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SPEAKER: Pam Robinson: THE LETTERS OF RACHEL HENNING.

Pam Robinson began her talk on Rachel Henning by outlining her English upper class background and the situation she and her siblings found themselves in after the early death of their parents.

After her brother and sister left for Australia Rachel's letter writing began in earnest. A year later Rachel and her sister followed in their brother Biddulph's footsteps. She continued her letter writing from the time she stepped onto the ship, but now to her sister back in England.

Pam read some interesting excerpts demonstrating Rachel's chatty style of writing, her keen observations and comments on events at home and as far away as Russia. Pam, having been a fan of Rachel Henning's writing and drawings for 35 years, presented a very entertaining and informative talk about a lady who, despite having lived in the bush for a number of years, retained her English poise.

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