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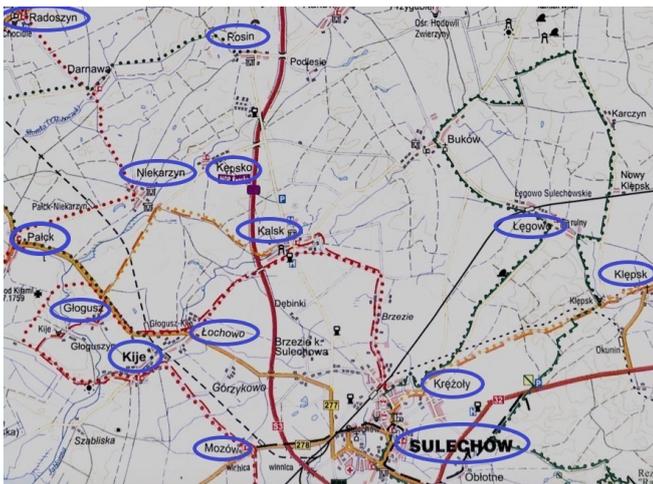
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By bike around Kavel's heartland

At the October FoLA meeting Janis Haynes presented pictures taken on her recent bicycle tour around the villages connected with early Lutheran emigration to South Australia, particularly concentrating on the passengers of the *Zebra*. Here are some of her pictures:



Many of the villages Janis visited are shown on this map. It covers an area of about 15km by 10km



Nickern now Niekarzyn. People with surnames Paech, Schirmer, Kluge and Liebelt emigrated from here.



Schönborn now Kępsko. Liebelts emigrated from here.

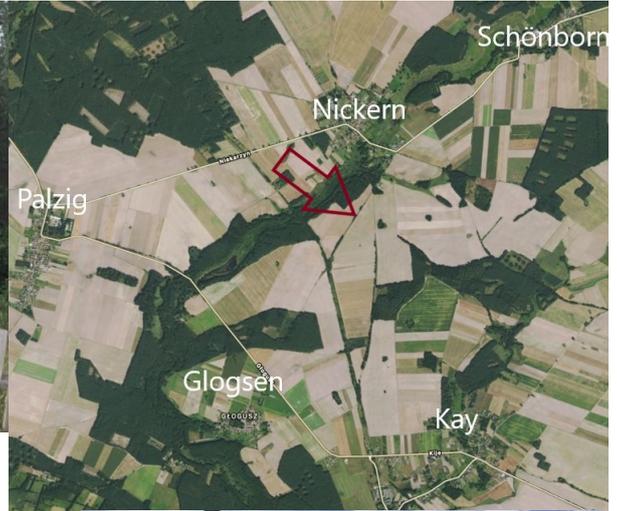


Rissen now Rosin. Gottfried Lubasch, an ancestor of Janis, came from here.



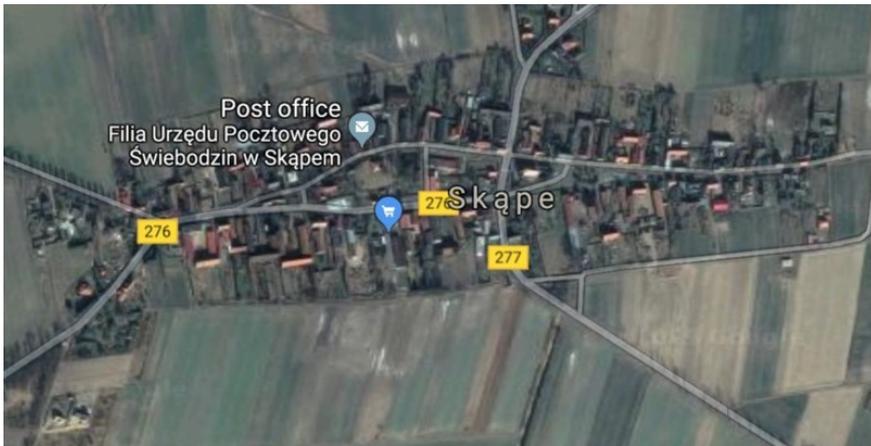
Janis's great great grandparents, Johann Carl Friedrich Fährmann & his wife, J. Eleonore Liebelt, born in Nickern. Carl built many of the early buildings in and around Hahndorf using traditional German techniques. See example above from Friedrichstadt SA.

