



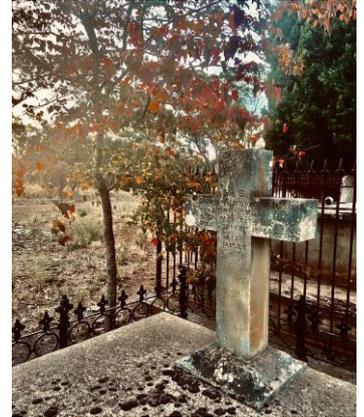
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S
HISTORY FESTIVAL
1-30 MAY 2021



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Mt Horrocks Historical Society is hosting.....

A Twilight Walk among Penwortham's Gravestones

Participants will hear stories about some of the famous and unusual inhabitants of this 175-year-old cemetery. John Ainsworth Horrocks (the very first burial) the good Dr Sokolowsky and the Maniac Murderer are just a few.

In 2021, the History Festival is exploring the theme of 'change'. From political change to social change. Changing places, changing minds, changing hearts. Change for the better, change for the worse (on a big or small scale) and everything in between.

What would have happened to Penwortham if Horrocks had lived?

How would Penwortham have changed? How would the village have prospered?

These are just some of the possible discussion points to be considered when the walk concludes, whilst gathered around a bonfire at the Horrocks Cottage with a glass of fine Clare Valley wine accompanied by cheese nibbles.

Saturday 22nd May 4.30-6.30pm

St Marks Anglican Church

Penwortham

Cost \$20

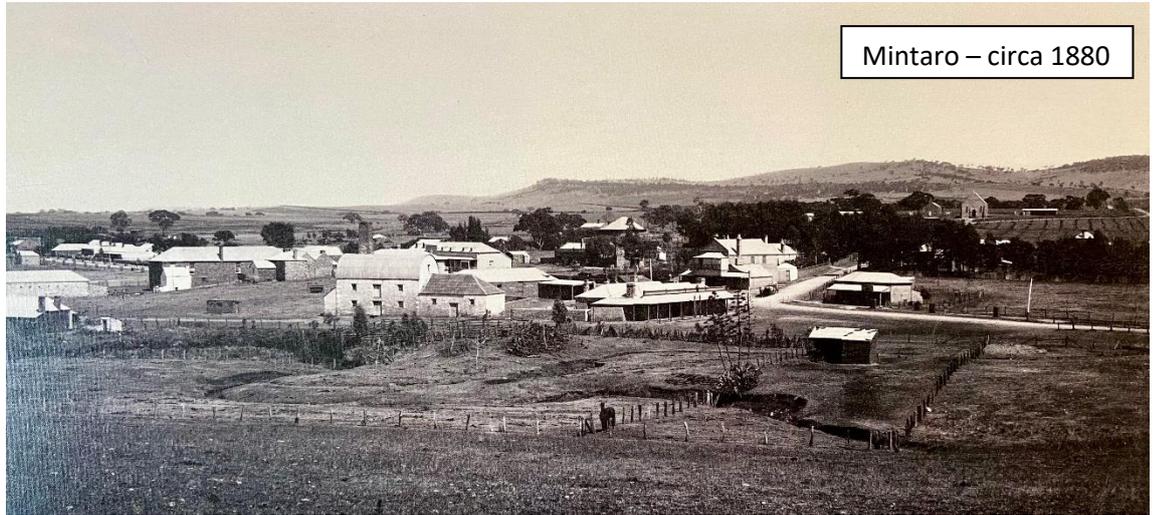
To book follow the link below

<https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/a-twilight-walk-among-penworthams-gravestones/>

Mintaro

Prior to European settlement in the 1840's, the indigenous inhabitants of the Clare Valley were the Ngadjuri people who lived in the area for thousands of years.

The discovery of copper ore in nearby Kapunda and Burra in 1844 and 1845 saw the region boom, the 'Gulf Road' being established in 1848 enabling bullock teams to haul copper ore from Burra to Port Wakefield. Small villages were soon

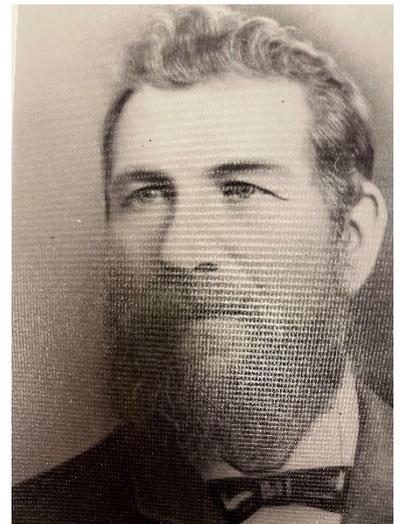


established along this route to provide services and supplies. Mintaro was one of the first of these towns. The townships were approximately 9 miles apart which was the average distance a bullock team could travel in a day.

