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(Whole of life membership available)

MUSEUM
Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum at Kurralta Park is managed by the Association on behalf of SA Power Networks (formerly ETSA Utilities)

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SA Energy Industry Past Employees New Website:
www.saenergypastemployees.org.au

If you have any photos or items of interest that you would like to share with your colleagues please forward them by Email to:-
etsape31@tpg.com.au or post to PO Box 360, Marleston Business Centre SA 5033. Recipes & book reviews very welcome.

The July 2025 Edition of Adelect

Welcome to our July Edition 2025.

The Museum is open and all members are welcome to join in with the group of members who meet regularly on Tuesdays at Kurralta Park.

For further information please contact our Museum Manager
Philip Erickson



Management Committee 2025

Acting President: Vivienne SMITH

Secretary: Peter SOUTH Treasurer: Nick HAZEBROEK

Museum Manager: Philip ERICKSON

Committee Members: Tony CAM, Dick GREAR, John WRIGHT, Geoff BROWN, Roger WILLIAMS, Monica OLIPHANT Barry Connor.

SA Power Networks Representatives: Anthony von der Borch & Megan Grey

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Vale:

SAPPIATZER, Douglas George "Doug"

22/03/1946 - 19/06/2025

Passed away on Thursday 19 June 2025. Aged 79 years.

Loved and loving husband of Betty.

Loving father and father-in-law of Kylie, Josh and Catherine

DE ROOS, Herman Johannes

26/09/1945 - 20/06/2025 Aged 79 Years.

Formerly of Encounter Bay and the Adelaide Hills.

Dearly loved husband of Glenda for 58 years.

Much loved father and father-in-law of Simon and Emma, Nikki and Tom, Cory and Joanne, and Daeng.

PRYOR, Brian Kenneth

28.09.1939 - 22.06.2025

Dearly loved Husband of Jan.

Loved Dad and Father-in-law of Matt & Janet, Tim & Jessie.

Adored and proud Grandpa of Samuel, Chloe, Sophie and Theo.



Upcoming Events July 2025 A Message from Peter South

Just sending out a reminder to please consider attending the upcoming Christmas in July function on Friday July 25th. We currently have a good number coming along but could do with a few more.

Also consider coming along on the trip to the Milang Railway Museum on Thursday August 21st. We are definitely looking for a few more people to make this one viable.

We are seeking the support of the members to attend these activities to make them a success and to ensure the planning of future activities.

XMAS IN JULY Friday 25th July at 12.00PM



Book before Tuesday 22nd July.

The Windsor Hotel, North East Road, Windsor Gardens

2 course Xmas lunch \$25.90 with salad and veggie bar included

Pay on the day when arriving at the hotel

For further information or bookings Contact:

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Bus trip to Milang railway Museum

Thursday 21st August. Book before Tuesday 12th August



9.00 depart museum at Kurralt Park

9.45 morning tea at McLaren Vale Information Centre

Then onto Milang for tour of Museum with a ride on the narrow gauge railway Followed by a roast lunch.

We return to the ETSA Museum via a afternoon tea stop at Hahndorf (this is at own expense)

Total cost \$90 includes bus, morning tea, lunch & museum tour.

Estimated time back at museum is estimated to be 6pm

Please indicate beverage required at morning tea (tea, coffee type) for so we can let the info centre know in advance to save time.

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TOUR OF KANDAHAR HOUSE Wednesday 10th September.

- 1030am Tour of Kandahar House. 327 Marion Road North Plympton, Gold Coin Donation
- Lunch at the Maid of Auckland Hotel Edwardstown

