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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As this is the last issue of our quarterly Newsletter for 2007, thanks must go to all those who help in so many ways regarding its production and distribution. We have the editorial committee who oversee the choice of articles and proof the work – before and after printing. We have the reporters who summarize the meetings and events and prepare the reports. Then there are the sorters and co-ordinators who deliver throughout the City of Burnside to the local distributors who, in turn courier the Newsletters in their local area (and in some cases, well out of their home-patch).

Also there are those who post to organizations and members outside of the area. It is these last two groups to whom we owe a big thank-you. Janet Clark and Pauline Hiscock have been sorting and delivering for some years now and Rosemary and Bob Brown have been filling envelopes and mailing out too. These four people will be retiring from their roles at the end of the year. Thank you sincerely on behalf of our membership. Shirley Sumerling has offered to do the sorting and mailing and another committee member, Eleanor Trott, has offered to help with the delivering. Thanks in anticipation.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas time, and good times in the year ahead.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having realized that it was time to prepare another report (with some prompting from our Editor, Elaine Smyth) I re-read the September Newsletter, and there is no doubt about it – we have an excellent Newsletter! The articles written by our members concerning the monthly meetings are most informative and make excellent reading. Extra historical recollections such as the articles on early houses and Davenport's old cottage, now the Youth Hostel, and Gandy's Gully, bring home to us the early achievements and romance (really hard work, actually!) of the early colonists and leave us wanting to know more. We have had some difficulties and challenges in the 170 years since 1836, but it is also a superb history of growth and success. I like the idea of history being given its own importance in the school curriculum instead of being a part of another study area. Let our descendants be proud and knowledgeable of the story of this great country of Australia.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to go on the Yorke Peninsula trip, which was organized by Peter Davies in co-operation with the superb expertise of Colin Harris, enjoyed every moment. Colin prepared an outstanding itinerary and commentary on the history of many fascinating places – no – *treasures* in the form of wells, a horse dip, properties and town buildings. I make special mention of Wendy Davies and Elaine Smyth who contributed greatly also. Thanks indeed – same time next year??

I have enjoyed an exciting fortnight as my daughter Helen flew down from the Gold Coast and we painted my home. Up early to wash walls, and checking for cracks (not many!) then away we would go – Helen using the roller and I used the paint brush to go around door frames, windows and skirtings. Now I have a bright home with a new vinyl kitchen floor covering. The fortnight went all too quickly!

Now it is time to wish you all a Happy and Holy Festive Season. Christmas is before us all too soon as the frenzy of advertising begins – but we are not to be taken in by all the hype. Our Christmas will always be a special celebration, not a materialistic and monetary splurge as we are encouraged to spend by big business. Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and we shall see you in 2008.

> "If you love wisdom and do not reject her, she will watch over you. Good sense is more important than anything else." Prov: 4: 6,7

Isabel Williams, OAM, JP

2008 PROGRAM

The program for 2008, as at the time of printing this newsletter, is indicated below.

Do remember to always check the program in each Newsletter as there are occasions, due to circumstances beyond our control, when dates and/or speakers change from those printed in an earlier issue – and additional events may be included.

TOUR OF OLD TREASURY BUILDING

Monday 21 January, 2008

1.00—2.00 pm

Courtesy of the Medina Grand Hotel

Guides from Ayers House

Relive the Romance and History of the Gold Rush days

Walk the mysterious subterranean Tunnel

Visit the Historic Cabinet Room

Cost of Tour: $5.00 per person

To register your interest please complete the application form enclosed and return it with the appropriate payment to Peter Davies, 37 Kyle St., Glenside, 5065
By Friday 21 December, 2007

2008 PROGRAM cont.

Monday 18 February, 8 pm

An Album of Memories: 1944-1952
Speaker: Ken Preiss

Ken was born in 1929 at Kensington Park, and lived there until he married in 1952. He was educated at Marryatville Primary and Adelaide Technical High Schools. This PowerPoint presentation will follow Ken's earlier talk *Snapshots of the Thirties.* It will span the years when he met Margaret and was apprenticed in the family business, Preiss Rebore Service, where he served his time as a Toolmaker. During this time he bought motorcycles, became engaged and started building a home prior to his marriage.

