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Greetings from your Editor,

How lucky we have been not seeing a cruise ship on a day of 46 degrees in Adelaide recently. I am certain some tours would have been cancelled with 'extreme fire danger' announced for many districts.

Your cruise liaison team have again worked hard to not only keep in touch with in-bound operators, but also pass on concerns and tour feedback. We do appreciate your information as a first contact if schedules or venues require attention. The allocation of tours is sometimes mismatched with background and experience of individual guides and can be adjusted once we become aware of it.

Cruising will continue to be an industry with great potential and increasing challenges. For the Australian coastal experience more ports and locations are added as cruise companies look to give customers more choice of destinations. The constraints of infrastructure and customs policy are sometimes a concern to domestic visits and never ignore the weather challenges playing a part, but for the 2019/2020 season South-Australia has added the port of Wallaroo to be visited by a cruise ship for the first time.

Globally there are 109 new cruise ships set to be delivered by 2027 at a total cost of US\$58 billion. Australia has the potential to reap the rewards as long as facilities keep up with arrivals. In Sydney for example the arrival of cruise ships on one day has pretty well reached saturation point.

Looking at cruise travel overall, Australia was once again at the top of the global cruise industry for market penetration with 5.7% of the population taking an ocean cruise, which translates to 1 in 18 of us choosing to cruise. This is way ahead of the US citizens at 3.7%, UK travellers at 3% and passengers from Germany, Canada and New Zealand at 2%. Since 2008, passenger numbers have risen by an average of 18.5 per cent per year and have reached well over 1million Australians cruising annually. It is however critical that Australia future proofs cruise tourism to avoid losing potential capacity to nearby Asia.

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150 Years and buzzing

Adelaide's Central Market



In 1869 the City Markets opened for business at a site between Gouger and Grote Streets. All stock was sold out by 6am on opening day. However, the official opening is recorded to be January 22nd, 1870 with around 100 produce carts about the site selling fruit, vegetables, hay, fish and game meats. Tuesdays and Saturdays were the sale days on a vacant allotment surrounded by a fence and a couple of gas lights. It took until 1900 to see the red brick façade completed. The market has survived two fires and a major re-development in 1965/66 when a new roof top and car park were added. The market has changed in past decades with more cafes and restaurants about, with previous hawkers calming down and the general public taking a little bit of ownership, referring to it as "our market". For many new arrivals to Adelaide in the 1950's and 60's our market was perhaps the major supplier of Continental smallgoods and the after work on Fridays meeting place for many migrants.

Even after numerous visible changes the buzz and noise continues to overwhelm and sitting down for a cuppa either tea or coffee and watching people go by continues to be enjoyed by many. Today some 76 stalls remain in Adelaide's Mecca for multicultural cuisine and fresh produce. To celebrate the 150 years of market history a publication of stories, people and recipes has been produced by Katie Spain and Fiona Roberts and every stall will offer a recipe with goods purchased. P.T.

Luxury Cruising is popular

Out of the “big three” cruise giants, Carnival Corporation, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings and Royal Caribbean Cruises, it is the last one to add a luxury brand to its portfolio but the first to add expedition. It remains to be seen what will change at Silver Sea, which has been run by the same Italian family for 20 years. With more lavish accommodation and gourmet cuisine on board these new ships, there is more temptation for the high end traveller who previously turned up there nose in a cramped cabin on an old fashioned ice breaker. Climate change has also sparked a greater urgency to see the Polar regions before it's too late. And, not to be sniffed at the “Instagramability” of places such as the Arctic or the Galapagos is hard to beat. A lot of these first timers would never have dreamt of cruising in the past, but suddenly there are more reasons to give it a go. As shorter itineraries are introduced in more accessible locations, younger people can also consider taking time off work. Australia is in an enviable position for it's proximity to Papua New Guinea. The Kimberley, South West Tasmania and New Zealand's Sub Antarctic Islands. For once, our remoteness is an advantage. No doubt this has inspired the growth of local lines such as Coral Expeditions and Aurora Expeditions, both building ground breaking vessels to be launched in 2019. Ponant, is amongst the first to bring decadence to Expeditions 30 years ago and is building 6 more yachts with underwater observation lounges. One of them, Le Laparouse will be based in the Kimberley and leading the charge is Scenic Eclipse to be launched in August, a “discovery Yacht” with helicopters and sub marines. Other companies like Lindblad, Hapag-Lloyd, Crystal Cruises and Celebrity Cruises are joining in as well.

