Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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Old Burnside Village

From the Editor's Desk

This edition of the Newsletter marks six years since Elizabeth Rogers retired as Editor. It also marks the change from 'cut and past' to email transfer of editions to the printer. How simple it is now to prepare the edition at my desktop and then email it direct to the printer who downloads the *pdf* copy direct to the printing machine. Then the printed copy is delivered to my door. Each of our digital copies of past Newsletters is saved to disk and will be lodged in the Local History Room in the future. With the recent work on the preparation of the Society's own website, these editions will be available for all interested parties to read on the website as soon as they are loaded. Each current Newsletter will then be added at its time of publication. We will also be including the recent updated Index to the publications on the site.

You will find the recent AGM reports in this Newsletter and reports of the meetings held so far this year. The AGM reports show that much has happened during the past year and that our capable management of funds will enable us to contribute to the quality of storage in the Local History Room at the Library. We have used our surplus funds to make contributions to this room in the past.

The Newsletter Committee have had offers of articles by members to be included in future issues. If you have any articles or photos, or know of someone who may have an article in relation to the history of Burnside, then please contact me at esmyth@adam.com.au or on 8332 8019.

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

President's Message

At our Annual General Meeting in April the Executive and Committee were elected unopposed. We welcomed three new committee members – Sandra Lachlan as secretary and Anne Both and Glen Cowley.

Thanks go to Sharan Northcott for her service as secretary for eight years and Eleanor Trott for her nine years on the committee which included researching the Council committee minutes up to 1948 for information about Parks and Reserves. At our May meeting we showed our appreciation to Isabel Williams for her seven years as President and committee service by presenting her with Life Membership. Please thank them all personally for their efforts.

History Month is over for another year. Burnside Historical Society hosted eight walking tours and three cemetery tours. Our own excursion during the month was an afternoon examining the history of Magill, in particular the cemetery and stone mines. Our May meeting was by Geoffrey Bean who spoke about Prince Alfred College. Members of the public attending these events were given our information brochures which include a membership form. We hope the experiences whetted their appetite and that some might join our Society. We appreciate those involved in these History Month events and thank them for their time and effort. – Colin Harris, Sandra Lachlan, Margaret and Ally Preiss.

Our Biennial Regional Tour is on 13-14 October where we visit the Fleurieu Peninsula. Colin Harris will again lead this trip and we encourage you to join him for the weekend.

The Society's Program Subcommittee examines suggestions from members and compiles a suitable list of speakers for each year. We especially welcome recommendations of speakers for our future meetings. Thanks to those members who have supplied ideas in the past. Sometimes history is uncovered when following up leads. Sandra Lachlan's father, Ern Kirk. was a Senior Instructor at Fort Largs and a Founding Member and Life Member of the Police Historical Society of South Australia. While locating Ray Slee as our March speaker, she discovered Ray had been taught by her father!

We are saddened to learn of John Clark's death on 1st May. John was made an Honorary Life Member in 1992. He served as President for three years, as Vice President for four years and played a key role, over a long period**,** in working with Council to have the Glen Osmond Mines open and in organising a team of guides for the Tours. Our sympathy goes to his twin sister Pauline Hiscock and family members.

Meredith Ide JP

Program 2012

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 **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 18 June - Valmai Hankel
Red deserts & leafy walks

The Burnside area has been associated with several of our inland explorers of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, some well-known, others obscure. Five of the explorers to be discussed were members of John McDouall Stuart's expedition of 1861-62, when he successfully crossed the continent from south to north and back. The controversial Peter Egerton Warburton is best known for leading the first European expedition from Alice Springs in Central Australia to the Western Australian coast in 1873. Last but not least is the polymath Charles Chewings, most of whose explorations were in Central Australia.

Valmai has been interested in our inland explorers since she was eight. It was to be another 36 years before she was able to travel in some of the country they had experienced. Since then she has driven, mostly on her own, in various parts of outback Australia. She has written the introductions to many of the explorers' journals republished by the Friends of the State Library of South Australia, such as Eyre, Stuart, Giles, Landsborough, and the lesser known Davidson and Chewings.

