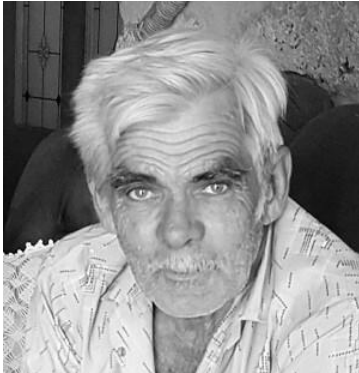


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Personal Stories Series **Peter Eric Mansfield-Cameron**

Cultural elder Peter Mansfield is a Milmiendjeri, Temperumindjeri (Tribes) Ngarrindjeri (Aboriginal person).

The Milmiendjerar and the Temperumindjerar are two tribes (lakalinyeri) of the language group, extending from Meningie to south of Salt Creek called the Tanganikald consisting of 33 family groups. Kald means language, so that name tells you that the 33 tribes spoke Tangani language.

Peter's Great Grandfather Alfred Cameron (Mileroun Tribal Name) purchased the land where Peter and his family live because it was the Tribal Land of his Grandmother, Yatuka which means initiated woman. She was the headwoman of the Temperumindjeri Tribe and her husband Mileroun was the last Headman (Munkumboli) of the Milmiendjeri Tribe prior to settlement. Local Aboriginal people could no longer live in the cultural way following settlement.

Peter and his wife (of Aboriginal descent from Millicent S.E. S.A.) have dedicated one room of their home to family history with many photographs, some dating back into the 1800's and writings left to them by Peter's Nanna and her sisters, and his aunts. Their home is decorated with artefacts and cultural weaving. The top priority in Peter and his wife's life is to impart as much of this wonderful culture (a side that we don't hear much about) to anyone who is interested.



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