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### **EDITORIAL**

Happy new year and may 2023 be good to you. Apologies for the missing September issue – the Editor came down with Long Covid fatigue which has done nasty things to her productivity so you're getting a double barrelled newsletter for December (so called – Long Covid is no respecter of deadlines).

### **EMERGENCY EMERGENCY**

Unfortunately our new Treasurer had to resign and as President Nick said in her email to everyone, we need a Treasurer to continue as a legal incorporated body. To make the position a bit easier to handle, the Committee is looking at splitting off some of the responsibilities e.g. membership and archiving of records, and the Executive is investigating the cost of a book-keeper to prepare financial statements. Some responsibilities could go to a Treasurer's Assistant. We know Mel used to do it AND edit the Journal, and fill a similar position in his cycling club, all allegedly while standing on his head, so we hope there are a few members out there who can spare a bit of time to take on some of these responsibilities (even if they aren't Welsh).

**EVEN MORE VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Word is that we will need a new Secretary and Vice-President at the next AGM at 2023 Reefton Conference. We're still searching for an Early Career representative for the Committee and we need one new rep each for NSW and Tasmania.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Nick emailed from her walking tour at Mt Hotham to wish everyone a happy new year and an easier year for everyone in 2023.

### **JOURNAL**

Lyndon Megarrity is the new editor of the *Journal of Australasian Mining History*. He seeks contributions to the next edition of the journal. All kinds of articles related to mining history are welcome, from academic articles to reflections on mining tourism, mining heritage preservation, and mining history in popular culture. He would be especially keen to consider articles on company investment in mining projects. Please note that submission of potential contributions to the journal are due by 1 July 2023. Further details on how to submit an article are found on the AMHA's website, or please email [drlyndon@bigpond.net.au](mailto:drlyndon@bigpond.net.au) for more information. Thank you for stepping up for this very important job, Lyndon.

We're grateful to Ken McQueen, Nick Williams, David Carment and Wendy Carter for getting the journal out last year – thank you for a fine joint effort.

Don't forget last newsletter's appeal for referees to review the articles – their reports ensure greater respect for the Journal which in turn benefits the authors, especially those making a living from researching and writing mining history.

You should have received your hard copy of the Journal if that was your preference.

The digital version of Volume 20 (2022) is now available on the AMHA Website on the For Members page:

<https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/for-members/>

The 'Christmas' sale of hard copy back issues of the Journal as advertised on the website is still on.

Any two volumes for \$20 including postage.

Any five volumes for \$35 including postage. While stocks last (Vol 1 no longer available)

Send your orders to Mel Davies at [mel.davies@uwa.edu.au](mailto:mel.davies@uwa.edu.au). Overseas buyers should contact Mel for information on postage and packaging rates.

### **BITS & PIECES**

**Past eyes on the present** Looked at the list of minerals being mined in Australia at the moment? I wonder what the prospectors of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century would make of them. The old standards like copper, tin, lead, tungsten, gold, zinc and silver are still important but others like cobalt, bismuth, nickel, graphite, silica sand, aluminium and manganese have vastly increased in importance post WWII. The green energy boom has sparked projects for lithium in WA and NT; rare earths with names like "neodymium" and "praseodymium" in WA, Vic and NT; vanadium; the PGE group of minerals Osmium, Iridium (usually mined as Osmiridium with only one historic Australian mining area, Tasmania), Ruthenium, Rhodium,

Platinum, and Palladium in WA; graphite in SA; and more silica sand mining in Qld and WA. Research is providing more efficient batteries such as University of Queensland's graphene aluminium-ion cells and the new sodium-ion batteries, so demand will shift rapidly to different minerals. Then there's niobium, beryllium, gallium, hafnium, scandium, tantalum, zirconium and rhenium, all now considered 'critical minerals' but not the stuff of mines reports pre-WWII. As for prospecting methods, I can see the old-timers scratching their hoary heads: geochemistry, satellite and helicopter geophysical investigations, seismic survey, magnetic survey, ambient noise tomography – what next? They would recognise drilling, but gamma ray logging, electrical resistivity, acoustic velocity and bulk density measurement in the drill hole might need a fair bit of explanation.

**Mining goes renewable** Most people would think the mining industry is opposed to carbon reduction because of coal and gas mining, but there's an increasing trend to renewables to supply mines and processing plants – even smelters. Solar energy farms, wind farms and pumped hydro not only are cheaper than burning diesel, they also produce excess energy which can be put towards community use and outlast the life of most mines, leaving a useful legacy. Electrification of mine vehicles – including loaders and large trucks - is also happening now. The bigger companies are usually leading the way because they can wear the costs of adaption best.