Monday 16 July – Dr Andrew Black
South Australian ornithology 1802-99

The scientific study of birds in pre-colonial and colonial times was generally the domain of experts in Europe but explorers observed birds and sometimes collected specimens that were found to be new. John Gould visited the colony in 1839 and made several discoveries but, although he described about a third of Australia's songbirds, one small group largely escaped his scrutiny. The growth of ornithology in South

Australia will be illustrated by reference to that group, to the role of the museum, to three remarkable parrots and three bird-collectors of varied notoriety.

Andrew Black is an Honorary member and three-times president of the South Australian Ornithological Association (founded 1899). He has been an Honorary Research Associate at the South Australian Museum since 2004 and has an on ongoing research interest in the ecology and taxonomy of grass wrens. With colleagues he is presently reviewing the distribution and taxonomy of South Australia's birds and the history of the South Australian Museum's bird collection.

Monday 20 August – Kate McDougall
The history and protection of housing in Burnside

Burnside is one of Adelaide's important residential suburbs and it reflects the growth of the Metropolitan area and its changing housing styles in exemplary fashion. The Burnside Council area includes early villages, substantial mansions and estates, Victorian and Edwardian subdivisions and innovative suburbs from between the wars. The important residential architecture of Burnside warrants appropriate conservation and careful management in the future. This talk will present an overview of the historic housing of Burnside and how it is managed.

Kate is a partner in the firm of McDougall and Vines, conservation and heritage consultants, established in 1987. She is concerned with the long-term management of our cultural heritage assets and believes local government plays an important role in this vital area. Her main field of professional activity is in historical research and analysis of all aspects of the development of architecture; buildings, styles, architects, town planning and city history. Over a number of years she has worked closely with Burnside Council in the preparation of the heritage protection provisions of the Burnside Development Plan.

Monday 17 September – Chas Grimes
Memories of Linden Park

Charles (Chas) Grimes will provide us with his personal recollections of Linden Park from the early 1950s to the present, over half a century in which time the landscape has changed from cow pastures to apartments. Seen by some as a poor cousin to its wealthy adjoining suburbs, Linden

Park is now coming into its own with many desirable developments taking advantage of its peaceful and clean environment.

Chas Grimes is a member of our Society and pharmacist by profession. On graduation in 1953 he settled on Linden Park as a location to establish his practice. Over weekends and holidays he and his father laboured for three years to build his business premises. Chas is active in many community organisations including the Metropolitan Male Choir, Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association and the Burnside Anti-graffiti Team

Monday 15 October – Dorothy Heinrich
Robert Clark Morgan. Whaling Sea Captain – little-known figure of early South Australian History

Monday 19 November – Nick Warden
Burnside War Memorial Hospital Inc.

Proposed Regional Tour, Fleurieu Peninsula,

13-14 October 2012

This year's regional tour is to the Fleurieu Peninsula. Surprisingly, the BHS has not previously toured our South Coast and this is now your opportunity to see such well-known localities as Mt Compass, Goolwa, Pt Elliot, Victor Harbor and Cape Jervis from a historical and geographical perspective that will be refreshingly new and informative.

Colin Harris will again lead the tour and those who have travelled with him on other trips 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.

On the Saturday we will look at the environment and history of the southern Mt Lofty Ranges before turning our attention to the southern coastline with its rich history of Aboriginal occupation, whaling and seafaring. After a night in Victor Harbor, we will head west towards Cape Jervis looking en-route at the post World War 2 land development of the region and the more recent growth of tourism and biodiversity conservation.

An expression of interest flyer is in included in this *Newsletter* – fill it in and join us on another enjoyable BHS regional tour!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AGM 16 April 2012

Colin Harris as President stated at our last AGM that, for a small Society, ours is a very busy one. It continues to be so. We have achieved steps in highlighting significant historic events and locations in the Burnside Council area. Meetings have been well attended, averaging 48. The 7.30 pm meeting time start has proved popular and membership is around the 150 mark.

