

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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From the Editor's Desk

So far this year we have had several new members and we welcome them to the Society. One new member, Judy Fander, is actively researching Burnside History and writing a book. She has requested information to help in this quest so please assist her if you can.

Additionally, Caroline Munchenberg at the Burnside Library is undertaking a project to provide interactive local history sessions to primary school students in the district and to groups during the school holidays. What a great initiative. It will help keep local history alive amongst the younger generation. Caroline would like help in delivering this program and in amassing props so, again, please assist if you can.

At each of our meetings we have one of our members write up a short report for this *Newsletter*. If you are able to help with this please contact me on 8332 8019 or esmyth@adam.com.au.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

* Deadline for September 2014 Newsletter is 25 July.

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The Society gratefully acknowledges annual grant funding from the City of Burnside to help support the production of this *Newsletter*.

President's Message

At the Annual General Meeting we welcomed two “new” committee members – Dr Ross Both (for a term of one year) and David Rogers (for two years). They are returning to the committee after Ross, when previously on it, had been liaising with the Burnside Council about the possibility of reopening Wheal Watkins and David had been the Treasurer for two years. The President, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-elected for a further year. Anne Both re-nominated for a further year, taking up the one year remaining of June Ward's two year appointment. Ally Preiss and Geraldine Treloar are continuing on the committee in their two year appointments. Vice President Colin Harris, Minute Secretary June Ward, and committee members John Love and Margaret Beare have all retired from the committee. We are currently short of two committee members so if you are interested in joining, please ask one of the committee members. You would be very welcome and will be able to add new ideas.

Recognition was given at the AGM to those retiring:-

Margaret Beare, who has been responsible for name badges and acted as the publicity officer for meetings in the Burnside Library and Community Centre.

June Ward, who joined the Society in 1999 and has served on the committee since 2001, seven as Minute Secretary. She has persevered with this task and faithfully produced agendas and minutes on time. June received an Award of Recognition in 2009. She organised a tour of the University of Adelaide and assisted her husband, Brian, with the River Murray Meander Regional Tour.

John Love as a Foundation member of the Society was on the Steering Committee that drafted the constitution. He is a Life Member and was a recipient of an Award of Recognition in 2008. He has been a committee member from 1995-2014. John initiated recording to tape of our speakers for the meetings and then organised the digitising of the presentations. He also drafted the form we now use for speakers for copyright of their presentations. John recalls having had trouble with copyright in the State Archives as he tried to make sense of the Copyright Act, and when doing this then he got valuable advice from the Copyright Council. John also wrote the Emergency Procedures for the Society and is the Chief Warden. More recently he wrote up a Risk Management Policy to

cover members during meetings and outside activities. He has been managing the Society's resources for projects and the committee minutes. He has also led historical walks in Rose Park.

Colin Harris has been a “quiet achiever” beaver away behind the scenes. He joined the Society in 1995 and after two years on the committee was Vice President for a year in 2008-9 and then President for two years in 2009-11 before being Vice President again for the following three years. Colin has shared his extensive knowledge, including personal recollections, as a long-time resident of Burnside. This has enabled him to provide a very informed commentary on the foothills bus trips of Burnside which he has led for several years during History Month and also when leading walking tours of local areas to Burnside, Waterfall Gully, Beaumont and the Magill Stone Mines. He has also organised and led well-researched and enjoyable biennial regional bus tours (2007–14). Colin has worked on the Wheal Watkins Mines Group and the plaques projects. He put great effort into the Bell Yett interpretive signage for which he accepted an inaugural Burnside Council Heritage Award for the Society at the 2014 Australia Day. He has supported the creation of the Society’s website and with *Newsletter* Editor Elaine Smyth continues to maintain it. In his walks, tours and presentations Colin has contributed sociocultural and geographical aspects where they have been relevant to the history.

It is with sadness that we note that **Margaret Angove**, wife of the first Burnside Historical Society President Dr Roger Angove, passed away at the end of December 2013. Then, in March this year, member Robert Brown rang me to say that his mother **Rosemary Brown** had passed away. She joined the society in 1982 and was a member of the *Newsletter* Editorial Committee for nine years, writing articles and reports of meetings. Her newsletter article about the current site of Burnside Village before it was developed was quoted in *SA Life* magazine (June 2012) which thrilled her.

In May our State celebrates volunteer participation. Members who have donated their time to lead Society walks during South Australia’s History Festival are **Ally Preiss** (Eastwood), **Anne and Ross Both** (Glen Osmond) and **Sandra Lachlan** (Historic Magill Wesleyan Cemetery). **Colin Harris** will conduct the popular bus tour of the Burnside foothills with volunteer bus driver, member **George Rogers**. I hope you could join some of these

activities. **Anne Both** will give a well-researched presentation about the circumstances of Foot Constable William Hyde's death at the May monthly meeting. She will touch on the controversial issue of his Memorial highlighted in newspapers late last year.

