

DRESSING THE GRAVES

AN EVENT RUN BY THE CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
FOR
KERNEWEK LOWENDER

MEDIA RELEASE

Nominees Announced

To mark the celebration of Cornwall's patron saints day, St. Piran, on Wednesday 5th March, the following details for Kernewek Lowender's Dressing the Graves ceremonies have been released. Each grave will be visited, a citation read out and a floral tribute placed on the plot. Ceremonies will vary with tableaux, choral singing and music taking part of the proceedings at each of the towns cemeteries.

Persons to be honoured at the Kadina Cemetery commencing at 9.30 on Wednesday 13th May are Frank James Wakelin miner, Joseph Cornelius, auctioneer, Jessie Fiedler house wife, James Henry Brown, head of mining stables, Stephen Goldsworthy miner, Martha Rozina Gladys Emily Gale housekeeper, Francis Raymond carter and teamster, Edwin Trezise miner, Mary Ann Phillips, fruit shop proprietor and Sarah Brinkworth farmer.

At the Wallaroo cemetery the ceremony will commence at 11.30 on Wednesday 13th May and the following people are to be honoured: The Saville family, benefactors of Star of the Sea Hostel, Lydia Coward boarding house keeper, Maxwell Herman Frost farm hand and factory worker, Cyril Bollmeyer Soldier, Russell Filsel Elson carrier, Frank Ethelbert Hancock soldier & farmer, John Bryden shoemaker, John Emanuel Keen Wharton soldier, Dorothy Perry Army transport driver and nurse and Stephen Bowman butcher and landholder. Wallaroo Primary and Kalori school students are actively associated with this event.

Once again, nominees for the Moonta ceremony exceeded the specified number, however the following people provide a good mix of occupations and lifestyles. They are Susan Cornelius mine captain's wife, Robert Learmond grocer, William Sydney London carpentry shop proprietor, John Hill farmer and mine agent, Joseph Godfrey Trewartha shoe maker and miner, William James Sampson mine engine driver, Thomas Webster mine carpenter, Captain Joseph Jolly mine accountant, Susannah Arthur wife and mother and Robert John Hughes journalist and newspaper editor. This ceremony will be conducted at the Moonta cemetery on Wednesday 13th May at 1.30 p.m. commencing with a short ceremony at the burial place of the tragic typhoid and cholera victims who were the mining community's children. The special school section of the Moonta Area School are an integral part of this ceremony.

“Dressing the Graves” has grown in popularity since its commencement in 2001. Criteria for inclusion in this celebration of life of the mining and smelting community has been formulated by Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo representatives combined with the President and Secretary of the Cornish Association of South Australia. Co-ordinator and founder of the event is Ros Paterson OAM. In response to enquiries received all ready for the 2011 ceremonies, copies of the criteria will be available shortly from the “Farm Shed” at Kadina. A booklet “Dressing the Graves” was published in 2007 which listed the stories of 120 local pioneers who were honoured in the ceremonies 2001 – 2007 . This is still available from the Farm Shed.

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