We have heard a variety of stimulating and knowledgeable speakers who have been well-received. Thanks to the Program Committee and suggestions from members. Last May we participated in History SA's *About Time,* the South Australia History Festival, extending over a month. Organised through the Burnside Library our contributions included tours to four historic sites, including Magill Cemetery. Once again Richard House conducted the popular bus tours of northern and southern Burnside Council areas. In July we visited Mitcham Heritage Research Centre. Following their informative September talk about the natural history of Ferguson Conservation Park, in October member Ken Preiss and Dr Geoffrey Bishop discussed the vegetation on site, following refreshments served by the Friends of the Park.

Our achievements during 2011-12 would not have been possible without the ongoing efforts and guidance of office bearers and the Committee as well as Newsletter, Plaques and Program Sub-committees. Colin, as current Vice President, is particularly knowledgeable and resourceful in various matters, liaising with the City of Burnside staff about Wheal Watkins Mines, Bell Yett and Brock interpretive signs and plaques. I have appreciated his support and wise counsel. Financially the Society is in an excellent position thanks to Treasurer Richard House's good management and June Ward always delivered the Committee's Minutes on time.

Ancillary members have been willing to lend a hand. We appreciate helpers who organise the hall for meetings, supper coordinators Hazel Newton and Sharan Northcott and their cheerful helpers; Richard House who diligently collects subscriptions and trip monies; recorders John Love and Brian Ward, John Love as Chief Warden and the wardens, and Glen Woodward with his floral decorations and his welcoming manner. Thanks to Margaret Beare for attending an Oral History workshop. We are pleased that many members can attend General Meetings and extra events and invite their friends to join us.

We are grateful for the Community Grant we received again this year from the City of Burnside to produce and distribute a high quality newsletter. The Newsletter Committee, led by Editor Elaine Smyth, and Society volunteers who deliver the

newsletters, help us to keep in touch with our membership, especially those unable to attend meetings. Thanks to members who produce summaries of our monthly talks and Society events. We encourage contributions to newsletters and articles about topics particularly pertinent to the local area. We are grateful to Sheena Grant for working with Anne Both in the original updating of our cumulative Indices of newsletters which Anne recently completed to December 2011.

During 2011-12, more members have been involved in monthly presentations talking about our local Council area - history of three plaques; November Member's Night Show and Tell; Colin Harris' colourful recounting of stories from early Burnside at our well-attended January outdoor meeting at Hübbe Court, and tonight stories about Magill Cemetery and Bennett's Magill Pottery.

Over the years our Society has been involved in practical projects in partnership with the City of Burnside – including Burnside Street Names and their Origins, and Plaques Projects. Recently we agreed to enhance the storage facility in the Local History room by donating $2,500 to a safer filing cabinet system. We donated $50 to the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre and $100 to Angel Flight following February's talk.

Several years ago, John Clark, past President and Honorary Life Member of the Society, generously donated $30,000 towards the resumption of underground tours of the historic Wheal Watkins Mine at Glen Osmond. Negotiations have continued with the Council, but to date there has been no final decision. Thanks to Colin Harris and Dr Ross Both for their perseverance in this matter.

We want to encourage members to get involved in Oral History. Some members are researching aspects of the local area and past identities. Please consider having your old photographs, related to the Burnside Council area, copied for the Local History Room. Thanks to members who have helped answer questions when people inquire about relatives. We appreciate all help received to progress the Society's objectives.

Three committee members are retiring. Many thanks especially go to Isabel Williams, committee member for four years (2002 and 2009-12) and President for seven terms (2003-09). Eleanor Trott, Committee Member for nine years (2003-2012) has researched Council Minutes Books up to 1948 about Parks and Reserves in Burnside and taken photographs. Sharan Northcott has been Secretary for eight years (2005-12). With the support of the subcommittee she convened, she helped organise the 9th biennial Eastern Regional History Seminar in mid 2010. The majority of our current office holders and Committee members have renominated for a further 112 months to 2 years. Having experienced committee members provides stability and support to new ones.

