

**Friday, October 22**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **1844: Legendary French actress Sarah Bernhardt, renowned for portraying tragic heroines, was born**

**1721: Peter the Great was proclaimed Emperor of all the Russias, dropping the title of Tsar**

**1917: The Trans-Australian Railway was opened, running from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta**

**1987: Kuwait's supertanker loading terminal was badly damaged by an Iranian missile during the Iran-Iraq War**

**2009: Sweden's Lutheran Church became the first major church to decide to conduct same-sex marriages**