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HISTORY ROOM

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Well this month is the time of the year where libraries are having special displays and open days. From 22 – 31st May is **HISTORY WEEK** in South Australia.

In Goolwa everyone has got behind the event with special happenings all over town!

Friday 22nd Mayor Kym McHugh will launch the event and open the **David Dridan OAM Lithographic Exhibition** in the Alexandrina Community Chamber. From then on the town will be busy with – Country Arts Touring Exhibition; Mundoo Is and Coorong Tours; Steam Ranger Tours; Oscar W paddleboat cruises; Goolwa Wreck & Riverboat Trail by bicycle; Australasian 1858 tour and historical talk; Bank SA Heritage Display; Ghosts Around Goolwa Tour; Let it Be Beatles Concert & Dinner; Anglican Church Tour. On top of all this on the 30th & 31st May will be Grazing Around Goolwa when participants can experience 13 regional dishes matched with the districts finest beverages across 13 locations.

Wednesday 27th, our **Library's contribution will be** – classes from Goolwa Primary School and Investigator College will spend time in the morning in the Community Chamber and the History Room.

1pm – “*History of the Library 1988-2000*” will be launched and presented to Trish Steele (librarian of Goolwa Library at the time).

2pm – Kristin Weidenbach will discuss her book “*Mailman of the Birdsville Track*” the story of Tom Kruse. A public screening “*Last Mail from Birdsville*” a documentary of Tom’s last mail run in his restored mail truck in 1988 will be shown.

3.30 – Afternoon Tea

4pm – **Presentation of a section of the original Goolwa – Pt Elliot railway track** by Councillor Frank Tuckwell to the National Trust of Goolwa.

The following day (Thursday) the Community Chamber will be open to the public for a **History Display – Goolwa Post Office**.

Thursday 28th - The **National Trust** of Goolwa will have a photographic display in their Museum of ‘**Lost Goolwa**’ – **buildings no longer seen in Goolwa**.

The above is just a brief list of what’s on in History Week in Goolwa – a full brochure and bookings is available at the Visitor Information Centre.



Towards the end of March, we launched another book for our Oral History Collection, that of BETTY SPENCER, FAY NEIGHBOUR and KEITH NEIGHBOUR, children of ARTHUR NEIGHBOUR. FAY, of course, has been one of our loyal volunteers here at Goolwa for many years, and the book has many points of interest. Pictured is ROSE

GEISLER, (who conducted the initial interviews which were the beginning of the book), presenting Betty and Fay with their copies of the book, which was produced by Frodo Krochmal and Dorothy and Linton Jacobs.

‘Keeping in Touch’ – 200years of Postal and Telecommunication Records.

Discover more about the history of post and telecommunication in South Australia.

National Archives of SA, 78 Angas St, Adelaide – Tuesday 26th May.

Times – 10.00 – 10.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm. Bookings essential.

Phone 8409 8400 Email enid.woodley@naa.gov.au

It’s time for **Kernewek Lowender** again. This bi-annual event is held in SA’s ‘Copper Triangle’ from 11 – 17th May 2009. Check the website www.kernewek.org or you can phone the festival’s office on 08 8821 4500.

I visited the last festival in 2007 and enjoyed the experience.

The wonderful thing about a library is that it’s one of the most public institutions we have in our society, where people can gather together as citizens rather than customers. Libraries are social, community and meeting places, as well as learning centres.

[Friends of the Libraries groups in Australia]

(you only have to look in the area of the newspaper/magazine reading area of our library to attest to that).

Everyone can give pleasure – some do it by coming into a room, others by going out.

*Happy researching
Dawn*

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historyroom2004@yahoo.com.au or phone the Library on 8555-7000.

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