What of future events? There is plenty planned to interest members and encourage others to join our Society. We have organised 12 events during May History Month, including a half day tour of Magill Cemetery and Magill Stone Mines for our members. On 2 June the biennial Eastern Regional History Seminar will be hosted by the Campbelltown Historical Society and in October our biennial Regional tour will take us to the Fleurieu Peninsula, a chance to socialise.

Members need to share the task of *actively* seeking new members, recruiting from recent retirees. Share our membership brochure and informative newsletters to explain about our Society. Our viability is paramount. Our Society doesn't want to be relegated to History itself through apathy. Many hours are spent by volunteers planning, meeting, making decisions, liaising with Council, organising trips and speakers by phone, email and letter. I thank you for your support and encouragement.

Meredith Ide JP
President

ANNUAL SUBS ARE NOW DUE for 2012/2013

If you haven't already paid please pay at one of our monthly meetings
or send your money to

The Treasurer, Burnside Historical Society,
PO Box 152, Glenside, SA 5065

Single subscription	$22
Family subscription	$33

State History Conference

The next State History Conference will be held in 2013.

Adelaide will be hosting two national conferences of interest to State History Conference delegates in 2012.

From July 9-13, the Australian Historical Association Conference will be held at the University of Adelaide. For more information, go to: www.theaha.org.au
The Museums Australia Conference will be held in Adelaide from 24 to 29 September 2012: museumsaustralia.org.au

TREASURER'S REPORT: AGM 16 April 2012

The financial figures for the year show a slight loss of $174. On a turnover of nearly $5000 this is nothing to be worried about, and we are well covered by the reserves from the profits from past years.

There were two unusual expenses incurred during the year. One was the sum of $554 for the cost of converting the recordings of our meetings from tape to disc. This has been an ongoing expense now for three years, costing $2847 to date and will continue until all relevant tapes have been copied. We have nearly reached that point. The other was the cost of $188 for having some greetings cards printed. These are available for members to purchase but are more frequently used by the executive for sending messages of greeting, welcome, or thanks. As both these are special expenses the cost of $742 has been taken from the General Accumulated Fund which is the reserve kept especially for these types of expense.

The cost of printing the Newsletter was greater than budgeted because of the comprehensive index of the contents of all previous newsletters that was also printed. That in itself is a valuable research source because it covers thirty years of articles of local and national interest. This cost comes from the Community Grant that we apply for, and normally get, annually.

We were so impressed by the Angel Flight evening that we made a donation of $100 to the cause. We also donated $50 to the Mitcham Heritage Centre.

It is also worth noting that the income from single membership subscriptions has dropped by $160. This is a reflection on our membership numbers which have dropped this year from one hundred and fifty five to one hundred and forty nine. That is the lowest since 1986. The membership head count has been steadily dropping over the past ten years and members are encouraged to promote the society to friends and relations.

Richard House
Treasurer

We welcome new members Jim McBride, Joy and John Taplin, Margaret Dowling and Kathryn Walsh and we hope you enjoy our friendship and interest in history.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st March 2012

