

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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Our railway heritage – another loss

From the Editor's Desk

Welcome back and wishing you all a happy 2009.

Details of forthcoming events are included in this Newsletter. Further information about activities still in the planning stages will appear in future Newsletters.

Monday 20 April will be our AGM. This is the time for you to select your office bearers and committee for the next year. A nomination form is enclosed in this Newsletter: copy it if you need more. If you would like to participate on the Committee or take a more active roll in the Society, please complete a form, cut it out and send it to the Secretary. There are six Committee members: each year three positions are made vacant and financial members are eligible to nominate for them. Talk to a Committee member if you want more information. Please note the earlier starting time for this meeting – **7.45 pm** – so that the AGM can be completed prior to the guest speaker's address.

The Newsletter Committee would like contributions from you about the City of Burnside. If you have any historical information relating to the Burnside area, it would be greatly appreciated. Even old photographs of the area can be copied. Or I can come and talk to you about your memories of the area. If you can help, please contact me at elainesmyth@aol.com or on 8332 8019.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The heat was relentless – every news item featured hardship somewhere. What an amazing country this is – a land of contrasts: droughts, cyclones, floods and fires – and water in the tropical north as far as the eye can see – and beyond! Many of you will remember the heat wave when we endured 14 days of heat over 100°F in the late 1930s – no air conditioning or refrigeration – not even fans as we had no electricity – and now we are told that the temperature could reach 50°C in years to come! I heard a listener ask a theologian during a radio discussion whether Hell would be hotter!

However, all this passes and we have much to look forward to in the coming months. History Week, 22-29 May, has much to offer and Burnside Historical Society is contributing with the excellent Bus Tours so ably led by Richard House, and the Walks of Burnside area led by other members. These walks should not be missed so do remember to book.

Congratulations to the members who received Community Award Certificates in recognition of their unstinting and freely given service over many years. We thank Christopher Pyne (Federal Member for Sturt) for his encouragement in this area as there are many dedicated and worthy volunteers in our community who need to be recognized.

Once again, you have an opportunity to join the Committee for 2009-10. There is a nomination form enclosed: the work is interesting and the company pleasant, so do not feel shy!

Life can be full of surprises, some wonderful and others not so. Our Newsletter Editor, Elaine Smyth, enjoyed a great trip to Peru in January, and then had to face surgery on her return. We wish her a perfect return to good health – and maybe a quiet period for some time is in order, Elaine.

John Clark, Colin Harris and I have been in discussion with Barry Cant of the Burnside City Council re the re-opening of the Wheal Watkins Mines which are in need of maintenance estimated to cost approximately \$67,000. An anonymous member of the BHS has presented the Burnside City Council with a cheque for \$30,000 which is a substantial contribution to this end and the re-commencement of tours. The Burnside City Council has committed to seeking complementary grant funding so that the necessary work can be undertaken. We do not wish to lose our treasures and will give the Council our full support.

We have a program of interesting speakers for your enjoyment and look forward to your company very much after our two months break. It is often said that the older you get, the faster time goes, so every day is to be treasured. However, with so much to interest one (and cause some despair – eg the cricket) the days seem to be shorter than before – or is it the nights! Great tennis, but now it will be back to routine!

The happiest people do not necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Talking Tickets

Isabel Williams, OAM, JP

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Clement Lindley Wragge

The subject of Peter Adamson's talk to members in May 2007, Clement (nicknamed 'Inclement' for his apparent love of such weather) Lindley Wragge surfaced again in Griff Rhys Jones' *Mountain* series on ABC television late last year.

The programme outlined Wragge's work on the summit of Ben Nevis, which he reached by pony, establishing in 1883 a weather station that was sponsored by, among others, Queen Victoria.

The ruins of the station, which closed in 1904, can still be seen by intrepid climbers of Scotland's highest peak.

C.J.Dennis

A recent visit to Clare uncovered the headstone of the three siblings of C.J.Dennis, mentioned by Denise Schumann in her address to the Society in July 2008.

Members of the staff of the school that adjoins St Michael's Catholic Church and the site of its cemetery, were stunned to learn that the headstone resides on a wall abutting the school's playground .

