

# *The Life and Work of CJ Dennis*

The **History Council of South Australia** proudly presents their 2016 Annual Country Lecture in association with **Gladstone History Group** and **Rocky River Historic & Art Society** of **Laura**

**Sunday 25 September at 1.30pm**  
**Yanga Room, Gladstone Town Hall**

*Free Admission, Donation for afternoon tea*

In this 140<sup>th</sup> year of the birth of CJ Dennis, **Dr Philip Butterss** (Senior Lecturer, University of Adelaide) author of *An Unsentimental Bloke, the Life and Work of CJ Dennis*, will present a refreshing and honest look at the life of CJ Dennis, and the influences which his writings have had on several generations of Australians, through times of both war and peace.

## **Visit Gladstone and Laura**

The historical societies of Gladstone and Laura, both boyhood towns of CJ Dennis are combining to foster an awareness of CJ Dennis. There is plenty to see around Gladstone and Laura to enhance an appreciation and understanding of the boyhood experiences and influence of the environment, on the early life of CJ Dennis.

Visit these 'sacred sites' of CJ Dennis who became a national literary figure

### **At Gladstone**

The original Gladstone Public School site where CJ attended school  
the Gladstone Hotel where he lived with his family

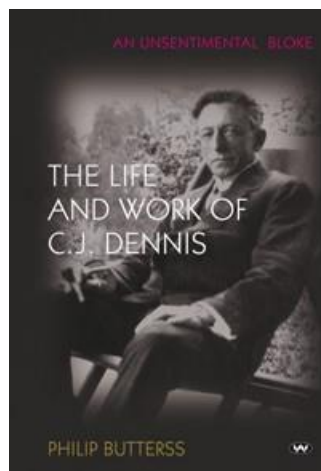
### **At Laura**

the 'Big Bloke' sculpture  
the bust of CJ Dennis  
display in Laura Archives of **CJ Dennis in Print**  
sculpture of the Beetaloo Hotel on the original site  
Stockdale's solicitors office where CJ worked as a clerk  
*Laura Standard* printing office, now CocoLaura, chocolate shop  
grave of his brother Bert in Laura cemetery  
inspirational spots such as the Rocky River and *Possum Park*  
... or take a drive out to the Beetaloo Reservoir

A both **Gladstone and Laura**, exhibitions in '**Brush with Art**' an annual spring time art trail of a dozen art galleries and exhibitions throughout the Flinders Ranges will be open from 10am to 4pm

Art Exhibition at **Gladstone Town Hall**

Photographic Exhibition at **Courthouse Gallery, Laura**



Published by **Wakefield Press** in 2014 this superbly researched and written book has received many accolades, including winner of the National Biography Prize 2015. Copies will be available for purchase.

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