NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The sixth General Meeting of the Society for 1981 will be held in the Museum Education Building, North Terrace, Adelaide at

8.00PM MONDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1981

AGENDA

1. Apologies.

2. Minutes of Previous General Meeting.
   Minutes of the previous General Meeting, held Monday, 27 July, 1981 to be confirmed. A copy of these minutes is attached.

3. New Members.
   The following new members have been elected to the Society:
   Christine DeLIVERA,
   Guy DOLLMAN.

4. Papers and Journals.
   Papers and Journals from other Societies and Organizations will be tabled at the meeting.

5. Business.

6. Speaker.
   MISS ROSEMARY BUCHAN, Director, Heritage Unit, Department for Environment, will give an address to the Society entitled:-

   'Preserving South Australia’s Aboriginal Heritage.'

7. Supper.

VERN TOLCHER,
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, 27 JULY, 1981

held in the Museum Education Building, North Terrace, Adelaide at 8.00pm. The President, C. Stoyanoff, chaired the meeting. Thirty (30) members and friends attended the meeting.

1. Apologies.
   Apologies were received from the following:

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
   The minutes of the previous General Meeting, held Monday, 22 June, 1981, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. New Members.
   No new members were elected to the Society.

   Papers and Journals from other Societies and Organizations were tabled at the meeting.

5. Business.
   5.01 The Secretary advised the meeting that full details for the Panaramite Field Trip in October would be published in the August Journal.
   
   Also to be included in the August Journal would be an application form for this field trip and the Secretary requestd that all members wishing to participate, fill in this form and return to his office, including members who had already advised that they would be attending.

6. Speaker.
   Co-speakers Cliff COULTHARD and Betty ROSS, Documentation Officer, National Parks & Wildlife Services, gave an address to the meeting entitled:

   'RAM PADDOCK GATE: An Historic Adnamatana Settlement in the Flinders Ranges.'
**UNSCHEDULED FIELD TRIP: WILLUNGA DEVELOPMENT**
22 & 23 AUGUST, 1981

It has come to the Society's notice that development is planned in the Sellicks Beach Aldinga area South of the area surveyed, so successfully in 1979. The developer has approached the Society and it has been decided to extend the 1979 Field Survey into the area of the proposed development. It is hoped that an environmental impact statement will result from this work.

The excursion is planned for SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 22 and 23 AUGUST, 1981. We apologise for the shortness of notice and hope that it does not cause undue inconvenience.

All members are welcome, experience is not necessary. Interested members should contact Valerie Campbell, phone 272 3646, and let her know they are coming before Saturday morning. This will greatly assist field planning.

Members are to meet at the beach end of Button Road, South of the Silver Sands settlement, at 9am each day. Rubber boots are recommended.

OVERVIEW OF ADDRESS

The following extract, taken from a publication by the Heritage Unit, S.A. Department for the Environment, entitled Minerawuta Ram Paddock Gate, gives an overview of the subject of the address presented to the Society's General Meeting on Monday, 27 July, 1981 by co-speakers Betty Ross and Cliff Coulthard.

By the turn of the century, the influx of pastoralism in the Flinders Ranges had seriously disrupted the economy and lifestyle of the Adnjamathanha people. The community gathered at Mt. Serle, an important traditional site, where a government camel depot had been established. When the property was sold as a sheep run at the end of World War One, the Adnjamathanha resettled at Ram Paddock Gate, a site traditionally known as Minerawuta. Although the government made provisions in pastoral leases for the Adnjamathanha to have free access to old-camping grounds in the Flinders Ranges, the settlement at Ram Paddock Gate was in fact the last place where this occurred. With the arrival of the missionary, Jim Page, and a few months later, Fred Eaton from the United Aboriginal Mission, the community was forced to move camp to Nepabunna, a former Mission settlement.