Peter Davies

MEETINGS

MEETINGS of the Burnside Historical Society are held in the Burnside Community Centre, corner of Portrush Road and Fisher Street, Tusmore (car park and entrance off Fisher Street) at 8 pm on the third Monday of the month, unless an alternative time or venue is notified. Admission is free and a supper provided. Visitors are most welcome.

(Information regarding our talks is always posted at the Library.)

Monday 16 February, 8 pm

John Banks Shepherdson – first school master, farmer and Special Magistrate

Speaker: Eric Spehr

John Banks Shepherdson was born in Yorkshire in 1809, the son of a farm labourer. In 1836 George Fife Angas gave John a two year contract as Director of Schools for South Australia. John arrived in the Colony with his family in October 1837. At the conclusion of the contract, he farmed for several years near Nairne. In 1849 John took up the post of Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates at Mount Barker. In 1861 he was made a Magistrate and dispatched to the raw new mining town of Wallaroo where he lived out the remainder of his life. John Shepherdson was the speaker's great, great, grandfather.

Monday 16 March, 8 pm

Teaching in the 1950s and 60s.

Speaker: Glen Woodward

A presentation of stories from Glen and some of his fellow teachers about teaching and living in different communities in South Australia. Glen went out as a Junior Teacher, straight from Year 11, in 1947 before entering Adelaide Teachers College in 1948. He then taught in a variety of country areas.

Monday 20 April, 7.45 pm – AGM (Note early start)

The Diplomatic Gardener. Richard Schomburgk: explorer and Botanic Gardens Director.

Speaker: Dr Pauline Payne

As a young man Richard Schomburgk survived the challenges of a nineteenth century expedition of exploration to South America before emigrating from Berlin to begin a new life in colonial South Australia. After establishing a farm and vineyard near Gawler he was appointed as second Director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. During his long career as Director he established the Moreton Bay Fig Walk, the first Victoria Lily House, the old Palm House, the Museum of Economic Botany and Botanic Park. He became one of the greatest introducers of plants (both ornamental and utilitarian) in Australia.

Monday 18 May, 8 pm

Jewellery.

Speaker: Brian Sarre

Brian worked with his father in Claude Sarre Jewellers before taking over the management of the business. He later sold the business and retired in 1997. There were some interesting experiences in the jewellery trade and Brian will relate some of these and the whims of the people who bought the jewellery.

Monday 15 June, 8 pm

Charles Birks Ltd – the Story of a Department Store

Speaker: Graham Polglase

The business commenced in the mid 1800s as a family department store and became David Jones in 1954. The talk will outline the coming together of two great retail stores. Graham will show a collection of historical memorabilia from the Archives. The David Jones Employees Welfare Trust (SA Stores) was set up to share Napier Birks' wealth. A brief history of this Trust will be given.

Tour of the Traffic Control Centre

37-41 Norwood Parade

Monday 25 May at 2.00 pm sharp

Meet at the centre on the corner of Sydenham Road
and Norwood Parade

**Bookings essential as numbers are limited
Contact Isabel Williams – 8379 4090**

There will be an optional lunch at 12.00 noon at The
Britannia Hotel (Opposite the famous Roundabout)

History Week 23-31 May

Once again the Society will be leading Walks and Bus Tours of the City of Burnside during History Week. Contact the Council re dates and bookings. Further information will be available at future meetings.

Largely Forgotten Story – Peterborough and World War Two

17 November 2008

John Mannion was no stranger to those of us who went on the Society's weekend trip *Bullockies, Farmers and Railwaymen* to Peterborough, Orroroo and Pekina in 2006. He was the local historian and guide who made the trip memorable. His lecture was originally presented to the SA Historical Society in March 2008 and David and I had no hesitation in recommending that he give the same lecture to the BHS.

As a preamble John showed a new 16 minute film he made during September-October 2008, *The Last Train to Nowhere*. It tells the story of work in progress, where history is being made – or rather destroyed.