Monday 17 March, 8 pm

"SS Great Britain: as story of a great ship, a great engineer and a great-grandmother."
Speaker: Jim Crompton

The talk will outline *SS Great Britain's* history and will tell why, as a beached hulk salvaged from the Falklands Islands in 1970, she had sufficient heritage value to justify the huge costs involved in returning her to Bristol. Built in 1843 for service between Liverpool and New York, fate decreed that for most of her eventful service life she carried passengers and cargo between Liverpool and Melbourne.

Mary Crompton of Stonyfell, Jim's great grandmother, wrote a Journal in 1866 describing life on board.

Monday 21 April, 7.45 pm – AGM (Note early start)

Adelaide City History
Speaker: Max Winter

An account of what life was like in the City of Adelaide from the chaotic days of early European settlement until more ordered times. There have been huge changes during that period. Some have been abrupt, often resulting from factors quite outside local control. The mining boom in the middle of the Nineteenth Century was like that, as was the Great Depression in the 1930's

and the advent of World War 2 a little later. Other changes have been the result of deliberate planning, sometimes by private enterprise or single individuals, and sometimes by governments at various levels. The focus of the talk will be on the way that these factors have affected peoples' lives.

Monday 19 May, 8 pm

Macquarie Island
Speaker: Duncan MacKenzie

For those members who were fascinated by Duncan's presentation on Gluepot Reserve at a recent meeting, this will be a welcome return. His presentation will recount his Antarctic adventures and research while banding and recording the movements of penguins and seals on this lonely Southern outpost.

Monday 16 June, 7.30 pm

Source to Sea - the Story of the Murray Riverboats
Speaker: Ian Doyle

During the Centenary of Federation this 100 day journey was undertaken down the Murray from the Kosciusko high country to the sea at the Murray mouth town of Goolwa. A television crew was part of the flotilla. At times the fleet included more than 200 heritage and leisure craft, paddle steamers and riverboats. Australia has more original paddle boats than anywhere else in the world.

Ian will talk about the Murray Riverboats and show the documentary film, which he produced and which includes memorable vision of many of the paddleboats that took part in the historic journey. It also shows some private family archival footage and historic photographs.

Welcome to New Member

Recently **Sue Day** joined the Society. A warm welcome goes out to her and we look forward to meeting her at future activities. We hope you will enjoy your association with our friendly group.

GLUEPOT REMEMBERED

Monday 20 August 2007

Duncan MacKenzie, our speaker, has been associated with Gluepot, a former sheep station north of Waikerie, since the property was bought by Birds Australia in 1997 for conversion to a nature reserve. The initial reason for the purchase was the presence of the black-eared miner, a species near extinction. Further surveys have shown nearly 200 bird species, some of them endangered, as well as bats, reptiles, small mammals and insects.

Land management has included filling in most of the dams to reduce the numbers of goats and kangaroos and enable regeneration of indigenous plants in areas trodden down by stock. Fox baiting continues indefinitely. About one third of the property is covered by old, unburnt mallee – an ideal habitat for bats, mallee fowl and other species. Access to this area is restricted to staff and scientists.

Scientific work includes regular biodiversity surveys, soil studies and meteorological records. Five PhD students have done their field work at Gluepot.

Environmental education for the general public includes a visitor information centre, self-guided walks and a new education centre in the old woolshed. Thirteen courses of two or three days, on various subjects, were organised for 2007.

Ecotourism is popular with bird watchers and conservation enthusiasts. Day visitors are charged $5 per vehicle and campers pay $10 per vehicle per night – cheaper than a caravan park!

A committee of 17 people with various kinds of expertise manage an annual budget of about $50,000. Nearly all of this comes from donations. Rangers are given a food allowance and the use of the original house but they and all other workers are volunteers. The property is now protected under a heritage agreement, although still owned by Birds Australia.