**New use for old mine shafts** While on the topic of green energy and mining, Australian start-up Green Gravity recently announced it will work with coal miner Yancoal on a test site for gravity energy storage. "(It) harnesses the fundamental principles of gravity and kinetic energy to store and dispatch energy by lifting and lowering heavy- weighted objects".

In other words, gravity energy storage involves lowering weights from a significant height to convert potential energy into carbon-free electricity.

“Like pumped hydro, we use the gravitational potential energy of a mass moving between two heights. However, rather than water between two dams, Green Gravity requires much less space by using very dense materials,” Green Gravity said on its website.

“To overcome friction, a vertical height available from a mine shaft is used rather than an incline on the side of a hill.”

The idea is to raise the weights when excess renewable energy is available (i.e. when solar power is at higher levels around the middle of the day), and then lower them at the moment the power is needed.

Green Gravity, a new company started by former BHP executive Mark Swinnerton, aims to produce energy by using the technology in the hundreds of old mine shafts that lie dormant across Australia.

The first cab off the rank may be the 108-year-old Austar coal mine near Cessnock in New South Wales, which has been in care and maintenance since 2020. Nice to see a good reason to preserve old mines.

## CONFERENCES

**Burra** Congratulations to the organising committee, Peter Bell, Ross Both, Geoff Hudson and Philip Payton for a very successful conference. Lots of warm praise from attendees about the high quality of the conference papers at Burra last year, but I can't seem to find anyone willing to write about the social aspects...what did they get up to?! Is anyone willing to spill the beans for the next Newsletter?

More seriously, the Conference Proceedings are available on the AMHA website under Past Conferences. <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/conference-abstracts-and-proceedings/>

**Reefton** Plans for the next Conference in New Zealand 15-21 October are

progressing well, including arrangements for online attendance (which will still involve a conference fee). John Taylor says the venue, the Reefton Cinema, is well set up for virtual attendance by both presenters and attendees. Intending presenters should check the website at <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/next-conference/>

John Taylor sends this link to a doco about Reefton:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/destination/s/nz/west-coast/300570586/reefton--more-west-coast-than-the-coast-itself>

**Australian Historical Association** If you're in or near Melbourne, you may be interested in attending or presenting to the AHA conference 3-6 July 2023. Call for papers due date is the end of this month. Further information <https://theaha.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f8edfa099dc5e6e2d0d76a6ab&id=e27d68d9c5&e=07afb991a>

**Poland** If you were at the Atherton conference, you may remember Monika Dziobek-Motyka from the Cracow Saltworks Museum in Wieliczka, Poland. She has written to invite us to the Museum which is organising the 2nd International Conference of Mining and Underground Museums (ICMUM2023). The conference will take place from 22 to

25 May 2023, and the sessions and accompanying events will be organised in salt and coal mines and historic surface facilities belonging to these institutions, in Wieliczka and Zabrze in Poland.

She has issued the following generous invitation: “We are planning one session on mining history associations during the conference. Four such associations have already confirmed their attendance and delivery of a paper: MHA from USA and Canada, NAMHO from United Kingdom and Ireland, SEDPGYM from Spain, ERIH from Europe. It would be fantastic if you could come and participate in the whole conference and prepare a 20- minute Power Point presentation about

AMHA: its history, activities, what you are doing to help in the field of preservation of mining heritage in Australia, if and how you are working with tourist mines in your country etc.

Unfortunately we are not able to cover all the costs of coming to a larger group of people from AMHA. But we can cover the costs of two representatives e.g. the President who will be part of our scientific committee and a speaker.

I ask you to decide for yourselves who can and who will represent AMHA.

For the selected two people we will cover the costs of: flight tickets from Australia to Poland (including local flight/train in Australia if needed), local transport in Poland, accommodation in Wieliczka and Zabrze (6-7 nights in \*\*\*\*hotels with breakfasts), all meals during the conference - lunches, dinners, coffee breaks, visits to the mines.

We also plan to organise additional sightseeing tours for guests, especially from far away: Krakow, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Zakopane and Tatra Mountains etc. These will be charged extra.

More details will be available on the conference website [www.icmum.pl](http://www.icmum.pl) .”

