

**19TH STATE HISTORY CONFERENCE**  
 Murray Bridge Town Hall  
 Murray Bridge, South Australia  
**6-8 August 2010**

**cross-currents**

history, people & the environment



**Registration**

Registrations close Friday 23 July 2010.

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To assist us with conference planning, please circle your conference choices. Please note that this year you **do not** need to nominate your parallel sessions.

**Friday Information Session**

Attending 'Creating and managing images in the digital age' Yes  No

OR  
 Attending 'Working with boats' Yes  No

**Tours**

Saturday 6 August

Please indicate your first preference: **1 2 3 4 5**

Second preference: **1 2 3 4 5**

**Social events**

Attending Welcome Reception 6 August Yes  No

Murray Bridge Town Hall  
 Number of people attending (including non-delegates):

Attending Conference Dinner 7 August Yes  No

Monarto Zoo  
 Number of people attending (including non-delegates):

**Special dietary requirements**

Please indicate any special dietary requirements:

[Please complete the conference fees section overleaf]

**Conference Fees**

The fees listed below include entry to conference sessions, tours, delegate satchels, lunches, morning and afternoon teas and conference welcome reception.

**Early bird registrations close on Friday 16 July**

**Standard registrations close on Friday 30 July**

<input type="checkbox"/> Early bird registration	\$150	<input type="text"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conference dinner	\$50 per adult	<input type="text"/>
	\$35 per child	<input type="text"/>
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ <input type="text"/>

Prices include GST

**PAYMENT**

Cheque, money order, cash or credit card accepted. Please pay prior to the conference, by post or in person at History SA, Torrens Parade Ground, Victoria Drive, Adelaide. Please make cheques payable to History SA.

**Credit Card Payment**

Mastercard  VISA (please tick one)

CREDIT CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY DATE:  TOTAL AMOUNT \$

NAME ON CARD

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**Postal address**

State History Conference Registration  
 History SA  
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**Enquiries**

If you have any enquiries please contact History SA on **(08) 8203 9888** or [statehistoryconference@history.sa.gov.au](mailto:statehistoryconference@history.sa.gov.au)

# Sunday 8 August

## 8.15 Registration

Ground level, Murray Bridge Town Hall

Coffee/tea on arrival

## 9.00 Parallel Session 1

### Managing Water as a Resource

*Imagining the future: Samuel MacIntosh and early irrigation*

Allison Russell

*The Pekina Irrigation Scheme and irrigation area*

John Mannion

*Thirsty: where's the Dam water?*

Kevin Kakoschke

## Parallel Session 2

### Of Plants and People

*Myall, mangroves and much more - the story of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden at Port Augusta*

John Zwar

*Drunk on horehound beer*

Glenda Couch-Keen

*Riverglades Wetlands*

Jacqui Merckenschlager

## Parallel Session 3

### People of the Murray and Lakes

*Ngaralta Clan of the Murrundi*

Laura Winslow

*The fabric of life on the Murray*

*River: through a child's eyes*

Helen Stagg

*Stories from the Lakes and Coorong*

Terry Sims and Ken Strother

## 10.30 Morning tea

Murray Bridge Town Hall

Sponsored by the History Council of South Australia

## 11.00 Parallel Session a

### Ngarrindjeri Ruwe/Ruwar (land, body, spirit): Living with Colonial Histories

This session examines new relationships being developed between the Ngarrindjeri Nation and all levels of government, built on recognition of traditional ownership of Ngarrindjeri Ruwe (lands and waters). This process has involved a challenge to colonial histories that have shaped the relationship between Ngarrindjeri and non-Indigenous people and institutions in South Australia, and the development of new histories.

The session will be convened by Steve Hemming, Daryle Rigney and Chris Wilson, and include contributors involved in the process from a number of perspectives.