John Love

THE LAST MAIL TO BIRDSVILLE

Monday 17 September 2007

A substantial audience of members and friends gathered earlier than usual for an evocative celebration of the life and times of legendary outback mailman Tom Kruse as presented by Ian Doyle.

Like many of his generation, Ian Doyle was – as a young boy – captivated by the dramatic portrayal of Kruse in the Shell Oil Company's 1953 film documentary *Back of Beyond*. Filmed on location on the Birdsville Track by the immensely talented film producer John Heyer, the multi-award winning *Back of Beyond* remains a classic, immortalising both the Track and its most famous mailman, Tom Kruse.

Older residents of Burnside may well remember the 1954 outdoor screening of the film in Hazelwood Park – long before the swimming pool appeared – with a double-bed sheet strung up between the gum trees as a screen. Sponsored by O'Brien's local Shell Garage at the nearby Burnside Road-Greenhill Road intersection, the film was powerfully evocative of an Outback that few people of that time had experienced.

There can be little doubt that it was primarily the Outback setting and the striking personality of Kruse which impacted so powerfully on those who saw the film, but it was also the brilliance of Heyer's film making craft and the lyrical quality of the narrative – the latter not so surprising when it is realised that the text for the narrative was written jointly by noted Australian literary figures Douglas Stewart and Roland Robinson.

The impact of the film on an impressionable young Ian Doyle of the 1950s was such that later in life, in the 1980s, he seized the opportunity he had as an ABC rural reporter to pay tribute to Kruse through the medium of television. Later still, this time as a media producer in his own right, Doyle worked with many others in an ambitious project to recover and restore one of Tom's old mail trucks, a 1936 Leyland Badger. Well into his 80's at the time, Tom was actively involved in the restoration and was at the wheel of the Badger when it was the centre-piece of a celebrated re-enactment of the Marree-Birdsville mail run in October 1999. The re-enactment itself was filmed and turned into *Last Mail from Birdsville*, which Ian projected for his BHS audience. Interspersed with clips from the original 1953 production, it is a fascinating tribute to a self-effacing, but remarkable man.

Tom Kruse turned 93 on the 28 August this year. He continues to insist that what he did was nothing out of the ordinary – it was just a job for an unremarkable

Outback mailman. Others, especially Ian Doyle, think otherwise and not just one, but three busts of Tom are currently being crafted. They will be located at Marree, Birdsville and the National Motor Museum at Birdwood in the Adelaide Hills, where the Badger now rests: permanent tributes to a man and a legend.

Colin Harris PSM

New Information

One of our members, Marjory Andrew, has provided some additional information in relation to Geoffrey Bishop's article *Recollections of two early houses, Mount Lofty*. In the Newsletter, Volume 27, No. 3 on page 10 and 11 he refers to Miss Luke's recollection of a Barham Black having lived in Keir's Cottage. Marjory is the grand daughter of John McConnell Black, the botanist. Marjory has indicated that Arnold Barham Black – John's son, who was suggested by Geoffrey as the possible occupant of Keir's Cottage, actually lived in Norwood, Broken Hill and later Medindie. John's brother was Alfred Barham Black, an architect who designed and later inherited Bell Yett when his mother died. Marjory suggests that it could have been Alfred's son who lived in Keir's Cottage for a short period of time.

History Council of South Australia

This organization is an umbrella group which offers a voice to individuals, groups, professional historians and academics. It strives to place history at the forefront of the public arena and the Government. There are similar groups in other states.

Membership for individuals is $30/year or $20 concession.

If you would like to know more about the Council and its activities you can contact it at PO Box 6809 Halifax Street, Adelaide, SA 5000 or email secretary@historycouncilsa.org.au.

The website address is www.historycouncilsa.org.au.

THE FOUNDERS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: WHO SHOULD WE VENERATE?

Monday 15 October 2007

Dr Jeffrey Nicholas of the Pioneers Association has been researching the origins of SA and preparing to publish a book. His presentation consisted of two themes.