2010/2011	Income	2011/2012
$1,960.00	Subscriptions 2011/12 (Single)	$1,800.00
$780.00	Subscriptions 2011/12 (Family)	$780.00
$192.19	Surplus on visit to Mitcham	$75.00
$1,066.38	Surplus on Upper Spencer Gulf tour	$0.00
$374.69	Bank interest on Cheque and Savings accounts	$436.59
$0.00	Sundry sales - greetings cards and misc	$28.60
$445.00	Donations	$130.00
$565.40	Transfer from accumulated fund for tape to disc copying ($554.40) and greetings cards ($188) (see * below)	$742.40
$650.00	Council Grant for Newsletter and other projects	$775.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Street Names project	$0.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Parks and Gardens project	$0.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Oral History project	$0.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Plaques Records update	$0.00
$6,033.66	**Total income**	$4,767.59
	Expenses	
$565.40	Project to copy tape recordings of meetings to discs (see * above)	$554.40
$207.60	Printing and Stationery	$234.19
$205.79	Telephone, postage and PO Box	$368.00
$812.97	Use of hall and hire of amplification equipment for Hubbe Court meetin	$560.00
$114.09	Supper costs	$143.26
$130.00	Subscriptions to other societies and seminar fees	$200.00
$462.78	Loss on Feathers dinners (guests and admin costs)	
	History week expenses	$117.50
	Website	$25.00
	Donations made	$150.00
$901.65	Insurance	$909.49
$127.05	Gifts	$302.88
$14.95	Tapes and minor equipment	$96.48
	Burnside Historical Society greetings cards (see * above)	$188.00
$290.00	New Burnside Historical Society flyers	$0.00
$816.03	Newsletter (printing $661.97, admin $158.60	$820.57
$0.00	Street Names project	$0.00
$0.00	Parks and Gardens project	$0.00
$0.00	Oral History project	$53.00
$0.00	Plaques Record update project	$0.00
$269.00	Depreciation on equipment; computer, data projector, tape recorder, slide projector	$219.45
$4,917.31	**Total expenses**	$4,942.22
$1,116.35	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	($174.63)
$1,282.38	Transfer to General Accumulated fund	($76.06)
$0.00	Transfer to Mines Account Reserve	$0.00
($166.03)	Transfer losses to Council Grant Reserves (Newsletter, Oral History)	($98.57)
$1,116.35	**Total**	($174.63)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2012

2010/2011			2011/2012
	General Accumulated funds		
$6,263.83	As at 1st April 2011		$6,980.81
($565.40)	Transfer to Income and Expenditure for tape to disc copying project		($742.40)
$1,282.38	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		($76.06)
$6,980.81	As at 31st March 2012		$6,162.35
	Mines Account Reserve		
$3,113.28	As at 1st April 2011		$3,113.28
$3,113.28	As at 31st March 2012		$3,113.28
	Council Grants Reserve		
$821.94	As at 1st April 2011		$655.91
($166.03)	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		($98.57)
$655.91	As at 31st March 2012		$557.34
	Being - Newsletter	$257.35	
	- Street Names project	$0.00	
	- Parks and Gardens project	$67.79	
	- Oral History project	$47.00	
	- Plaques Reprint project	$185.20	
$10,750.00	**TOTAL EQUITY**		$9,832.97
	Members equity is made up from		
	Current Assets		
$3,322.21	Bank of South Australia cheque account		$1,756.79
$7,256.79	Bank South Australia Express Saver Account (Internet only)		$7,630.18
$10,579.00	**Total** as at 31st March 2012		$9,386.97
	Non Current Assets		
$900.00	Equipment as at 31st March 2011		$631.00
	Plus cost of new computer		$804.45
($269.00)	Less depreciation @ 20%		($219.45)
$631.00	**Total** as at 31st March 2012		$1,216.00
$11,210.00		**Total Assets**	$10,602.97
	Current liabilities		
	Magill tour May 2012		$80.00
$400.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2012/13/14 (Single)		$480.00
$60.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2012/13 (Family)		$210.00
$460.00		**Total Liabilities**	$770.00
$10,750.00	**TOTAL NET ASSETS as at 31st March 2012**		$9,832.97

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 2012, according to the books, records and information submitted to me.

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

VALE JOHN CLARK

Burnside Historical Society members have been saddened to learn of the death of John Clark on 1 May 2012 at the age of 86 years.

A founding member of the Society, an Honorary Life Member and President 1984-85 and 1987-99, John was always to the fore when it came to celebrating Burnside's history, especially its mining history. For many years he was the driving force behind the Society's underground tours of the nationally significant Wheal Watkins Mine at Glen Osmond and it would have surprised few to learn from the Society's most recent Newsletter that John was the benefactor who donated $30 000 towards restoration of the Mine.