Designed for the haulage of grain and wool, the narrow gauge railway line took one year to build and in 1882 it was gazetted as the 'Terowie/Pichi Richi Railway line'. The track from Eurelia to Kingswood, south of Quorn, was pulled up about 20 years ago, but the 56 km. section from Peterborough to Eurelia (previously used by *Steamtown*), is being pulled up now, with the sleepers and rail line being salvaged. Peterborough was the divisional headquarters of the line from Broken Hill to Port Pirie, and Terowie to Quorn – one of history's great narrow gauge railway towns. During World War Two the railway was stretched to the limit, carrying troops (estimated at over 300,000), equipment and supplies to and from the large military trans-shipment centres at Terowie and Alice Springs. Maintenance was almost non-existent, so that after the war it was badly run-down.

The film included many old photographs of scenery, landscapes, rolling stock and local identities. An especially poignant segment had the camera on a trolley running down the line, around the bends and through the cuttings. A three man team from Queensland won the demolition contract and they were shown in action. One of our members, Alan Cross, was particularly interested in the railway film as he travelled on troop trains between Adelaide and Alice Springs three times during the war years.

The power-point presentation *The Largely Forgotten Story* was then attempted, but unfortunately it would not work on the BHS laptop. The script was read without the marvellous, historic photographs supporting his topic. David and I knew what you all missed!

The largely forgotten story is about the history of post World War II migration around Peterborough. Arthur Caldwell's scheme for displaced persons from Europe was designed to meet Australia's need for labour. John used taped oral history recordings to recreate his story. Some descendents were still in Peterborough, but random searches for certain names through the telephone directory in Adelaide reaped rewards, and many were willing to participate in his research. There were touching tales from different individuals and their first experiences in Australia.

Initially 18,000 'Balts' from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were accepted as migrants, but there was a shortage of ships to bring them to Australia. In 1948 the first 18 of these arrived in Peterborough. At first they lived in tents – later galvanized iron huts. They were trained for railway work as firemen and porters. The men worked hard, some shot rabbits for food, but major problems included language barriers, loneliness and alcohol abuse. In 1950 German and Polish migrants arrived and there was some animosity between the races. Many other nationalities came out as second wave migration (Dutch, Czech's, Hungarians etc.), and there were railway camps in different towns. Peterborough's migrants increased to 300 at one stage and it became a working-man's town – a railway town. Some of the older SA railwaymen took migrants into their homes and looked after them. Today, some of their descendants are still employed in the railways, although not at Peterborough. John found that many of the women remembered the 'Balts' – they wore suits and treated women 'properly'. A lot stayed on after serving their compulsory two-years and married local girls. There is still a lot of pride amongst succeeding generations.

Thank you John for your work as a local historian and for your willingness to travel from Pekina (near Peterborough) to present this lecture.

Barbara Parker

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2009

All subscriptions fall due on **1 April this year**: the amount will be set at the AGM.

Membership fees may be paid at our monthly meetings or posted to the Treasurer, Richard House, at the Society's address indicated on the inside back cover.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **28th Annual General Meeting** of the **Burnside Historical Society Inc.** will be held in the **Burnside Community Centre** on **Monday 20 April 2009, at 7.45 pm.** *(Please note the earlier commencing time of 7.45 pm for our AGM in order that the talk which follows may begin around 8 pm in the usual way.)*

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 21/4/2008
4. President’s Report
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Determination of Subscription Fees for 2009/2010
7. Election of the Committee for 2009/2010
8. Election of the Auditor for 2009/2010
9. Any other business
10. Close of meeting

The current Committee (elected at the previous AGM) consists of:

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| President | * Isabel Williams OAM, JP |
| Vice-President | * Colin Harris |
| Secretary | * Sharan Northcott |
| Treasurer | * Richard House |
| Other Members: | * John Clark |
| | John Love |
| | * Shirley Sumerling |
| | Eleanor Trott |
| | * June Ward |
| | Mary Wilson |

In accordance with Paragraph 8.1 of the Society’s Constitution, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other members are due to retire. The members whose names are marked * (above) are those whose term expires at the 2009 AGM, and are eligible for re-election.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NOMINATION FORM

The following member is nominated to serve on the Committee:

Nominee

Address

Telephone

Committee position

For the term of office between and

(e.g. between 2009 and 2010)

** See below*

I agree to accept nomination for the above position:

Signature of nominee

Proposed by

Seconded by

** Each year the following are elected for a one-year term:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer*

** Three Committee Members are elected each alternate year for a two-year term.*

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A PHOENIX ARISES AT MARBLE HILL

New life is about to be breathed into the ruins of the former Vice-regal summer residence at Marble Hill that stands on the range between Ashton and Cherryville.