Meredith Ide, JP

Welcome to our most recent new members – Erika Micklen, Antony and Mary Lou Simpson and Mary Wilson. We hope you enjoy discovering the history of Burnside and the company of our members.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – A HISTORY

And now some history about ourselves! Richard House has used his 2013 AGM presentation as the basis for producing a generously illustrated history of the society from its commencement in 1980 to 2013.

This fascinating book will surprise you when you see how many activities we have been involved in since foundation. You may even find a photo of yourself!

For sale at the modest price of \$6

Buy a copy at one of our meetings or ring Richard
on 8552 4723 or 0403 774 596

Program of MEETINGS and EVENTS for 2014

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 **7.30 pm** on the third Monday of the month, unless an alternative time or venue is notified. Admission is free and supper provided. Visitors are most welcome.

Monday 16 June - Pam Gray

The Teapot and The Bible

Pam Gray and Barbara Macey are the great-great-granddaughters of Frederick George Waterhouse. In their address they will give us a brief biography of Waterhouse and his association with John McDouall Stuart and the Great Northern Expedition, blazing the trail for the later Overland Telegraph. They will give particular attention to his association with Burnside, the Waterhouse family having lived at *Wandeen* on Lockwood Road (demolished, but commemorated by one of the Society's plaques).

In the course of hearing family anecdotes, we will learn how Barbara came into possession of the silver tea pot and how Pam acquired the family Bible.

Monday 21 July – David O'Loughlin

Art Deco

In 1925 Paris hosted the Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes. It marked a turning point in design and decorative arts that had origins prior to WW1 but was not shared internationally until this exhibition. The new style, formally named 'Art Deco' in the mid 60's, permeated fashion, music, jewellery, art, automobile design and a plethora of household goods in addition to architecture until it was curtailed by the advent of WW2. This presentation will reveal how the worldwide phenomena of Art Deco exhibited itself in South Australia and more locally - even in your own childhood home.

A founding member and now Convenor of the Adelaide Chapter of the Art Deco and Modernism Society (ADMS), David O'Loughlin is also the Mayor of Prospect and resides in a wonderful example of the period - now on the State Heritage register. Born in Port Pirie, he has studied architecture and project management, practised as a builder and worked extensively within both the private and government construction sectors. David and his wife Alison have travelled the world enjoying everything Art Deco, including some of its more obscure origins.

Monday 18 August - Dr Geoffrey Bishop

Mary Penfold

The origin of many wine companies is shrouded in vague 'facts' which, with a bit of good research, can be proven or dismissed. Penfolds' Wines is a good example of this. For decades the company's public relations ignored the role played by Mary Penfold, wife of Dr Christopher Penfold, and even after she was given some credit, the role of the company manager, Joseph Gillard Jr, was ignored. Come and find out who these two people were and what roles they played in building Penfolds' Wines to the large wine-making concern it was by 1900.

Geoffrey Bishop studied agricultural science at the University of Adelaide, graduating with a PhD in Plant Pathology and currently works with Environments by Design in natural resource management. Historical research is a serious hobby, with a special interest in horticultural and wine industry history. He is currently writing a history of the former Vice-Regal residence at Marble Hill and amongst numerous other positions is currently President of the Historical Society of South Australia.

Monday 15 September – Lyn O'Grady

Kennion House – the Anglican Boys' Home in Walkerville

The Church of England Boys' Home in Walkerville cared for boys from broken and destitute homes for nearly 100 years. The home accepted boys from the age of 4 and they stayed until 12 years of age when, in most cases, they were placed in laboring work. The oral history project scratches the surface of the memories of the 'old boys' now in their senior years. What did the Home mean to them, what was life really like and were there any good times?

Lyn O'Grady became an oral historian in the mid-1990s as part of a Walkerville Library project. She became interested in local history and after attending a State History Conference founded the Walkerville Historical Society in the year 2000. Since then she has gathered as much information as can be found, or offered, on the people and places of this small suburb, established as the third village outside of Adelaide in December 1838.

Monday 20 October – Alan Hartley
*They Crossed the World to Settle in South Australia – A Song
Writer's View*

Monday 17 November – Christeen Schoepf
South Australia's cheer Up Society

Coorong Tour, 18-19 October 2014

Join your friends from the Society in an informative and enjoyable weekend tour to the Coorong with overnight (motel) accommodation at Kingston.

Previous regional tours organised by the BHS have travelled through the Coorong, but only in transit. There has been no detailed look at the history and natural history of this fascinating area and this trip will present an opportunity to see why the area has world-wide recognition and why so much concern has focussed on its health and its future.

