



NEWSLETTER Autumn 2022



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S
HISTORY FESTIVAL
1-31 MAY 2022

In 2022, the History Festival is exploring the theme of 're-imagine'. We have been invited to re-imagine how we think about and share our history.

Following our successful event last year we are again hosting:

A Twilight Walk among Penwortham's Gravestones

This year we will be including a segment relating to a First Nations person. A fascinating story exists regarding an Aboriginal woman called Kudnato who lived near the Skilly Creek and the murder of John Mensforth, who is buried in the St Mark's Cemetery.

Other notable identities who reside in the cemetery include the first Headmaster of the Stanley Grammar School, Joseph Stear Carlyon Cole. Also explained are the tragic stories of the Green sisters from Leasingham and a small boy who drowned in Penwortham.

These are just some of the stories, so please join us on the walk and afterward at the Horrocks Cottage while gathered around a bonfire with a glass of fine Clare Valley wine accompanied by cheese nibbles.

Saturday 14th May 4.30-6.30pm

St Mark's Anglican Church

Penwortham

Cost \$25

To book follow this link

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



Mal Paterson explaining St Mark's Anglican Church



Jim Cowin reading the account of Dr Sokolowsky

ANZAC DAY

Mt Horrocks Historical Society and local residents observed ANZAC Day with a dawn service.

Mal Paterson led the service, Meredith McInnis read out the poem 'The ANZAC Spirit' and David Spackman laid a wreath on behalf of the Society.



Mal Paterson conducting the Penwortham service

Later in the day a dusk service was held at Watervale.

The service was organised by Leonie Moore and Rev David Thompson. The 411 Clare Army Cadet Unit provided the Catafalque Party. Wendy and David Spackman met with the Member for Frome Penny Pratt. Mal Paterson read The Ode.



Watervale Service



David and Wendy Spackman with Penny Pratt Member for Frome



Mal Paterson reads 'The Ode' at Watervale

Farewell

The Society bids farewell to Malcolm and Anne Weddle who have moved to Goolwa. Anne & Malcolm Weddle joined the Mt Horrocks Historical Society in the Society's early years. Malcolm was President from 1992 until 1998 and Anne held the post of Secretary for several years during that time. The couple took a well-earned break in 1998 and returned in 2010.

Anne held the position of Secretary from 2011 until her retirement in 2019 and Malcolm was a valued Committee member involving himself in many projects until he too decided to 'hang up his boots'. The couple were made Life Members on their retirement from the Committee in 2019.



Watervale Hall Restoration

The foundation stone of the Watervale hall was laid in 1839 and the official opening was in 1870.

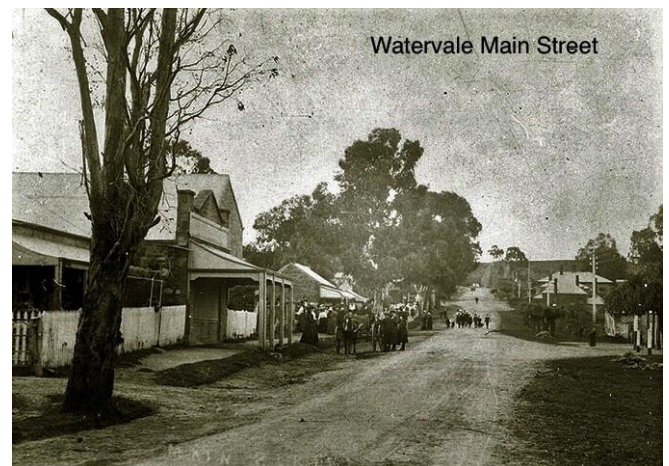
The hall was built by the Ancient Order of Foresters. The Ancient Order of the Foresters was established in England in the mid 1700s. The founding principles of

the non-profit society was to provide financial and social benefits and support to members in times of unemployment, sickness, death, disability and old age. There was no government assistance in those days.

The Foresters finally closed as living standards improved and ownership of the hall transferred to the community.

The hall was used as a Community Hall until 2010 when it was sold to a private owner who operated an antique furniture business.

The hall was then sold again in 2018. The new owners are in the process of restoring the hall for their private use.



A roof of the hall can be seen on the left



April 2022

<https://www.watervalehall.com.au/watervale-hall-history/>

AGM

The Mt Horrocks Historical Society AGM

On Saturday 14th May

12pm

Uppside Restaurant

Penwortham

All Welcome

Order from menu at own cost

QR CODE



Mt Horrocks Historical Society has had a QR code developed.

This code, when scanned with a mobile device will bring up the Mt Horrocks website.

It will be added to literature and signage.

Cottage Visitors

MHHS welcomed thirty-five members of the Barossa Valley Probus Club to the John Horrocks Cottage and St Mark's cemetery on 8-4-22

The group enjoyed hearing about the John Horrocks Story and were impressed with the way the history of the area is being preserved.

Committee Members

President	Wendy Spackman
Newsletter	Jim Morran & Meredith McInnis
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Thank you

For many years Geoff Brock, the then member for Frome provided support to the Society in the form of newsletter printing, help with grants and attending various functions.

We thank Geoff for this help and support and wish him well in his new electorate of Stuart.

