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Thank you so much for the positive feedback after the last newsletter. It is great to know that people are interested. Any comments, good or bad, are welcome or perhaps you have something relevant to contribute. Sometimes I sit in front of the computer and wonder what to put in the current issue.

Frank Tuckwell advised me that the Point Sturt Church of Christ (mentioned in the August newsletter) is very much alive and well. Currently a portion of the property which contains the camping area is subject to sale by the Churches of Christ to the Westminster School. Funds from this sale will be used for refurbishing the old chapel, interpretive signage, beautification and landscaping of the whole area. It will become one of our heritage gems, he says.

Have you heard that the SA Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates have been increased to \$39.50 whereas NSW only charges \$28.00 and they have online index search for historical records. It is such a rip-off!

Graham Jaunay advises that Australians may access British Newspapers by obtaining a reader's card from the National Library of Australia. This may be done online at www.nla.gov.au by clicking on the link *Get a library card*.

Further to my paragraph from '*Placenames Australia*' on snigger-worthy names I have been handed a cutting from '*The Age*' newspaper which also did a story on Crapstone. In Britain there's Ugley, Essex; East Breast, Scotland; North Piddle, Worcestershire; Spanker Lane, Derbyshire. How can you appear dignified when applying for a job and you live in Crotch Crescent, Oxford; Titty Ho, Northamptonshire; Wetwang, East Yorkshire.

These names were established hundreds of years ago and were not rude at the time. Place names and street names are full of history and it's only because language has evolved over the centuries that they've wound up sounding rude.

(from '*The Age*' 24th January 2009).

Over the page is a list of Employees of the River Murray Navigation Company who were on the brigantine '*Josephine L'Oizeau*' some months before it was shipwrecked at Pt Elliot on 10th July 1856.

The brigantine reached Pt Elliot from Adelaide with cargo and passengers for the P.S. *Albury* at Goolwa. Late in the afternoon a strong gale blew up, the ship's anchor parted and she ran ashore. Passengers and crew were landed safely.

**LIST OF EMPLOYEES of the RIVER MURRAY NAVIGATION COMPANY
on the brigantine *Josephine L'Oizeau***

[It was unusual for the RM Navigation Co to own a seafaring vessel]

Alexander	Paul	Mate	5/11/1855 – 23/11/1855
Alexander	Paul	Seaman	24/11/1855 – 8/12/1855
Appleby	James	Cook/steward	22/5/1856 – 3/7/1856
Bellamy	C.	Cook	23/1/1856 – 28/2/1856
Bidwell	Thomas	Cook	13/12/1855 – 8/1/1856
Black	Robert	Deckhand	22/6/1855 – 24/8/1855
Brown	D.	Cook	3/7/1856 – 17/7/1856
Brown	William	Seaman	7/11/1855 – 24/11/1855
Campbell	William	Cook/steward	12/1/1857 – 7/2/1857
Campbell	William	Cook/steward	30/5/1857 – 15/12/1857
Campbell	William	Seaman	6/11/1855 – 28/2/1856
Carrell	William	Cook	22/6/1855 – 24/8/1855
Chapman	John	Mate	24/11/1855 – 10/12/1855
Filloul	Thos. John	Deckhand	22/6/1855 – 24/8/1855
Gordon	John	Boy	24/1/1856 – 24/3/1856
Greene	Robert	Deckhand	22/6/1855 – 24/8/1855
Harris	Henry	Mate	15/6/1855 – 24/8/1855
Herron	John	Cook	10/1/1856 – 24/1/1856
Holmes	J.	Seaman	13/12/1855 – 24/1/1856
Hughes	John	Deckhand	23/5/1856 – 3/7/1856
Inkster	William	Seaman	24/1/1856 – 28/2/1856
Jeffry	Robert	Seaman	22/1/1856 – 17/7/1856
Lindsay	John	Master	15/6/1855 – 12/12/1855
McHardey	William	Deckhand	16/7/1855 – 24/8/1855
McKinlay	Edward	Seaman	5/11/1855 – 8/12/1855
Mennie	Henry Horn	N/K	11/12/1855 – 17/7/1856
Morris	John	Seaman	13/12/1855 – 17/7/1856
Nash	George	Mate	19/5/1856 – 17/7/1856
Neva	Charles	Seaman	24/1/1856 – 28/2/1856
Nevin	Thomas	Deckhand	23/5/1856 – 17/7/1856
Porter	John	Seaman	24/1/1856 – 28/2/1856
Sayle	Daniel	Deckhand	22/6/1855 – 24/8/1855
Smith	George	Deckhand	23/5/1856 – 3/7/1856
Smith	John	Seaman	19/12/1855 – 24/1/1855
Ward	Charles	Seaman	7/11/1855 – 24/11/1855
Wilson	E.H.	Deckhand	4/7/1856 – 10/7/1856
Woodman	William	Seaman	15/12/1855 – 24/1/1856

The Master received an average of £15 per month, Mates 10, cooks 7, Seamen & Deckhands 5 and Boy 3 pounds per month.

*Happy researching
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