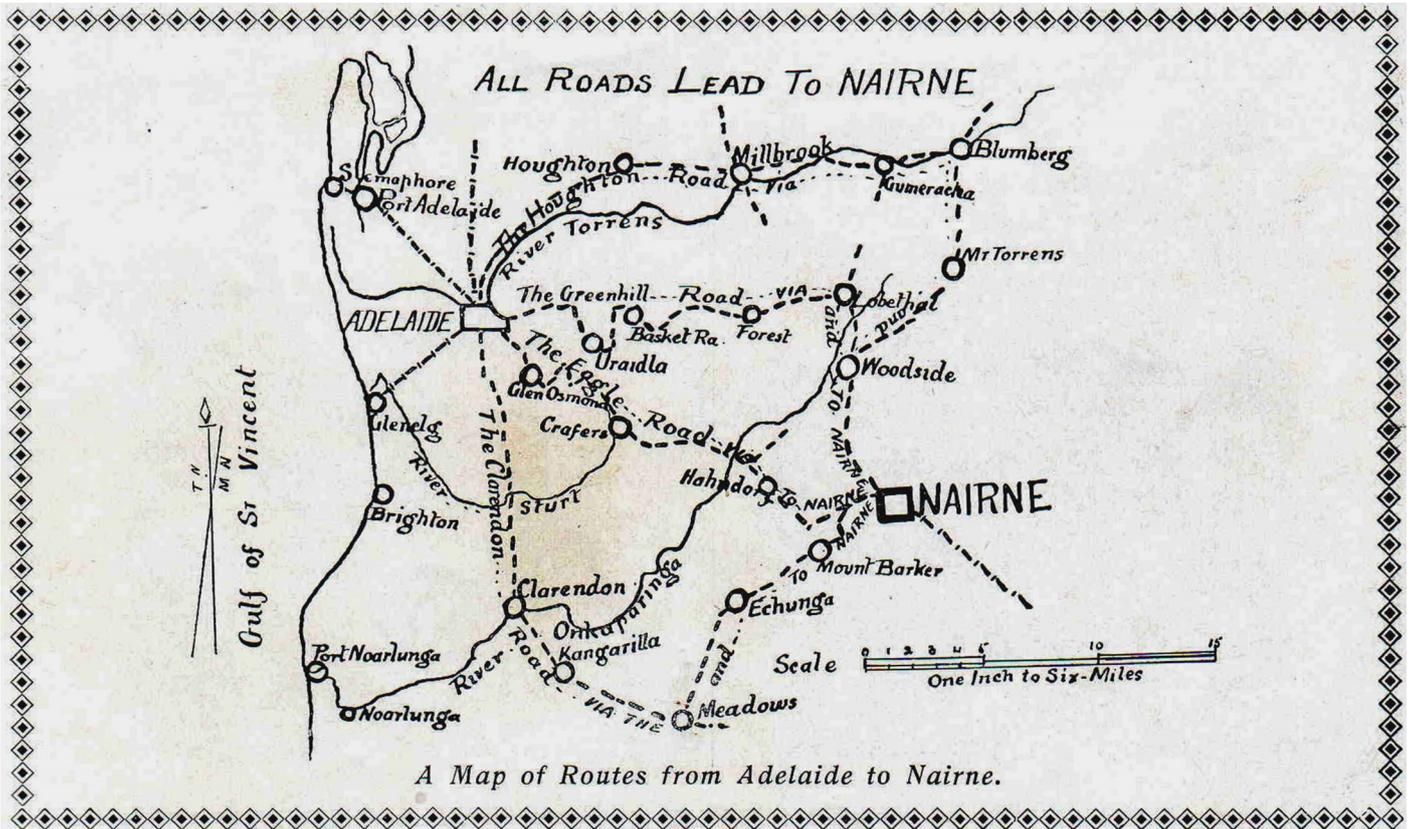


# Nairne News



*Newsletter of the Nairne and Districts Residents Association*



*A route map printed in "The Tourists' Guide to Nairne" ca. 1909*

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A map printed in the Tourists' Guide to Nairne in 1909 indicated that 'All Roads Lead to Nairne'. According to that pamphlet, Nairne was an attractive 'Haven of Rest' and anything you might want could be found here.

People still think this town is something special. Many attended the recent Old Style Movie Night that celebrated our history, recent and ancient. It was a successful event run by the Nairne and Districts Residents Association in conjunction with Nairne's own Road Movie Mobile Cinema, and proudly supported by the Mt Barker Council.

The next celebration of Nairne's 175 years will take place on **Sunday 30 November**. Everyone is welcome to come to the party. Turn to page 2 for the details.



# Nairne Alive—175



Keep Sunday 30 November clear! Mark in your diary or calendar that Nairne is where you will be all day (10am–3pm)! The Nairne and Districts Residents Association is teaming up with the Nairne Community Sustainable Market organisers to bring a fabulous celebration into the Main Street of Nairne. Local businesses and all of our local community groups, including the Lions Club, sporting organisations and the school, are making plans to get involved.

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**Nairne Alive 175**  
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**10am  
to  
3pm**

Celebrating 175 years of Nairne (1839–2014), the Institute will be open with museum items on display and the Nairne Market will open giving you the chance to have your photo taken in the old police cells! Local community groups, including the Nairne RSL and Red Cross, will have displays in the Soldier's Memorial Hall and there will be entertainment, competitions and old style games. Add to the atmosphere and fun by dressing up from some past period – pioneer, 20s, 50s, hippie, - whatever takes your fancy!

The Nairne Community Sustainable Market, which is usually held at the Primary School, will be held in the original Market Area of Nairne for this event—beside the Institute and along Jeffrey Street towards the tennis courts.

The organisers gratefully acknowledge the funding support provided by the District Council of Mount Barker for this special event as part of the district-wide 175th celebrations.

The District Council of  
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*The NDRA thanks Jo Parkinson for proofreading this publication.*

# Write about Nairne!

About 100 years ago, students from the Nairne State School were awarded prizes for their essays on Nairne which were submitted to a competition run by the Daily Herald newspaper.

The Nairne and Districts Residents Association is running a similar competition this year as part of our general celebrations of the 175 years since the establishment of our home-town, Nairne.

We will be offering prizes in three **children's essay** categories: 1. Children in Reception to grade two; 2. Children in grades three to five; and 3. Children in grades six and seven. There will also be an **open poetry competition** for the teenagers and adults.

The topic can be anything about Nairne. Please write your name and school grade (if applicable) clearly at the top of your writing, and keep your essay short—just 250 words or less. You can submit your essay to [nairnenews@hotmail.com](mailto:nairnenews@hotmail.com), or address it to Nairne News Editor, PO Box 415, Nairne, or pop it in the drop-box at the Nairne Primary School office. **Entries must be received by Monday 1 September 2014.** Winners will be announced at the final 175th celebratory event at the end of the year. So if you like writing and love Nairne, get your thinking caps on!



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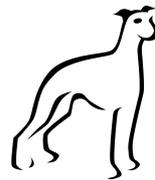
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## Councillor's Commentary...

Hello, and welcome to this update on Council happenings. I hope you are keeping warm!

***Interchange gets under way!*** Finally, after a slow build-up over a number of years, the new SE Freeway/Bald Hills Rd interchange is getting under way. Funds (\$16m) promised by the Federal Government via local Member for Mayo, the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, and another \$3m from Council drawing on accumulated developer contributions, has seen the State Government essentially match these funds to get the interchange started.