A descendant of the pioneering Clark family of Hazelwood Farm, John maintained a life-long interest in the history of his family and their contribution to the district.

We will miss his commitment and wise counsel.

Life Membership – Isabel Williams

At our May meeting your committee has recognised Isabel William's outstanding service to the Society with Life Membership. Isabel joined the Society in February 1999 and became a committee member in 2002 and was our longest-serving President (2003–09). She has then continued on the committee until 2012 when she decided to retire.

Isabel was respected by her committee and displayed the characteristics of an effective leader by giving intelligent suggestions to issues and decisions. She related well to the Burnside Council. In recent years Isabel has provided wise counsel and support to her successors. She has been modest in her endeavours and nothing was too much for her. While carrying out her duties and responsibilities, Isabel has always displayed a cheerful and generous attitude.

As President, Isabel would conclude our meetings with a little saying and this one typifies her.

> *A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes.*

Foothills living in the late nineteenth century—the modest and the grand

Monday 16 January 2012

Around fifty members and a number of nearby residents gathered on a hot evening on the lawns of Hübbe Court, Erindale, for an outdoor meeting to hear the Society's Vice President Colin Harris tell us about late nineteenth century living in the area. Colin grew up near old Burnside Village and regularly leads walks in the area. The meeting was followed by a dinner at the nearby *Feathers Hotel.*

An important attraction for early settlers to live east of Adelaide was the permanent water supplies of Waterfall Gully (First) and Slapes Gully (Second) creeks which rose in the Adelaide Hills near Mt Lofty. Also attractive was the cooling gully breezes of summer (which we were not blessed with on this particular evening!). Of the two watercourses it was Second Creek which provided a more reliable flow in summer and this was reflected by the presence of many more grand houses built along it than was the case with First Creek

The Kaurna Aboriginal people had, of course, lived in the region for many thousands of years prior to European arrival and for their life style it was a very productive environment. The Kaurna had a seasonal pattern of movement, with a shift to the coast in summer where they occupied the coastal dunes. In winter they moved to the foothills where they lived in the more sheltered red and blue gum woodlands, environments which provided an abundance of small game animals such as possums and bandicoots.

Shortly after European colonization a Scotsman, Peter Anderson, arrived to farm section 320 in the Hundred of Adelaide. He had capital, labour (in the form of family members) and farming experience, but after 10 years he left, having found the land expensive to clear and difficult to crop with the Northern Hemisphere cereal strains being used at that time. It was Peter Anderson who originated the name *Burnside* for he was, after all, farming by the *side* of the *burn.* With Anderson's departure, subdivision to lay out the village of Burnside followed, a feature of the allotments being that many were long and narrow to provide a frontage to Second Creek. Allotments that did not have a creek frontage were given title rights to a water reserve on Lockwood Road.

A notable family that took up part of the former Anderson land was the Debneys, their buildings being later extended to form the core of what was to become *Undelcarra*, one of four grand estates along Second Creek. The Debneys farmed but were best known as makers of fine furniture. They were also regarded as the best funeral proprietors in Adelaide! When the Debney businesses eventually failed in the 1870s, Simpson Newland purchased the property. Newland had made his fortune as a pastoralist in the West Darling country of New South Wales and *Undelcarra* enjoyed its finest years during his occupancy. Among other things, he doubled the size of the house by adding a second storey, developed the gardens as a showpiece of their time and had a water supply constructed to irrigate both his orangery and house garden. Balls, recitals, hunts and concerts were features of the social calendar of *Undelcarra*, with families from the adjoining *big* houses attending as regular guests.

The other fine estates on the creek were *Bracklyn (*later *Ivymeade)* and the Waldrons (later *Erindale*). Higher up the creek on the Stonyfell hills was *Clifton*, unusual in that it was not sited on the Creek itself.

