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Well the 'silly season' is over and we can get back to some normality. Work in the History Room should be as usual – mostly hectic, most Thursdays.

Further to my article on the model of the Railway Superintendent's Cottage in Canberra, I now see that the new owners of 'Smallville Miniature Village' in Victor Harbor also have a replica of the Cottage.

Australia Day Celebrations will be held on the day Monday 26th January at both Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Strathalbyn Concert Band will entertain at the Soldiers Memorial Gardens. Presentations will be made to Geoff Warren – Citizen of the Year; Amy Chandler – Young Citizen of the Year; Opening of Anzac Park & Rededication of the Milang Soldier's Memorial Gardens - Community Event of the Year.

In Goolwa, Bob Martin will be presented as Citizen of the Year; Matt Overall – Young Citizen of the Year and Oscar "W" 100th Birthday Celebrations – Community Event of the Year; Ern & Joan Willats for Services to the Community. This will take place in Alexandrina Council Community Chambers, 11 Cadell Street.

For details of times contact the Alexandrina Council on 8555-7000.

National Archives of Australia, Adelaide office, 78 Angas Street, have advised they will open the Reading Room on the following Saturdays - 31st January; 28th March; 30th May 2009 from 9am to 1pm.

Records required for Saturday research should be ordered a day or two before, as the Lending Service does not operate on Saturdays. Further information 088409-8400.

The National Archives also advise that almost every Australian immigration record will be available on-line in the next few years as part of a project launched in Canberra in July 2008.

We now have the **Index to Funeral Notices from the Advertiser** for the year 2008, loaded on the History Room computer (now with a big screen). The Index was kindly donated by Gerald Savill and we sincerely thank him for the work he does.

Great News for Lovers of History Room News

Alexandrina Libraries have set up an automatic mailing list to ensure that you don't miss out on your copy of History Room News. And - to make it really easy - if you previously received your copy via email, your details have been transferred to our automated list, so you don't have to do a thing, just wait for your copy to come to you.

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Have you seen the new Large Screen on the History Room Computer?

We appreciate it sometimes be difficult to see the small print on the computer screen, especially if you are sharing your screen with a fellow researcher. So we have purchased a larger screen for the History Room Computer. Please let one of the librarians know if you are still experiencing difficulties as, depending on which software you are using, it may be possible to enlarge the font size for you. Happy researching.

History Week 2009

Each year museums, history groups, libraries and national trust branches take part in SA History Week. Involvement in this special week is a perfect opportunity for Alexandrina Libraries to develop and strengthen partnerships with local national trust branches.

Alexandrina Libraries, in conjunction with Friends of the Goolwa Library and the National Trust are proposing to offer a programme based on the theme of how libraries and the national trust can work together to bring history to their local communities. A workshop for those seeking to develop, maintain and support partnerships between libraries and local national trust branches.

This year's activity will be held in the Alexandrina Community Chambers on Wednesday 27th May 2009 (TBC). The programme will include keynote speakers who will share their experiences of joint projects and partnerships. A special highlight of the day will be a presentation of a piece of the original iron rail and original latch from the first Goolwa – Port Elliot railway, dated 1854, to the Goolwa Branch of the National Trust.

Jill Patmore, Manager Library and Customer Service

*Happy researching,
Dawn*

Genealogy help is available by appointment on Thursdays, to guide you through your research. Please phone the Library on 8555-7000 to make an appointment. For comments, suggestions or to receive this newsletter – email

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