In 1982, the East Torrens Historical Society adopted a sketch of Marble Hill as its logo. The ruin of this impressive Gothic-design building has a special significance for the residents of the former District Council of East Torrens, now Marble Hill Ward of Adelaide Hills Council. The ruin is one of the few remaining links with the devastating bushfires of Black Sunday, 2nd January 1955, which forever changed the social landscape of East Torrens.

The proposed restoration of Marble Hill is 'big news' for the heritage of the East Torrens area. Some members of the East Torrens Historical Society were on Kangaroo Island with visitors from England when the announcement was made. They were contacted by friends from Uraidla saying, 'Have you seen today's paper, page 10?' Filled with curiosity, they headed into American River to buy a newspaper.

Marble Hill was built between 1877 and 1879 as the new summer residence for the Governor of South Australia, replacing the original residence at Government Farm, Belair. The reason behind the choice of the site are uncertain, but was apparently influenced by the then Governor, Lt. General Sir William Jervois. At the time of the purchase, the property was leased by the Sharp family, the owner being land investor Peter D. Pranker who, by this time, had retired to England.

The architect for the project was William McMinn of the Surveyor General's Office. McMinn designed a number of beautiful Adelaide buildings including the General Post Office and the Supreme Court, but more of him on another occasion.

Fifteen governors made use of the residence between 1880 and 1955, some being more enthusiastic than others about life at this relatively isolated site. Some of the governors became part of the local scene; they attended St John's Church of England at Norton Summit, played cricket with the local teams and were supplied by Summertown's grocer Mr T.H. Percival whose billheads carried the form 'By Appointment'.

In 1967 the property came under the management of the National Trust of South Australia and from 1973 the late Ted Eling undertook some restoration work for the National Trust. The tower, the Governor's office under the tower, the servants' wing and the coach-house were rebuilt. The National Trust struggled for 10 years to fund the restoration work and ended its association in 1992 when Government funding support finally 'dried up'.

The Friends of Marble Hill group was formed in 1994 and over the past 14 years it has undertaken a huge amount of voluntary work at the site and hosted many hundreds of open days and group visits. The Friends group estimated that they had contributed \$500,000 in cash and in-kind support to the upkeep of the property.

Nearly two years ago, the Department for Environment and Heritage called for expressions of interest in the future management of the property. In May 2008 Environment Minister, Gail Gago, announced that a heads of agreement had been signed with Adelaide businessman Edwin Michell and his wife, Dr Patricia Bishop. Both have a long-standing interest in South Australia's heritage and the Adelaide Hills. Dr Bishop's family have been orchardists at Norton Summit and Basket Range since 1851 and Mr Michell's forebears settled at Cudlee Creek in 1868, later moving their wool-scouring operations to Undalya.

Now, 54 years after the Black Sunday fires, this once impressive residence will literally reappear from the ruins.

Geoffrey Bishop

Note: at this time, the sale of the property is yet to be concluded. An Open Day was held at Marble Hill last October (2008) and the Marble Hill Ward Australia Day celebrations were held there on 26th January 2009. Both events were co-ordinated by the East Torrens Historical Society.



Open Day, October 2008

MARBLE HILL

Marble Hill is located at the peak of a densely wooded ridge. It is built in the Victorian Gothic Revival style, adapted for Australian conditions by the addition of large verandahs and balconies. The sandstone used for construction was sourced from local quarries. It comprised 26 main rooms. The interior decoration was Victorian with relatively little intricate detail. It was intended to be a retreat from the summer heat of the Adelaide Plains, rather than a primary residence.

Bushfires have been a regular threat to the building. There were threats in 1901 when Lord and Lady Tennyson were in residence and in 1912 when the English cricket team disrupted their dinner to help beat back the flames. The house was threatened again during the fires of 1939.

The severe weather conditions and bushfires of January 1955 saw the malthoid used to waterproof the verandahs and the seaweed used to insulate the roof catch alight and spread to the house. At the time Sir Robert George and the rest of the household struggled to save the building. Fifteen people remained during the fire and they sheltered under wet blankets in the lee of a retaining wall while the fire swept over them. The Government decided not to rebuild and instead dedicated it to the National Trust as a public reserve.

