



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FLOOD WARNING COMMITTEE

THE HISTORY OF FLOODS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Happy New Year! Welcome to the first edition of the History of Floods Project Newsletter for 2005. The Manager, supervisors and staff here on the Project hope that our readers had a wonderful Christmas, and that you all survived the New Year's Eve festivities.

NEW PARTICIPANTS

Since our last newsletter, the following participants have joined the Project:

Derek Richmond – SLSA Gawler newspaper research.

Michael Hoeller – SLSA Gawler newspaper research.

William Anthony – SLSA Pt Lincoln Times newspaper research.

Katherine Bisset – Writing/Editing Victor Harbor newspaper research.

Glenn Atkinson – SLSA West Coast Sentinel newspaper research.

Casper Fertier – SLSA Eyre Peninsula Tribune newspaper research.

Carolyn Lang – SLSA Advertiser newspaper research.

Novica Ivkovic – SLSA West Coast Sentinel newspaper research.

Marek Wachsberger – SLSA Murray Valley Standard newspaper research.

Ludwik Oleszczak – SLSA Murray Valley Standard newspaper research.

Adele Davis – Administrative Assistant to the Project Manager.

PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE LEFT THE PROJECT

Kartanya Russell – Indigenous Studies (exited for personal/family reasons).

Michael Cowley – SLSA Transcontinental newspaper research (completed contract).

Jeffrey Burford – Port Augusta research (completed contract).

Steven Wynniatt – Victor Harbor research (completed contract).

Brett Stewart – Advertiser Newspaper research (completed contract).

Katherine Bisset – Writing/Editing Victor Harbor newspaper research (left due to personal reasons).

Roy Parrott – Adelaide Advertiser newspaper research.

Kyung Soo Hayden – Northern Argus newspaper research.

Greg Harris - SLSA Pt Lincoln Times newspaper research.

Julia Dunn - Administrative Assistant to the Project Manager.

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS

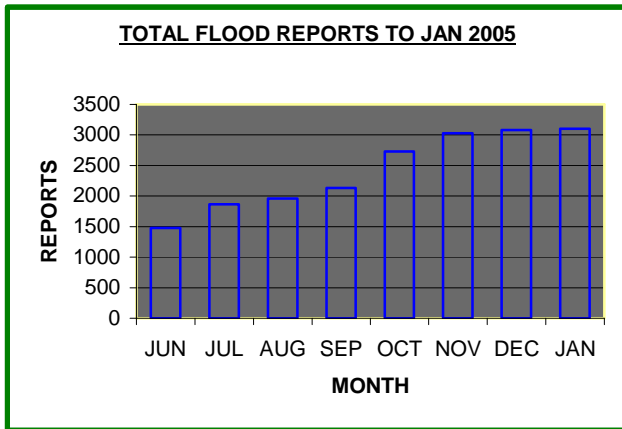
The Project is currently seeking Assistants to work in the following areas:

- ❖ SLSA – country newspaper research
- ❖ SLAS – metropolitan newspaper research
- ❖ Writing/Editing
- ❖ Indigenous Studies

It has become increasingly difficult to find appropriately experienced and available assistants in the above areas from within the Work for the Dole Programme. In an attempt to place more researchers and editorial assistants in the program the Project Manager, David McCarthy, has approached Volunteering SA and advertised through them for additional staff on a volunteer basis.

PROGRESS REPORT

As of the end of February 2005 the Project had amassed over 3,200 flood event records. Almost one third of these have been entered into the Access database.



Inman River in flood, 7th August 1981 from the bridge over the Inman River looking downstream. Photo courtesy of Gary Roberts at the National Trust of SA (Victor Harbour Branch).

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee had its first meeting of the year at the end of January. It was reported that the 4 rural research assistants had all completed their contracts with the Project, however Jeffrey Burford has been re-engaged for a further 6 months to complete the research that he started in the Pt Augusta region. The balance of the rural research will now be done at the State Library by the metropolitan-based researchers.

Due to the fact that the intended format of the book has change dramatically in recent months, it was proposed that a letter be written outlining a copy of the new format so that those Committee members who were unable to attend the meeting where made aware of the direction the Project is taking at the present time.

The Steering Committee had an additional meeting in mid- February to further discuss the changes made to the proposed format of the book. The Committee agreed with the recommendations put before them by the Flood History Team with regards to the proposed new format of the book.

Mr Wright, the Chairman of the Steering Committee noted at the Meeting that he has met with the State Library researchers and was pleased to report on the progress that they are all making. David McCarthy invited the other Steering Committee members to meet with the researchers and said that they usually meet with one of the supervisors, Tony Rogers, on Thursday mornings in the Library café.

David McCarthy stated at the Meeting that he would write to the proposed contributors regarding input into the first section of the book. He also said that he would provide guidelines and deadlines for those contributions.