

Family mural at the Victoria Hotel

Students to become Sewage Sleuths

No one has been more surprised, or thrilled to see a mural of wagons photographed back early last century on the wall of Strathalbyn's Victoria Hotel than local lady, Annie McGuinness.

Celebrating their 150th year, the Victoria Hotel has added this mural in the dining room and another in the front bar, but it is the one in the dining room that has gained Annie's interest as the three gentlemen photographed are her father, uncle and grandfather.

Grandfather - James Michelmore 1835 - 1939 (84 years) is at the left of the mural. His son James Michelmore 1881 - 1945 (64 years) is in the centre and at the right is Annie's father, Frederick Andrew

has previously only ever seen a post card sized photo of this scene in the care of her son Tom.

This original photo was taken by Jas Morton and on the back of Tom's post card is written 'To Tom, with love from Gran. Three loads of super for Great Grandpa Michelmore.'

Principal works by Frederick Andrew Michelmore

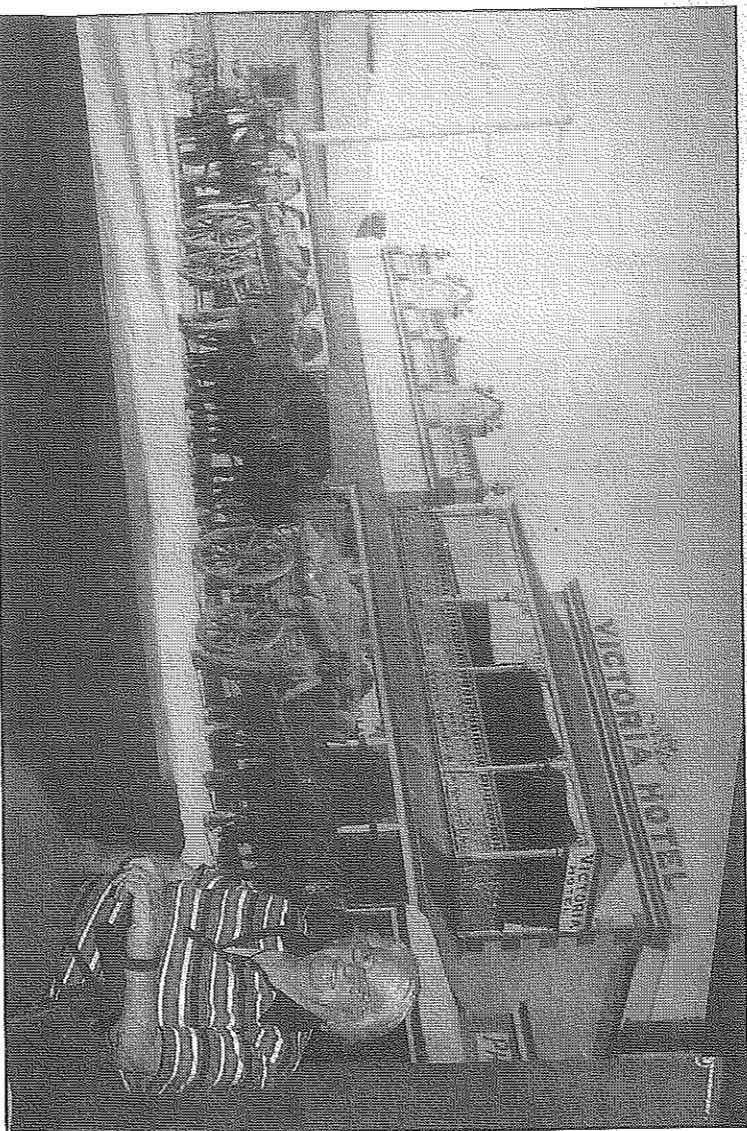
Annie has been studying her mother's log book transactions by Frederick Andrew Michelmore purchased in 1926 from GD Jones and in June 1933 she lists the names of the farm horses - Mick, Nigger, Dolly, Victor, Nelly,

Tom, Lass, Bill, Brownie and Janet - the latter two being the sulky/doggy horses - these could easily be the teams photographed. Stock in hand at this time was listed as: eight horses, two ponies, three cows, three heifers, one bull calf, one ewe and lamb, two pups, one dog.

A later note says one horse, Tom was sold for £20 on 12th April.

Kate from the Victoria Hotel is interested to know if anyone can tell her more about the bar murals's subject matter or supply more photos of the Victoria Hotel.

It is interesting to note that the Victoria Hotel looks much the same today as when this photograph was taken almost 100 years ago.



