barn for music and dance – and many of the kids from the community learned their numbers and letters there.

Later there were the pantomimes that were performed in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Aladdin, Monty Python's Flying Piglet Circus, and Cinderella had the audiences chuckling (see next page).

People who shared the positive, supportive and spiritual sense of being human regularly came to the Sunday nights at the Barn, even driving up the foggy winding Old Mt Barker Road from the city (before the tunnels). While the Barn has moved to other owners, there is still a warm connection between those who were lucky enough to share the camaraderie and collective wisdom of those days.





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When Nairne had pantomimes!

By Chris Banks

It was in 1989, when Nairne was turning 150, that a group of local stage enthusiasts decided that a pantomime would be a good way to bring out the best talent in this little town. David Swallow suggested Red Hot Cinders and there was no trouble finding like-minded souls of all ages to participate in something frivolous. Noel Wilson from The Barn in the Main Street and the scene of many Sunday night dinners and courses (not found in most towns up the freeway), put his pen to paper; and as a collaborative effort they created a very amusing variation on the beautiful girl and her prince with a slipper. The costumes were amazing thanks to David Page, who also made the wigs. Our wonderful local hardware merchant cum pianist, Michael (from you know where) kept a rollicking pace with the music and we sang along with gusto.



This was such a success and surprise to the townspeople that we were moved to have another go the following year. This time it was Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp, complete with some above-average belly dancers. All the local businesses were supportive and it really had the town talking. In fact there was even a demand for more so we took it on tour to Macclesfield !

Two years later, in 1992, we rustled up the idea of Monty Python's Flying Piglet Circus, with a very original script based extremely loosely on the three regular pigs' story, and since Chapman's had such an influence in the town we had more fodder for the script. There were children doing circus tricks, Count Moriarty up to his evil land grabbing plans and clowns galore, while the compere tried to keep some sort of order.



If you would like to come and reminisce about your participation in some, or all, of these shows, or know someone who may be moved to join us for a laugh, do come to our showing of home videos planned for November (watch for the date). Be warned, the quality of filming is not what we are used to now, so we'll add some more real-life interludes to keep you out of your seat!

Please contact me on 8388 6107 if you have any photos or information that we can include.

Nairne and Districts Lions Club

By John Taylor



Over the past few weeks, as a fundraiser, we ran a BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse, Littlehampton. We also ran a BBQ for the Nairne CFS for their fundraising musical evening at the Nairne Oval, as well as doing our normal things at the railway station, the park and the recycling shed.

Sadly, one of our most popular and energetic members, Lion Marianne Ehlers, passed away in early July. Our condolences go out to her family. We miss her but, without a doubt, our lives have been made richer by knowing her.

At our last dinner meeting, we inducted a new member into our ranks - Ian Schultz. I am sure he will be a great member of our team.

As part of our involvement with Nairne's 175th celebrations to be held on 30 November of this year, Lion Tom Davidson, with his team of fellow lions, are setting up an historic railways display at the Nairne Railway Station on the day. We have located several people, either directly or by family ties, who were involved with the railways in Nairne. We are keen to get in contact with any people who have any information regarding the railways in the district. If you can help, please contact Lion Tom Davidson on 8388 0837.

Also, as part of our contribution on the day, we are organising a conducted bus trip from Nairne to sites of historic interest around the district.

Prior to 30 November, we hope to do some painting of the outside of the railway station building and also, if time permits, replace the fence around the residence. If anybody is interested in helping with these projects, please contact John Taylor on 8388 6338. We hope to do these works mainly on the weekends, with a good BBQ lunch provided.

The next 4-5 months is a very busy period for us. We have started putting together our monster Christmas Stocking Raffle, and hopefully tickets should be on sale by mid-October. Also, planning is underway for our Carols by the Lake Christmas Carols Night on Friday 5 December 2014 at Byethorne Park. In tribute to the town's 175th celebrations this year, we are naming it 175th Celebrations Carols by the Lake.

In September, as one of our ongoing fundraising programs, we will be delivering White Pages phone books in the Nairne, Littlehampton, Brukunga and Kanmantoo area.