By bike around Kavel's heartland (continued)



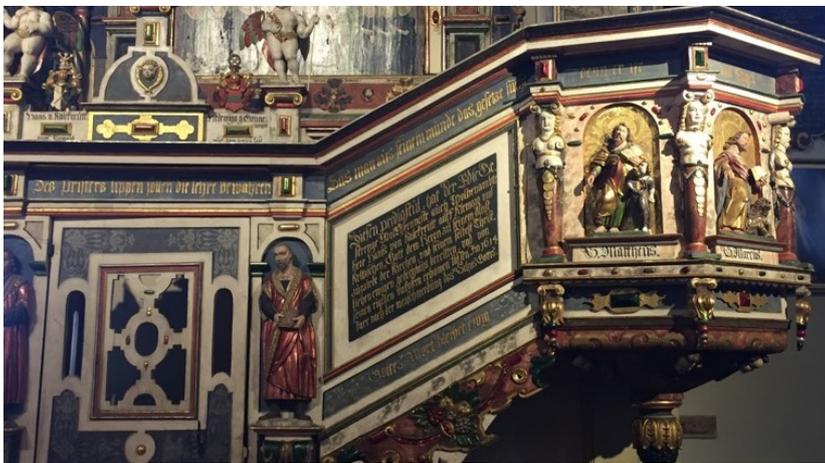
People from Glogsen (above) include Thiele, Giercke, Nitschke, Albrecht and Kubisch.

Note the track across the fields between Glogsen and Nickern (right)



On the Zebra from Skampe, now Skąpe, were the Bartsch & Schmidt families.

Above & below left: Kavel's church at Klemzig, now Klępsk.



The emigrants embarked in barges from Tschicherzig now Cigacice along the Oder River to Hamburg.

They had to negotiate the Friedrich Wilhelm Canal which was in operation from 1668 till 1908. Only parts of the canal are still visible, including the commemorative stone erected in 1869 for the 200th anniversary.

Coming events

Setting the Record Straight: going behind the writing of *The Tale of Frieda Keysser* and its subtitle, *Investigations into a Forgotten Past*
Speaker: John Strehlow
Monday 24 February at 7.30pm
Bethlehem House, Sudholz Pl, Adelaide

In the time which has elapsed since the events in this biography occurred, many issues have been written about and conclusions drawn which require closer investigation. In his book *God, Guns and Government*, Peter Vallee accused Hermannsburg missionary Hermann Kempe of encouraging police violence in the belief this would increase the number of Christian converts. Another book, *White Man's Dreaming* by Christine Stevens, charged the missionaries at Bethesda with *cultural genocide*. Both assertions went unchallenged. A shortfall of reliable information was partly to blame, so in Volume I further information was made available so readers could reach their own conclusions.

In this second part of the biography, subtitled *Between Three Worlds*, topics such as the loyalty of Lutherans and official treatment of the Strehlows during World War One, Carl's account of Aranda belief around the sky-god Altjira, and Gillen and Spencer's insistence that Australian Aborigines were a doomed race with its *Stolen Generation* development, have been similarly investigated to enable people to make a meaningful appraisal for themselves. This talk puts some of these issues under the microscope.

Visit to Wantok Place
Speaker: Timothy Pietsch
Monday 30 March at 7.30pm
LLL, 175 Archer St, North Adelaide
**** Note change of location ****

The Louise Flierl Mission Museum was opened in March 1998 in the old St Paul's church building in Hahndorf. The museum has had on display culturally-significant artefacts such as masks, shields, bows and arrows, sorcery and magic bundles, flutes, clothing and jewellery, drums, bilums and much more. They have been gathered since 1886 by people who served in Australian Lutheran international mission fields, principally in Papua New Guinea.

The museum has been relocated, under the guidance of project manager Timothy Pietsch, to the eastern wing of the LLL building in Archer Street, North Adelaide.

FoLA has been invited to visit the museum and to hear some of the stories associated with it.

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Anitta
Maksymowicz
and Geoff
Saegenschnitter
at the
Schweidnitz
Peace Church
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Book Launch

The Tale of Frieda Keysser Volume II
Sunday 16 February at 3.00pm
Australian Lutheran College
104 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide

After several years of researching and collecting material, John Strehlow started work on the biography in earnest in April 1994. Volume I was launched on 1 December 2011 at the Strehlow Research Centre in Alice Springs and at Australian Lutheran College on 12 February 2012. Volume II covers the period from the arrival of the Strehlows in Germany in 1910 down to Carl's death at Horseshoe Bend on 20 October 1922.