Colin Harris will again lead the tour and those who have travelled with him to such regions as Yorke Peninsula, Upper Spencer Gulf and the South Coast will know that these tours are not just interesting and informative, but also fun – an opportunity to get to know each other better, and share some laughs in the process.

An expression of interest flyer is included in this *Newsletter* – fill it in now if you are able to join the tour!

**Guided Walk along the Historic Precinct of Prospect
Road, Prospect
Sunday, 10 August 2014
2.00 – 5.00 pm**

Prospect Local History Group will guide members on a walk along the historic central shopping precinct of Prospect Road. Many of the shops still retain their original features.

You will hear stories about the original shopkeepers and their families: that Prospect Road was not its original name: about the mystery of *Sluggo* the grocery shop cat and other cat stories. Old photographs of some shops will be available, including one of the impressive art deco former police station and court house which is now the home of Shanker's Restaurant, complete with cells in the backyard.

To book phone: Meredith Ide 8365 3049 or 0439 478 352

Please advise Meredith if you are unable to attend so someone else can join the walk.

Numbers are limited to 25 walkers so book early!

Donation: \$5 to the *Prospect Local History Group* - payable on the day

The walk will start and end at the Prospect Town Hall.

It is about one kilometre in length and will take approximately one hour

Transport: By car – car pooling

Meet at: 1.30 pm sharp at the Burnside Community Centre car park, off Fisher Street

At Prospect: Meet in the car park at the rear of the Prospect Council Chambers, 128 Prospect Road, Prospect

Afternoon tea: TBA – at own cost

Some *Prospect Local History Group publications* will be available for sale after the tour, ranging in cost from \$5 up to \$20. There will also be available some free general history information about Prospect. To research the local history use the website: www.prospecthistory.net

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AGM 21 April 2014

This is my third report as President in the Society's 33rd year. I will demonstrate how the Society achieved its Objectives. I thank the committee and sub-committees for their support in guiding the Society during the past year.

Objective 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

Eleven general meetings were held with an average attendance of 53. Three talks related to local history. In April Richard House OAM gave a brief overview of the 30-year history of our Society. During *About Time: South Australia's History Festival*, Vice President Colin Harris, PSM detailed *Burnside's first industrial zone*. In November the three Oral History project interviewers described the process and outcomes.

Eight meetings covered South Australian history, including January's visit to St Peter's Cathedral. In June, member Kate Walsh spoke about *Adelaide Hills landscape gardener George Smith*; in July Marcus Beresford gave a passionate talk about the *Future of the Royal Adelaide Hospital precinct*. Speakers from August to October delivered presentations about significant figures in the State's early history; Don Goldney about *John Dunn, The Father of Mount Barker*, Jim Everett about *Charles Campbell of Campbelltown* and Geoffrey Bishop talked of winemaker *Dr. W.T. Angove*. February's speaker, Richard Venus, concentrated on little known *Maurice Grant, an electrical pioneer* of both State and Australian interest.

Last month Dr Keryn Walshe gave a fascinating insight into *Early Adelaide life through archaeological digs*. Thanks go to the Program subcommittee, Colin Harris and Ally Preiss and to others who provided names of speakers and suggestions for trips. In May a visit to the Art Gallery of South Australia, planned by Anne Both, viewed Colonial Art. Last November a busload of members travelled to Willunga for an informative and social outing. Thanks to Anne and Ross Both for organising the day trip and for their research and notes.

The Extended Index to Elizabeth Warburton's *The Paddocks Beneath*, compiled by Richard House, was very popular. The Society continues to participate in South Australia's History Festival. In May 2013 guided walks were conducted of Beaumont, Rose Park and Eastwood. There was a May bus tour of the foothills village of Burnside and in Spring walks of Beaumont and Knightsbridge were organised. Walking guides were Ally and Margaret Preiss, Colin Harris PSM and Isabel Williams OAM.

Colin organized the popular bus tour. In May 2012 Burnside's Mayor unveiled the impressive sign in Bell Yett Reserve and adjacent plaque, both funded by Council, researched and project managed by Colin Harris. Late 2013 Colin initiated a nomination of the Bell Yett interpretative signage in Burnside Council's inaugural Heritage Awards - Research and Investigation category. On Australia Day Colin received the award on behalf of the Burnside Historical Society. Thank you, Colin for your considerable effort, assisted by Elaine Smyth.

We continue to receive enquiries and requests via the website's enquiry and feedback page. Web developer Jeremy Carter supports Elaine and Colin as required as they update and upload information. A photograph gallery has been added. I encourage you to look regularly at the website.