At the time of writing, we understand that the State Government is working on designs, to be made public very soon. Much on-site survey work has also been evident over the last month. The expectation is that actual work will begin by the close of 2014 or possibly early in the new year.

***Main Road improvements.*** We were fortunate last year when the State Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC) recommended to the then SA infrastructure minister that the overhead powerlines in Nairne's Main Road business precinct be placed underground. The minister subsequently accepted the PLEC recommendation. The Stage 1 sector involved is from just west of Church/Farquharson Streets, to just east of the Nairne service station. Total project cost is \$1.6m (1/3 from Council) and is being done by contractor Beltrame Civil under the supervision of SA Power Networks (SAPN). Preliminary work has started at the Church/Farquharson Streets end, and will progress in stages back to the servo. The entire project, including new light fixtures, should be finished by the close of 2014.

Inevitably, there will be some disruption in Main Rd as the project proceeds. Regular updates on progress will be posted on the Council website. Businesses on Main Rd will also be alerted before specific works occur immediately adjacent to their premises. Council's project manager, Ian Powell (0408 970 966), is available for further advice.

Following on the undergrounding of powerlines and removal of Stobie poles, the way is then open for Council to plan and undertake **streetscaping of the Main Road** business precinct. In anticipation of formal approval in Council's 2014-15 Annual Business Plan (ABP) budget (see '*Nairne projects in Budget*' below), preliminary planning is already under way for possible designs which will be made available for public consultation. Designs will also incorporate an **upgrade of Mick Murphy and Matthew Smillie Parks** at the Main Road/Jeffrey Street corner. A \$30,000 budget has been proposed in the 2014-15 ABP for the planning work; on-site work is expected to be undertaken in the following financial year (2015-16).

***Developer funds for new community facilities.*** By now, Council will have considered the imposition of one-off separate rates on residential allotments being created in the 45ha Nairne Ministerial Development Plan Amendment (MDPA) zone at the south-western corner of the town. This proposal, which would attract \$1,200 for each residential allotment as it is created by developers, is intended to help pay for local **sport, recreation and community (SRC) infrastructure needs** directly attributable to the demands of an expected 25% increase in Nairne's population living in the new growth area. On the same basis, other separate rate payments are also expected to help pay for water service and transport infrastructure needs.

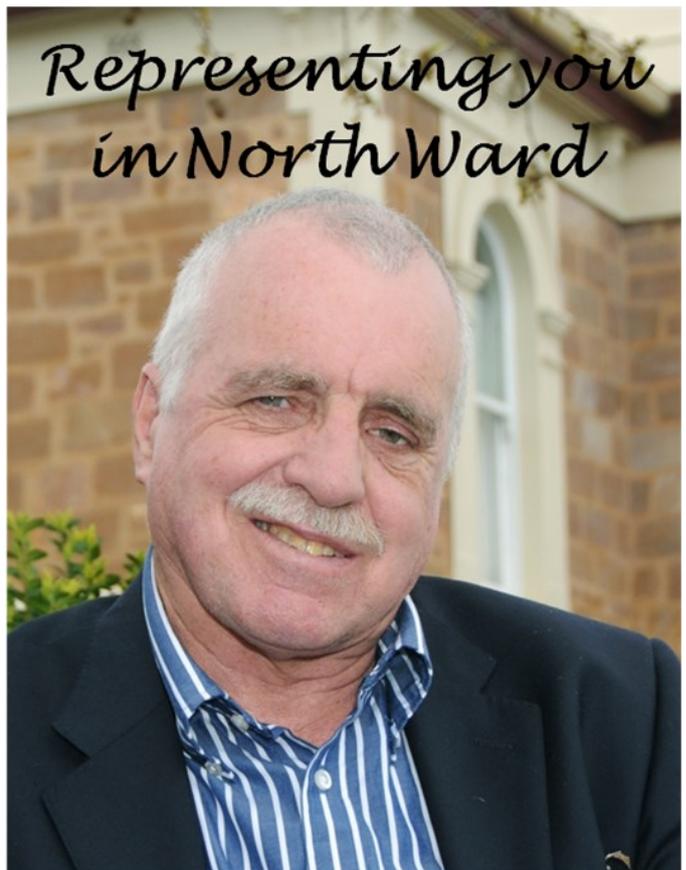
By law, the SRC separate rate cannot be imposed to help pay for any already acknowledged shortfalls in any of those infrastructure categories. But, to help address those shortfalls, Council proposes to allocate \$1 for each \$1 paid by developers for SRC separate rates imposed in the Nairne MDPA growth area. This would be in addition to normal ongoing funding.

Some projects already identified as being targets for the SRC separate rates are: *expanded facilities at the Nairne Sports Complex*; *new youth facilities adjacent to Byethorne Park*; and the provision of a *neighbourhood community centre* (probably by the enhancing and expansion of the existing Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall).

***Nairne projects in Budget.*** As a part of Council's 2014-15 Annual Business Plan (ABP), new projects foreshadowed for Nairne include: design planning for *Main Road streetscaping (and Mick Murphy & Matthew Smillie Parks)* (\$30k); continuation of *North Road upgrade* (\$450k); installation of new *footbridge over Nairne Creek at Bridge Street*; renewal of *BMX track, Matthew Road*; renewal of *playground equipment, Matthew Road and Matthew Smillie Reserve*; new *footpath at Megan Circuit Reserve*; and development of *Nairne Creek rehabilitation plan*. A new footpath on Woodside Road near the northern town boundary has been foreshadowed for 2015-16. General rates in 2014-15 are proposed to be increased by 5%, which would place them at about the median mark across all other councils' rate increases.

***Successful community grants.*** There were three successful applications for Council community grants in the 2013-14 second round. Totalling \$4,500, these were provided to the *Nairne Institute Committee* for display cabinets in their continuing work to establish a museum in the building; *Nairne Red Cross Branch* for a mounted plaque to commemorate its 75 continuous years in Nairne; and *Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee* for the purchase of new kitchen appliances.

***New footpaths.*** By the time you read this new footpaths should have been built in the following locations: *Britannia Road*, between Jeffrey Street and Shakes Road; and on *Jeffrey Street*, between Britannia Road and Clover Way. Already finished in 2013-14 are: *Burns Street*, between South Terrace and the pedestrian railway crossing; and across *Rachel Circuit Reserve*, between Hauesler Drive and Rachel Circuit.



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## Councillor's Commentary...

Others still on the way are: South Terrace, between Burns Street and Market Place; and Farquharson Street, between Main Road and the first cemetery entrance.

**New bus stop shelters.** Following the installation of a new bus stop shelter near the Nairne Retirement Village about a year ago, two new additional shelters have now been installed opposite the *Nairne Medical Clinic* on eastern Main Road, and at the corner of *Woodside Road* and South Terrace (Old Princes Highway). Hope they keep you dry, warm or cool!

**Finally ...** Please don't hesitate to contact me on 0408 685 759, or at [tcorbell@dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au](mailto:tcorbell@dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au) if you would like more information on any of the matters discussed above, or any other Council related issues. Alternatively, you can contact one of my North Ward colleagues, Councillors Jeff Bettcher, Lyn Stokes and Simon Westwood. And, for more up-to-date information on issues as they occur, please check my Facebook page, 'Councillor Trevor Corbell'.