### **NEW LOGO**

We were hoping for a flood of imaginative ideas for our new logo (an abbreviated or simple design for those uses where the normal logo, at the head of this Newsletter, wouldn't be suitable). An Aussie theme would be great. Stylised kangaroo with a pick...? Or would a wombat (as a burrowing critter) be more appropriate?

### **FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM**

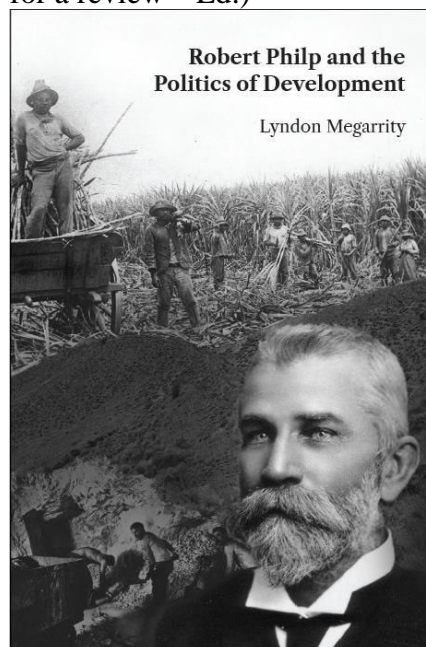
Check out our social media pages. Facebook: please post any mining history related material at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/720189911426071/> . Robert Barnes would be happy to post mining history material on the AMHA FB page for you if you're not used to Facebook. Think photos, a story, My Holidays on Goldfield X, local

mining history trivia - please email it to him: [barnesrg112@hotmail.com](mailto:barnesrg112@hotmail.com) . Our Facebook page also has links to like-minded organisations' pages such as the Mining Heritage Australia facebook page. Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/australasian\\_mining\\_history/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/australasian_mining_history/?hl=en) , thank you June Scott for looking after this page.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Lyndon Megarrity's new book, *Robert Philp and the Politics of Development* (Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2022) is out now. Best known as the co-founder of Burns, Philp & Co., Robert Philp was a Queensland MP (1886-1915) and was Premier of Queensland twice. Philp was strongly involved with mining as a politician and businessman. and some members of the AMHA, chiefly those with an interest in companies and investment, may find the book of interest. It's available through the Australian Scholarly Publishing website and selected book shops. (See the AMHA publications page for a review – Ed.)



Check out the list of mining publications on the AMHA website <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/books/>. Let the Newsletter Editor know if you'd like to notify members of a forthcoming book. Reviews of books are also welcome

– send them to Ken McQueen for a link from the website. Mel Davies would also appreciate the details of any new publications. Details are required to keep up to date the AMHA's *Bibliography of the Mining History of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea*. Email Mel at [mel.davies@uwa.edu.au](mailto:mel.davies@uwa.edu.au)

### AMHA EXCURSIONS

Our Vice-President and Zoom expert, Edward Zbik, has put out a call for members interested in running or attending excursions in various regional centres with 10 to 30 members within a 300 km radius, namely Cairns; Brisbane; Taree; Lithgow; Sydney; Hunter; New England; ACT; Melbourne; Ballarat; Bendigo; Sale; Adelaide; Perth; North Island NZ; South Island NZ. Please contact Ed if you'd like to organise or join an excursion within 300 km of the centres above, let Edward know at [edward.zbik@bigpond.com](mailto:edward.zbik@bigpond.com). Our insurance now covers excursions, including non-members, and if you caught Edward's Zoom seminars on running excursions you should be ready to go.

### AMHA SEMINARS

A reminder: John Taylor's talk on Cornish technology from last year's seminar program is available on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHtYi2X7AI9jyHf6MSCXglCyNVy-jyGZ> . and Lee Spencer's talk on the Emperor Gold Mine, Fiji is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ocv6pCOWfMY> . Thanks again to Edward Zbik for organising the seminar series.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

Member *Juanita Kwok* has been awarded the Max Kelly Prize by the History Council of NSW for her article in last year's Journal, 'The Lambing Flat riots

and the Chinese quest for compensation'. Congratulations to Juanita!



*Carole Hardingham* has been awarded the AMHA's prize for the best article by a student or early career historian in the 2022 Journal for 'The Stories that Stones Tell: A Grave Look at the Cemeteries of the Chillagoe Mining Field'. Those of you at the Atherton conference may remember she won the prize for the best presentation, on the same topic. Carole graduated last year with first class honours and hopes to become a consultant historian.