He described conditions in England prior to 1836. There were major problems. The population had exploded but the coffers were empty due to the Napoleonic war. People were not represented in parliament and there was limited franchise. The House of Commons passed the Reform Bill in 1832. Between 1832-37, radicals controlled the British Parliament and enabled the SA Act to be passed in 1834. The first ships sailed to South Australia in 1836, and there was a dramatic exodus from Britain for the next four years. These radicals had an agenda of utilitarian thought, political reform, systematic colonization, religious dissent and philanthropy. After that time they started to lose power and the brief 'window of opportunity' closed.

Dr Nicholas's second theme addressed the question in the lecture's title, supported by a very sophisticated audiovisual presentation. His agenda was to introduce fifteen potential founding fathers and to rank them, according to his view of the importance of their contributions. The formation of the SA Commission with twelve Board members was recommended by Colonel Robert Torrens. Our speaker's final list (below) contained some surprises:

1. Torrens	6. Hill	11. Mill
2. Wakefield	7. Brown	12. Sturt
3. Light	8. Hanson	13. Flinders
4. Gouger	9. Morphett	14. Reid
5. Angus	10. Grote	15. Kingston
		16. Hindmarsh

Most of these men are venerated in the city's streets or structures.

Dr Nichols's conclusion was that Adelaide and South Australia are unique and one of the best examples of systematic colonization in the world.

His book when published should be a good read.

Barbara Parker PSM

LAND SETTLEMENT ON YORKE PENINSULA

6 – 7 October 2007

Genesis----In the beginning was Martin with a new luxury coach from Genesis Tours and Travel and thirty hardy historians from the last century setting out for the wilderness in search of remnants from the century before that. In command were Peter Davies with Colin Harris. Colin, with his encyclopaedic knowledge and explicit tour notes, kept us fully informed every step of the way.

In next to no time we stopped for our morning-tea break at Port Wakefield, important in the early days for shipping copper ore and ingots to Port Adelaide and delivering supplies to the Copper Triangle settlements. Then it was time to tackle the fearsome climb up the Kulpara Scarp. ("Fearsome?"—All right, you may scoff, but well do I remember pushing my overladen bike –no gears then – up it after a long day's ride from Adelaide 62 years ago.)

We soon learned that the Peninsula is relatively flat limestone country with reasonable rainfall but virtually no surface water in the form of rivers or creeks. Our first old ruins, not surprisingly, were the remains of the Wool Bay Lime Company's lime kilns which provided cheap soft mortar for building use, and, not all that far away , was the old Ninnes Well, constructed in 1885 and then reckoned to be capable of delivering around 10,000 gallons a day from a depth of 115 feet. However, it became obsolete when much better quality reticulated water became available from the Beetaloo Reservoir in the 1890's.

Ninnes Well.

We moved on then to the typical rural service township of Bute, a railway settlement of the late 19th century (the Bute school opened in 1892) reaching its peak early in the 20th century.

Kadina, where we were to spend the night, is the major town on the peninsula, and began its life in 1860, following the discovery of copper, and enjoyed prosperity until the mines closed in 1923, but by this time, thriving agricultural development enabled it to remain a prominent rural service centre. The State Heritage-listed Town Hall, initially a single-storeyed building begun in 1880, is now of two storeys with a very handsome clock-tower added in 1903.
On the outskirts of Kadina, we had a very interesting guided tour of the Farm Shed Museum and Tourist Centre (formerly the National Dryland Farming Centre) which now includes Matta Matta House, once the Mine Manager's house (1863) and now owned by the National Trust.

Sunday morning saw us heading south to Maitland, another rural township. Surveyed in 1872, Maitland conforms remarkably well with the layout of Adelaide and the ideal township design that the Surveyor General George Goyder laid down as the model to be followed, with a central square area (101 acres) of town lands, surrounding parklands (129 acres), and outer suburban lands (580 acres).

Just south of Maitland, we visited another old well and cement tank, one of two on *Ynoo* Pastoral Station on land originally leased in 1851 by William Rogers of *Tusmore House* in the City of Burnside. The farm which succeeded *Ynoo* is still operating, but there is little evidence of the original homestead complex.