The Flinders Column, *Marble Hill – the next Chapter*. Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society, No. 121, July 2008

A valuable resource

A research paper by Ross Both and Greg Drew on the history of the Glen Osmond silver-lead mines has recently been published and a copy has been lodged with the Local History Collection of the Burnside Library. It is not only good reading for all, but an extremely valuable reference for historians, teachers and students.

The full reference is:

Both, Ross A. and Drew, Greg J., 2008: 'The Glen Osmond silver-lead mines, South Australia: Australia's first metalliferous mines'. *Journal of Australasian Mining History*, v.6, pp. 21-45.

The journal is also available in the State Library of South Australia.

MOUNT OSMOND - GREENHILL ASH WEDNESDAY FIRE

In response to the devastating bushfires that have raged through Victoria's bush country in this last month I thought it relevant to include the following article which was part of Euan Ferguson's speech at the opening of Eurilla on February 22nd, 2008. Euan is Chief Officer of the Country Fire Service.(Ed.)

The Mount Osmond – Greenhill Ash Wednesday fire started at about 1:30 pm on the 16th February, 1983. The probable cause was low voltage conductors clashing and arcing as a result of strong winds, then igniting dry grasses underneath. Around the same time, other major fires were burning in the vicinity of Woodside, Bridgewater, Hahndorf and Mylor.

In its initial stages, the fire raced up steep slopes towards houses adjacent to the Mt Osmond Golf Course. Long flames roared as the fire, like a wild red steer, was drawn by slope and wind up gullies to Mountain View Crescent and Mount Osmond Road. Even before the fire, visibility was low because of wind driven dust storms. But now, a boiling mass of dust and smoke, full of heat and exploding firebrands, surged ahead of the main fire front. Day turned to night. The already heat wave conditions became even more intolerable.

Murray Nicholl describes the situation at Greenhill: *"The sky is red, then its white! It's going crazy. The fire jumped 100 to 150 feet high, right over the top of Greenhill Road. We can hardly breathe. The air is white with heat"*.

The usual cacophony of a summer bushland gave way to the roar and thunder of an all consuming crown fire. The south-eastern freeway was closed. Vehicles, bumper-to-bumper, crawled through the smoke and debris in first gear, terrified occupants not knowing exactly what lay ahead of them. By now the fire was across Waterfall Gully and into the Cleland Conservation Park. The Eagle-On-The-Hill Hotel and BP petrol station were on fire. The fire met drivers on the Upper Sturt Road coming into Crafers.

Suddenly the wind changed violently to the south west, pushing the conflagration from treetop to treetop towards Mount Lofty. The Summit kiosk was demolished and glass in the 30 metre high fire spotting tower cracked. The sole survivor here was the cement obelisk, built in 1902 to mark Matthew Flinders. After the fire, the obelisk stood as a lone sentinel, a beacon of hope and resilience, amongst the mountains of ash and destruction.

The fire continued its march. Many historic homes were lost including the 130

year old *Mount Lofty House*, just down the road from here, *St Michael's House*, *Drysdale* at Norton Summit, and here, where we stand today, *Eurilla*.

By 9.00 pm, light rains started falling and brought welcome relief to exhausted fire fighters. However, it took another four days for this fire to be completely brought under control.

More than 900 personnel were involved in the fire control effort over three days. Crews were drawn from CFS brigades, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Woods and Forests and Metropolitan Fire Service. Many other emergency service and community organizations were involved in support and relief operations.

One Summertown CFS volunteer, Peter Matthies, lost his life whilst trying to protect his new found mates on the Carey Gully appliance near Mount Bonython. Four other fire fighters were hurt. Twenty eight houses were lost on Greenhill and Yarrabee Roads. Four local residents lost their lives trying to save their houses, or fleeing the inferno. Numerous other victims suffered serious burns.

The fire burnt over 3,300 hectares and a total of 68 homes, one hotel and one service station. We applaud and recognize the diligent and valiant efforts of those who fight such fires, or who defend themselves from them. These events produce heroic saves and heartbreaking horrors.