It wasn't a prize, but member and new Journal editor *Lyndon Megarrity* got a tick of approval from the Australian Historical Association for his thoughtful article on the value of archives and libraries and how these are suffering at the hands of the bureaucratic rationalisers

– read it yourself at <https://aph.org.au/2022/07/who-is-going-to-write-the-urgent-histories-of-tomorrow/>

The Australian Historical Association has a number of prizes, bursaries etc. for a variety of recipients and criteria. Check

the website at <https://theaha.org.au/awards-and-prizes/>

## OBITUARIES

### ***Vale – Brian Raymond Hill 14 February 1937 - 31 August 2022***

Members will be saddened by the news that Brian Hill died just before our annual Conference at Burra. He will be remembered for his quiet and friendly demeanour, for his scholarship and for his contributions to our organisation in the form of his conference presentations, articles in our journal, and his presence along with wife Nola at our annual meetings. As noted below, while we appreciated Brian's contributions, there were many aspects of his life of which most members would be unaware.



Brian was born and grew up in Port Lincoln, South Australia. His interest in geology was evident from a young age when he regularly rode off on his bike in search of 'treasure'. On one occasion he was delighted to find a rich reef of amazonite, a discovery that stimulated his life-long passion for prospecting. Brian was an avid traveller, visiting mine sites around the world, always armed with a gold pan and pick. Brian was often accompanied by Nola, with his two

daughters in tow. His interest in prospecting eventually paid dividends, as during the heady days of the Poseidon nickel boom of the late 1960s, his Company 'Kia Ora' with leases adjoining Poseidon's Windara nickel deposits in Western Australia was listed successfully on the Stock Exchange. Brian's interest in prospecting and investing lasted for the remainder of his life.

Following school, Brian embarked on a science degree at Adelaide University, but this was cut short when his father died when he was only 19. He returned home to join in the family business of producing the *Port Lincoln Times*, and under his editorship, the paper thrived and won the award of Best Country Newspaper in 1962, '63, '64, '65, '68 and 1969. Brian returned to in 1972 to continue his studies, his student life culminating in 2001 when he completed his PhD at Flinders University with a thesis based on the activities of New Zealand mining entrepreneur David Zinman. Earlier, in 1994, he had been awarded his M. Litt by thesis from the University of New England. An avid reader, Brian donated his collection of over 4,000 mining books to the Federation University, Ballarat.

Brian's other accomplishments included fluency in French, German and Greek, the latter being the language of Nola's family. In later life Brian's interests expanded to fly-fishing which he was able to enjoy in the beautiful country around Queenstown, New Zealand. He and Nola set up home there, alternating residence with their base in North Adelaide. As recorded, Brian also had an adventurous streak, taking up skiing in New Zealand, though he never managed to conquer the slopes. He also tried Bungy jumping, though after completion of his first and only jump he uttered the wise words "never again".

Brian was a man of many parts who contributed much to society and who lived an interesting life. He has left behind a loving wife in Nola, his

daughters Tania and Athena and their husbands, and seven grandchildren. May he rest in peace.

Mel Davies

*I am indebted to Brian's daughters, Tania Brougham and Athena Zogopoulos, and to Brian's good friend Robert Shepherd for much of the above information.*

Brian's contributions to *The Journal of Australasian Mining History*:

Brian R. Hill, 'Snowy River Gold Dredging Ltd: A Successful Adelaide Dredging Company, 1938-1957', vol. 1, no. 1, 2003, pp. 179-187.

... 'Reefton's Forgotten War Hero: Mining Engineer A. Winter Evans', vol. 3, September 2005, pp. 157-170.

... 'A Reinterpretation of the History of the Acquisition of the Blackwater gold Mine, New Zealand', vol. 4, September 2006, pp. 156-165.

... 'Exciting career of an obscure mining entrepreneur: David Ziman (1862-1920)', vol. 7, September 2009, pp. 155-168.

... 'New Zealand's 1896 Mining Boom,' vol. 8, September 2010, pp. 133-147.

... "'The 'Merican Expert' L.R. Menzies and his Role in S.A. Mining Fiasco' ", vol. 9, September 2011, pp. 166-182.

... 'Gold Streaming: The application of Volumetric Production Payments in financing gold mine development in Australia', vol. 11, October 2013, pp. 110-120.

... 'Early History of Graphite Mining in South Australia', vol. 12, October 2014, pp. 113-130.

... 'Marvel Loch and other Australian goldmine diasters', vol. 17, October 2019, pp.171-176.