Objective 2: to promote the collection, recording, preservation and classification of works, source material and artefacts of all kinds relating to Burnside history

The Society is grateful for two grants from The Historical Society of South Australia to continue the Oral History project entitled *Memory Chains: living – working – playing in the City of Burnside (1945-65)*. Eighteen interviews were conducted (2012-13). Two members who attended last September's *Biennial National Conference of the Oral History Association of Australia* will interview and record eight residents from the City of Burnside. Digitised copies of these interviews will be housed in the Local History Collection at Burnside Library and in The State Library of South Australia's JD Somerville Collection.

The Society's quarterly newsletter is appreciated by its readers. Thanks to Elaine Smyth, now in her ninth year as Editor, and committee members Peter Davies, Barbara Parker PSM and Elizabeth Rogers OAM. Shirley Sumerling (distribution organiser) and newsletter deliverers are also essential. Meetings and trips are written up and those unable to come to meetings can enjoy reading about them. We acknowledge the Community Grant from the City of Burnside which partly covers the yearly production costs. We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of two long-time members, Rosemary Brown, a member of the Newsletter Committee for nine years and Margaret Angove, wife of our first President, Dr Roger Angove.

Objective 3: to assist in the protection and preservation of buildings, works and sites of historical significance in the City of Burnside

The reopening of Wheal Watkins at Glen Osmond has been on the agenda of the Society for the past nine years and in furtherance of this the Society commissioned a geotechnical assessment of Wheal Watkins. Funding came from interest accrued from a donation by our late member John Clark, with some Society funding (from past mine tours). Council is "currently liaising with Heritage SA, Safework SA and

Emergency Services to determine what specific requirements we need to meet” to reopen the mine for the public. Geologist and former mine tour guide Dr Ross Both has liaised with Council and demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the task.

Burnside Historical Society supported the Management Plan for the Historic Magill Wesleyan Cemetery. A Columbarium Wall is partly built and a heritage seat, for which the Society donated half the cost, was installed early April with acknowledgement on a plaque. Thanks to Sandra Lachlan for monitoring progress.

Last year we started a Survey of Plaques Project post 1995. However it has been difficult to locate plaques of that period. Nevertheless Glen Cowley and his grandson Cameron Brown have been very proactive in cleaning, photographing and recording details of plaque dimensions and taking the GPS location of the nineteen plaques installed in collaboration with the Council since 1989. This information will be integrated into the existing pre 1995 survey that the late David Reid coordinated, available in the Burnside Library’s Local History Room. The report Burnside Street Names and their Origins is also housed there. The Society has been asked to comment on proposed street names (recently adopted) adjacent to the Glenside Hospital. We were pleased that names relate to some aspect of or some person who was once connected with the hospital.

Objective 4: to co-operate with similar societies and other bodies throughout Australia

Some members attend for instance, the Historical Society of South Australia (HSSA) meetings and meetings and activities of History SA. We publicise our meetings to historical societies in the eastern region, the History Council of South Australia (the State’s peak history body) as well as at HSSA meetings. By exchanging newsletters, and advertising relevant meetings, we share information and support each other’s activities. We receive information online from State and Australian based historical related bodies.

Objective 5: to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objectives.

Osmond Gilles, the first Colonial Treasurer of South Australia, is interred in West Terrace Cemetery. Glen Osmond Mines were located on his property and Dr Ross Both has continued to source quotes for the restoration of Gilles’ grave. There are small grants available but obviously it will be an expensive exercise.

In a vibrant society we need volunteers. You will meet others and learn something new. I am sure many of you have skills and knowledge to share to enhance this Society. We can co-opt members to committees. We are indebted to the significant contribution of four retiring committee members - John Love, June Ward, Colin

Harris and Margaret Beare. We appreciate the efforts of members who have assisted Supper Convener Hazel Newton. Finally I urge members to continue to encourage others to join in our activities and become members of the Burnside Historical Society. They will gain knowledge, particularly about local history in the City of Burnside.

Meredith Ide JP

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2014/2015

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

Memberships may be paid at our monthly meetings, by direct bank transfer, or posted to the Treasurer, Richard House, at the Society's address indicated on the inside back cover.

To pay by Direct Bank Transfer

Bank Name	BankSA
Account Name	Burnside Historical Society
BSB	105 086
Account No	330298840
Your Name	Ensure that this field shows <i>your name</i> clearly
Amount	\$25 for a single member or \$37 for family members.
Message/Reference	Enter this field as <i>BHS subscription</i>

The Society welcomes donations made by members. These extra contributions to our funds will be put to good use in our ongoing projects to record the City of Burnside history.