Our next port of call was a real port, namely Port Victoria, well known due to its association with the great grain races and the square-rigged windjammers. That age ended in 1949 with the last departure of the *Pamir* for Europe via Cape Horn. Minlaton was to be the most southerly township on our tour and we stopped briefly to see the Red Devil monoplane which belonged to Captain Harry Butler, a WW1 air force pilot and one of our pioneer aviators.

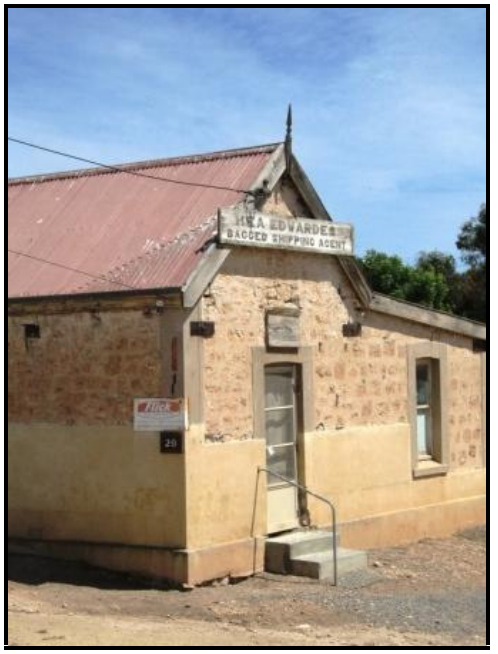
Our return home was by way of Curramulka where we toured the town and saw the buildings used as a hospital and mortuary (the latter doubled as a music room for the violin teacher). Then on to Ardrossan, where we briefly turned aside to drive past the Ardrossan District Historical Museum. This building was formerly the CH Smith Power House which provided power for the agricultural implement factory founded in 1880 by Clarence H. Smith. The latter was the brother of Robert Bowyer Smith who invented the prototype of the justly famous 'stump-jump plough' – a piece of Yorke Peninsula technology which was instrumental in aiding the advance of farming on mallee scrub land.

All in all, this was a fascinating and enjoyable trip which ended with the "Exodus" from the Council carpark at 1800hrs on Sunday.

For those who would like even more detail, I would advise them to read Colin Harris's full notes rather than the first two books of the much older tome to which I have also referred.

Bob Steele

Grain Buyers Office, Port Victoria.
Built of local limestone.



Photos: Geoff & Geraldine Treloar, 2007

Errata:

In the last Newsletter, Volume 27, No. 3 there was an incorrect date in the article on page 7. In paragraph 2, the small colony of South Australia was well established in 1848 and not 1948, as printed.

TOUR OF URRBRAE HOUSE

16 August 2007

In June, we felt like rich guests at *Urrbrae House,* home of Peter Waite, with the volunteer Tour Guide – Glen Woodward. From the balcony we looked out towards the sea and over the property including the Arboretum planted with 2,000 trees since 1928.

In the Entrance Hall, the stairway to the Minstrel's Gallery, and the Atrium with ceiling papers by Adam Heaton, provided an air of elegance before entering the Drawing Room where the history of the house and family were recountered. The Dining Room is furnished with custom-made oak furniture, black marble fireplace and a view of the rose garden. The main Bedroom with its bay window also has a garden view.

Downstairs, we imagined the dancers in the Ballroom being served refrigerated cool refreshments in the spacious Supper Room. The Billiard Room with a full size table was a men's retreat. Next to it is the small Library which still has an antique air.

We appreciated that in 1923 Peter Waite bequeathed *Urrbrae House,* land and investments to establish the Waite Research Institute of the University of Adelaide.

Glen Woodward

THE BURNSIDE WALKS

Recently the City of Burnside re-published the Walks leaflets and they were launched at a special event at the Council Atrium. At the event Richard House spoke about the development of the leaflets and this article is based on his talk.