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2025						
Month	Date	Day	Time	Event Proposed	Location	Organiser
May	25th	Sat	10AM	St John Museum Tour	7 Arundel Rd Brighton	Geoff Brown
				Lunch at Charlies		
June	4th	Wed	10AM	Tour of Dunluce Castle with Devonshire Tea	12 Yester Ave Sth Brighton	Geoff Brown
			1230PM	Lunch at the Espy after the tour		
July	25th	Fri	12noon	Christmas in July	The Windsor Hotel	Geoff Brown
August	21st	Thurs	9AM	Bus Trip to Milang Railway Museum	9AM departure from the	Geoff Brown
				including stops at McLaren Vale and Hahndorf	ETSA Museum, arrive back	
				and a ride on the narrow gauge railway	about 6PM	
September	10th	Wed	1030AM	Tour of Kandahar House	327 Marion Rd	Geoff Brown
				Lunch at the Maid of Auckland Edwardstown	Nth Plympton	
October				Mypolonga Car Museum / Aussie Apricots		
November	27th	Thurs		AGM and Luncheon		
December						
Other events TBA				Army Museum (Keswick)	Port River cruise	
New suggested activities –				* Parliament House tour.	* Jurlique Cosmetic factory tour.	
The following activities for this year require more investigation –						
	Movie mornings with or without lunch afterwards were discussed.					
	Suggested venues Mt Barker or the Capri Theatre (ex member Gary Cheesman					
	President of the Organ Society 0418896799).					
	Gilbert Motor Museum, lunch afterwards.					
	Railway Museum at Port Adelaide, lunch afterwards.					

THANK YOU PETER RUSSELL

It is with great sadness that I report the resignation of Peter Russell from his role as President & as a member of the Management Committee, effective from 5/07/2025.

Peter was a member of the Association's inaugural committee that met at 1 Anzac Highway on 30th June 1995. Since that first meeting Peter has served the Association in many roles. In particular, he was the first editor of our newsletter and then went on to serve for many years in the important positions of Secretary & President.

I am sure that you will all join me in passing on to Peter our appreciation & thanks for his many years of excellent service to our Association.

The Editor



SA ENERGY INDUSTRY PAST EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION INC.

2026 Subscription of \$30 now due to be paid

You can pay by cash in person at the museum on any Tuesday between 09 00 and 12.00noon
(credit cards are acceptable)

Preferable option. Pay by EFT to:-

SA ENERGY INDUSTRY PAST EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION INC.

CREDIT UNION SA SA BSB 805 007 ACCOUNT 0011 0530.

Include your surname as a reference & email a copy of your receipt to etsape31@tpg.com.au

Least preferable option. Pay by cheque and forward it by mail to the secretary Peter South. Postal Address: PO Box 360 Marlestone Business Centre SA 5033.

Some Websites you might find interesting :

SA Power Networks <https://www.sapowernetworks.com.au/>

SA Power Networks Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SAPowerNetworks/>

Sir Thomas Playford ETSA Museum Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Sir-Thomas-Playford-ETSA-Museum-106011031006140/>

ElectraNet : <https://www.electranet.com.au/>

New Website : [SA Energy Industry Past Employees Assoc. Inc. \(saenergypastemployees.org.au\)](https://saenergypastemployees.org.au)

SA Power Networks recently welcomed 24 women and non-binary participants to our Angle Park Training Centre for a hands-on day designed to spark interest in electrical and powerline careers.



A Report on the Recent Visit to Dunluce Castle

"A small group of 13 members had a delightful morning tea at Dunluce Castle in Brighton recently. The morning tea was followed by a comprehensive tour and history lesson on the Castle and The Brighton Area.

The 'Castle', a historic house styled with features like Dunluce Castle in Ireland, was built in the early years of the 20th Century and was located on the Brighton Dunes.

Sarah, the current owner, gave a most informative talk on every aspect of the Castle, its previous owners and the Brighton area in the Early 1900's.

We were amazed at her knowledge of SA history considering she lived in America until aged 19. The Castle will close for tours in July for extensive renovations which are expected to take 2 years.



The committee wish to remind members that we arrange external events for you and if you the members do not support our efforts in this area then we may have to stop organizing external events.

The next event is Xmas in July on Friday the 25th at The Windsor Gardens Hotel Followed by a Milang bus trip in August.

Please consider these events we have arranged. "

Geoff Brown

Police have confirmed that the man who tragically fell from the roof of an 18th floor Nightclub Was not a bouncer

Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you, and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again....

Mahatma Gandhi said If there is an idiot in power, it means those who elected him are well represented.