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## Creative initiatives celebrate local history

By Phi Theodoros



This year marks the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of many of our local townships in the Hills and we're excited to celebrate alongside the community, bringing history back to life with events such as the Pioneer Women's Trail, and our Footprint to Footplate project happening in November, in partnership with the SteamRanger in Mount Barker.

On May 18, Ink Pot's drama/improvised theatre students performed at a special event - the Pioneer Women's Trail. This event was built through collaborations with the National Trust groups of Hahndorf and Burnside, and the South Australian Road Runners Club (SARRC).

It was all part of the 'About Time: South Australia's History Festival' and saw 20 of our young performers dressed in period costumes interacting with the public who travelled the trail, as well as welcoming the descendants as they walked the last leg. Our proud pioneering performers then sang to the descendants as they crossed the finish line.

This is the beginning of great partnerships between Ink Pot Arts and local community groups with a historic community perspective. The Pioneer Women's Trail Project has been an absolute delight for Ink Pot students, with one of our students, 8 year old Sophie Medlin saying she "felt very proud to have had the opportunity to represent the pioneer women".

For more information about our regular classes or special workshops, how Ink Pot Arts can be involved in your community event, or how you can be involved in our upcoming productions and projects like 'Children of the Black Skirt' and the 'Footprint to Footplate' 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mt Barker celebrations, get in touch at [quill@inkpot.com.au](mailto:quill@inkpot.com.au), or check out [www.facebook.com/inkpotarts](https://www.facebook.com/inkpotarts), or [www.inkpot.com.au](http://www.inkpot.com.au).



*Ink Pot Arts Impro teacher, Kerstin Von Shearing (second from right) with Jarrod Hoare (third from left) and a likely group of acting bush rangers, washer-women and pioneer children on the Pioneer Women's Trail.*

## A bit of history—the story of Henry Timmins and his tannery

*By Morag McIntosh*

Upstairs Downstairs, 107 Main Road, was built in 1870 by Henry Timmins.

Henry Timmins was born in Cornwall in 1821, and he and his wife Mary Ann, with their infant son, migrated to Adelaide in 1849. Unfortunately, their son died during the long sea voyage.

Henry Timmins and his wife arrived in South Australia with very little money, but Henry, being a tanner by trade, soon found employment at Reid's Tannery in Hindmarsh. Their second child was born in Hindmarsh in 1850. The family remained at Hindmarsh for about 12 months and then in a long, slow haul over the Mount Lofty Ranges by bullock dray, travelled to Nairne to acquire an allotment of land. The journey from Hindmarsh to Nairne took around 3-4 days then.

Possibly, Henry thought of Nairne as a town that would increase in population and importance and, with the Nairne Creek as a water supply, a suitable place to start the first tannery south of Adelaide.

It is believed that around this time Henry Timmins built the cottage at 103 Main Road, and the tannery building at the rear of, what is now, Upstairs Downstairs.

In 1861, Henry's wife Mary Ann died leaving him a widower with two young children. Two years later Henry married Ellen Ward, a local girl from Nairne.



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Things finally started to improve for Henry and it is evident that the tannery flourished. In 1870, the two storey residence, Upstairs Downstairs, was built on the same allotment as the tannery. He had the Spence Brothers build the house in the Georgian style similar to houses he remembered in Cornwall.

On the western end of the house, a shop was built where leather from the tannery was displayed and sold. Underneath the building are large cellars, one having a chimney. The house was built with such meticulous thoroughness that there is a story of a tree nearby that grew faster than the house. In the backyard is the underground rain water tank with a domed top. The pink freestone from the house was quarried on the rising ground south-west of the railway station.

Tragedy struck Henry again with the death of his infant son in 1870, his daughter fell into the lime pits attached to the tannery in 1876 and died, and in 1877 his second wife passed away.

It was about this time that Henry leased the tannery, and the cottage at 103 Main Road to Conrad Pflaum and took up grazing interests instead. Not long after, Henry married for a third time and appears to have lived a happy and prosperous life until his death in 1909.

On his death, his widow moved into the cottage at 103 Main Road and remained there until her death in 1924. Both the two storey house and the cottage passed out of the family.

Conrad Pflaum, who had leased the tannery from about 1876 to 1896, had since moved elsewhere and the tannery changed hands, firstly to the Paltriges, then to George Chapman.

George Chapman converted the tannery to a bacon factory, but was unsuccessful at this site and later commenced operations further down the street in the building we all know as the old Chapman's building. Walter Jacobs then operated in the tannery as a bacon factory from 1906 until he transferred to Mount Barker in 1914 and, finally, Henry Andrew Timmins and James Timmins operated in the tannery as a bacon factory from 1918-1919.

The tannery has been converted to a private home now.

The two storey house, Upstairs Downstairs as it is currently known, is a private home with an antique shop attached. The Timmin's original two roomed cottage has been restored and is still a family home.



*The home of Henry Timmins, 107 Main Road, Nairne, soon after it was built.*

## A Short History Of The Nairne Volunteer Rifle Corps

*By Dr Nicolas Grguric*

Readers may be surprised to learn that Nairne once had its own little army, called the Nairne Volunteer Rifle Corps (NVRC). Although its activities were a prominent part of village life in 1860s Nairne, to the best of the author's knowledge, its story has never been told.

To understand how it came to be that a little village in the Adelaide Hills had its own military unit, we have to look at the bigger picture of international affairs at the time. Although France and Britain had been allies in the Crimean War of 1854-56 Britain still harboured a fear of invasion, which heightened dramatically when France and Austria went to war in 1859. Volunteer forces were raised all over Britain as well as her colonies around the world. In South Australia it was feared that, if war did break out between Britain and France, we might be vulnerable to a French raid. So in 1859, the South Australian government put out a call to the citizens to form volunteer military units, which would be armed and administered by the government, but whole internal running was very much done within the units themselves.

The Nairne Volunteer Rifle Corps has been credited as the first volunteer unit to form outside of Adelaide itself, with the exception of Port Adelaide. This was in August 1859, and on the day of enrolment, the enrolling officer, Captain Biggs, treated 50 to 60 residents to a lecture comparing the old 'Brown Bess' musket with the new Pattern 1853 Enfield rifle, and explaining the principle on which the new rifle worked. This was followed by rounds of applause, and by the end of the meeting 37 of the town's men had enrolled to join the new rifle corps. Three days later, a meeting of the new volunteers was held in Mr Ryder's schoolroom in order to elect officers. Mr John Tallant Bee was elected as Captain, and Mr Ebenezer Felgate (proprietor of the District Hotel) as Lieutenant. It was also decided that the uniform was to consist of a loose dark green tunic with black facings edged with small red piping, dark grey trousers with red seam, and a dark drab felt hat with red band and N.V.R.C. in red letters on the front. It was also resolved to ask the

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Government for £2 towards the cost of the uniform instead of the £1 offered, as it was said that, even with the cheapest materials, it would be impossible to obtain the above three articles for £1!

There were high hopes for the unit at the start. By November they had become so proficient in their drill as to impress the somewhat cynical townsfolk; and their drill instructor, Mr Simmons, declared them ready to receive their rifles from the government. This was the harvest season and many menfolk were busily engaged in harvesting. However, it was hoped that after the season was over the Company would double in size. Sadly, however, this was not to be, and things quickly started to go downhill for the Nairne Volunteers.