Biennial Eastern Regional Historical Societies' Seminar 2014 Saturday 19 July 9 am—4pm

Hosted by Tea Tree Gully & Districts Historical Society
Keynote Speaker: Dr Jeff Nicholas KJSJ
The Reform Club of South Australia

Members from our Society will be attending. If you would like to come please phone Meredith 8365 3049

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st March 2014

	Income	
2012/2013		2013/2014
\$1,845.00	Subscriptions 2013/14 (Single)	\$2,137.00
\$996.00	Subscriptions 2013/14 (Family)	\$1,053.00
\$0.00	Surplus on visits to Willunga and St Peter's Cathedral	\$59.95
\$294.00	Profit on guided walking tours and bus tours	\$147.03
\$1,193.50	Surplus on Fleurieu tour	\$0.00
\$177.10	Bank interest on Cheque and Savings accounts	\$119.23
\$60.00	Sundry sales - greetings cards and misc	\$0.00
\$768.60	Donations	\$221.15
\$5,623.61	Transfer from accumulated fund for tape to disc copying (\$347.00), filing cabinet (\$2493.40), Magill seat (\$750) and web site (\$2032.91)	\$0.00
	Donation towards mines consultant's report	\$5,465.00
\$50.00	Sales of Paddocks Beneath Extended Index	\$585.00
\$500.00	His Soc SA Grant for Oral History Project	\$1,000.00
\$795.00	Council Grant for Newsletter	\$375.00
\$0.00	Council Grant for Street Names project	\$0.00
\$0.00	Council Grant for Parks and Gardens project	\$0.00
\$0.00	Donations for Oral History project	\$100.55
\$0.00	Council Grant for Plaques Records update	\$0.00
\$12,322.81	Total income	\$11,202.91
	Expenses	
\$347.00	Project to copy tape recordings of meetings to discs	\$36.30
\$375.73	Printing and Stationery, and Society records	\$314.57
\$339.88	Telephone, postage and PO Box	\$230.69
\$499.00	Use of hall and other meeting expenses	\$363.95
\$75.05	Supper costs	\$212.56
\$0.00	Subscriptions to other societies and seminar fees	\$220.00
\$0.00	History week expenses	\$0.00
\$2,032.91	Website set up costs	\$0.00
\$195.95	Website and computer annual costs	\$464.00
\$2,493.70	Donation to library for filing cabinets	\$0.00
\$750.00	Donation to Council towards seat in Magill cemetery	\$0.00
\$100.00	Other donations made	\$0.00
\$8.00	Bank fees (cancelled cheque)	\$0.00
\$909.64	Insurance	\$412.11
\$173.23	Gifts	\$120.48
	Photos for Heritage Award application	\$34.88
\$0.00	Tapes and minor equipment	\$15.90
\$0.00	BHS greetings cards (balance)	\$197.49
\$240.00	BHS flyers	\$0.00
	Cost of mines consultant's report	\$6,272.21
\$409.00	Print Paddocks Beneath Extended Index	\$0.00
	Print Burnside Historical Society history book (balance)	\$440.70
\$705.28	Newsletter (printing \$477.80, admin \$128.99)	\$608.79
\$0.00	Street Names project	\$0.00
\$0.00	Parks and Gardens project	\$0.00
\$736.40	Oral History project	\$638.00
\$0.00	Plaques Record update project	\$0.00
\$243.00	Depreciation on equipment	\$243.00
\$10,633.77	Total expenses	\$10,820.63
\$1,689.04	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$439.28
\$1,162.72	Transfer to General Accumulated fund	\$208.52
\$526.32	Transfer to Newsletter and Oral History Project Reserves	\$230.76
\$1,689.04	Total	\$439.28

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2014

	General Accumulated funds	
2011/2012	As at 1st April 2013	2012/2013
\$6,162.35		\$4,814.74
\$3,113.28	Pick up balance from Mines Account Reserve	\$0.00
(\$5,623.61)	Transfer to Income and Expenditure for special projects	\$0.00
\$1,162.72	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$208.52
\$4,814.74	As at 31st March 2014	\$5,023.26
	Mines Account Reserve	
	As at 1st April 2013	\$0.00
\$3,113.28	Transfer balance to General Accumulated funds	\$0.00
(\$3,113.28)	As at 31st March 2014	\$0.00
\$0.00		
	Council and other Grants Reserves	
	As at 1st April 2013	\$1,083.66
\$557.34	Surplus (Deficit) for year: Newsletter (\$231.79) Oral Hist +\$462.55	\$230.76
\$526.32	As at 31st March 2014	\$1,314.42
\$1,083.66	Being - Newsletter \$115.28	
	- Street Names project \$0.00	
	- Parks and Gardens project \$67.79	
	- Oral History project \$946.15	
	- Plaques Reprint project \$165.20	
\$5,898.40	TOTAL EQUITY	\$6,337.68
	Members equity is made up from	
	Current Assets	
\$2,993.43	Bank of South Australia cheque account	\$3,711.96
\$2,510.97	Bank South Australia Express Saver Account (Internet only)	\$2,618.72
\$5,504.40	Total as at 31st March 2014	\$6,330.68
	Non Current Assets	
\$1,216.00	Equipment as at 31st March 2013	\$973.00
(\$243.00)	Less depreciation @ 20%	(\$243.00)
\$973.00	Total as at 31st March 2014	\$730.00
\$6,477.40	Total Assets	\$7,060.68
	Current liabilities	
\$414.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2014/15 (Single)	\$525.00
\$165.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2014/15 (Family)	\$148.00
	Subscriptions in advance for 2015/16 (Single)	\$50.00
\$579.00	Total Liabilities	\$723.00
\$5,898.40	TOTAL NET ASSETS as at 31st March 2014	\$6,337.68

