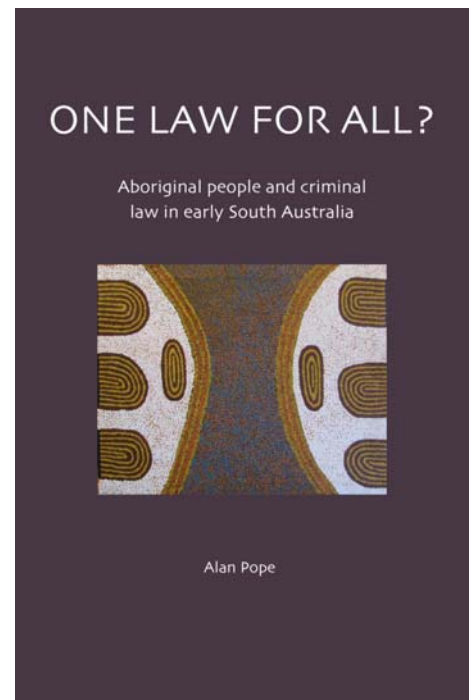


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New data, new material and new evidence are all achieved. —Dr James Warden, University of Canberra
 [N]ames many of its actors, both Aboriginal and British. —Dr Susan Marsden

Book blurb

In the planned colony of South Australia, Aboriginal people were to be British subjects, held accountable for their actions by English law, but fully entitled to its protection. However, the reality failed to meet the high expectations of London's reformers. The dreams rapidly soured as British law struggled to protect the settlers' interests and failed to protect Aboriginal lives and birthrights. In *One Law for All?* Alan Pope reveals how those complexities played out in the 'colony that was meant to do it better'.

Pope allows us to gain insight into Aboriginal people's motivation and frustration, and their efforts to cope with the invasion of their lands. He also reveals the efforts made by the judiciary and officials to try to apply the legal equality policy. *One Law for All?* paints a clear picture of the South Australian frontier.

Author(s)

Alan Pope became interested in contact history as a history teachers on the Eyre Peninsula. His archival research led to a series of articles, his book, *Resistance and Retaliation*, as well as this new one, *One Law for All?* After a career in education, including time as a curriculum writer, Alan Pope now manages an Australian training program for Iraqi public servants.

Main promotion

Major promotion will be via strategic marketing push, but will also employ freelance publicist to gain maximum exposure through the radio and print media.

This is major new research which provides both a description and an analysis of information rarely considered in other accounts. It draws extensively on historical data – SA Supreme Court records - which are difficult of access and so have been rarely used. It throws light on the whole contact history in SA in that period and names many of its actors, both Aboriginal and British. It reveals that despite the rhetoric, Aboriginal people were treated poorly in South Australia.