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Greetings from your Editor,

SATGA's AGM in November was as usual well attended and the simplified catering suggestions with a Christmas touch gave all attendees much to enjoy. Your committee was re elected with most positions filled as previously. Mike Stevens will continue as our President with some secretarial duties as well and I will assist as Vice President and publish the newsletter. Dita looks after the minutes and Monika keeps the finances in check while we welcome Mary Graham to attend to the membership records. Also on the committee are Christine C and Joc Schmiechen who will continue to be our liaison man to the cruise ship companies.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Ben McHenry from the Earth Sciences Division of the SA Museum. We thank Christine for organising this busy scientist and his presentation of where we in South Australia fit in to the complex mineralogical treasure trove of Australia's geological wonderland was most informative. We could admire samples from the Flinders' Ranges, Burra, Moonta and Kadina to the Antarctic and even a fragment of Martian Rock.

How to forecast the re establishment of tourism for the remainder of the year 2021 and beyond will be a challenge to every government and tourism specialist around the world. Our industry is a much entwined business where destinations, presentation and experience cannot record favourable outcomes without customers. As concluded at our meeting this organisation will continue to monitor the developments and look at opportunities as they become a local and world wide new style of tourism management. I have added a more specific article separately about the latest activities in cruising operations overseas. This industry is not running out of ideas but I see no resumption to cruising until perhaps late into 2021 or early 2022. Not surprising to see all our close destinations like Victor Harbour, Barossa Valley, Clare and even York Peninsula doing well right now. Robe had an estimated 20,000 packed into the region recently.

New " Light "on the Colonel

Just when you thought you knew the Barossa Valley well from the number of visits to almost every corner, along comes a monument to commemorate Colonel William Light in a not so familiar vision, sitting on a horse.



Colonel Light's monument unveiled January 2016

Placed at the impressive entrance to the Barossa 1837 Wine centre on Yaldara Drive this is a passionate outcome on behalf of the Lyndoch & District Historical Society. Secretary of the society Ms Anne Hausler says the statue is a tribute to the man that surveyed the Valley and named it after the region in Spain where he fought in the Battle of the Barrosa. The Southern Barossa Business Alliance and the Lyndoch Community are keen to make this a much more robust part of the Barossa offering. It's high time for the southern Barossa to shine says Chairman Steve Balch and we are going to be lobbying the local and State Government for signage to be added and make this the kind of Seppeltsfield Road experience. The Lyndoch Village Green is also in the Communities sights to be developed further, with a landscape master plan currently presented for approval. Nearby Williamstown have plans as well with a unique triathlon event, comprising a mountain bike leg, canoe experience on the Warren Reservoir (where you need to be careful to whisper instructions kindly) and a trail through the forest, capitalising on the current fade for the adventurous visitor. The new ideas and developments can only enhance the Barossa experience and hopefully we may soon see the outcome.

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Keep Trying

To find a way to get cruise ships moving so they can generate revenue again companies are working on protocols to protect crew members and passengers. Once they demonstrate proficiency, Federal authorities will allow them to offer test cruises, though none have been scheduled so far. The big operators hope to resume regular paid cruises from US ports this year. The more the industry learns about the virus the clearer it becomes that an arsenal of expensive precautions are needed. Many smaller ships that did sail through the Northern summer and autumn imposed protocols such as requiring pre-boarding COVID Tests, daily temperature checks, and sharply reduced passenger loads. Luxury brand Ponant, owned by French billionaire Francois Pinault, scheduled travel through nearly virus free French Polynesia on a ship called Gauguin, while Norway's Hurtigruten Group restricted participation on the Roald Amundsen's cruise along fjords to the countries residents only. Seattle based UN Cruise Adventures promised to re-invent its schedule for Alaska aboard the Wilderness Adventurer with a slew of new protections, such as operating at 40% passenger capacity and adding frequent virus tests, temperature checks and limited movements on and off the ship.

Within days of launching most of these cruises, crew or passengers became ill or tested positive to the virus. The reversals reflect the limitations of tests on a virus that can take days to incubate and in at least one case, failures by management to properly quarantine crew, or to sound the alarm when staff became sick. Not much better luck with the Hurtigruten cruise where 42 crew and 29 passengers tested positive on both of their July cruises. Fortunately all passengers were residents of Norway. The company let passengers disembark in Tromso 10 days later.