A magic Line and more

It was not easy for George Goyder to convince many in parliament that an arbitrary line may be drawn on a map to designate where to stop ploughing the fields and where to graze sheep or cattle. His surveying work took him to most corners of SA, but you may not be aware that he practically founded South Australia's own colony, the Northern Territory, when he selected and surveyed the site of what became Darwin. Goyder was a link between the city and the bush, and as a result he was well known in the wilds of the deserts. Next time you notice his name on a brass plaque set in to the footpath of North Terrace remember the man that began laying out the design for Palmerston and Port Darwin after landing on board the *Moonta* in 1864. After admiring the layout of Adelaide by adopting a grid plan his ideal town sketch separated the two halves of a city with a river to provide the ‘healthiness’ of the site. Goyder was an extremely busy man and his surveying talents recognised in our neighbouring State Victoria taking him to Albury-Wodonga and across the Murray along the Sydney Road. He also tried his hand at Inn keeping after the purchase in 1879 of the Wheatsheaf Hotel, originally licensed in 1842 and located on the road through the Stringybark covered hills between Mylor and Echunga. Gold had been found in the region in 1852, but despite the initial excitement the finds proved very modest. Goyder originally lived in Hawkers Street Medindie where he had ties with Edwin Mitchell Smith marrying Smith's older sister Francis and after her death a younger sister Ellen. Known as “Little Energy” he left the district in 1880 moving to his most attractive residence of Warrakilla in Mylor where he died on November 2nd 1898. He is buried in the Stirling District Cemetery.

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A rusty way of farming



A multiplication factor unknown

Rabbits arrived with the first fleet in 1788 and Sydney and the surrounding islands were soon populated with them. In 1859, 12 wild rabbits were released on Thomas Austin's property, Barwon Park, near Geelong in Victoria. It is estimated that rabbits advanced about 110 miles per year (165 kms). However, the tendency of trappers and shooters to "seed" regions has confused the trends relating to rabbits spread. They were first sighted at the Eastern border of SA in 1880 but by 1892 they had already been seen at Fowlers Bay and had reached Eucla and WA by 1894. Rabbit proof fences were hastily constructed mainly at the borders but proved ineffectual. There can be from 1 to 13 kittens in a litter but usually 80% died before maturity. They often lived for 2 – 3 years and in protected areas could live for 7 years. Their main economic effect is that they compete with sheep for pasture. Any vegetation overcropped by rabbits suffers permanent deterioration.

They survived in arid areas by extracting moisture from roots and bark. The destruction of vegetation and burrowing causes severe erosion.

In recent times however the rabbit plague is pretty well under control and it has now become a rarity to have wild rabbits for sale. If you were heading to the Adelaide Market you would soon note how expensive the price per rabbit has become and there is no guarantee that you would be able to buy a wild rabbit because most of them are controlled farm rabbits. This changed situation has also been noted in the manufacture of Akubra hats in Aust.

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Your SATGA committee welcomes two new members to our association. Mary Graham and Peter Joyce. We appreciate your enthusiasm and hope you will both enjoy many hours as a Tourist Guide in the future.

Events around Adelaide

Hot and spicy Chilli Fest
Willunga
February 9-10

Adelaide Fringe
February 15- March 17
Opening along Torrens on Feb 15

Adelaide Festival
Variety of venues
March 1-17

WOMADELAIDE
Botanic Park
March 8-11

Gluttony
Rymill Park and Masonic Lodge
February 15- March 17

Adelaide Superloop 500
Motor Racing
February 28to March 3

We lead the way

From February the 5th the Chinese year of the pig commences and if your birth year is 1947,1959,1971,1983, 1995 or 2007 this is your year. Do not forget to use the 'piggy-bank' for special savings and always give your friends in the Mall a big rub. Perhaps a special celebration should be organised around our Adelaide porky symbols with tasting of crackling the highpoint. For some according to the Chinese horoscope this will be a "Peach Blossom Year" The pig is a gourmet, faithful, stylish, perfectionist and hardworking, tolerant being, recognised by friends for kindness and generosity. So if you happen to be one of them, oink oink to you !!!.



The much loved piggies in the Mall.