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

I have examined the books and records of the Burnside Historical Society Inc. The Balance Sheet and accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure present a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as at 31st March 2014, according to the books, records and information submitted to me.

Alan David Jones, B.A., B.A.(Acc.), Grad.Dip.Acc., Dip.T.(Sec.), Auditor

TREASURER'S REPORT

AGM 21 April 2014

The surplus of \$425 is a satisfactory result for the year, but it hides a few unusual aspects of the year's activities.

On the income side we received a grant of \$1000 from the Historical Society of South Australia for the Oral History Project. When combined with donations of \$100 from other sources and expenses of \$638 we ended up with \$462 to carry forward for this project. A valuable sum of nearly \$440 was made from walking and bus tour profits, plus miscellaneous donations, and significant receipts of \$585 have more than covered the cost of producing the Extended Index to *The Paddocks Beneath* which was printed last year.

An unusual receipt was \$5,465 from the Council which went towards the cost of \$6,272 for a consultant's report on the viability of reopening the Wheal Watkins mine at Glen Osmond. The cost of the balance of \$807 came from our general income for the year. The amount from the Council was the interest component of a donation that had been made to the Council some years earlier for this project. On the negative side of the income we received a grant of only \$375 from the Council for the cost of the *Newsletter*. This was 50% of what we applied for. Previous years we have been fortunate to receive 100% of our request and Council staff have advised that was an error!

As far as expenses are concerned, the *Newsletter* has made a loss of \$232 because of the reduced grant and the \$464 cost of running the web site has proved to be more than anticipated. However, a big plus has been the amount saved by transferring to a new insurer - the budget was for \$920 but we only paid \$412. An unbudgeted item was the cost of \$452 for printing a new publication on the history of the Burnside Historical Society. Two copies @ \$6 have been sold so the accounts show the balance expense as \$440 for this item which should gradually be recovered as sales proceed.

There have been big membership changes this year - 15 new members - which is splendid, but regrettably 15 have also died, resigned or lapsed so our total is still 143 members. Please encourage your friends to join!

Richard House OAM

Edward Maurice Grant - The forgotten electrical pioneer

Monday 17 February 2014

Richard Venus provided a timely reminder of the advancement of electricity supply to the public over the last 150 years. His discourse on the outstanding, but almost forgotten electrical engineer Edward Maurice Grant, whilst biographical, provided an invaluable early history of the development of electric power.

Grant was one of a number of engineers pioneering the wider use of electricity from the early 1880s, but he was the outstanding one in Australia. He had migrated from Ireland to Sydney where, in less than two years, he became the exclusive representative for Brush Lane Fox, suppliers of electrical equipment. It was a period just prior to the general availability of the incandescent lamp, which was to displace the electric arc lamp. One of these early arc lamps was hung above the Beehive Corner intersection in Adelaide, with power drawn from the nearby Theatre Royal, which had installed a dynamo for theatre lighting.

In Australia, electricity was only used at first by commercial enterprises with their own generating machinery. The first of these for lighting was the Sydney Arcade in January 1882, followed by the Redfern railway station. The first permanent installation in South Australia was at the Harrison and Coles flour mill in Port Adelaide. Later this was followed by a large installation at the new Exhibition Building on North Terrace. Grant then continued to be in charge of the running of the generating room during the term of this exhibition. In 1888 he was in charge of the generating room of 49 dynamos at the huge International Centennial Exhibition of Australasia in Melbourne which, it was claimed, was the largest single installation of arc lighting yet attempted in any part of the world.

At this stage the need was arising for centrally located generators to supply electricity to customers by street power lines. The Adelaide Council considered it lacked the right when Grant broached the subject in 1889, but his correspondence to the Port Adelaide Corporation was more successful.

In 1890 the Brush Electric Lighting Company, which employed Grant, was offered a six-month trial to install electric lighting on some carriages of an express train. It was a successful experiment.

Grant established the SA Electric Light and Motive Company in association with a man called Carl Lutz. The company won a contract to install 31 arc lamps to light King William Street, which was completed in January 1900. Grant was the consulting engineer in the company. The firm was later absorbed by the Adelaide Electric Supply Company which, by government decree, became ETSA, a state-owned organisation.

