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Newsletter

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From the President - Don Plowman PSM



Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter.

Congratulations to Frank Brennan, Mehdi Doroudi and Gerri Mitra, recipients of the PSM awarded in the Australia Day Honours and presented to them by the Governor on the 9th April 2019. A synopsis of their achievements in receiving this high recognition is provided below.

Your Association has prepared a program for 2019, similar to that for 2018. We have already held two of our events, the Australia Day BBQ at Beaumont Bowls Club again and the visit to the Holy Trinity Church. Planning for the remaining events is well under way with the visit to Lot 14 at the old RAH redevelopment site planned for May and later in the year to the Police Museum and Old Government House in the Belair National Park. We have also set the date for the AGM and dinner on 11 October, again at Living Choice in Fullarton. Most details are provided below with information for each event to be circulated closer to the event. I urge your interest in supporting these events.

The PSM Association Committee strives to deliver a program of events that are of maximum interest to all members. Your feedback is encouraged and welcomed. Any suggestions for visits can be sent to any committee member.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Association during previous years.

Kind regards

Don Plowman - PSM Association SA President

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2019 Australia Day PSM recipients

We are delighted to introduce the following public servants who received Public Service Medals in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List:

Francis (Frank) Newman Brennan, Millicent

For outstanding public service to local government and planning in South Australia.

Frank Brennan is well known throughout the South East having spent 34 years in senior management positions in local government, including 25 years as CEO, as well as membership of the SE Conservation and Drainage Board, Naracoorte-Lucindale Council Assessment Board and the SANFL Regional Football Council. He is currently Principal Consultant with Frank Brennan Consulting Services.

Frank was the Chief Executive Officer of Wattle Range Council when Andy McPharlin worked in the South East and Andy had many positive dealings with him on town planning and water resource matters in the Millicent area. Frank has recently joined the PSM Association.

Professor Mehdi Doroudi, Highgate

For outstanding public service through the advancement of science to inform policy, and to the management of primary industries in South Australia.

Mehdi is currently Deputy Chief Executive of Primary Industries and Regions SA, with responsibilities for strategic management of Biodiversity SA, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Forestry and SA Research and Development Institute (SARDI) divisions. He has a degree in veterinary science and a PhD from James Cook University. During his career he has worked extensively in the Middle East and in all the mainland states of Australia.

Don Plowman knows Mehdi well from his days at PIRSA. Mehdi has also recently joined the Association.

Geraldine (Gerrie) Mitra

For outstanding public service through the implementation of the National Disability Scheme in South Australia.

Gerrie is currently the Executive Director of Disability SA at the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion. With formal qualifications in accounting and business, she has held a range of management positions in disability services, housing and youth training in SA and Victoria.

Frank Brennan



Geraldine Mitra



Prof Mehdi Doroudi



Recent Association Activities

Annual Australia Day BBQ event

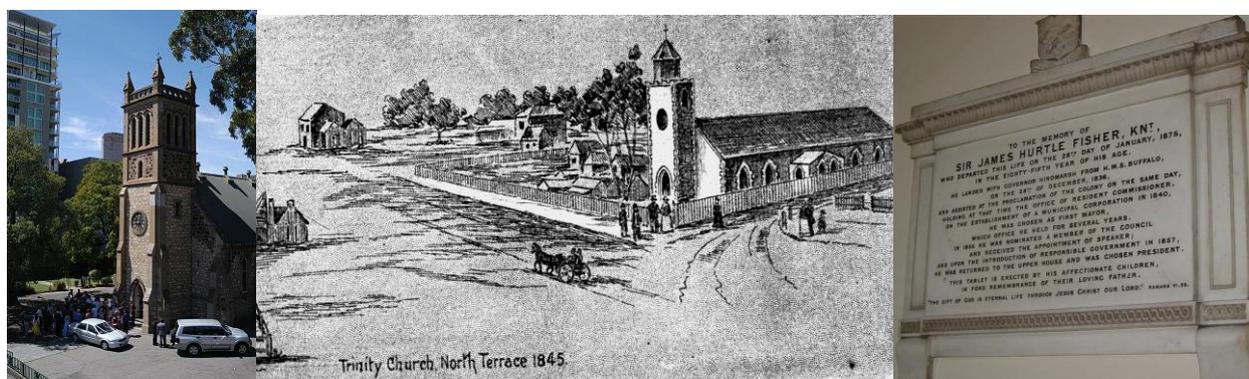
The traditional Australia Day BBQ event was again held at the Beaumont Bowling Club. A total of 14 members and their partners attended the annual lunch. Numbers were a little down on previous years with a number of “regulars” away and were further lessened when unfortunately the McGowan’s had to pull out on the day due to illness. Never-the-less those attending enjoyed a scrumptious lunch, masterly cooked by head chef Tom Whitworth, complimented by a wide selection of salads and desserts. Again no bowls was played, with the lively table discussion sufficient to keep everyone entertained. Our thanks go to all those who assisted with food preparation and Barb Parker for arranging the venue.