Annie McGuinness sitting with her family depicted in the mural - Grandfather James, her Uncle James and her Father Frederick Andrew Michelmore.

Letters to the Editor

Sir,
It is with great concern that I read the contents of the Briefing Paper produced on behalf of the Fleurieu Regional Aquatic Centre Community Reference Group.

Are we going to end up with a facility that delivers value for money? Will we get a facility that caters for as wide a range of Community needs as possible? With what is proposed, will the facility have the opportunity to generate sufficient income?

Will anyone else financially benefit as a result of the current design? If you would like a copy of the Briefing Paper, send an email to the Goolwa.ratepayers Association and a copy will be sent by return email.

Yours Etc.,
JOHN CARTER
Goolwa

Sir,
Clayton Bay Foreshore Plan - the hidden agenda. People with an interest in the Clayton Bay foreshore need to be aware that Alexandra Management Draft Management Plan, (which is currently undergoing a community consultation process), includes an intention to remove a number of magnificent large trees because they are considered to be weeds.

This intention is hidden in the fine print under the

Finn's Law fight continues

Liberal Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, has recently re-introduced a Private Member's Bill in State Parliament (Rights of Foster Parents and Guardians) Bill 2015.

The Bill, known as Finn's Law, would give foster parents the option to be recognised on a death certificate if a child dies in their care and also give them the chance to be involved in funeral arrangements.

The current legislation states that only the biological parents are provided with the rights of the child including details such as reason for passing and funeral arrangements.

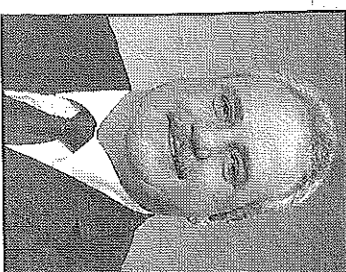
"If successful, there are approximately 1,800 foster parents who will gain new rights as a result of a campaign fought by Mrs Monica Perrett, said Mr Pederick.

"This Bill is challenging because it breaks new ground, but I believe we as a Parliament should do the right thing by foster

parents and foster children.

"I urge the Weatherill Labor Government to support the Statutes Amendment Rights of Foster Parents and Guardians Bill, giving foster parents and guardians the rights they deserve where applicable.

"I will continue to fight for Finn's Law to become legislation," said Mr Pederick.



Adrian Pederick Member for Hammond

An interactive online education game that teaches students about the wastewater cycle is one of the new features of SA Water's education program for 2015.

The program, Brainwave, is now in its 7th year and provides a suite of free events and learning resources for South Australian students and teachers.

SA Water's Senior Manager of External Relations, David Coombe, said more than 15,000 students from 182 schools participated in Brainwave in the 2013-14 financial year.

"This year our education program is targeted at Year 7 students, giving them an increased understanding of important water and wastewater-related issues at a key stage in their schooling," David said.

"We're also investing more in online tools and video conferencing capabilities to further extend our reach to students in regional areas of the state.

"An example of this is the latest addition to Brainwave, the game, Sewage Sleuths.

"It allows students to carry out the work of water scientists and engineers and detect why a wastewater treatment plant within the game isn't

working.

"We've also introduced an online booking service, making it easier for teachers to sign their class up for a site tour or workshop.

"In 2015, we're running guided tours of SA Water's Happy Valley Reservoir, Christies Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Adelaide Desalination Plant.

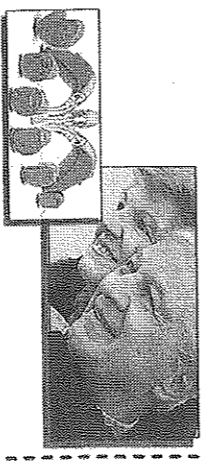
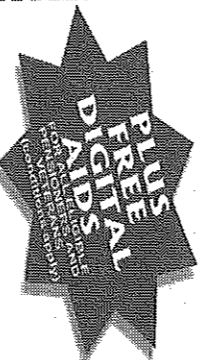
"Our popular Living Loans service will also continue this year, in which an SA Water staff member will visit schools and present on a pre-chosen topic ranging from the biology of water to the water industry."

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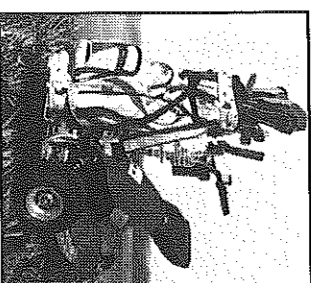
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