In June 1860, an anonymous member of the unit wrote a letter to the newspaper describing the unit's frustration as not yet having been allowed to commence target practice, because their drill instructor had not yet seen all the Company parade together. There was a feeling of resentment towards many members who were already not bothering to attend drill practices, and those who had been attending regularly felt their zeal was being overlooked and that their eagerness to distinguish themselves as marksmen was being overlooked.

Finally, in September 1860, 24 members were present for the first target practice of the Company. Target shooting was a great favourite of the Volunteers in general, and the Nairne Volunteers were no exception. They had matches amongst themselves as well as against neighbouring units such as those at Woodside, Mt Barker, Strathalbyn and Milang. Some even attended shooting matches in Adelaide, where the south parklands had been converted into a rifle range. Some interesting things were donated as prizes at these matches. For example, at one Nairne match, first prize was a large ham weighing 35lbs (about 15kg)! At another, Corporal (later Sergeant) Carr offered a pair of boots as a prize.

In early 1861, the construction of a new road from Nairne to Scott's Creek put a hold on the rifle shooting, as the line of the new road passed over the spot where the Nairne Volunteers had their target set up. There were concerns that it would be difficult to find another site for a rifle range in the vicinity of Nairne. They ended up having to move their range to a private property. However, some residents complained about the site of the new range, as it apparently caused some danger to the public. So once again the Volunteers had to stop their shooting practices until a sufficiently large mound, to stop any stray shots, could be erected or a new site found. They eventually resumed use of the old range, which involved the bullets flying across the road, though they presumably called a temporary halt to shooting whenever traffic came along!

The greatest upheaval was to come in mid-1861 when their commanding officer, Captain Bee, tendered his resignation – at the request of the Company! It would be fascinating to know what led to this remarkable situation, but unfortunately such details were not published in newspapers of the time. From what can be gleaned of Mr Bee's character, however, he was a somewhat officious fellow; and in 1860, while chairman of the Nairne District Council, he had been called to resign because of an irregular and illegal way of conducting council business. He later moved to the Clare Valley, where he appears to have been quite well-liked. By late 1861, the matter of Captain Bee's resignation was still in dispute with the government Staff Office. It was complained that the want of efficient officers was a great drawback to the progress of the Company which now numbered 34 members. In the absence of their Captain, Lieutenant Clezy jun. assumed command of the Company and was promoted to Captain.

*Continued on page 13.*

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## A Short History Of The Nairne Volunteer Rifle Corps

*Continued from page 11.*

The year 1862 saw the Nairne Volunteers issued with new uniforms, this time supplied by the Government directly. This was timely, as the old uniforms, what with having been worn at parade and in some cases every day for nearly 2 years, were said to look anything but respectable. The new uniform was designed by the Government, and consisted of a stone grey cap, tunic and trousers, trimmed with black and red braid for the men, and silver and red braid for the officers.

By September 1863, the Nairne Company had, for a long time past, entirely ceased to attend drill or practice, and were threatened with disbanding by the Colonel Commanding of the SA Volunteer Force unless a sufficient number of members could be found to resume drill immediately. What was left of the active members of the Nairne Volunteers applied to the Government to be allowed to form a detachment of the (larger and more successful) Mt Barker Rifles, under command of a sergeant, and be allowed to practice on their own ground in Nairne, as long as they attend Battalion drills with the rest of the Mt Barker Company from time to time. This was accepted and, in keeping with the conditions, Captain Clezy jun. tendered his resignation. Thus ended the history of the Nairne Volunteer Rifle Corps as an independent body, and by January 1864 it was amalgamated with the Mt Barker Rifles under Captain Paltridge. In mid-1866 the entire volunteer force was disbanded and re-raised under a new set of regulations. Most Volunteer Companies did not survive the reorganisation and it appears that the Mt Barker Rifles suffered the same fate. The force as a whole dwindled during the late 1860s and had virtually ceased to exist by 1870.

Below is a list of the known members of the Nairne Volunteer Rifle Corps, as well as the highest rank each of them attained:

Captains - Bee, J.T., J. Clezy jun.

Lieutenants – Ebenezer Felgate,

Sergeants – Ryder, J, Felgate. W.A.W. Carr,

Corporal – S. Spence

Bugler – A. Smith

Surgeon – Dr Weld (local doctor)

Privates – James Bee, Jasper Bee, James Burt, James Clezy, G. Drew, H. Fordham, G. Gale, G. Gray, J.W. King, A. Light, C. Parsons, S. Parsons, Joseph Ryder (school teacher), S. Sanders, A. Smith, J.W. Spence, R.M. Steele, W. Tilley, G. Turner, Werrett.

The Author is Curator of the proposed Nairne Community Museum, and a member of 'The Adelaide Regiment 1862', a re-enactment association which recreates the SA Volunteer Rifles as they would have appeared in 1862-1865. The group can be contacted at [adelaideregiment1862@gmail.com](mailto:adelaideregiment1862@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/adelaidेरifles](https://facebook.com/adelaidेरifles)



*No images of the NVRC are known to exist. However, this photograph shows a Captain and four Privates of the Goolwa Rifles, in the same uniform that the Nairne Rifles were issued with in 1862. Image: State Library of South Australia - PRG 1258/2/385*



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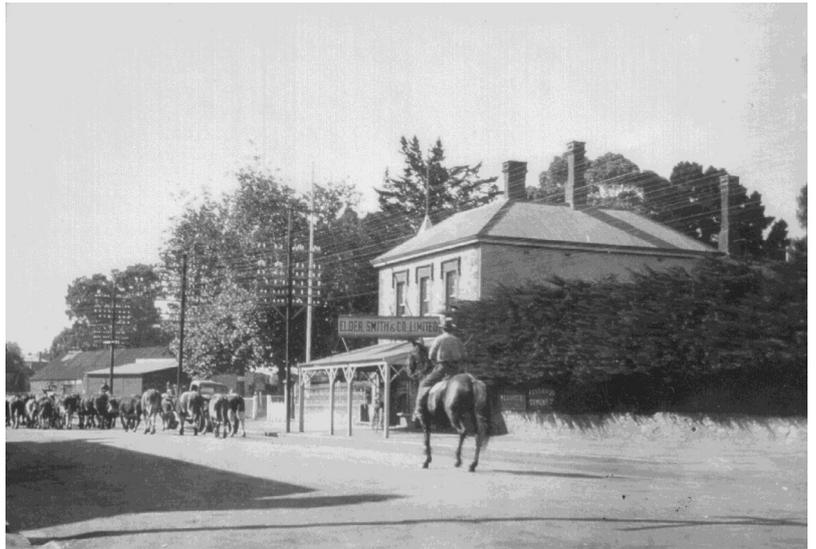
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## Nairne's 'Elders' Building

*By David Smart*

The 'Elders' building, at 78/80 Main Street, is a substantial, late-Victorian shop with office, and residence in the above level, with off road shedding and parking. It was built in the early 1900's by James Iredale Robinson, who was a storekeeper, and clerk of the Nairne District Council. The land was bought from John William King in 1908 for fifty five pound, or \$110, and the building was constructed shortly afterwards. It was then used as a store, and for Council meetings.



*Cattle being driven down the Main Street of Nairne, past the Elders building, early 1900s. Source unknown.*

In 1929, Elder Smith Company purchased the property, and it was then used for a Stock and Station Agency. In 1984, the building began 27 years as a Real Estate office with a staff of five people, managed by David Smart who purchased the property in 1987. Since 1987 the property has been completely renovated in a way which continues to display the historical, economic, and social themes that are of importance to the township. It's an aesthetic merit, design characteristics and construction techniques are of some significance to the area.