Visit to Trinity Church Adelaide - Friday 15 February 2019

Twenty one members and friends were informed and enjoyed the visit to the Trinity Church Adelaide, followed by a casual lunch nearby.

Val and John Smyth had arranged for historian, Brian Dickey, to meet the group and guide us around the Church. Brian’s passion for history and for the Church were fully demonstrated throughout the tour.

From South Australia’s founding church to largest Anglican congregation in the state, Trinity Church Adelaide has been closely linked to the history of this state. Established on 26 January 1838, it was rebuilt in 1845 and significantly extended in 1888 when it was transformed into its existing Gothic style.



Brian outlined the significant contributions made by the early ministers, starting with the Reverend Charles Howard, the first Colonial Chaplain who arrived in Adelaide aboard the HMS Buffalo. He died at a young age and was succeeded by James Farrell who held the post for the next 25 years. The church has an extensive collection of documents, plaques and historical memorabilia.

As was the case for much of the early history of South Australia, the church struggled with financial viability and took a number of innovative approaches to survive. Today it boasts one of the largest congregations of any church in SA.

The church building is on the Register of the National Estate, while it, the Parish Hall and the Rectory are on the State Heritage list as an ensemble.

In the last decade or so Trinity Church Adelaide has planted four new churches in Aldgate, Hove, Modbury and Colonel Light Gardens. The church aims to keep this process going in future years, thus building on its nearly 200-year history.

Further details of the Church's history can be obtained from the website, including a copy of the book published by Brian Dickey

New role for Professor Dorothy Keefe PSM

South Australian Oncologist Professor Dorothy Keefe has been appointed into a new position as the new Chief Executive of Cancer Australia.



Prof Keefe, pictured, is the Interim Director of the SA Cancer Service, Professor of Cancer Medicine at the University of Adelaide and a senior medical oncologist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. We wish her well in her new position.

**SA PSM Association
Visit to Lot 14 old RAH site - North Terrace
Friday 24 May 2019**



Come and join us tour and learn about the future plans for this important site

**10.30 am – 11.30am (meet in front of building by the Lot 14 sign at 1020 - parking -
across the road in East Terrace and Rundle Road
(followed by a light lunch close by)**

**RSVP by 18 May please to Andy McPharlin
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Plans for 2019

We have a number of exciting events lined for 2019. Three are already locked in so please look at your diaries. They are:

Friday May 24 - Visit to Lot 134 at the Old RAH site commencing at 1030 (see above) . Lunch will be in the East End location to be confirmed Lot Fourteen is a creation and innovation neighbourhood that is all about nurturing talent and driving jobs for our children in some of the world's fastest growing industries like artificial intelligence, cyber security, smart sensor networks, robotics, big data, defence and space technologies, plus media and creative industries.

Thurs July 25 - Visit to the Police Museum at Thebarton starting at 1030. Lunch location to be confirmed.

Friday October 11 AGM and annual Dinner at Living Choices Fullarton. Further details to follow - keep the date free in your diary.

SA PSMA website.

Don't forget our website is now live and can be found at: <http://www.sapublicservicemedal.asn.au/>

It is still in its infancy and over the next few months we will be loading more information. If you have something to share - especially photos please let Andy know. This site belongs to all of us, so let us make it of value to us all.

Do you know any of these people?



We are updating our contact details and are looking for the people listed below

If you know any details please let us know

2014	Pauline Mary Barnett (criminal law)	2014	Kristen Cook
2000	Brian Dexter Clark (conservation)	2000	Ronald Mark Shanks (road traffic)
2006	Geoffrey Raymond Rogers	2004	Margaret Ann Simmons (criminology)
2004	Oleg Apollonovich Sharoglazor	2013	Lynne Symons (education)
2017	Joyleen Thomas (indigenous affairs)	2018	Dr Raluca Tudor (mental health)
2018	Prof Maria Crotty (rehabilitation)		

We are also looking to update the details of the following people. If you are able to help us we contact us. Thank you

Kerry Colbung (2009), Phillipa Duigan (2010), Gaye Lieven (2002), Jane Lemon (2015), Ian Mannix (2012), Michelle Patterson (2012), Marcia Stewart (2004).

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For your information - Association Office Bearers/Committee members 2018-19

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	Sue Ireland
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Newsletter items



If you have interesting articles that we can share with members please submit them to Val Smyth. We welcome the opportunity to share knowledge with each other.

If you have a new or changed email address- please let Andy McPharlin know (address at the top of the newsletter).