US Food and Drug Administration Chief Medical Officer, Stephen Ostroff said it was virtually impossible to keep the virus off ships so long as it was spreading in communities.



The Bush Band at Outer Harbour

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Another First for Adelaide

A new London- based denomination adopted the name Salvation Army in 1878 and chose to set up its first Australian headquarters in Adelaide in 1881. Based on a military theme this uniformed group often stationed its brass band and uninhibited vocalists outside pubs, disturbing citizens seeking to have a quiet chat over their drinks. Such tactics provoked bigotry, community unrest and larrikin behaviour. Trade Union leaders anxious to secure remedies for their members grievances in the here and now, were annoyed by the Salvationists preaching a counter-revolutionary postponement of gratification in hymns containing verses such as “

There'll be pie in the sky
In the sweet by and by.

On behalf of a North Adelaide congregation, bookseller and stationer, Edgar Wigg complains were received after a Salvation Army Band had played outside the Tynte Street Baptist Church for half an hour while a Sunday service was being held inside. From records Police historian Robert Clyne has noted: disruptive conduct of that kind was testing the Colonists' commitment to religious liberty. Eventually the Army's leader, Captain Thomas Sutherland, was prosecuted for disorderly behaviour and disturbing the peace and was charged by a bench of 5 magistrates to pay one shilling, without costs.

Defiant to the end, he refused to settle the amount and spend a brief time in a prison cell.



Captain Thomas Sutherlands cornet

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Celebrating first settlement

The nations national day for January 26 is being questioned as is the wording of our national anthem by sections of the population more and more.

The author Nick Brodie in his book *1787, The Lost Chapters of Australia's Beginnings* has attempted to give a view from the side of the indigenous residents about that time and earlier. He has researched documents and journals kept in various archives and languages around the discoverers places of origin.

This is an enormous task with no reliable pictorial evidence apart from strange sailing ships on wall paintings in some caves and images of foreign people nearby. His description of this annual moment for national self-reflection does not look at alternatives and he gives no arguments whether to call this first major settlement in Sydney Cove a celebration of English settlement or a memorial of mourning an invasion. Yes, he says the British flag was raised and a modern epoch of Australia's history has began, but the national story is in fact no singular story with neat geographical, chronological and cultural parameters, with an objective start blending in to modern nationhood. The author explains that there were larger processes at work in effecting colonisation and parts of the 26 of January story point to British success of a First Fleet landing in a geographically isolated part of the world. These colonists became permanent settlers as the founders of a new Country, Australia

My comment to the above

It is not easy to frame a 'fair' argument for any changes however to this date, when we realise that colonising nations used an accepted approach of ownership when newly discovered territories become focal points for settlement. This process was applied world wide and not only to Australia.

Events around Adelaide

January 29

Exhibition Tennis at Memorial Drive

February 19 to March 21

Fringe Festival around Adelaide

February 26 to March 14

Adelaide Arts festival

Theatre, Writer's Week, Music

March 5-8

WOMAdelaide

this time held in King Rodney Park

(or to most of us Rymill Park)

SA Brewing Company no more

The hub of early beer brewing in the City of Churches concentrated on the West End of Hindley Street and the 1859 founded above Brewery remained there until the late 1890's when they became Torrenside Brewery and moved to Walkerville (later Walkerville Brewery).

The most important ingredient in the process of good beer is good spring water still syphoned for sale to the public at the present location at Port Road. For a good excuse given to make the product a staple for most early settlers was the lack of trust in ordinary drinking water usually carted from the river Torrens. But in reality no guarantee could be assumed of a quality product since brewers were not required to take out a license to brew until a Commonwealth Act of 1902 came into force. Local residents with some space around their property turned in to malsters as did J. Thomas in 1851 using his facilities for early Council meetings. When C.H. Barton arrived in Adelaide in 1853 he noted that the colonists stood laughing, talking and singing, the atmosphere redolent with cigars, brandy nobs and beer, also observing that people thronged all the bars in white Panama hats, in his view there were too many taverns.

In 1938 SA Brewing purchased both Walkerville BC and the Nathan Brewery which changed to Southwark until 1980. Brewing Guinness was tried for 10 years between 1964 and 1974 and in 1980 the chimney tradition started, sporting the colours of the winning local competition Football side.

For the record: Shepherd Neame & Co of Kent is Britain's oldest Brewer since 1689 while Bavaria's Weihenstephaner is the world's oldest Brewery since the year 1040.

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