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## Possible origins of Nairne's first street names.

*By Michael Sheehan*

When the village of Nairne was originally planned by Matthew Smillie, and the first survey of the township was undertaken in 1841, many of the street names etc. bore connections with his family and his native Scotland. While some names will have obvious connections, others can not be substantiated. I welcome any comments readers may have on corrections or alternate suggestions.

**NAIRNE.** This was the maiden name of his wife, Elizabeth Corse Nairne.

**LEITH Street.** This street, between the Miller's Arms Hotel and Chingari, was named after Leith in Scotland, Smillie's home town and the major port for Edinburgh.

**CHURCH Street.** A Wesleyan Chapel was once on the corner with Farquharson Street.

**FARQUHARSON Street.** William Smillie, the son of Matthew, was married to the daughter of Robert Farquharson.

**ROBERT & BURNS Streets.** These could refer to Scotland's favourite son, Robert Burns. (Robert street went from Cockburn to Jeffrey Street but was later annexed to Allargue Street).

**ALLARGUE Street.** Allargue, in Breda Scotland, was the home of the Farquharson family.

**JEFFREY Street.** This could have been named after a major street in Edinburgh.

**COCKBURN Street.** A well known street in older Edinburgh in Scotland was named after Scottish lawyer, Henry, Lord Cockburn. There could be a connection here.

**EDINBOROUGH Street.** Most likely named for the Capital City of Scotland.

**EASTER Street.** Easter Street is the Main street of Edinburgh, Scotland and leads in an easterly direction to Leith. (It should not be confused with the Christian Easter Festival as in this case Easter means East; there is also a Wester (west) Street in Edinburgh).

**ELIZABETH Street.** From his wife's first name. This street was originally midway between Nixon and Elder Street but was closed, along with Robe Crescent, also between these streets. The present Elizabeth Street off Woodside Road was probably named after Elizabeth.

**ROBE Crescent.** This road no longer exists but was probably named after South Australian Governor Robe (1845—1848).

**GAWLER Crescent.** This road also no longer exists but was, no doubt, named after South Australian Governor Gawler (1838—1841).

**WILLIAM Street.** This street was most likely named after Matthew's son, William Smillie.

**SCOTLAND Street.** This street no longer exists, but was, no doubt, named after his homeland.

**ELDER Street.** Probably named after Alexander Elder, brother of the more widely known, Sir Thomas Elder. Alexander arrived in January 1839, and for the first few months stayed with his friend Matthew Smillie at Nairne.

**NIXON & LOWER NIXON Streets.** J.R. (Henry) Nixon was a member of Col. William Light's survey party and could have worked on the plans for Nairne township. (The builder of the wind powered flour mill at Mount Barker in 1842, was Frederick Nixon.)

**BASSETT Street.** The name Bassett is still connected, to this day, with Scottish law firms.

**NORTH Road.** Running in a northerly direction, this is the northern boundary of Smillie's village.

WEST Terrace. Unlike North Road this faces the west.

EAST Crescent. Again, unlike North Road, this faced east.

ADELAIDE Road. This was the Main Street between West Terrace and Farquharson/Church Streets (the road to Adelaide).

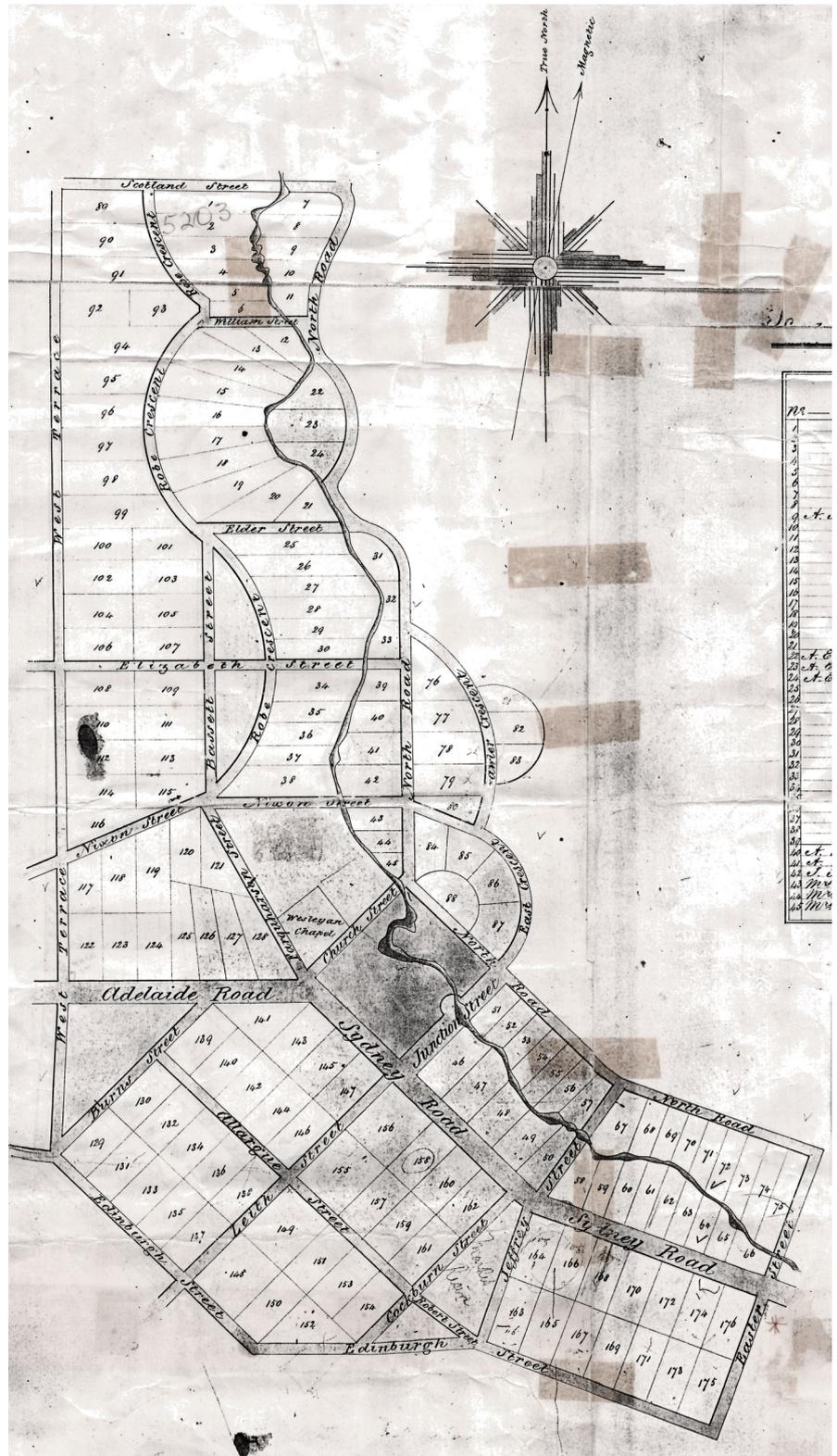
SYDNEY Road. The Main Street between Farquharson/Church Streets and Easter Street.

JUNCTION Street. Possibly the first bridge was here and thus the junctions of Sydney and North roads were joined.