Our program is pretty busy, but I know it will be done and a lot of fun and good fellowship will take place.

If anybody reading this article has an interest in contributing to their community, and wants to team up with a great group of people, please contact us. We are only too happy to meet with you and explain what Lions is all about and, if you wish, to welcome you to our ranks.

News from Ink Pot Arts

By Phi Theodoros



Ink Pot Arts have been busy again with three performances of 'Children of the Black Skirt' by their 12-18 year old ensemble. This show was 'toured' from Mt Barker to Oakbank Area School as a trial run for our Adelaide Fringe season in 2015. The cast tackled dark themes around children in orphanages and institutions, with respect, skill, grace and just the right amount of laughter.

The award-winning playwright Angela Betzien was then flown to Adelaide to run two script writing workshops on August 15 and 16. Betzien was an absolute joy to work with and the 15 master class participants all walked away with new skills and tips on how to build characters, frame new stories for the stage and how to move from an idea to really developing your next show.

August also brought the SALA Festival with Dianne Vanstone exhibiting her stunning watercolours in our Creative Hub and offering a number of Watercolour workshops in the Creative Hub.

The Creative Hub is now the new home to some Wu Tao and Mandala workshops across the next school term - contact Sonya Mellor (sonyamellor@yahoo.com.au) for more details.

Want to know the next big thing for Ink Pot Arts? In September we'll be celebrating our 10th Birthday (contact phi@inkpot.com.au if you'd like to be a part of the event) and we've just started rehearsals for our '**Footprint to Footplate**' production happening in November as part of the 175th birthday celebrations of Mt Barker and the surrounding townships. Contact Jo-anne@inkpot.com.au for more information.



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Importantly, you will also need to obtain Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) clearance.

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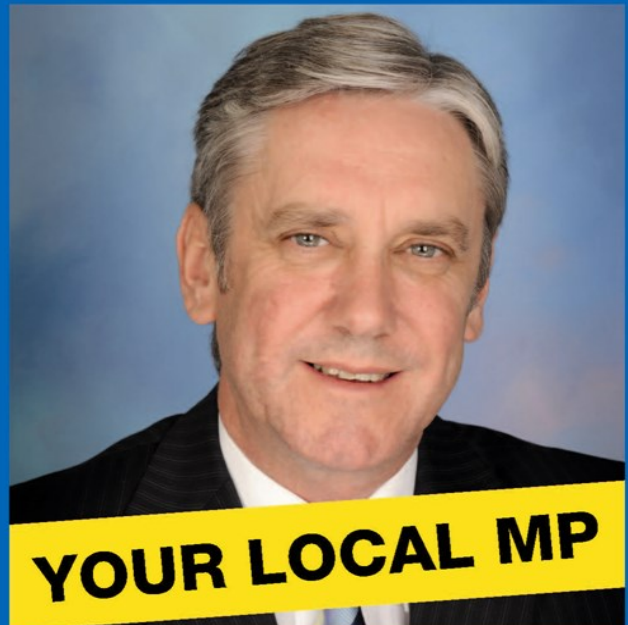
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History of the Nairne Institute.