Catastrophic bushfires are a feature of the landscape we love. The Ash Wednesday bushfires have shaped the ethos of CFS, of our local and state governments and of our society. Indeed, our collective response to bushfire: summed up by the image of grimy sweat soaked mates working shoulder to shoulder to fight a common threat has shaped our national character.

Since 1983, new generations have grown and moved into the Adelaide Hills. We have a duty to pass on to our children and to our children's children, the lesson to learn to live with bushfire, or pay the terrible consequences.

For a generation, the memories of what happened here 25 years ago will remain as vivid and raw as they were in the ashes of the aftermath. We take this opportunity to reflect on the lives of those who perished, and to share the pain of those who survived, and those who lost so much.

Reprinted from:
The Flinders Column. No 120, April 2008. Mount Lofty Districts Historical

FERGUSON CONSERVATION PARK

The following article was written by Ken Preiss, in August, 1981 and it is re-printed from the Burnside Historical Society Newsletter, Vol 1, No 4 of September 1981.

Ferguson Conservation Park, to the east of Hallett Road, is an undulating foothills park of some eight hectares in area. The Park has a natural woodland aspect and is frequented by several native bird species, particularly during the flowering of the Blue Gum which dominates the park.

Since about 1880 various owners have directed management toward the conservation of the native vegetation and associated bird life. In 1879 and 1881 Simpson Newland purchased two parcels of land which together now comprise St. Peters Girls' School and Ferguson Park. In 1881 he sold a portion of one (now the school) and in 1902 his son, Henry Simpson Newland (later Sir), acquired an interest in the balance of the land, now Ferguson Park.

In 1926, Alexander Melrose became the proprietor of this land and on his death in 1944 it was his wish that his niece, Miss Alice Effie Ferguson, be offered the land. Miss Ferguson purchased the land from his estate and shortly before her death in 1949, at the suggestion of Sir Henry Simpson Newland, she gave the land to the South Australian Government "for the benefit of the public in perpetuity".

The Park was initially managed by the South Australian Government Tourist Bureau and in 1972 came under the control of the National Parks & Wildlife Service who intend to manage the Park to, *inter alia*, control unwanted plant species and to restore and maintain the natural vegetation.

Ferguson Park has an active Friends group which meets at 10 am at the Park on the first Sunday of each month. Notable for being the first Friends of Parks group established in South Australia, the group has developed significant expertise in bush regeneration and weed management. Contact either Ken Preiss (8431 2233) or the current President, Geoffrey Bishop (8390 3138) if you would like to help. (Ed.)

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be:

- 2.1 to arouse interest in and to promote the study and discussion of Australian and South Australian history and in particular, the history of the City of Burnside;
- 2.2 to promote the collection, recording, preservation and classification of works, source material and artefacts of all kinds relating to Burnside history;
- 2.3 to assist in the protection and preservation of buildings, works and sites of historical significance in the City of Burnside;
- 2.4 to co-operate with similar societies and other bodies throughout Australia;
- 2.5 to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objectives.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 2008-2009

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Responsible Officer:	“ “ “ “ “
Vice-President:	Colin Harris, PSM (8331 3571)
Secretary:	Sharan Northcott (8332 1761)
Treasurer:	Richard House
Committee:	John Clark, John Love, Shirley Sumerling, Eleanor Trott, June Ward and Mary Wilson.

Newsletter Subcommittee:

Elaine Smyth, Editor (8332 8019), Peter Davies, Barbara Parker, PSM and Elizabeth Rogers, OAM.

Contributors: Apart from the Newsletter Subcommittee, we are fortunate to have several occasional contributors whose names appear with their articles in the relevant issues.

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Supper Co-ordinator: Hazel Newton

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Membership fees: currently \$25 family, and \$17 single, due in April each year and may be sent to the Treasurer at the Society's address (above) or paid at a monthly meeting.

Front Cover:

Removal of the narrow gauge railway line near Hall's Well between Walloway and Eurelia. Photo John Mannion, 2008

This line was built in 1882 to haul grain and wool from Quorn to the coast, through Terowie. During World War 2 it was part of the railway network used to carry troops and supplies to Alice Springs. This final section being removed is between Peterborough and Eurelia.

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