Over the past year we have been celebrating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Burnside Council area in 1856 and for that reason the walking tour leaflets have been revised and reissued. The Council set aside funds from the 150th celebrations to cover the cost of the leaflets. Before printing the leaflets were checked by members of the Society.

The first leaflets were researched by members of the BHS and published by the City of Burnside in August 1981. It was the time when the celebrations of the 125th anniversary were starting. Three leaflets were researched and published. They were:

- **Rose Park** which was researched by **Peter Lane**. Most of this walk was in the vicinity of Hewitt Avenue and Kensington Road.

- **Knightsbridge** which was researched by **Margaret Preiss**. The name of this area has long since gone but the walk concentrates on the general area of Knightsbridge Road and Rochester Street in what is now Hazelwood Park and Leabrook.

- **Burnside** which was researched by **Margaret Black**. This is mainly in the area of High Street, Lockwood Road and Young Street.

All three booklets had illustrations by **Vanessa Smith**

Five years later, in 1986, the State was celebrating its 150th anniversary so as a special BHS project **Elaine Smyth** and **Deborah Southward** worked on a joint publication to create a walk along **Waterfall Gully** which was published in April that year. This was the first walk to necessitate motor transport as well, because it started on Glynburn Road and ended at the First Creek Waterfalls. Thus a transport arrangement was needed to get people back to the start. This booklet also had illustrations by **Vanessa Smith**.

That same year **Deborah Southward** worked with **Diana Chessell** of the Eastwood Community Centre on a walk around the **Village of Eastwood**. This publication was part of the Eastwood/Parkside Urban Village Project which was an official Jubilee 150 programme. It was illustrated by **Martin Southward** and **Sue Speck**.

The following year, 1987, the Urban Village Project produced a second walk that went around the perimeter of **Eastwood and Parkside**

Nothing happened for another six years until 1993 when a very energetic member of the BHS, **David Reid,** who lived in Glen Osmond, volunteered to research a walk in his home suburb. The extent of his research made it necessary to treat **Glen Osmond** as **two walks**. One covered the area in the triangle between Glen Osmond Road and Portrush Road, plus the road up to the Old Toll Gate. The other which was published in a second leaflet concentrated

on the area east of Portrush Road in the old Woodley estate. **Vanessa Smith** again did the illustrations.

Over the years the actual walks have been led by members of the BHS and the leaflets have always been available for purchase so people can do self guided walks. From time to time all these leaflets have had to be reprinted when stocks have run out and the opportunity has always been taken to update them as necessary. The reprints were often done in a different style and, because the originals were from different periods, the whole set of walks never looked as if they were all part of a cohesive design plan.

It is now wonderful that the Council have taken the 150th anniversary as the opportunity to redesign and republish the walks so that they all look as if they are part of the same project. It has taken 25 years but we have got there in the end!

The leaflets are available at the City of Burnside Council offices.

Richard House

Threat to old Burnside Christian Church

Many Society members and residents of Burnside will be familiar with the old Burnside Christian Church building at 88 Lockwood Road, Burnside. To the dismay of the BHS the rear of the old building is now facing demolition.

Constructed of local stone and opened in 1864, it served as a much-needed place of worship for residents in old Burnside Village. Replaced by the current (red brick) Church opened in 1939, the old Church continued to serve for many generations as a Sunday School and venue for social gatherings.

The Church administrators now plan to retain the front (north-south) portion that was added at a later date, but to demolish the oldest (east-west) section. Demolition of this would see the loss of yet another item of the built heritage of old Burnside Village. The Society has written to the Church urging it to reconsider its plans and individuals concerned about this matter are encouraged to do the same.

Letters should be addressed to:

The Pastor
Burnside Christian Church
88 Lockwood Road
Burnside SA 5066

Tusmore

William Rogers came to South Australia from Tusmore, Oxfordshire. He was an experienced farmer with enough capital and labour to launch a sizeable enterprise. He brought with him four sons, a capable wife, two daughters and skilled workers. On arrival, Rogers arranged a 21 year lease with right of purchase over Sections 291 (Tusmore) and 292 (Linden park). These sections had been part of a land order grant in 1839 to G. F. Angas. Angas then sold them to the South Australian Company which, in turn, leased them to tenants.