With the imminent subdivisions planned for the future, perhaps some of the new streets could be given those names that have disappeared over the years, for example:

- Robert Street
- East Crescent
- Robe Crescent
- Gawler Crescent
- Scotland Street

*Copy of a part of a map marked '(SURVEY 1841)', given to Michael Sheehan by Joan Watts.*



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## Australian Red Cross, Nairne Branch

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*By Barb Milne*

To commemorate and celebrate the Centenary of Australian Red Cross, the NAIRNE BRANCH will be holding a ceremony at the Nairne Institute on WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST at 2 pm. The Mayor, Ann Ferguson, Councillor Trevor Corbell, and two of our longest serving members will be planting 2 'Red Cross Rose' bushes in the garden in front of the Institute. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the hall. We will have some historical information about the branch on display. There will also be an extremely interesting 'table cloth/wall hanging' which is from 1941. It has been embroidered with names/signatures of long-time residents of Nairne and districts.

These items and others will also be on display at the 175th Anniversary of Nairne celebrations at the end of November. We will be sending out invitations to the Rose Planting ceremony at the beginning of July. If you are interested in attending and an invitation is not received, please feel free to be our guests. For catering arrangements please phone either Jan Moule on 8391 4028 OR Barb Milne on 8388 0642 by 1 August.

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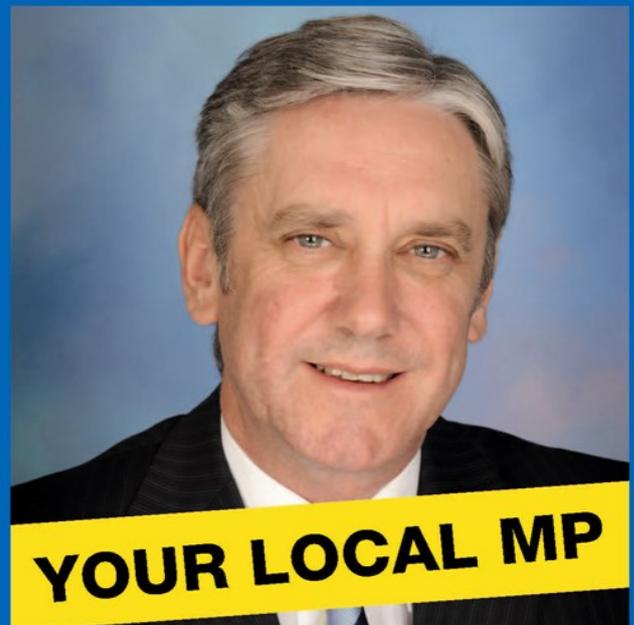
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## Nairne Lions Club

*By John Taylor*



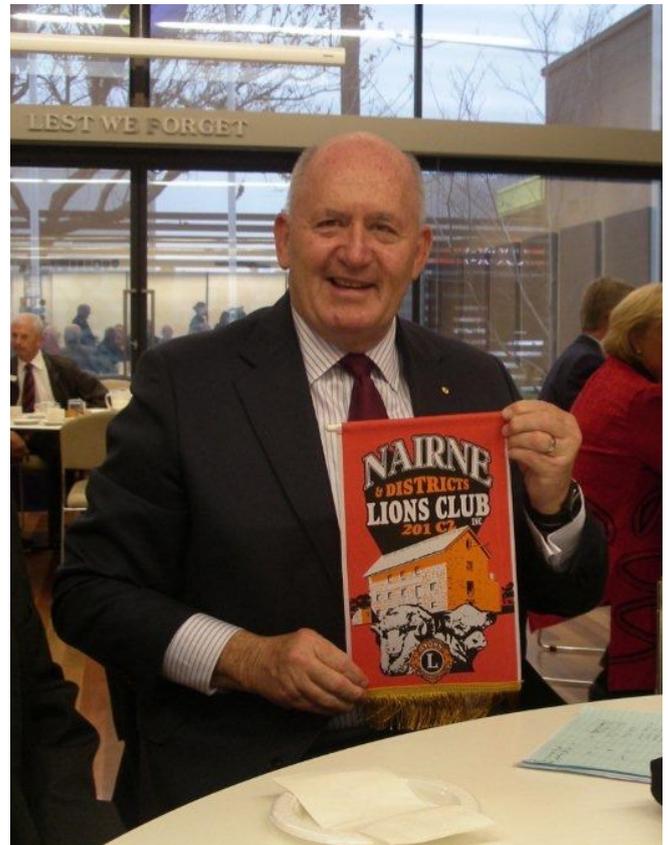
As part of our ongoing commitment to the care and upkeep of the Nairne Railway Station, with the assistance of a small grant from the District Council Of Mount Barker, we have just finished refurbishing and upgrading the ladies toilet and waiting room. Also at the railway station, on the fourth Thursday of every month the Lions Club of Mount Barker are utilising the main meeting room to conduct a workshop to manufacture Cancer Caps as one of their ongoing community projects.

Our BBQ trailer has been busy doing the breakfast at the Anzac Dawn Service, also supplying food at a local farm auction and several more venues are booked in over the next couple of months.

We have recently done a yard clean-up for one of our elderly residents and have an ongoing garden maintenance job for a local disabled resident.

Our recycling shed is going through some changes caused by things beyond our control. Because of the increasing handling costs and the low monetary returns, we sadly can no longer accept cardboard. We now ask the community, whenever possible, to use the recycling bins.

Australia's new Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, has become Patron for Lions International in Australia. On his recent visit to Adelaide he was the honoured guest at a luncheon at the Adelaide branch of the TPI Association (for totally and permanently incapacitated ex-servicemen). Our club secretary, Les Walker, grasped the opportunity and presented him with one of our club bannerettes and photographed the moment.



*Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove with a Nairne and Districts Lions Club bannerette.*

A couple of Saturday's ago, members of our club braved the elements and conducted a collection for the Salvation Army at the Nairne Oval gates and raised needed funds for the Salvos.

We have mapped out our program for the forthcoming year and we hope to be assisting our community through our efforts. As always, we are on the lookout for people who are interested in joining our group. If you are please contact our secretary, Lion Les Walker 0418 817 438, for more information.

As June marks the end of our current year and the induction of a new President and Board of Directors, our Hand Over Dinner will be conducted on 27 June 2014. Lion Greg Smith will be inducted as the club President for the forthcoming year. I am sure Lion Greg and his board will acquit themselves well.



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# Nairne Market News

*By Althea Miegel*

As a relative newcomer to Nairne, (I have lived here just over 8 years) and having been a Volunteer at the Nairne Market for a good part of that time, I was very interested to hear some of the Market's history, and see photos (some of which will be published with my Article). In the year that marks Nairne's 175 years, it is heartening to share some of the Market's history with readers of the Nairne News.



*The Nairne Market.*

The fact that the Market began solely to raise money to be able to help purchase lino for the local Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and went on from there. I believe that the Market has had other 'homes', finally being set up in the Old Police Station. This is an ideal venue with rooms being allocated to various uses and, of course, the Shed up the back houses much furniture, bric-a-brac and plenty of other items to browse through.

In the years between 1985 and 2006, the Nairne Market had raised over \$500,000 with money going to most of the sporting bodies in the town, as well as the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, the Oval, the School, the Red Cross Club, the Retirement Village, and so many other causes in this community. From 2006 until now, the Market has gone on to raise another \$500,000 + and is still going strong.

