

Discovering SA's History

All meetings commence at 7.30pm Friday,
Burnside Community Centre, Cnr Portrush Road and Greenhill Road, Burnside

26 March

Dr John Jenkin

How a quiet South Australian silenced the German guns and opened the way to victory in The Great War

(William) Lawrence Bragg – Adelaide born, raised and educated – has rarely received adequate recognition, either as one of the most outstanding scientists of the 20th century or as a major contributor to Allied victory in The Great War (WWI). Australia, for example, has never quite taken him to its heart.

For some time, John Jenkin has been trying to change all this. On the eve of Anzac Day, John's talk will focus on Lawrence Bragg's pivotal wartime work, 1914 through 1918.

John Jenkin was born, raised and educated in Adelaide and gained his PhD in physics at the ANU. After post-doctoral appointments in the UK and USA, the remainder of his academic career has been spent at La Trobe University in Melbourne, for 20 years in the Physics Department and then transferring to the History and Philosophy of Science program in the Faculty of Humanities. On retirement, John was made an Emeritus Scholar of La Trobe University, and in 2008 Oxford University Press published his major work, *William and Lawrence Bragg, Father and Son: the most extraordinary collaboration in science*.



*Lieutenant Lawrence Bragg during the First World War.
Courtesy of Lady Heath, Lawrence Bragg's elder daughter.*

7 May

Mandy Macky

Girl Guiding: The first 100 years

Mandy has spent years involved in Guiding as a guide and as a leader in Wellington, New Zealand, and in Melbourne. She has held a variety of positions including State Commissioner of South Australia and Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia. She retired as a leader of youth in 2009 but retains her involvement as a life member of Girl Guides South Australia.

In 2010 the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) celebrates 100 years of Girl Guiding around the world. Girl Guides in UK started one year after Baden Powell started the Boy Scouts. WAGGS is the world body for more than 140 member organisations with more than 10 million members. The youth members speak a multitude of languages but all make a three fold promise to do their best to serve their God, their country and other people and to keep the 10 Guiding laws. Guiding gives an informal education in leadership and life skills through a programme which provides challenges and encourages girls to achieve their potential. Mandy will tell us more about the first century of this worthwhile movement.



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