It costs \$100 and is published as a hard-back by Wild Cat Press in London. It comprises 1,219 pages including notes, index, and appendices, with 120 pages of colour, sepia and B&W images, many of them unique historical photos of the period in family possession and so never published before. Maps and fold-out photos are included. It contains a detailed history of Hermannsburg Mission directly before, during and after World War One as seen through the eyes of Frieda and Carl Strehlow, and is placed firmly in the historical context of the war. It also delves into the public enthusiasm of the day for state intervention in the relationship between White Australia and Indigenous Australians, and gives detailed coverage of Prof. Baldwin Spencer's attempts to shut the Mission down and replace it with an orphanage for half-caste children as part of what is now known as the "Stolen Generation" program which he devised. It is being published with generous financial assistance from Mission EineWelt of Neuendettelsau in Germany.

New Book

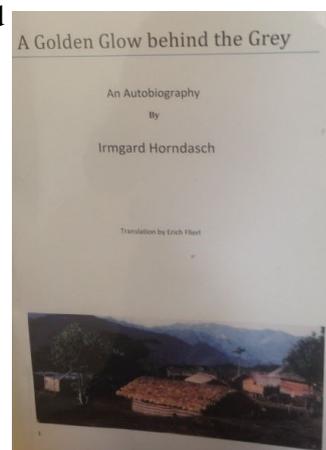
Autobiography of Missionary Irmgard Horndasch

Irmgard Horndasch was born in 1931 in Berlin and left the GDR in 1950 and did teacher training at Erlangen University, where she met her future husband, Heinrich Bergmann, son of missionary Gustav and Anna Bergmann. They married in April 1958 in PNG. The following year her husband was killed in a tragic accident.

From 1959 to 1975 she worked among the indigenous population, founding schools and educating women and girls. She married Helmut Horndasch in 1975, with whom she continued working in institutions and further education of indigenous co-workers until the end of the century.

Her autobiographical report was published in 2007, under the German title of *Goldenes Leuchten unter dem Grau* (A Golden Glow under the Gray), and translated and published by Erich Flierl, computer-printed on A4 paper and bound by Office Works.

It is available from Erich at Unit 201, 1215 Grand Junction Road, phone 08 8270 2740, at a price of \$15.



Zion Hill, German Station, Nundah – A Lutheran Seedbed

The modern Brisbane suburb of Nundah began its European history existence as a Christian mission to the Aboriginal population, called Zion's Hill by the missionaries who began their work there in March 1838. A starting point for German migrants from the 1850s, it then became known as German Station until 1885, when it acquired the name of Nundah. Today it is undergoing rapid redevelopment with the erection of new apartment towers. The Lutheran church has been there through all those changes, and on 25th August Friends of Lutheran Archives Queensland (FoLAQ) were generously hosted by St Paul's congregation on an afternoon which explored the rich, diverse and fascinating history of the church in and around Nundah.

Eric Kopittke, a son of the congregation, though he no longer lives on that side of the city, brought his widely acknowledged historical and research skills to bear on that story in a presentation which compressed the 180 year history into a comprehensible narrative. He was ably supported by Keith Radke, a member of the congregation, who brought the review up to more recent times.

The Gossner missionaries who arrived in 1838, with an additional contingent in 1844, were the first free settlers in the area surrounding the Moreton Bay convict settlement. Their mission enterprise was a failure in human terms, achieving no conversions, but many of the laymen went on to become successful agricultural colonists. Two of them, Peter Niquet and Gottfried Haussmann, were ordained as Presbyterian ministers, but gave very long service as Lutheran pastors in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. A Lutheran congregation formed at German Station in 1856 by Pastor Goethe of Melbourne was the first in Queensland, but very soon lapsed. Most of the other former lay missionaries became associated with other denominations, especially the Wesleyans and the Baptists, and disappeared from the history of the Lutheran Church.



Zion Hill Pioneer Monument



Nudgee Road Church

New settlers from Württemberg in the late 1850s were unhappy with the lax Lutheranism they encountered at German Station and built their own church about a kilometre away. Very confusingly, it also was usually called German Station. St Paul's Nudgee Road had a long history as a rural church until suburbia surrounded it. We were led through the history of the congregation through the stories of its pastors, Pastors Burghardt, Egen and Adler. Conflict over the dismissal of Pastor Egen resulted in 1895 in a second St Paul's congregation loyal to Pastor Egen. It built its church near the Nundah railway station. Today the Brisbane airport at Eagle Farm occupies the site of most of the productive farms of the members of the two congregations.