Reilly's

Hugh Reilly, a shoemaker from Dublin arrived in Mintaro in 1856 and soon converted the stone barn which had been his home into Reillys Cottage using locally sourced slate. Reilly's Cottage served as the local cobbler's shop servicing travellers and locals.

Today, present owners Justin and Julie Ardill have paid tribute to Hugh Reilly by naming their quaint little cellar door and restaurant 'Reilly's'.

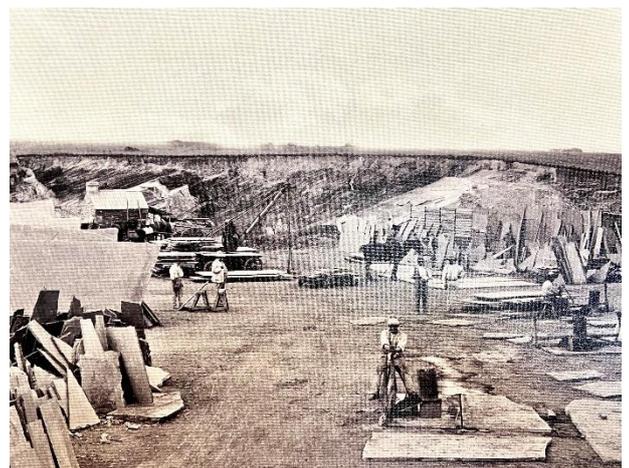


Slate Quarry

In the early 1850s, slate was discovered in Mintaro and from 1856 English stonemason Thompson Priest successfully mined the slate until his death in 1888.

Mintaro slate continues to be mined and is internationally recognised for its high quality and excellent flatness and is used for billiard tables and as building material.

Mintaro slate can be seen in prominent buildings in Adelaide such as Parliament House, St Peter's Cathedral, SA Museum and the Adelaide Town Hall.



*Photos and words reproduced from story boards in Reilly's Restaurant.

Vale Kate Bullen

It is with regret that we advise members of the passing of Kate Bullen. Kate was a MHHS Committee Member from its early days until 2009 when she, and her husband Lionel, moved to Mount Gambier. Lionel was also a long-time member of the Committee. Kate and Lionel were awarded Life Membership for their dedication to the Society and tireless efforts towards the purchase of John Horrocks Cottage. Our sincere condolences go to Kate's family.



Horrocks Visit

Serena Horrocks and her partner dropped into the Horrocks Cottage recently. Her father lives in Penwortham UK, while Serena lives in Perth. Wendy and David Spackman met with Serena and provided her with a Horrocks family tree. Serena, who was very interested in Horrocks family history, was keen to work out her connection.



Murray Sutherland

Murray who was a loved member of the St Marks Anglican Church Penwortham passed away on the 15th March 2021 aged 88.

He was born on the 3rd of February 1933. He lived in this district all his life, growing up on a mixed farming block at Leasingham. He attended Watervale Primary School and completed 1st year high at Clare High School.

He completed National Service in 1951. After that he worked on properties in the district doing vineyard and farm work, he also drove a bread delivery truck from Clare to nearby areas.

He enjoyed playing tennis for Watervale and riding his Bantam motorbike on the oval.

In 1972 he purchased the family property after his father died and continued working the vineyard until recently.

In 1974 he married Heather and they enjoyed life working together, showing flowers and travelling. Sadly, Heather died in 1990

He was treasurer and a warden of the church for 30 years.

He is survived by his many nieces, nephews and extended family.

AGM

The Mt Horrocks Historical Society AGM will be held

On Monday 3rd May

2pm

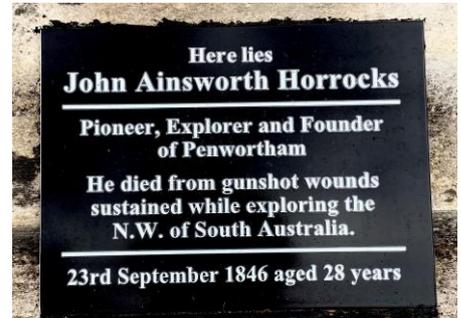
Watervale Bowling Club

Guest Speaker

Tea Coffee and biscuits will be
served

All Welcome

A new plaque
was attached to
the grave of
John Ainsworth
Horrocks, by
members of
MHHS



Exploring Clare

History Mystery by Millie Nicholls

Millie's mystery uncovers an early explorer to the Clare Valley who has largely been forgotten over time. He was the first white man to see the water courses and features of the land of the Ngadjuri people. Millie's episode draws on research from Max Slee's book about John Hill.

This Podcast is Episode 2 in 'The Clare Series' and can be found by following the link below.

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