By Clive Pay

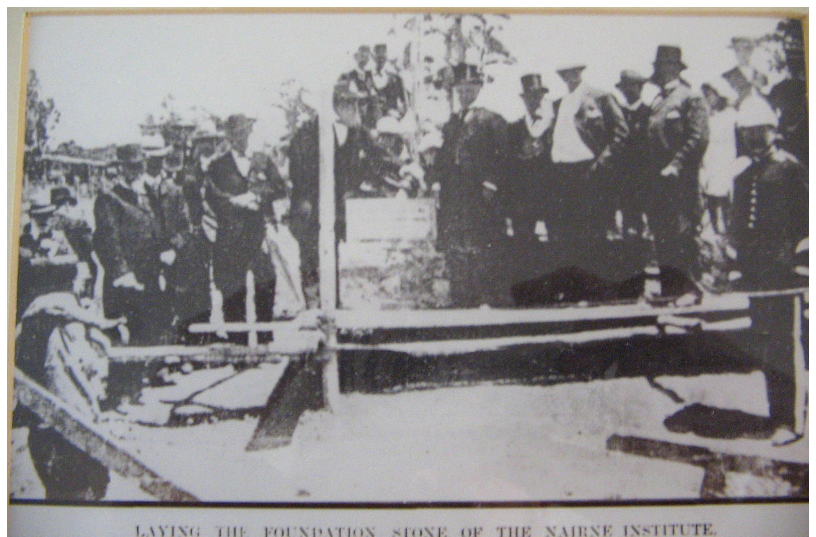
What current residents call the Institute, is in fact the Institute building. The Institute was actually an organisation which, prior to the current building being constructed, held its meetings at various locations. In fact, the first Nairne Institute was formed in 1859, 21 years after the establishment of the town. There was no provision for such an organisation in the setting up of the town. The first meeting and opening was held on 3 October and was held in a room over H Fordham's (1st Secretary) dispensary, which was fitted out for the purpose. Mr J T B was President, tea was on the tables at 5 pm and children were not admitted. James Clezy was the next Secretary. A later holder of the office was Mr Joseph Ryder, who placed his school premises at the disposal of the Institute and worked hard to improve the position of the organisation.

Lectures were organised and a library collection established, which held 82 volumes in 1860 with 42 subscribers. Despite significant efforts to provide attractions, by 1866 the Nairne Institute ceased operations. In 1871, 1874 and 1879, attempts were made to restart the Institute but to no avail. In 1874 funds (500 pounds) were set aside for a building but were lost as a result of the community not being able to agree on a site. It was not until 1884 that a meeting, chaired by Mr David Chapman and held at the District Hotel, determined that a Nairne Institute should be formed. Mr John Clezy was President and there were 25 active and energetic members.

After a number of attempts to obtain a piece of land on or near the Main St, the idea of an Institute building was shelved. The Committee was very active and raised money via concerts etc, most of which was spent on books resulting in the formation of a Literary Society.

In February 1902, a committee was formed with a view to securing a building for the Institute. Shortly after, a concert was held and 5 pounds 17 shillings was banked for the purpose. From then the building fund grew rapidly, as a result of many efforts by the town's ladies. The committee was able to purchase a piece of land for 22 pound, 15 shillings and sixpence, as well as being able to bank a further 197 pounds collected over 18 months with promises of further donations. The original design was drawn up by Mr T Burgoyne, MP and included a library, reading, committee and paper rooms with dimensions of 44ft 6 inches in length and 32ft in width. Mr Ebenezer Trigg was the successful tenderer for the construction, and the building was scheduled to be completed by 21 March 1904. The current wall and iron rails were part of the original project. Acetylene gas was installed.

Sir Langdon Bonython laid the foundation stone in January 1904, and the building was opened by Mr W H Duncan, MP on 2 April 1904. Total cost of the project was 495 pounds, requiring a further 60 pounds to be raised to clear the Institute of debt. Once the new building was opened, the number of subscribers doubled.



LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NAIRNE INSTITUTE.

Since 1904, the Institute building has been used for a variety of purposes including library, polling booth, bank agency, ballet school, bowling alley, and civic and social gatherings. In 1905, acetylene gas lighting was installed, and sometime in the 1920s/1930s, a room was converted to a kitchen.