## Parallel Session b

### Collections in the Twenty-first Century

*New developments: museums and public history online*

Darren Peacock and Jill MacKenzie

*Using Flickr to preserve South*

*Australia's digital heritage*

Jenny Scott

*SA Country Newspaper History Project*

Anthony Laube

*Fire it up?: a conservation approach*

*to functional objects*

Allison Russell and Joanna Romanos

## Parallel Session c

### Regional histories

*From the River to the Mount: social and economic development in the Mount Barker region, 1831-1891*

Ann Herraman

*1938: A holiday in the Hills*

Kate Walsh

*'More entertaining than cock-fighting': the Salvation Army in the Fleurieu Peninsula*  
Jenny Hein

*Only one vote: the long-awaited railway to Pinnaroo country*

Max and Enid Wurfel

## 13.00 Lunch

Murray Bridge Town Hall

## 14.00 Parallel Session I

### Histories and Heritage of the Murray and Lakes

*A fresh history of the Lakes*

Terry Sim

*Railway river ports in South Australia*

Rodney Barrington

*River heritage treasures of South Australia*

Peter Harden

## Parallel Session II

### River Histories

*From the Thames to the Patawalonga*

Dieuwke Jessop

*The creation of the Torrens: a history of Adelaide's river to 1881*

Sharyn Clarke

*The Chowilla white elephant*

Garry Mighall

## Parallel Session III

### Cultural Heritage and Sustainability

Heritage Branch, Department for Environment and Heritage

## 15.30 Plenary Session

### Closing discussion

Margaret Anderson

## 16.00 Afternoon tea

## 16.30 Conference concludes

## Friday 6 August

### 14.00 Registration

Murray Bridge Town Hall, Murray Bridge

### 14.30 Free pre-conference workshops

#### Creating and managing images in the digital age

Murray Bridge Town Hall

Good quality digital images are becoming increasingly important to museums – for websites, for promoting activities, and for recording collections. This workshop will provide an overview of technical requirements for digital images (file size, format and more) and plenty of practical information, all in the context of the National Standards. Bring along your cameras and learn how to take quality images of objects, people and places.

*Registration required. Afternoon tea included.*  
This session is sponsored by Museums Australia

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#### Working with boats

PS Marion, Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge

A chance for all those who work with heritage boats - riverboats, sailing boats, and other boats - to get together on the PS Marion and talk about their work and its challenges.

*Registration required. Afternoon tea included.*

### 17.00 Workshop sessions conclude

### 18.30 Welcome Reception

Hosted by the Rural City of Murray Bridge  
Murray Bridge Town Hall

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands and waters of the Ngarrindjeri people and we respect the spiritual relationship to country.

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri elders as the custodians of the Coorong, Lakes and Murray River region and that their cultural, spiritual and heritage beliefs are still important to all Ngarrindjeri people today.

## Saturday 7 August

### 8.15 Registration desk opens

Ground level, Murray Bridge Town Hall

Coffee/tea on arrival

### 9.00 Official opening and welcome

Murray Bridge Town Hall

### 9.15 Plenary Session: keynote addresses

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*Water whims and cultural things: rethinking water and the making of Australia*  
Dr Deane Fergie

*Making connections between people and the River*  
Dr Paul Sinclair

### 11.00 Morning tea

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### 11.30 Parallel Session A

#### Climate and Society

*Drought and society in nineteenth century eastern Australia*  
Dr Don Garden

*A very different climate: how early European settlers coped*  
Dr Tony Rogers

### Parallel Session B

#### Community Life

*A real country welcome: Afghans in Murray Bridge, South Australia*  
Nayano Taylor-Neuman

*Showing the way – country shows and country show cooks in South Australia*  
Liz Harfull

*River Murray Hotels in South Australia*  
Patricia Sumerling

### Parallel Session C

#### River Trades

*Guarding the past for the present: investigating the construction and conservation issues of the Randell Dry Dock*  
Britt Burton

*Best of the 'Bottom Enders'*

A lively presentation on the history of the southern end of the river and the 'Bottom Enders' who live there. Dick Bromhead from Mannum, Rolly Bartlett from Goolwa and John Lynder from Morgan present their perspectives on the history of the river. In a celebration of local rivalry that may be boastful but never boring, the three towns will make their claims for the biggest place in the history of the river trade.