In earlier years, one of the highlights for Nairne Market staff was the number of 'Fashion Parades' held at Sash Ferguson Residential Care and the Hahndorf Retirement home. Having seen photos, these programs must have been such fun, enjoyed by the residents of the homes. The chosen clothes were donated to the facilities for the benefit of the residents. It is my understanding that the models were pretty fashionable too.

The Market could not exist and run so profitably without the help of over 40 volunteer staff. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays 10 am to 12 noon. The people of Nairne community and surrounds have, and continue to be very generous with supplying the shop with good quality, clean clothing, bedding etc. We appreciate the quality of all the items received (it is very disheartening though, to receive bags of items that can only be described as rubbish, for it cost the Market staff both time and money to have to dispose of them). People



*Celebration of the Nairne Market's 29th Anniversary*

only need to visit the shop to see the high quality of items available for sale at extremely reasonable prices. And people do travel quite some distances to visit our shop. All the support of our customers is greatly appreciated by staff and management and also the clubs and groups who benefit from our donations. Sales are continuing to increase well.

We trust that the next 175 years will be as good for Nairne as the last 175 years, and as the Nairne Market reaches its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2015, it will give all of the community further joy to celebrate!!!

## ... And it happened at Nairne

*By Ray Jaensch*

I have never been a fan of the Tooth Fairy during my lifetime on planet Earth. In fact, I have always had a dreaded fear of anything to do with dental surgery – sadly a fear shared by many people in our society!

Once, a school dentist came to Callington and set up a make-shift surgery in the supper room of the local hall, complete with pedal-driven drill and a dental nurse. One by one, we kids were called to go from the school to the adjacent surgery to have our teeth examined and any necessary dental work carried out. I had always eaten loads of lollies and I was never made to clean my teeth, so my teeth were a mess. Fillings were necessary everywhere in my mouth and the old slowly-driven pedal-drill left me with cavities that were later filled, and also with lasting memories of the pain inflicted.

It would have been in about 1953 and I would have been 17 years old. I had severe decay between one of my two large front teeth and the tooth next to it. I had ignored the toothache to the point where an abscess had formed in the gum above the two affected teeth. I had to do something about it so I decided that I'd have the two teeth extracted. At that time a Murray Bridge dentist, Gordon F Gulliver, used to consult at Nairne in, what I believe, was the then town library – situated on the south side of the eastern end of the main street. I also believe that this service was available on the first Thursday in each month.

Now, I had previously been treated by dentist Gulliver at Murray Bridge and I found him to be a very kind, considerate person and a very good dentist. I was in the railways at Callington at the time, as I explained in an earlier story in Nairne News, and I used to go off on the goods train to Sedan on Tuesdays and Thursdays; however, I was free on Thursday mornings. I rode my motor bike to Nairne, entered the library and told Dentist Gulliver my story – I wanted two front teeth extracted! He was horrified! "What", he said, "a young bloke like you ... just at the age when you're chasing sheilas ... how are you gonna look with two front teeth missing? You can't have those two teeth out ... no way! What's more", he went on, "you've got an abscess there, and I don't think the injections will work ... they won't kill the pain ... they'll just leak out."

I remonstrated and went on to explain that I believed that he could subsequently make up a denture to replace the two affected teeth and I'd just handle the pain of the extractions. After I had established my determination, Mr Gulliver began injecting around the two teeth. He then stood back in his usual fashion and he said "Okay, let's give that five minutes to see if it's going to work or not."

He then picked up the forceps and gently tapped on one of the affected teeth. I almost went through the roof. The pain was excruciating. He being one to not give up easily, Mr Gulliver said "Okay, I thought that might happen ... we'll try again!"

And so came another bout of injections followed by another tap on one of the teeth. Same result – pain, excruciating pain!

"Well," said the kindly Mr Gulliver, "if you want those teeth out, you're gonna have to take a grip on that chair ... and I'm going to wrench on one of those teeth, and it's gonna hurt like hell ... and

then I'll do the other one!" I said "Okay, away you go!"

He picked up the forceps, took a grip on one of the teeth and began levering back and forth - and I began hollering. And the more he levered, the more I hollered - until he released his grip, stood back and said, "Listen here, if you don't shut up, I'm not going to have one single soul left out in that waiting room - they'll all be gone ... you'll have to shut up!"

"Okay", I said, "I'll try!" And so back to work he went, and back to groaning I went. It was horrible, the injections had had no effect at all. It was all my fault – Dentist Gulliver did his best to dissuade me, and he did his best not to hurt me. I repeat, he was very good dentist.

To cut a longer story short, eventually the two teeth were removed (whether there was anyone left in the waiting room I can't remember). I went off home to Callington on my motor bike and then to Sedan on the train – a bit worse for my ordeal!

Some weeks later, Dentist Gulliver fitted me with two teeth on a denture that I used to poke out at times to look like Bugs Bunny and to get a laugh from my friends. It was only a couple of years later that I had all of my upper teeth extracted and a full denture fitted.

"Disgusting", you may say. And yes, I agree. However, that was the way it was in those days, and if it's true and it happened to me, then I'm not too proud to tell it – even if I've got egg all over my face!

And in this case – it happened at Nairne.

Incidentally, I've come to learn that, in later years, procedures will not be carried out on teeth above which an abscess has formed – not until antibiotics have been administered to eradicate the abscess. I can understand why.

Oh, and yes, I should tell you that Dentist Gulliver later went on to travel all around the world and his adventures are recorded in a book titled Gulliver's Travels. Only joking, he was a great guy.

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### **Home Security**

Ensure appropriate keyed locks are fitted to all doors and windows.

Even when you are outside, be sure to lock all doors and windows.

Lock gates, garages and sheds when not in use.

Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid being used as hiding places.

Install and activate an alarm system.

Lock all garden tools and ladders away securely so they cannot be used to break into your home.

Don't leave valuables in obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside drawers and cupboards.

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Record all details and keep this record in a safe place.

## **Bicycle Security**

Identify your bicycle by:

Engraving with your driver's licence number, prefixed by the letter 'S' as above.

Marking with an ultra-violet (UV) pen or by other permanent means, or microdot.

Engrave, mark or microdot the bottom bracket shell next to the serial number of the bicycle.

Mark all your bicycle's accessories, including helmet, lights, pump, saddle etc.

Take a photograph of your bicycle.

Record the purchase date, make, size, colour, serial number, type of frame, number of gears etc.

Ensure that the record is kept in a safe place.

It is strongly recommended that you use a good quality bicycle lock. Your bicycle dealer may be able to assist you in choosing your lock.

When parking your bicycle, it is important that you:

Lock it to something that cannot be removed, or that the bicycle can be lifted over.

Park it in a place that is in full view of the public.

Remove items of equipment that could be easily removed by others.

Lock the frame and wheels to the parking rail or other object, particularly if your wheels have quick release mechanisms.

Ensure the bicycle is secure whenever you leave it, even if you are just going into a shop for a short moment.

Park it in a place that is well lit.

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## Chingari celebrates 10 years in business!

