

FAMILY TRAIL



EXPLORE THE STATE LIBRARY

The State Library collects and preserves our stories from the past and the present for you and future generations.

This trail will take you on an adventure through the Library to discover the many treasures and stories to be found.

Start in the glass foyer of the Library's Spence Wing and follow the trail to the famous Mortlock Wing, exploring the Library to finish at the Institute Building.



1. SPENCE WING

Head to the stairs leading to the upper level of the Spence Wing. Stop at the landing of the stairs and look up - you will see the person whom this wing is named after.

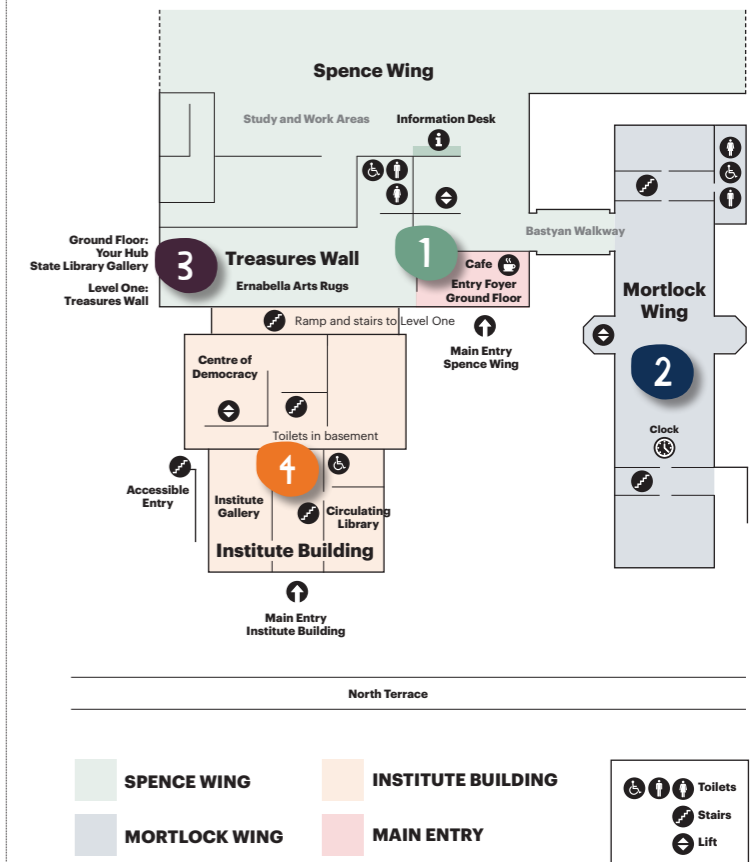
What is her name?

The picture here is an enlargement from a miniature portrait painting in oils, only 7 x 6 cm in size. The original was painted from a photograph by Adelaide artist Maude Gordon, in around 1900.



Did you know her portrait replaced the Queen on the Australian \$5 note in the year 2000?

LIBRARY MAP



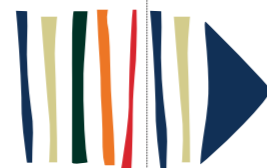
2. MORTLOCK WING

Walk across the Bastyan Walkway which connects the new building to the Mortlock Wing. As you enter the Mortlock Chamber take a moment to stop, look and listen.

How many stuffed birds can you see?

What animals can you see in the Mortlock Chamber?

Draw the animal that interests you the most.



FIRST FLOOR

Climb the stairs and discover the hundreds of books that formed the Circulating Library. People could pay a fee to join the library and borrow books. Now the State Library is a research library, but you can borrow books for free from any Public Library.

Explore the many shelves and find a title that captures your attention.

What is the name of the book?

How old do you think the oldest book in the Chamber is?

CLOCK

Stop and stand behind the clock, take a moment to listen to it tick.

Do you have a clock at home that makes a similar ticking sound?



Did you know this clock needs to be hand wound once a week to keep time? A librarian has done this every week for over 130 years.

Check out our family activities!