### 13.00 Lunch

Murray Bridge Town Hall

### 13.15 Tours

**Tour 1:** Camp Coorong

**Tour 2:** The Story of Wellington on the Murray

**Tour 3:** Historic Poltollach Station

### 14.00 Tours

**Tour 4:** Mannum Historic Walk and Mannum Dock Museum

**Tour 5:** River and Rail History Walk and PS Marion

### 17.00 Tour groups return to Murray Bridge Town Hall

### 18.30 Conference Dinner

The Waterhole, Monarto Zoo,  
Princes Highway, Monarto

*Please note that delegates must make their own way to Monarto.*

# Cross-currents

history, people & the environment

## CROSS-CURRENTS: HISTORY, PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

will be held in Murray Bridge, South Australia's 2010 Regional Centre of Culture.

Join us for a full conference program rich in histories of the River and Lakes, of the region's people, places and communities. The interaction of ideas and the environment is a second major theme of the conference, and speakers from a range of disciplines will consider how culture and time shape understandings of elemental environmental forces including water and climate.

We hope that the conference will not only provide a historical context for understanding the environmental challenges of the present, but that delegates will be prompted to reconsider the relationship of nature and culture and the place of history and heritage in shaping sustainable communities in the future.

## Tours

The conference will include five guided tours which will explore different aspects of the region's history. Please note that the number of delegates on each tour is limited, and places will be allocated in order of registrations received. Please check tour lists on conference noticeboards. All tours will require delegates to walk between points of interest.

### Tour 1: Camp Coorong

Come and visit Camp Coorong, see the museum and learn from an Elder about Ngarrindjeri history, heritage and culture. This tour departs at 13.15 and includes a packed lunch.

### Tour 2: The Story of Wellington on the Murray

Learn about the history of Wellington and surrounding area. See points of interest including Mason's Rock at Edwards Crossing, Morphett's Reserve, Governor Jervois' residence and Wellington's police station, court house, gaol cells, stables and ferryman's residence. This tour departs at 13.15 and includes a packed lunch.

### Tour 3: Historic Poltollach Station

Situated on the southern shore of Lake Alexandrina, this State Heritage and National Estate listed property still operates as a working farm. Learn about the history of the Bowman family and see the historic buildings and sites including the unique shearing shed, old general store, and the jetty built for paddle steamers which is now dry. This tour departs at 13.15 and includes a packed lunch.

### Tour 4: Mannum Historic Walk and Mannum Dock Museum

Take the Shearer Walk with the Mannum History Group and learn about brothers David and John Shearer, who were invited to come to Mannum by local farmers and whose innovative machinery revolutionised farming. Then visit the Mannum Dock Museum of River History and see the historic Randell Dry Dock, one of only two known timber floating dry docks built in Australia and now the only remaining example. This tour departs at 14.00 after lunch at Murray Bridge Town Hall.

### Tour 5: River and Rail History Walk and PS Marion

Discover the rich river and rail history of Murray Bridge on a guided walking tour of the river and railway precincts. Visit the historic Roundhouse, handcrafted by stonemasons in 1876 with additions in 1918. Hop aboard the *PS Marion* and take a trip down the River as you learn about its history. The *PS Marion* will be in Murray Bridge for the conference weekend. This tour departs at 14.00 after lunch at Murray Bridge Town Hall.

## Conference Venue

**Cross-currents: history, people and the environment** will be held in the newly refurbished Murray Bridge Town Hall, on the corner of Sixth and Bridge Street, Murray Bridge. Conference delegates will find a complete listing of session locations in their delegate satchel.

## Accommodation

Delegates must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. For information, including about accommodation aboard the *PS Marion*, contact the Murray Bridge Visitor Information Centre, 3 South Terrace, Murray Bridge, telephone **(08) 8539 1142** or email **mbvc@rcmb.sa.gov.au**.

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