The owners of Chingari restaurant are celebrating ten years in business and welcome you to celebrate with them. To successfully operate a small family business in a small country town is exactly what the Verma family wanted to do, and believe that after ten years that has been accomplished. Owners Kamal and Geraldine Verma have a heart and a passion for the country life, so Nairne was an excellent choice. In 2004, Kamal wanted to use his great culinary skills, overseas experience and a passion for food at its best to bring fantastic quality food at a price that everyone could taste and enjoy. With the backing of his skilled and talented family to support him, Kamal was able to see a dream come true. Geraldine's accounting and administrative skills, attention to detail and a fine eye for decor has provided strong management, and training and support for staff. Their children Noël, Fiona and Rachel have contributed in the establishment and running of the restaurant throughout the years. As everyone knows, it takes hard work and dedication to birth something to fruition; the vision, hope and faith are what kept Kamal striving towards his goal.



*A Chingari curry*

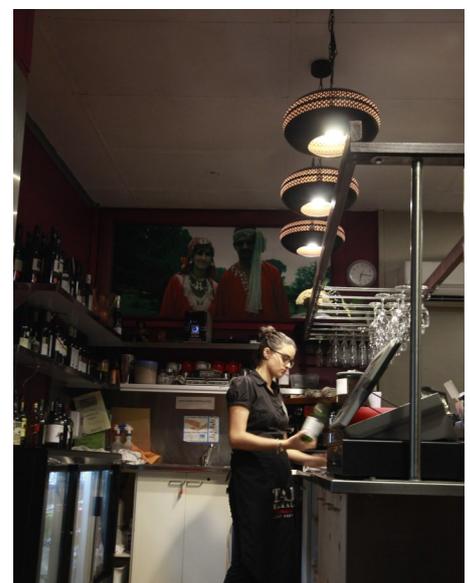
The building was once 'The Frog Pond' in Nairne, so a lot of work was done to establish it into a restaurant, ensuring the kitchen was modern with all the proper equipment to work and comply with health regulations in Australia. Kamal has travelled extensively and is an International chef, having worked for the Sheraton and Hyatt Hotels. He has worked in countries such as Germany, Dubai, Bahrain and Yemen, to mention a few, and has had the privilege of meeting and cooking for Kings and Queens as well as doing a state banquet for the late Lady Diana.

The last ten years have provided employment for local staff, training young people to be excellent in a work ethic, and learning new skills that are transferable across many employment fields. It has been a great pleasure to see young children grow and mature under strong leadership. Kamal has also provided cooking classes at the Mt Barker Library, giving local people valuable skills.

Regions of India have been explored for a time with the introduction of 'Curry Club'. While in Adelaide in 2005, Ian Parmenter, celebrity chef and TV host, honoured us with a visit while he was organising an event for Tasting Australia. The restaurant has had many reviews in the Courier newspaper, and in 2007 'Postcards Australia' did a wonderful feature on the Adelaide Hills, giving Chingari its first television appearance.

The restaurant has been attractively refurbished in warm colours to give some change and vibrancy by the way of new carpets, lighting and new seating. The restroom facilities have also been upgraded to keep the place looking fresh and modern, making it a more friendly family dining experience.

Now, after ten years, Kamal and Geraldine want to say thank you to the community for supporting and believing in them, and would like to celebrate with the local and wider community.



*Welcoming Chingari reception area.*

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## **District Hotel.**

77 Main Street, Nairne.

Ph: 8388 6228



## **Counter Meals.**

**Lunch** 12 - 2 pm Thursday-Sunday      **Dinner** 6 - 8 pm Thursday-Saturday  
(all other times by booking)

### **Meal specials:**

**Thursday Night** - Schnitzel night

**Friday Night** - Kids eat free (conditions apply)

**Saturday Night** - Steak night

**For more information see front of hotel, or speak to our friendly staff.**

**BARGAINS** Liquor Store - good range of takeaway available.

**EFTPOS** now available. We also have an ATM.

## Uniting and Lutheran Church News

### Church Services:

The Nairne Uniting Church in Allargue Street is used for weekly worship services, fellowship and sharing by both Nairne Uniting and Nairne Redeemer Lutheran folk.

**Uniting Services** are held each Sunday commencing at 10.30 am, except for the third Sunday of the month when they combine with the Lutheran Congregation for service at 8.30 am.

**Lutheran Services** are held each Sunday commencing at 8.30 am, except for when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month when they join with the Uniting Church for worship service at 10.30 am.

Pastor John Ridenour officiates at the Lutheran Services.

**Shoe Boxes for Christmas:** On Sunday 10 August 2014, Priscilla Imburgang will be speaking to the Uniting Church Group at the 10.30 am service about 'Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes for Christmas'. The Nairne Uniting Church will be packing shoe boxes to be sent overseas with this project.

**Nairne Uniting Church Celebrating 130 Years:** This year the Nairne Uniting Church will be celebrating 130 years of worshipping in the church as it presently stands in Allargue Street, Nairne. A special Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday 26 October 2014**. The organisers are looking to invite past members of this church, as well as those presently involved, to attend this service.

If you can help by providing names and contacts for any past members, or if you have any relevant memorabilia or photographs which could be displayed in the historical display to be set up in the church hall for this special celebration, please contact Helen by phoning 8388 6350.

**BOTH CONGREGATIONS EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME  
TO ALL WHO WISH TO WORSHIP WITH THEM.**



### The RSL in Nairne

The Nairne Sub-Branch of the RSL normally meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall at the western end of Main Street.

Meetings start at 7.30 pm and are usually completed by 9.00 pm. Contact Anthony on 8388 0980 for more



*The Nairne and Districts Residents Association is now on Facebook!*

*If you have a Facebook page, and live or work in Nairne, you might be interested in linking to the new NDRA Facebook page. Just search Nairne and Districts Residents Association and like the page. We will keep you posted on the various activities and interests of the NDRA.*



# Directory

**EMERGENCY Fire, Police, Ambulance 000**

## Fire—general

Fire Ban information	1300 362 361
CFS Regional Office	8391 1866
Fire station (Nairne)	8388 6246
Fire station (Brukunga)	8388 6255

## Medical

Nairne Medical Clinic	8388 6288
Nairne Community Pharmacy	8388 6422
Mt Barker Hospital	8393 1777
Poisons Information	131 126

## Police

For attendance	131 444
Mt Barker Station	8398 1700

## Legal

Legal Aid Service	1300 366 424
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## Local Justices of the Peace

Kym Bartholomew	8388 6615
Trevor Corbell	0408 685 759
Greg Hutchinson	8538 5028
Paul Wells	83880502

## Local Members of Parliament

<i>State:</i> Mark Goldsworthy	8391 5599
<i>Federal:</i> Jamie Briggs	8398 5566

## District Council of Mt Barker

General enquiries	8391 7200
Waste Transfer Station	8388 1099

## North Ward Councillors

Jeff Bettcher	0433 767 914
Trevor Corbell	0408 685 759
Lyn Stokes	8538 5160
Simon Westwood	0427 383 838

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- ◆ Nairne Service Station
- ◆ Nairne Market
- ◆ Nairne Post Office
- ◆ Nairne Community Pharmacy
- ◆ Sheehan's Hardware
- ◆ Kanmantoo General Store



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You are invited to join us on Saturday 12th July for the:

- \* B-Grade 1984
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- \* B-Grade 1994

## PREMIERSHIP REUNIONS

- Come out for the day and reminisce on yesteryear
- Watch the current flock as they build towards the Finals
- Stay for the official proceedings from 5.30pm and listen to some of the characters from the past

Plenty of past players will be attending, it's bound to be a fantastic event not to be missed.

*Further Information contact Damien Palmer 0417 857 051,  
Ray Jackson 0409 282 703 or Bronte Hough 0404 025 761*

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