Years of patient work by Pastor Otto Adler, who served both congregations, finally achieved the amalgamation of the two. The Nundah church was sold and a new church erected in 1948 on the present site on Buckland Road in Nundah. The Nudgee Road church was relocated and modified to serve as the hall and is still in use today. It was the venue of the FoLAQ meeting, many of its

original features still recognizable, although it has been considerably expanded. A quick roll call at the meeting revealed that a number of descendants of the early pioneer families are still members at St Paul's Nundah.

Today a range of services are provided at the church site – Zion Lutheran Home (aged care), St Paul's Lutheran Child Care Centre, St Paul's Lodge (disability services), and a bargain shop. Alondra, a modern multi-story retirement living community, is about to open its doors across the street from Zion Lutheran Home. Who could have envisaged this as the heritage of the little slab and shingle structure which served the Gossner missionaries as church and school in the 1840s?

The programme attracted not only the stalwarts of FoLAQ but also a large contingent from the congregation, keen to learn or to refresh their knowledge of the story of the Lutheran church in their part of Brisbane.

St Paul's congregation prides itself on its hospitality and catering, and we were privileged to experience the generous results of those skills. A team ably led by Mrs Deidre Klatt not only facilitated the event capably, they also provided a lavish afternoon tea and generously donated the proffered payment to the funds of FoLAQ.



Church dignitaries arriving on the back of a truck to celebrate 100 years of Lutheranism in Queensland

Robin Kleinschmidt

German and Irish South Australians in World War One: Parallels and Differences

Presentation by Dr Stephanie James to the August FoLA Meeting

Whilst much has been researched and written about the discrimination against the German community of Australia during both World Wars, it is easy to overlook the maltreatment of other groups. The Italians of North Queensland and South Australia fared badly during the Second World War, but who would have thought that the Irish, part of the British Empire, would also encounter problems. (It is important to acknowledge that German doesn't necessarily mean Lutheran, and that being Irish doesn't always equate to Catholicism.)

With a full set of Irish-born great grandparents Stephanie is well-versed and passionate about Irish Australian history. Her MA and PhD studies examined the early Irish residents of the Clare Valley. Her recent research has focussed on issues of Imperial loyalty. With three colleagues she co-edited *Irish South Australia: New Histories and Insights* (published by Wakefield Press, 2019)

In portraying the German/Irish situation Stephanie used as an example the friendship and professional connections of two Catholic doctors who met in Adelaide in 1912. They had both come to Australia as young professionals.

Dr Marcell von Lukowicz, was born in Western Prussia in 1858 and lived in Australia from 1889. In Sydney he married a girl of Irish descent and their two daughters were born in Adelaide where he was practising as a specialist and radiographer. In 1913 Mrs von Lukowicz took the daughters to Germany for advanced musical education for the girls. They then stayed in Germany for the duration of the war. One daughter died in Berlin in 1917. Mrs von Lukowicz and daughter returned to Australia in 1920 using Polish passports.

Dr Arthur (Artie) Hanrahan, born in Cork in 1888, was a doctor at Kapunda from 1910. He returned to Ireland in 1912, married his fiancée in 1913, and returned to practise at Hamley Bridge. Whilst at Kapunda Artie had learned German to help deal with his patients from the Barossa.

Both doctors were subjects of investigation for various reasons: von Lukowicz, a naturalized Australian had been German Vice Consul prior to the war, and Artie Hanrahan who was known to be sympathetic to the Irish *cause* was under surveillance and his mail intercepted. Artie's German connections through his patients and his preparedness to learn their language was possibly another factor. There were other aspects which added to the complexity of Stephanie's address, which using these two men and their families, portrayed well the problems encountered by those outside the mainstream of society.

Although South Australia in particular underwent a very public *cleansing* of things Germanic, such as the closure of Lutheran Day Schools and the changing of German place names, recent research reveals the possibility of some school closures in the Catholic system because of the Irish situation.

Accusations of disloyalty or insufficient loyalty were present long before the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916, or the conscription plebiscites. However, wartime events ignited nineteenth-century agendas, and during the Great War, hostility moved seamlessly towards biased and unqualified verdicts of imperial disloyalty. But after Easter 1916 any Irish-Australian involvement with, or interest in, Ireland became synonymous with disloyalty. A sense of (Irish-Australian) betrayal over Home Rule became more widespread.