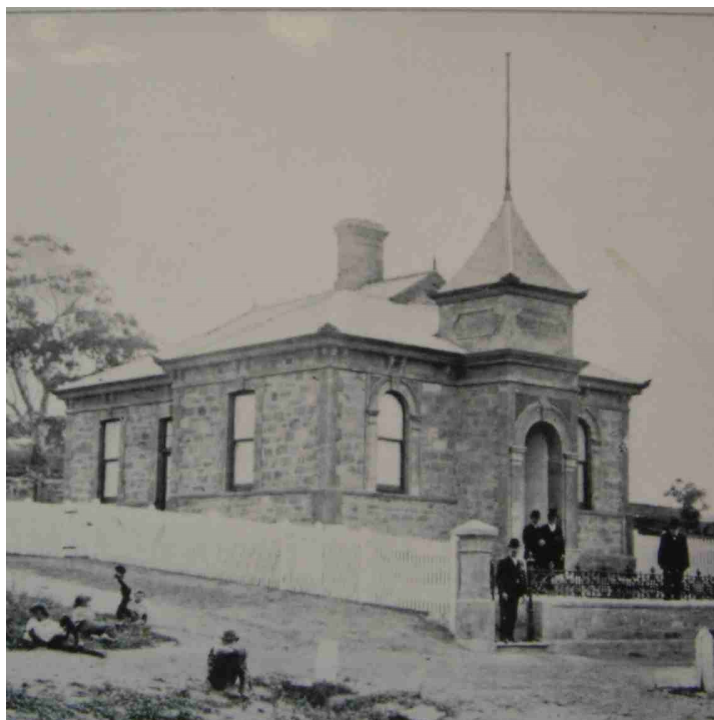
In 1980, the South Australian Institute was abolished and the Nairne Institute was taken over by local government.

In more recent years it has been hired to a number of community and private organisations, allowing some funds to be accumulated which are now being applied to the Institute's management committee's project to develop a comprehensive museum of Nairne. Over the years quite a lot of artefacts and such have been collected and it was felt that the time has come to put these on display for Nairne residents and visitors to the town. This will complement the work which has been done in the development of a range of murals which tell the history of Nairne and are located near where the activity occurred, and the historic walk which puts on show our wealth of well-preserved historic buildings in the town.

More recently, the committee has appealed to Nairne residents to donate/lend any materials which they may have to the proposed museum and so far there has been a modest response. Some building modifications and refurbishment have been approved which will facilitate the museum's operations and these are expected to be completed during the year. It is hoped that the museum will be substantially ready for the 175th anniversary celebrations scheduled for early November 2014.

The earliest record held at the Institute is a Loan Ledger of the Loyal Flinders Lodge of the IOOF from 1863. There are several minute books and financial records from 1905 to the 1950s. No doubt there are many well known names therein. There is no record of how long the Nairne Institute continued, but it would appear to have done so up to at least the 1950s/1960s.

The Institute committee members are Carole Sadler (Chair), Clive Pay (Vice Chair), Julie Finch (Secretary), Michelle Cook (Booking officer), Nic Grguric (Museum Curator) and Trevor Corbell as the Council representative.



Nairne Institute, ca 1920

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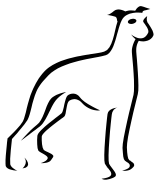
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A voice from the past...

By Steph Louise

I grew up in Nairne. My formative years, between 1966 and 1973, were spent in the 'headmasters house' (quite near the railway crossing) as dad was the head teacher at Nairne Primary. My name is Stephanie and my last name then was 'Goss', and Ted Goss was my dad. I am now in my late 50s and I still have vivid dreams of the house, streets and school and so the place is involuntarily etched in my thoughts.

We moved from Caltowie in the mid-north - a flat, beige-coloured farming community - so Dad could begin his tenure in Nairne. I recall how beautiful the place seemed when it first appeared to me over the crest of Nairne Road from Woodside, so hilly and green. The house seemed big and so cool; a respite from the heat and disruption of the moving day.

I have fond memories of Nairne from those eight years. The big lolly jars in Murphy's, and Thomo's lolly shop across the road from them (you had to check your change) Fidock's '4 Square' grocery shop and Leadbetter's crammed shop. I remember the '6 o'clock swill' and the men stumbling out of the pub near the butcher. There was the little playground which I think was off Jeffrey St (below the tennis courts) where I spent a lot of time, until I outgrew the swing. I had friends from Brukung and Nairne and from other local hills towns when I transitioned to Mt Barker High in 1971. I loved the youth club at Brukung and the socials where the light would suddenly be turned off and couples would huddle on the bench seats, necking (we would sneak around with a torch and bug them). Me and my mates must have walked every street many times, and annoyed the Melbourne Express drivers with our exploits near the train tracks; I wonder if local kids are still doing that?