***Dr Robin McLachlan OAM, November 3, 1947 – October 6, 2022.***

We were saddened by the death of Dr Robin McLachlan in October last year.



Robin was originally from Canada, having come to Australia in 1972 on a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship to undertake a doctorate in history at the ANU.

Juanita Kwok says of him: AMHA member and regular contributor to JAMH, Canadian-Australian historian Dr Robin McLachlan OAM died suddenly from a severe stroke at his home in Bathurst a month short of his 75th birthday. Rob summed up his own career in a grant application for a film on the Klondike he was planning with lifelong friend, Andrew Pike:

"As an historian, I am what is known as a "public historian", that is a professional historian who works within and for the community, applying the expertise and knowledge of a trained historian directly to the needs of the community to appreciate and safeguard its history. My driving interest is to make history accessible beyond the cloistered narcissistic world of academic historians. My public work has been presented through the medium of theatre, film and the internet, as well as through structured education programmes (with major institutions), commissioned histories, public talks, guided walks, interpretative signage and exhibitions. I work as well on heritage-related LGA projects, including, for example, Conservation Management Plans, Heritage Studies and Archaeological Management Plans. In recent years, I have limited this work to the Bathurst Regional Council, for whom I am also their consulting historian.

DIGGERS ON THE KLONDIKE PROJECT (2010-2020): For the past decade I have been researching the involvement of Australians and New Zealanders in the Klondike Gold Rush in the Canadian Yukon, 1896-1899. The genesis of this project lies with my own unique background of being a Canadian who once lived in the Yukon. My research methodology is based on a detailed study of individual men and women involved, which has led to identifying close to 1,000 individuals who set out for the rush, with over 700 identified, at a minimum, by name/place of origin/arrival date as having reached the Klondike. Within that cohort, I have researched in detail the lives and Klondike experiences of well over one hundred individuals, both via online sources and, in person, through records held by Canadian archives through several research trips to Canada. I have presented many lectures and conference papers on the Australian involvement in the Klondike, and have written many articles on the subject.”

Robin was a frequent attendee of AMHA conferences, invariably offering a paper about the Australasian connection with the Klondike, and a contributor to the Association's journal with articles on aspects of the same topic.

Robin was honoured in 2022 with the award of an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his work on the history of the Bathurst Region.

He said his hobbies included “visiting cemeteries, always keeping a watchful eye for bears and snakes - except in New Zealand.”

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** To make the process of payment painless and quick, you can consider using the following link to Register Now: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Registrar.aspx?E=45901>.

Otherwise, you can access the membership form on the web

page: <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au> or at the end of this newsletter.

### **WEBSITE EXPERT NEEDED**

IT-technophile needed to update our Website. Please contact Ken McQueen [ken.mcqueen@canberra.edu.au](mailto:ken.mcqueen@canberra.edu.au).

### **MINING HERITAGE**

**Wittenoom** Word is that the abandoned mining town of Wittenoom has been hit by a bushfire, ahead of its planned demolition by the State government which purchased the remaining houses in the town. The town area is littered with asbestos, which was spread all over the town in roads, playgrounds and house yards, and there's no indication if the area will be cleaned up (along with 3 metric tonnes of dangerous crocidolite tailings piled in nearby gorges). 46,000 ha is contaminated and the asbestos fibres are spreading. Not the kind of heritage we like to see associated with mining, but the point of heritage is that it preserves the physical remains of history, even disasters like Wittenoom.

**Mountain Maid Gold Mine** Rehabilitation works are underway at the Mountain Maid Gold Mine at Copeland Tops State Conservation Area.

The Mountain Maid Gold Mine within Copeland Tops State Conservation Area, near Gloucester, is considered to be of state heritage significance because it was one of the longest continually operating goldmines in New South Wales.

Gold was first discovered in the district in 1875, by a party of timber getters at Back Creek, now Copeland Creek, near to what is now the village of Copeland. After this discovery was reported, miners from far and wide descended on the area and the population grew to over 3,000. Twenty-six businesses houses, two banks, a post office, a courthouse, a registrar's office and eight pubs soon catered for the needs of 800 miners. The area soon became known as Copeland and over the next 60



years more than 50 gold mines were dug in the area.

According to the records, over 1800kg of gold were extracted from the Copeland district goldfields, about a quarter of which came out of the Mountain Maid Mine, during the mine's 97 years of operation until 1979.

The rarity of the site at a State level is enhanced as it clearly demonstrates a 'low capital' approach to gold mining not found in better known and bigger fields. The minimally industrialised gold mining techniques and process utilised through the history of mining at Mountain Maid are demonstrated in the remaining fabric of the site.