Given the festering nature of the Irish-British struggle it was surprising that so many Irish Australians enlisted in the war. But, like the Germans, most Irish Australian soldiers felt loyalty to their new home, Australia, rather than England, and enlistment was an opportunity to demonstrate that loyalty, and hence to gain acceptance. Similarly, although the leaders of the Lutheran Church made serious declarations of loyalty to the Empire, most of the people felt that their loyalty was to Australia where they had found peace and hitherto acceptance.

Stephanie's talk demonstrated that despite these expressions of loyalty, neither group could really meet the expected standard of imperial loyalty during the war. Sadly, both were the targets of Anglo focussed institutions such as parliament, the public service and the police. So the *outsiders* remained not just that, but they were under unjust suspicion.

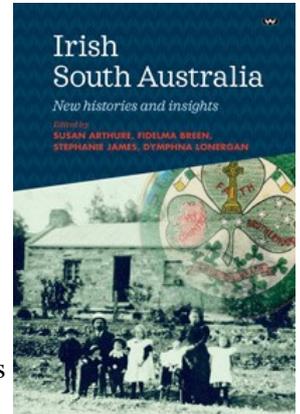
Greg Slattery

GREETINGS FROM ANITTA MAKSYMOWICZ,
curator of the Muzeum Ziemi Lubuskiej in Zielona Góra

Dear Australian Friends from FoLA,

From time to time I have the pleasure to meet some of you in Poland and it's been always a great joy for me. Geoff Saegenschnitter, Chairperson of FoLA, has visited me last September. As he already knows the area of Zielona Góra quite well, I thought it might be interesting to show him something new - two of the most important cultural heritage objects in Europe - both in terms of history and art history: Churches of Peace in Świdnica (Schweidnitz) and Jawor (Jauer) in Lower Silesia. They have a very special meaning for Lutherans. Both are beautiful, have a very rich and telling story and are on the UNESCO List. Both are active Lutheran churches. I hope that Geoff liked it and that he also enjoyed participating in the Lutheran service (even if it was in Polish).

Thanking you for this chance to have some space in the FoLA Newsletter, I'm sending you my warmest greetings from Zielona Góra. **Anitta**



Director's report

As I write this, November is drawing to a close and the Advent season is almost upon us. It has been a busy few months for the staff at Lutheran Archives, both professionally and personally.

At the end of October, National Library Australia formally announced that Lutheran Archives had been successful in gaining a \$15,000 Community Heritage Grant for the conservation, rehousing and description of four series of lantern slides and glass plate negatives. We are grateful to FoLA for pledging a co-contribution of \$5000 towards this project as well. Two sets of the glass plates and lantern slides contain images from Hope Vale Mission and Finke River Mission. A third set was compiled by Pastor FJH Blaess, the first ELCA archivist, for the centenary of the Lutheran church in Australia in 1938. The fourth series deposited by Max Lindner depicts Burrumbuttock's congregation and youth activities. Once this conservation work has been done, we will then be able to get them digitised.

In late September we received the news that Lutheran Archives has been accredited as a member of the Museums and Collections program. This brings us into a formal network of museums, archives and other collecting institutions in SA, and also gives us access to grants of up to \$12,000 for specific projects. We have applied for a grant to cover the costs of conservation and description of a fifth series of glass plate negatives relating to Bethesda Mission, Killalpaninna.

We completed the digitisation of the Hope Vale and Bloomfield Mission photographs, and almost 1500 digital images were provided to the Indigenous Knowledge Centre at Hope Vale in late September. This means that the local community can now access these images onsite, and is part of Lutheran Archives' ongoing strategy to improve Aboriginal access to records.

The overhead cradle bed scanner has been in extensive use since its purchase in September 2018. Our priority was the fragile and fading letterpress correspondence books, and we are happy to report that 40 of these books have been digitised to preservation standard. These books contain mission committee and president correspondence for the Immanuel synod, Immanuel a.a.G (on the old basis) synod, and ELSA synod and cover the period from 1863-1924. They will now be able to be transcribed from the German cursive, in preparation for translation. We have also digitised several church registers and minute books.

We are thrilled to report that Rachel and Ben Kuchel's second son, Noah Sebastian, was born on Wednesday, 16 October at 6.20 am, weighing 3.52 kg. Congratulations to Rachel, Ben and big brother Samuel on his arrival!

The Australian Society of Archivists (ASA) conference was held in Adelaide from 21-25 October. Adam and Rachel were both very involved in organising this international archival conference, and we commend them on all their hard work to make it a great success. Little Noah Kuchel also took out the record of youngest attendee ever to attend an ASA conference.



