

## **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

I would like to join the Queen Adelaide Society Inc. and enclose the annual subscription of \$10. Membership fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please return this form to:

The Queen Adelaide Society Inc.  
G.P.O. Box 908  
Adelaide, S.A. 5001

## **What do we do ?**

Dinners, Lunches, Morning teas,  
Film mornings (and evenings),  
Exhibitions, Displays, Doll Shows,  
Fashion parades, Guest Speaking,  
Boat and Bus trips etc

A highlight of the yearly calendar is The Queen Adelaide Birthday celebration on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

**Patron of the Society is the  
Lord Mayor of Adelaide.**

## **Why do we get involved ?**

Mostly because it is enjoyable, interesting and fun: but we are also caring people and raise money, through our activities, to help disadvantaged and disabled children.

The Queen Adelaide Society Inc. members work on a voluntary basis in honour of the English queen after whom our city was named. It has supported a children's charity each year since the Society was formed in 1981.

Each year the committee organises activities which are notified to members and interested non-members through our newsletter.

From money raised at these functions, the Society may give a donation to the children's charity chosen for that year.



# **THE QUEEN ADELAIDE SOCIETY INC.**

For more information,  
Phone 08 8381 6870

## Who was Queen Adelaide?

They named the city of Adelaide after her!

### A short history

Queen Adelaide had a difficult and challenging life. She was born Princess Amelia Adelheid Louisa Theresa Carolina of Saxe-Meiningen – a small principality in Germany. She left her German home to go to England at age 26 to marry William Duke of Clarence, a man twice her age whom she had never met.

William was the third son of the royal line so did not expect to be king and had led a wild life. Although he had never been married, he had a mistress and ten illegitimate children.

A number of royal deaths made it possible that he could be heir to the throne and the customs of the time made it imperative for him to marry and have legal heirs. Princess Adelheid was eligible and accepted his proposal.

In spite of the age difference, they were a committed and happy couple, and Queen 'Adelaide', as she became known in England, took on many of the responsibilities of the royal household, as well as caring for William's illegitimate children.

### Petticoat Government

After her husband became King William IV, Adelaide, now Queen, showed a strong interest in government. Some thought that many of William's better governmental decisions came from her and the term 'petticoat government' was coined from this era.

## The Queen Adelaide Society

The Queen Adelaide Society Inc. was formed in Adelaide by the late Dorothy Howie in 1981, mainly to promote our heritage and knowledge of the Queen Adelaide, the consort of the King William IV of England.

When King William's permission was sought to name the capital of the new colony of South Australia after him, he suggested rather that it be named Adelaide, after his queen.

Throughout her life Queen Adelaide loved children and worked for better living conditions for the poor and better education for all children.

The Queen Adelaide Society members work on a voluntary basis in her honour, supporting needy children's charities in S.A. since 1981.

Throughout each year, the committee organises fund raising activities open to the general public. A donation from these activities goes to a chosen children's charity each year.

### Some past supported Charities include:

Spina Bifida, S.P.E.L.D., Lukaemia Research Kilparan School, Spastic Centre, Camp Quality, SIDS, Townsend School, Autism Association, women and Children's Hospital, Teen Challenge, Hudson Maher Foundation, Operation Flinders Foundation Suneden School, Cystic Fibrosis of Sth. Aust.

Are you ...

Interested history ?

Interested in Adelaide ?

Like to enjoy  
Different experiences?

Want to meet  
interesting People ?

Like helping children ?

Then  
The Queen Adelaide  
Society is for you.