Once the capital cities had passed through the experimental stage, a market arose for small to large installations in country towns throughout Australia. Typically, these small power stations would use large gas or oil engines with huge flywheels which would, by belt drive, rotate DC dynamos. These were once common installations in South Australian country towns.

Grant also saw opportunities for operating electric power companies as well as the installation of equipment. He was involved in the establishment of several companies for the purpose of providing light and power to the general population. Besides Adelaide, he became associated with firms in this field in Melbourne, Sydney and Cobar. Cobar had rapidly developed as a copper mining town, which prompted Grant to establish a company to install the generator and supply power to the town. The Cobar venture may not have been a great success, but the company was used to tender for installations and operations in other parts of New South Wales. Richard Venus suggested that Grant was outstanding as an engineer, but apparently not a good business man.

It appears that Grant continued in business until the mid-1920s. He died in New South Wales in 1934 and it is regrettable that his work in South Australia is not widely remembered. Fortunately, Richard Venus has brought Grant's name forward at academic conferences and other meetings. Richard's lectures are always based on sound research, which he is able to present in a clear, concise manner.

David Rogers

History SA, Flinders University, Adelaide University, the University of South Australia and the Professional Historians Association are jointly presenting a series of symposia over the next five years to explore the history of South Australia during the First World War (1914-1918).

The first is on 2-3 August, 2014, *South Australia on the Eve of War*. Enquiries: mpaul@history.sa.gov.au

Magill Cemetery seat

I am very pleased to report that our heritage seat has been installed in the Cemetery in time for History Month. Burnside Historical Society donated half the cost of the seat. An engraved plaque on the seat describes this donation. The following photo was forwarded to me by Barry Cant from the Council. The seat looks very good and very welcoming in its position adjacent to the front fence and the pedestrian entry gate.

Sandra Lachlan



Historic Magill Wesleyan Cemetery

Burnside Council is currently undertaking an audit of graves in an effort to make sure the historical data and the official records match what is on the gravestones. Two columbarium walls have been erected and it is proposed that four more be built. Three applications have been received for interment of ashes and several more are planned. New signage will be erected in the next financial year, subject to funding. We thank Burnside Council for managing the cemetery. Our thanks go to Sandra Lachlan for liaising with the Council on this project and for being available to conduct cemetery tours.

Lionel C E Gee

Judy Fander, a new member of the Society, is writing a book about the life of Lionel Carley Egremont Gee 1854- 1936, a long-time Burnside Resident, who retired from his position as Chief Registrar of the Mines Department in 1924. A public servant for over 50 years, Gee served in the Survey Branch under Surveyor General G W Goyder, later working closely with the Government Geologist HYL Brown. He loved Burnside, and wrote several glowing accounts of the area and its inhabitants. Here is one of Gee's numerous letters to the *Register* paper supporting a community cause. *Register*, 6 November 1919, p. 6

A Warriors' Memorial

Everybody knows Hazelwood Park, the beautiful public reserve at Burnside. The Waterfall Creek runs through, it, and along and near to this creek are some of the finest old gumtrees still left within a considerable radius of the city. The Clark family— the original owners of the property (Mr John Howard Clark was at one time one of the proprietors and the editor of The Register) were most generous and kindly in respect to this property. Sunday school treats and picnic parties came to this place from all over the State. I know, for I have been to them there from my boyhood up; and the gracious old lady in charge of Hazelwood (the late Miss C E Clark, who was one of the originators of the State Children's Council and who wrote so gracefully on all matters) helped all these people so kindly and so well, despite the awful nuisance their yells and shouts must have been to her quiet-loving soul. Many boys have gone from Burnside and Beaumont Wards— that is the real Burnside— to fight for our freedom. Many of them have not come back; so in our beautiful Hazelwood Park we of these wards propose to plant a grove of oak trees and to build a little permanent rest house with a garden around it. When our daughters and our granddaughters take their children to this park, and sit down in this house to read or to sew, they can point to the names on the walls and say: — 'It was these boys who never came back, and your fathers and uncles who did come back; these made it possible for you to play here today.' Leading architects have kindly forwarded sketch plans to the committee, which at a meeting at the Burnside School on Tuesday evening heartily thanked these gentlemen, and deferred

consideration till funds, which, are steadily growing, are stronger. The committee wishes to enhance the beauty of the park, and not to establish any eyesore in it, and will be glad to receive suggestions. Messrs. Savage and Cowan, Councillors for the wards; the Hon W H Harvey, Professor Chapman, Mr W Gurner, Mr E P Auld. Mr A A Simpson CMG, Mr W McAllen, Mr L C E Gee, and many other well-known Burnside residents, are on the committee, with Mr Rodgers as secretary and Mr Turner as treasurer.

Judy would be delighted to hear from anyone who can add to her store of knowledge about Gee, ph 8338 6596.

