

## Case Study: National Stories

### ***Community History Portal***



History SA

*Networking Local Communities through History*

The SA Community History Portal, which was launched in mid-2011, provides a 'one stop shop' for South Australian community history organisations. It promotes the public history activities of the hundreds of small community museums, historical societies, archives, libraries and other organisations that collect, exhibit and promote the history of South Australia.

The portal provides integrated online access to current information about South Australia's museums, historical societies, archives and other organisations, including a Directory of organisations, an events calendar and news about community museums and community history activities, collections and research within South Australia. As well as providing resources in the form of online videos, fact sheets and the Community Museums Program handbook, it is also implementing video-based training and events to build the expertise and professional practice of this widely dispersed, primarily volunteer community.

The portal website is maintained by History SA's community history officers and other staff in Community History Programs who assist community museums and historical organisation in developing historical displays, oral history projects, preventive conservation and other aspects of collection management. Community history officers also administer History SA's two annual grant funds and work with eligible organisations to enable them to achieve registration or accreditation status in the Community Museums Program.

The Community History portal will not only allow museums to collaborate and their supporters to enhance skills but it opens up opportunities to market regional histories and activities.

See: <http://www.community.history.sa.gov.au/>

Image above: Harold Stevenson on the Mylor Oval in 1916. <http://www.community.history.sa.gov.au/events/2011-240>