I left Nairne and school at the end of 1973, and we moved to the north of Adelaide which was flat and dry and full of industrial glass houses. What a shock. By this time my dad was gravely ill, and my parents bought a house in Port Pirie. Dad did a little relief teaching in Port Pirie and died in 1977 from cancer (a smoker for life) and my mother, Coral, lived another 30 years (a heavy smoker also, but more lucky). I have since lived in several places, including Launceston and Melbourne, and settled in Canberra (...not as bad as you think). I married in the late 70s, ever so briefly, and have not bothered since, although I met a lovely Scottish man at Flinders Uni in 1984 and we have lived together frequently since. I will always consider Nairne my 'home town' and one day plan to return on a 'pilgrimage' and retrace the streets and see what has changed. But for now I see it the way it was in that particular time which I know is rose-coloured, yet I rather cherish that.

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Australian Red Cross, Nairne Branch

100 years of People Helping People. 1914-2014

by Miriam Mitchell

August has been a very significant month for the local Red Cross branch as we celebrated the Australian Red Cross's 100th birthday. We hope that our past members would have been proud of our celebration.

On 9 August we held a cake stall & sausage sizzle at Bunnings in conjunction with the Mylor Red Cross branch. Bunnings donated sausages, onions, bread and condiments across the nation to celebrate the Red Cross's birthday. Together we raised over \$2,000. Nationally, \$455,000 was raised. Thank you to Mylor branch and thank you to Bunnings.

The use of cake stalls as a fundraiser has a long tradition in the Red Cross. I recently came across some notes penned by Joyce Shephard, who was a founding member of the Nairne Red Cross when it reformed in 1939 after a hiatus between the Wars, and was a valued member for 63 years. She recounts:

"During the War years, our Nairne branch ran a stall outside the hotel in the Nairne Main Street on race days at Murray Bridge, which was well patronised by the people going to, and coming back from the races. One Thursday in the morning, a jockey came and bought the whole table out and told us it was his wife's birthday and he would have a party that night for her. We farmers always made our own butter and had plenty of cream so that was a great help, especially after war broke out. Also, we had good dripping for pastry which was used for tarts and pies. Home we went and made more for the table and always sold out. The crowds coming from the races were our best way of making money and they loved the country cooking." The tradition continues.

I think Joyce would have been proud of our fundraising efforts at Bunnings.

On 13 August we had another celebration for the Red Cross's 100th birthday - this time at the Nairne Institute. We invited Mayor Ann Ferguson and local councillor Trevor Corbell to plant a Red Cross rose and unveil a plaque commemorating the birthday, which had been purchased with funds from a council community grant. Thank you Mt Barker Council. A second rose was planted by Jan Moule and Pam Mitchell (pictured), our two current longest serving branch members - both with 27 years service to Nairne Red Cross.



A birthday cake was cut by Olive Serrels, another long-serving and dedicated member for 23 years, and afternoon tea was served by a group of student representatives from Nairne Primary School. It would have brought a smile to the face of past member Florrie Parsons, who worked tirelessly for Nairne Red Cross for 45 years, to see the students help us celebrate our birthday. We have photos of her planting trees in Mick Murphy Park with young local students. She understood that we need to foster the next generation of community-minded humanitarians if the Red Cross movement is to survive another 100 years. We presented the school with a Red Cross rose to

symbolise the work Red Cross has done for the last 100 years and our hope for the future. I think Florrie would have approved.

She also would have been pleased that our Red Cross Baby Fundraising Competition entrant, Poppy Efthimiopoulas, was present with her parents and grandmother, Barb Milne, our tireless treasurer. My mother Pam tells me that Florrie was proud of the fact that she had children, grandchildren and even a great-grandchild represent the Nairne branch in the Baby Competition.



Also in attendance at the celebration were many community group representatives, including Helen and Dean Carmen and Dot Richter from the Nairne Market. Since its inception nearly 30 years ago, the Nairne Market has donated over \$100,000 to the Red Cross. I think Yvonne Watts, a committed Red Cross member for 22 years, who was there in the early days of the Market with Helen, Dot and Dean, would have been proud of what the Market has achieved and continues to achieve for the local community and for those less fortunate further afield. Thank you Nairne Market.