Further reference to the memorial was made in the *Register*, 13 April 1921, p 6.

A Burnside Memorial

A gratifying measure of success has attended the efforts of the Burnside and Beaumont Wards Fallen Soldier's Memorial committee, formed in August, 1919. Councillor Savage is Chairman, Mr W H Harvey, vice-Chairman, Mr Alex Rodger secretary, and Mr R Turner, treasurer. The executive includes Councillor Cowan, Professor R W Chapman, Messrs. A A Simpson, CMG, Dowdy, Hogan, Gee and Hutchins. It was decided that the memorial should take the form of a pavilion in Hazelwood Park, with a monument in the centre, bearing the names of fallen soldiers. Arrangements were made by which the government provided a basement needed for the storage of tables and so forth required by picnic parties and above which a suitable pavilion might be erected. The building committee secured the services of Mr Krichauff as honorary architect, who supplied plans and specification. Mr J H Laity consented to act as supervisor of the work. The gentlemen responsible, have every reason to be satisfied with the result, for the contractor Mr Zowe (represented by Mr Beer), and his men have succeeded in erecting a structure which is a decided improvement to the naturally beautiful park. In addition to personal donations amounting to £250, more than £310 has been raised by two fetes held in the grounds of Mr A A Simpson, and £35 was received as net profits of a continental by the Marrayatville Bowling Club. A further sum of about £75 is required to enable the committee to hand over the pavilion free of debt to the Minister controlling the Tourist Bureau (Hon G Ritchie), on Sunday next, when His Excellency the governor (Sir Archibald Weigall), will declare the building open.

Local History for Schools @ Burnside Library

For the past six years Burnside Library has been running local history sessions for primary school students. The main session we offered was called *Burnside: then and now* in which we would cover European settlement, indigenous information local to the area, employment, school days and transport. The main component of the presentation was a PowerPoint with pictures from the past. We also had worksheets and props like old household objects people would have used including milk bottles, an old radio and an old telephone, all of which were used in an interactive exercise. Another session we have run is called *Burnside Notables* in which we focused on Christopher Rawson Penfold, Thomas Cooper and Samuel Davenport. We also used props for this including a stethoscope and bunch of grapes (Dr Penfold), olives, olive oil and silkworms (Samuel Davenport) and beer bottle and malt (Thomas Cooper).

While these programs have been successful, we have found enquiries have tapered off hence we have given ourselves the challenge of revamping the program. We would like to create an interactive program and to link it to the National Curriculum as much as possible. Our plan is to first bring the Penfold story to life with a particular focus on Mary Penfold. We will do this with costumes and a short play. Once this is done we will look at other families significant to the Burnside area, including the Davenports, Clelands and Coopers.

We plan to launch this play about the Penfold family in the July School Holidays. We will then invite schools to the library to see the play and if need be we can travel to schools to perform the play. The next step will be to create memorial boxes that schools can borrow and that we can use to run programs: eg. one on the Penfolds and one on childhood in the 1900s.

These plans for the schools are still under development. If anyone from the Burnside Historical Society has a particular interest in working with us on delivering local history programs to schools that would be great. You could be a guest speaker and speak on a particular topic, or you could bring in any interesting objects from the past and show the students. We would also like donations of historical household objects that we can use in our programs. We have already had some delightful donations of clothing, toys and cooking implements.

If you can assist please contact Caroline Munchenberg on 8366 4280 or cmunchenberg@burnside.sa.gov.au

OBJECTIVES—The objectives of the Society shall be:

- * 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;
- * to promote the collection, recording, preservation and classification of works, source material and artefacts of all kinds relating to Burnside history;
- * to assist in the protection and preservation of buildings, works and sites of historical significance in the City of Burnside;
- * to co-operate with similar societies and other bodies throughout Australia;
- * to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objectives.

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Front Cover:

Plaque for the *Avenue of Sugar Gums and War Memorial Pavilion*,
Hazelwood Park,. Erected 1997.

Avenue of Sugar Gums

The Avenue of Sugar Gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) in Hazelwood Park was planted around 1921 as a memorial to the servicemen of the Burnside and Beaumont Wards who sacrificed their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. The Avenue originally extended from Davenport Terrace to the War Memorial Pavilion in the centre of Hazelwood Park.

The Pavilion depicted on the plaque was built by public subscription in 1921 as a memorial to the fallen soldiers from the Burnside and Beaumont Wards who sacrificed their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. It was located to the south of the current plaque (erected in 1997) in the Avenue of Sugar Gums where the Swimming Centre is now situated.

The Pavilion was demolished when the Swimming Centre was built and the monument from its centre shifted to the front entrance of the Swimming Centre. There are memorial plaques on the monument and a plaque on the nearby wall provides information about its new location.

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