3. TREASURES WALL

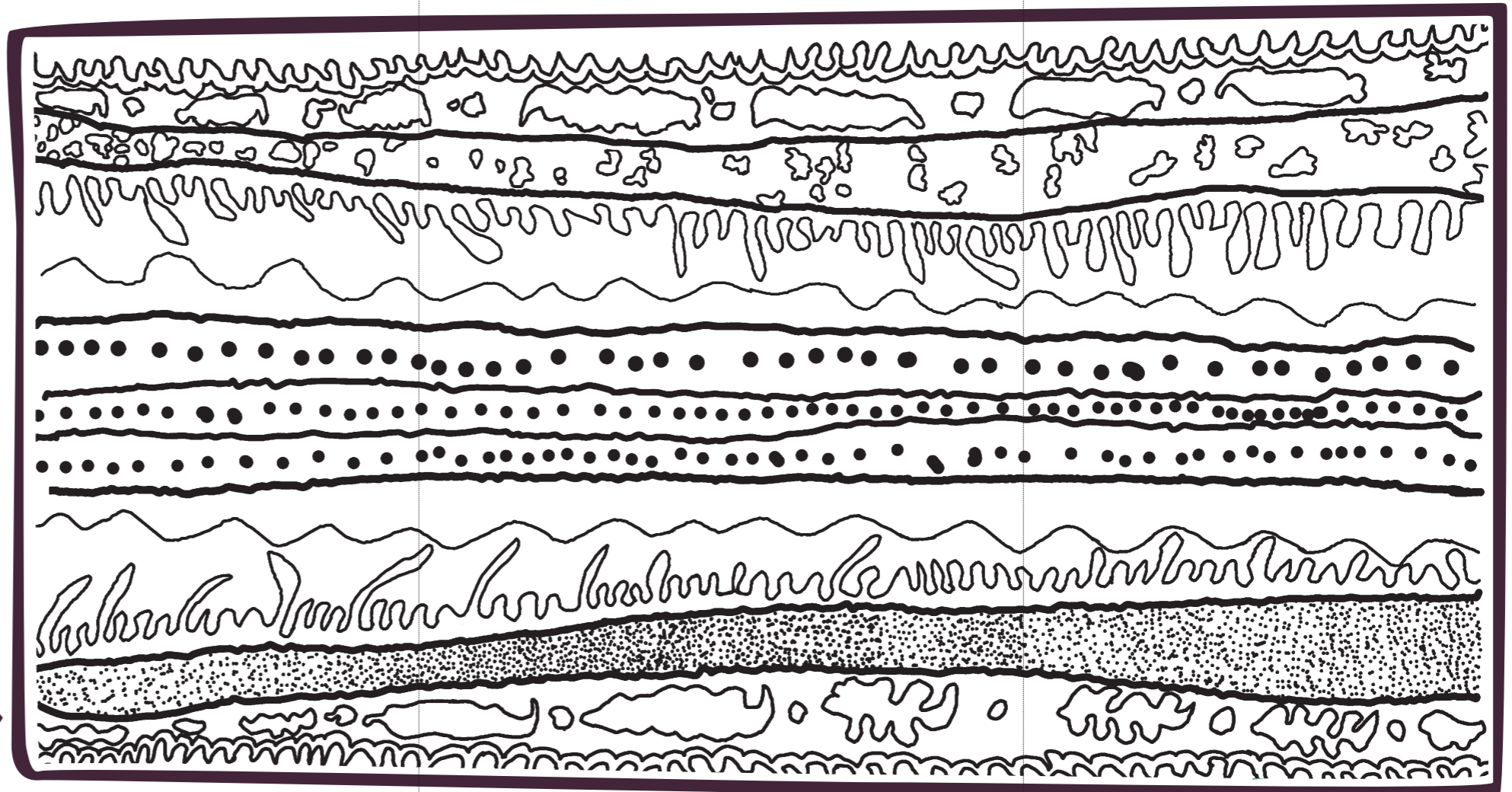
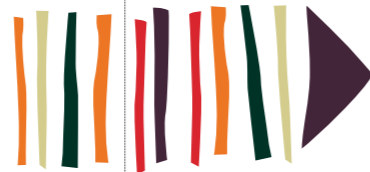
Walk to the Treasures Wall, stop and marvel at the many South Australian natural products along the Treasures Wall.

Which is your favourite?

Are you surprised by any of them?

The three vibrant rugs found near the Treasures Wall were designed by Pantjiti McKenzie from Ernabella Arts Inc of the Pukatja Community.

Colour in your own design of the rugs when you get home.



4. INSTITUTE BUILDING

Walk down the ramp to the Institute Building and step back in time into South Australia's first library, gallery, and museum.

Find the Circulating Library and peek into the first library with books filling the shelves.

Fun fact: Soon after this building was opened in 1861, the caretaker's dog was locked in overnight by accident and chewed some of the books!



The Institute Building in 1872 ...



... and today!

The room across the hallway is the first gallery of South Australia.

Draw what you think the first painting was in this gallery.