The site also operated as a mine site for tourism purposes, initially between 1976 and 1978 and again from about 1987 to early 2000s. In 2012 National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) reopened the Mountain Maid precinct to the public for organised above ground tours only. Safety and regulatory issues have to date prevented recommencing underground tours within the mine adit. Hopefully, this is about to change.

NPWS is conducting significant rehabilitation works, being completed by Mancala group. The works include portal stabilisation, installation of an inrush barricade, site cleaning and installation of services, including a microbat-friendly bat door in the inrush barricade.

Once these works are complete, NPWS is planning to re-open the mine to underground tours.

#### *Volunteers welcome*

NPWS is seeking new volunteer tour guides to step back in time, into the rainforest and uncover the hidden treasures of the unique historic Mountain Maid gold mining area. Currently tours operate above ground and encompass the mining precinct, processing sheds and the rainforest boardwalk. We're hoping that soon, for the first time in decades, these tours will venture underground to allow the public to experience the sights, smells and feel of underground mine workings.

NPWS would value the input of mining geologists and engineers, both to share their knowledge with the public and to build the capacity of our current volunteers. As a volunteer tour guide, you'll learn to bring history to life, make new connections, gain valuable experience, and help us share the story of Copeland Tops State Conservation Area. You'll lead and support a variety of tours ranging from gold mining history and rainforest boardwalk tours, underground mine tours, to twilight spotlighting experiences and cultural tours, with full training and gear provided.

If you're interested in the natural environment and local history, and you're great with people, register to join our volunteer team at <http://btr.im/n2x63>. Alternatively contact the NPWS Gloucester office on 02 6538 5300 or [npws.barringtontops@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:npws.barringtontops@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Contributed by Rob McLaughlin

**Ravensworth Homestead** Edward Zbik advises: During the September 2022 Zoom session, Jennifer Castaldi gave a talk about Ravensworth Homestead in the Hunter Valley and the impact of the proposed expansion of the Glencore mine on the site.

Ravensworth Homestead will be preserved on its original grant following the decision for the Glenmore mine not being granted its proposed expansion plan. Link for details: <https://www.afr.com/companies/mining/glencore-loses-bid-to-expand-glendell-mine-over-cultural-concerns-20221028-p5btvw>

**Copper Triangle** Sue Dowling writes: I am on the Committee which organises "Dressing the Graves" ceremonies during the Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival in South Australia to remember and honour the lives of our ancestors buried in Moonta, Wallaroo, Kadina and also Greens Plains West Cemeteries on the

Copper Coast. This is an initiative sponsored by the Cornish Association of South Australia in conjunction with Kernewek Lowender. My own paternal Cornish ancestors are buried in the Moonta Cemetery so that's one of the reasons why I became involved.

We are looking for nominations from people who have ancestors buried in these cemeteries who would perhaps like to remember and honour the lives of their ancestors at these ceremonies next year during the Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival. [The closing date for nominations for 2023 has passed but keep an eye out during the year for more.]

Information on the necessary criteria for nominations and enquires can be addressed to: Robyn Knight, Co-ordinator of Dressing the Graves, PO Box 280, Moonta, SA 5558 or via email [dressingthegraves@adam.com.au](mailto:dressingthegraves@adam.com.au)

### **AMHA COMMITTEE**

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WA Wendy Carter and Howard Tew

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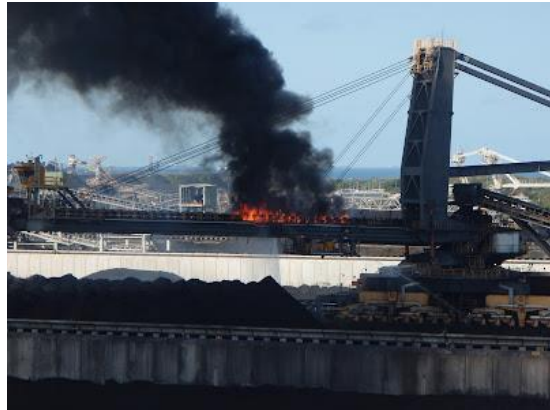
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Instagram co-ordinator: June Scott.

Early Career representative: Still vacant

### **PHOTO TIME**



*How to ruin the boss's day, No. 1 of about a million*

Jan Wegner  
(Newsletter Editor)

### **JUST FOR FUN**