Noah Sebastian Kuchel

On a personal note, I had some time off around my marriage to Peter Schirmer. We were married on 2 November at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pine Creek, Appila, followed by a reception in The Woolshed at Bungaree Station, near Clare SA. Thanks to Adam Kauschke who 'held the fort' while I was away.

Lutheran Archives will have its annual closure to the public during December. This gives our volunteers a chance to have a break, and it also allows our staff to work on larger or more involved projects.

We will re-open to the public on 6 January 2020.

We thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Archives over the past 12 months, and we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy new year in 2020.

Janette Lange



*Newly married—Janette Lange
and Peter Schirmer*

Tarnanthi – Tjina Nurra-ka, Pmarra Nurra-kanha, Itla Itla Nurra-kanha:

Our Family, Our Country, Our Legacy

Exhibition held across two sites:

Art Gallery of SA (AGSA), North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000
18 Oct 2019 - 27 Jan 2020 10am - 5pm daily Closed 25 Dec

Flinders University Art Museum

Social Sciences North Building, Flinders University, Sturt Road, Bedford Park SA 5042
25 Oct 2019 – 27 Jan 2020 Closed 21 Dec – 13 Jan
Mon - Wed & Fri, 10am - 5pm Thur, 10am - 8pm

Tarnanthi at AGSA presents works of artistic excellence, creative daring and ground-breaking innovation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across the country. This exhibition of works by Western Aranda watercolourists associated with Ntaria (Hermannsburg) pays tribute to the enduring legacy of famed artist Albert Namatjira. In a dialogue across generations, recent and decades-old paintings drawn primarily from practising artists of Iltja Ntjarra Many Hands Art Centre in Alice Springs and the collections of Flinders University Art Museum and AGSA are featured.

Artists

Clem Abbott (deceased), Douglas Kwarlple Abbott (deceased), Marie Abbott-Ramjohn, Benita Clements, Ricky Jakamara Connick, Selma Nunay Coulthard, Arnulf Ebatarinja (deceased), Conley Ebatarinja (deceased), Cordula Ebatarinja (deceased), Joshua Ebatarinja (deceased), Walter Ebatarinja (deceased), Kathleen France, Noreen Hudson, Adolf Inkamala (deceased), Clara Inkamala, Clifford Inkamala (deceased), Kathy Inkamala, Reinhold Inkamala, Vanessa Inkamala, Johannes Katakarinja (deceased), Georgie Kentiltja, Wilfred Kentiltja, Elaine Kngwarria Namatjira (deceased), Albert Namatjira (deceased), Enos Namatjira (deceased), Ewald Namatjira (deceased), Gabriel Namatjira (deceased), Jillian Namatjira (deceased), Keith Namatjira (deceased), Kumantjai K Namatjira (deceased), Lenie Namatjira (deceased), Maurice Namatjira (deceased), Oscar Namatjira (deceased), Reggie Namatjira (deceased), Betty Naparula Wheeler, Gwenda Nungarayi Namatjira (deceased), Claude Pannka (deceased), Gloria Pannka, Edwin Pareroultja (deceased), Helmut Pareroultja (deceased), Hubert Pareroultja, Ivy Pareroultja, Otto Pareroultja (deceased), Mervyn Rubuntja, Wenten Rubuntja Pengarte (deceased), Peter Tjutjatja Taylor (deceased), Marcus Wheeler*

*Marcus is the current pastor at Hermannsburg

Curated by Marisa Maher, Nic Brown and Madeline Reece

AGSA Gallery 1

Bunha-bunhanga reveals how Aboriginal agriculture shaped the Australian landscape over millennia. This is the first presentation through visual art of the groundbreaking research into pre-colonial land use by Uncle Bruce Pascoe and Bill Gammage. It brings together historical landscape paintings and rarely seen Aboriginal agricultural tools amid a soundscape of seed grinding and agricultural tools amid a soundscape of seed grinding and Wiradjuri spoken word, through the curation of artist-researcher Jonathan Jones.

AGSA Gallery 8

In a dialogue across generations, Western Aranda watercolourists respond to historical 'Hermannsburg School' works in a tribute to the legacy of Albert Namatjira.

Also at AGSA: Not part of Tarnanthi but of the recent new installation of the Elder Wing under the title **Belonging**, the innovative presentation in **Gallery 2** features furniture and other objects from the SA German community.



*Wishing you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of
our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.*

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