Among the guests were relatives of former members. Joyce Shephard's daughter, Liz Hunkin attended, as did Lyall Strout and Alison Day, son and daughter of Beat Strout, a founding member with 53 years service. Pam Mitchell recalls her as a formidable (she had been a school teacher after all) and inspirational leader. Beat was an active member with Junior Red Cross & Secretary for many years. I think she would have been proud of our current inspirational President and Secretary Jennifer Rowe, who continues to undertake her role with enthusiasm and skill despite her move to Murray Bridge, and her sight impairment. Thank you Jennifer for planning our celebration and inspiring us on an ongoing basis.

There are many other former members we remember along with Joyce, Florrie, Yvonne & Beat. People like Iris Kain (51 years), Vi Howard (50 years), Helen Timmins (37 years), Marg Carman (30 years) and Helen Harrison (20 years before moving to Adelaide). We thank you for the example you have set and we hope this small branch did you proud.

We also thank the Nairne Community for helping us celebrate this milestone and we recognise that we can only achieve what we do with your support. Thankyou Nairne.

See you at Nairne Alive 175. We will be in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. It's your last chance to see the World War 2 Fundraising Tablecloth with the embroidered names of local donors on it before it goes back into storage. Maybe *your* relative's name is on it?

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The Nairne Market.

From the Nairne Market

By Althea Miegel

If I had \$1 for every time I have heard someone say "I am so over this weather!!!" I'd be quite wealthy, but I am not, so I am always glad to visit Nairne Market to find some bargains for me and my family.

Indeed, it has been a very cold winter, and I hope you (like me) are looking forward to the sunny days of Spring. With this comes a

new excitement in life – and the joy of shopping for new clothes!!! Sales have been a bit down, because the weather has kept many of us indoors more than usual.

And what about Spring cleaning? That's always a good excuse to sort out our house and contents and to enjoy refreshing our homes, perhaps bringing in new items to dress them up. Please remember that the Market happily will receive your no longer wanted goods for sale in the shop. Please also remember to bring only good quality and clean items for our staff to sort through.

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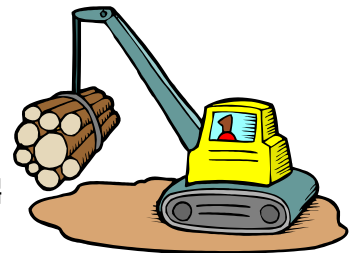
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Saving Gertrude

By Bill Osborne, Australia HOPE International

Our African visit this August brought before us the usual host of immense needs and challenges; 50,000 children facing starvation in Southern Sudan, swelling refugee camps in Northern Kenya, Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone and violent atrocities in North Africa.

My visit revealed an avalanche of needs that can easily overwhelm. But Gertrude's story brings all this to a level that everyone can apply - helping just one, one valuable life that will never be the same because someone rescued just this one person.

Jono and HOPE Partner Kaazi found Gertrude sitting in the dirt at the door of her one-roomed house scratched out of the mud, where she had sat for 7 years. No school, no medical care and no hope. A leg ulcer had become infected, which went into the leg muscle, then into the bone. Severely swollen, very painful and with her bone rotting away inside, Gertrude's abandoned mother was despairing for her daughter's life.

When we received the email at Jambo Sana telling of this child's plight, we forwarded enough money for her to be put on a taxi and taken some hours away to the border with Tanzania, where Uganda's only Orthopaedic surgeon was currently operating. And this man operated immediately, removing the remaining pieces of leg bone, replacing them with an artificial bone, and sending her back to the Good Hope Clinic near our HOPE School in Western Uganda. Now the challenge was fighting infection, so the wound was left open for treating and redressing every day. Gertrude's mother stayed nearby, far from her home, to cook food each day.

When we found Gertrude this August, she was in plaster, but hobbling around, happy to be alive and grateful for the muzungu (whites) strangers that had considered her from the other side of the world.