Ram Paddock Gate was occupied between 1920 and 1929. During this time, many European influences can be seen in the camp, which reports claim included seven vehicles. The social structure, nevertheless, had been as rigidly retained as the practices associated with initiation ceremonies, birth places and burials. Ram Paddock Gate has long been recognised as a traditional settlement and forms an integral part of the modern history of the Flinders Ranges. The continuation of the traditional affiliations with this place are reflected in the identity and beliefs of Adnjamathanha society today.

NOTICES

1. ABORIGINAL CULTURE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA EXHIBITION - S.A. MUSEUM.
This new display, scheduled to open on the 26 August will now be opened on 7 October. The change has been caused by unavoidable delays in the construction of new storage for parts of the Australian Ethnology collection. We hope this has not caused any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you on the 7th.

Julia F. Robinson,
Coordinator,
Community Services Branch,
South Australian Museum.

2. WETLANDS.
The following letter was received from the Conservation Council of S.A. Inc.:

Our Ref: FAU 3/3/1
Dear Secretary,

Wetlands

Do your members know of any wetlands which may be of national or international significance for water fowl? If so would your organisation consider addressing the State Government Department of Environment and Planning (National Parks and Wildlife Division) with a view to the area being put forward to the Australian Government for possible inclusion in the Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat Australia is a signatory to this important Convention which was signed on 2 February 1971 and to date has only nominated the Coburg Peninsula and part of Kakadu which is threatened by uranium mining.

I attach a minute from the meeting of the Australian Committee of I.U.C.N. on the subject.

Yours faithfully,
J.L.O. Tedder
Centre Director.

Aust. Committee for IUCN meeting held 1 December, 1980.
5.9 Wetlands Convention

Prof. Ovington reported that it was disappointing that while Australia was the first country to accede to the RAMSAR Convention only two wetland areas (Coburg Peninsula, and wetlands in Kakadu National Park) had been nominated. He said that there is a need for additional areas to be nominated, and distributed copies of a report on the matter. The President suggested that the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service should write to relevant organisations and request nominations.

In response to a question from Mr. Pratten, the President commented that a meeting had been held in Sardinia last month to discuss the effectiveness of the RAMSAR Convention. Prof. Ovington stated that no Australian representative attended - minutes would be circulated when available.

It was moved by Mr. Pratten and seconded by Mr. Tedder that "A.C.I.U.C.N. invite member bodies to submit nominations to the Committee for consideration by the Executive, for forwarding to the Australian Government".

CARRIED.
2. WETLANDS CONT'D.

5.9 Wetlands Convention Cont'd.

ACTION-SECRETARY
Mr. Tedder raised the question of a possible reintroduction of tax concessions for wetland drainage works. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Tedder and seconded by Mr. Pratten that "the President send an urgent telegram to the Prime Minister expressing serious concern over the Taxation Bill regarding its potential for encouraging tax concessions for wetland drainage".

CARRIED.

ACTION-SECRETARY
On the motion of Mr. Pratten, seconded by Mr. Tedder, the text of the telegram was later approved by the Committee.

At the Committee Meeting of the Anthropological Society of South Australia Inc., held on Friday, 3 July, 1981, it was agreed that this Society would support this campaign by the Conservation Council.

Due to other demands placed upon the secretariat of this Society, we ask members to contact Mr. J.L.O. Tedder, direct, at the Conservation Council, 310 Angas Street, Adelaide, and advise him of any information that may be of assistance to this campaign.

3. PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S HERITAGE

The Department of Home Affairs and Environment are seeking views from interested parties with regard to a review being carried out by a Commonwealth inter-departmental Working Group.

Its purpose is:

- to define the nature of movable cultural property - the kinds of objects (as distinct from buildings and places) which Australians consider significant to their heritage, and
- to examine the measures currently applied to retaining such property in Australia and safeguarding if for future generations.

The review will include such matters as the import, export and restitution of cultural property and the possible need for legislation.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR VIEWS....

Persons, organisations or groups with an interest in any of the matters to be considered in the review are invited to express their views in writing by 31 AUGUST 1981, addressing them to:

The Secretary,
The Department of Home Affairs & Environment,
P.O. Box 1252, Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601.
(Attention: Assistant Secretary, Heritage Branch).

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