By the end of 1840 Rogers was well in advance of other farmers near Adelaide, with eight hundred sheep, fifty cattle, some horses and over one hundred acres in wheat and other cereals. He had built a six roomed brick house with commodious cellars, brick barns and granary, and had also planted orchards and gardens and three acres of potatoes. His house was on the north eastern corner of Section 291, just south of Stirling Street near where the original *Tusmore Park* gate posts are situated in present-day Tusmore Park. Three workmen's cottages, a smithy and a stockyard were built nearby. The property was known as *Tusmore Farm.* Additionally, he built the Green Gate Inn and stables on nearby Section 292, fronting Greenhill Road.

There were some bad years in the early days of the colony and Rogers was obliged to mortgage some of his standing crops. Despite these hardships he prospered and was able to expand his interest to properties at Mt Bold, Maitland on Yorke Peninsula and Avenue range in the South East. He died in 1854 and left his wife Anne with the properties and enough capital for further investments. The family did not take up the right to purchase *Tusmore Farm,* initially sub-leasing it to stock dealers and butchers and then surrendering the lease back to the South Australian Company. The Company, in turn leased it to William Hughes, well known Adelaide butchers, and a slaughterhouse was built in the middle of the Section. In 1870 the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society held their annual ploughing match on the farm.

Before he died, Rogers had arranged the freehold purchase of 16 acres at the western boundary of Section 298 about a kilometre south east of the old *Tusmore Farm.* This was to become *Tusmore Park*, the Adelaide seat of the Rogers family. Prior to his death Rogers started to plant the property with grand entrances avenues of trees from the north and south approaches. The southern approach commenced at what is now the Tusmore Gate Shopping Centre on Greenhill road and was lined with red gums, which remain today as clear markers of the original avenue. As mentioned above, the gate posts formerly at the southern entrance have been re-located to present-day Tusmore

Park. The road led northwards through a densely planted shrubbery some of which, along with the red gums, remains today in gardens on the western side of Tusmore Avenue.

Rogers' widow, Anne, had a grand home built there in 1864, but she died in 1865. It was subsequently occupied for 30 years by her daughters, who sold it in 1894. The house stood on a rise just south of First Creek, immediately to the east of the bend in present day Tusmore Avenue. It was a solid bluestone structure of ten main rooms, four of them twenty five feet square, with substantial cellars which were three quarters underground. It had wide verandahs with slate floors, a grey slate roof and slate floors in the sprawling kitchen and scullery. There was a huge bath encased in cedar and even the toilet seat was of cedar. The house was demolished in 1962 and replaced by a block of units. A plaque at the bend in Tusmore Avenue marks its former location.

In the course of the recent BHS regional tour of Yorke Peninsula Society members visited the site of the former *Ynoo* pastoral run just south of present-day Maitland. Taken up by William Rogers in 1851, *Ynoo* occupied prime grassy sheoak woodland country in the Yorke Valley. When Rogers died in 1854 his widow Anne, with sons Samuel and Thomas, continued to run the property and at their peak the family held around 700 square miles of country in central Yorke Peninsula. Most of *Ynoo* was resumed when the Hundred of Maitland was surveyed and released for farming development in 1872.

Elaine Smyth

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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.

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Meetings of the Society are held in the Burnside Community Centre, corner 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, including supper. Visitors are most welcome.

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:

Public Building Mural in Ardrossan. Photo Geoff Treloar, 2007.

The mural depicts the CH Smith agricultural implement factory established in 1880. The factory became one of the leading manufacturers of agricultural machinery in the State and was synonymous with the stump-jump plough in the foreground. The prototype for the stump-jump plough was developed by Robert Bowyer Smith at Kalkabury on central Yorke Peninsula. It was pivotal in the agricultural development of Yorke Peninsula and, more widely, for the entire mallee country of southern Australia.

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