I met with our HOPE Team and shared my burden for Gertrude, and how child education sponsorship could open a door for her education, medical and nutritional needs. Jayne from Murray Bridge instantly grabbed the opportunity to sponsor Gertrude. When we told Gertrude, she and her mama, as well as the nurses, could not stop giggling with amazement and joy, that a door to a bright future for this child had opened.



Bill with Gertrude and the nurses who attended to her dressings daily.

Gertrude's mama had to return to her other children far from this clinic, so now, Gertrude cooks each day for herself in the clinic which will be her home for the next 3 months while her leg heals in the plaster. To add to her dream, the Kibogo HOPE School said she can start school there, even though she will be 14 years old and in Grade 2. When the teachers heard about Gertrude coming, two of them offered to give her tuition after school hours to help her catch up the 7 years of lost schooling.

Yes, the world is overwhelmed with crisis of every kind, but if we fail to stop to help just one person, that would be an even worse tragedy.

End of the Raj era in Nairne

By Morag McIntosh

Upstairs Downstairs at Nairne is a two-storey 1870s antique shop full of exotic curios from India's colonial era. Owners, Morag and Ray McIntosh, specialised in antiques from the British Raj historical period when most of the Indian subcontinent was under the colonial authority of the British Empire.

Over the past 27 years, Morag and Ray expanded the original two room shop to include five rooms, an extra cottage and two storage sheds which were full of antiques. Morag and Ray visited India three times a year to source the unusual items and had a buying route that took them off the tourist track. Now, after 27 years of scouring India for antiques, they have decided it's time to retire and enjoy a slower pace of life. They are not leaving Nairne, but are moving into the now fully -restored cottage at 103 Main Road.

With a view to this, Upstairs Downstairs has commenced its closing down sale with a minimum of 30% off all stock. They still have a wonderful and varied selection of tables, desks, chairs, bookcases and architectural pieces, as well as the usual interesting smaller antiques and decorator items.

The property is still on the market so there is some time before either the stock is cleared or the property sells, but don't leave it too late as this outgoing sale is one not to be missed. Morag and Ray would like to thank all the customers who have supported the business over the years for their support.

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Mud play!

By Rhana Fleming, Littlehampton Child Care Centre.

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They are looking forward to moving into their new house in the district in late August.

We extend a warm invitation to the community to attend Rev Rosenberg's Commissioning Service at our church at 2.00 pm on Sunday 21 September.

Church Services at Nairne for Uniting and Lutheran:

The Nairne Uniting Church in Allargue Street is used for weekly worship services, fellowship and sharing by both Nairne Uniting and Nairne Redeemer Lutheran folk.

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The minor round is over and we enter another final series eager to improve on our finals efforts of last year. We have played the sides placed above us on the premiership table over the last two weeks. Although we were not able to win, the results were very encouraging and indicate we can be a real factor in this finals series.

We have had consistently strong performances from Luke Harrowfield, James Moss and Todd Heynen. Adam Parry, Justin Smith and Kain Ford have really stepped up their performance in recent weeks while Nick Jaensch and Micah Rupcic continue to develop.

We have struggled to get our best side on the park of late but I will not be using this as an excuse and I do not want this to be part of conversation among our supporters. We currently have a talented mix of local players and have brought some committed recruits into our side in the past few years. We have the ability to play an exciting brand of football but have also worked hard on our defensive games. All this adds up to a side that can press deep into this finals series and continue the improvement our A grade side has made in recent years.

I urge all supporters to get behind the team and provide encouragement and support on game day. Please ensure you understand you are representing the mighty Rams when at the football and your language and actions reflect directly on the image of our great club.

Go Rams!! Tony Fielke

WHAT'S HOT:

The dedication of the Miss Nairne contestants / Harrow's beef jerky, again / All 5 teams have made it to the finals / Raising \$143 for Cancer Council on Saturday night / The number of Mt Lofty players and supporters who hung around for a drink and a chat after the A Grade. Thanks fellas.

Presentation nights: Netball, September 12.
 Under 13-17, September 19.
 A & Bs, September 26.

Best of luck to all teams for the finals. Ram Raider



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