In addressing the more humble side of foothills living, Colin talked about the development of the village of Burnside around the intersection of Lockwood Road and High Street. A Burnside Historical Society plaque in front of the old Burnside Hotel commemorates what was once a vibrant semi-rural community, the shops and service providers catering for farm labourers and artisans, many of whom occupied modest single-fronted cottages. Most of the latter have been demolished and replaced by more recent dwellings. Some survive to the present and Colin talked about one of these, 82 Lockwood Road, the scene of a celebrated murder in 1872. The hot evening precluded a walk around the old Village.

At the end of the talk, members were encouraged to view the remaining buildings of Peter Anderson's farm in the grounds of *Undelcarra* and the rehabilitation and revegetation of the banks of Second Creek in Hübbe Court, the latter being another example of the good work being done by the City of Burnside's Andrew Crompton and his biodiversity team.

Elaine Smyth

HELP !

Recorder wanted (not the musical instrument)

The Society records all the talks given to its monthly meetings. At present, this is done by John Love and Brian Ward. There will be times when neither can attend. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help with the amplification and digital recording equipment in the Community Centre.

Please contact John jhlove@internode.on.net or Brian bjandjm-ward@ozemail.com.au

Angel Flights

Monday 20 February 20112

In his thought-provoking address, retired businessman Bob Korotcoff amply illustrated the dedication of the 3000 - strong army of volunteer 'Earth Angels' who support the work of Angel Flight.

The service had its origin during a visit to the USA in 2002 by Australian founder, Bill Bristow. He saw such a facility there and realized it could have similar value in Australia.

In 2003 it became a reality.

Bob's power point presentation showed some of the air services provided by Angel Flight where other forms of transport are not practical or either time consuming or exhausting – such as the delivery of blood for transfusion at short notice, provision of transport for cancer patients and reuniting families with limited resources. There is no conflict with the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

All 2200 Angel Flight pilots, who provide both their services and use of their aircraft free, are required to have credentials which exceed the standards of the Government Aviation Safety Authority. They are now reimbursed for the cost of their fuel. Landing and navigation fees are waived by the relevant authorities. Many pilots are employees of commercial airlines and provide their services in their leisure time.

Referrals come from members of the medical profession, nurses, clergy and service organizations.

Angel Flight has three aims:

**Transport* – since its inception, pilots have made between 30 – 40 flights per week assisting approx. 9000 patients.

**Fund Raising* – all funds are raised by the Service, with no Government assistance. Primary sources of income are: Rotary, CWA, Lions, corporate donations and deceased estates. Only 15% of the money raised is paid in wages.

**Promotion* – the service has a number of speakers who visit organizations to tell them about Angel Flight.

The number of members who purchased Angel Flight's mascot 'Charlie' bore witness to the effect of Bob's address.

Peter Davies

Adelaide's First Gaol (1838-41)

Monday 19 March 2012

Max Slee described how before Adelaide had a gaol, prisoners were chained to the deck of the *Buffalo*, the ship that brought the Governor, John Hindmarsh, to South Australia. They were under the control of the Royal Marines, who came as the Governor's guard and were required to act as policemen. Some civilians acted part -time as 'special constables' and were paid for their services. The special constables did not get on well with the marines, who were more interested in their regular issue of navy rum than in keeping order in the community.

Hindmarsh lived on the *Buffalo* while a hut was built on the land reserved as the Government House domain. After the *Buffalo* left, prisoners were kept in an open-air gaol or a temporary lock-up, not far from the Governor's hut. The worst offenders were transported to the eastern colonies. A sudden increase in crime in 1838 prompted Hindmarsh to appoint Henry Inman as the first police officer, instructing him to recruit twenty constables, ten mounted and ten foot. By the time Hindmarsh was recalled, the force consisted of Inman and eighteen men, who also acted as gaolers.

Meanwhile, two men, Stuart and Ashton, had been appointed in London as police officers. The new Governor, George Gawler, appointed Stuart as Inman's deputy. Ashton agreed, somewhat reluctantly, to be head gaoler, which position he held for nearly twenty years until he died. Gawler lost no time in calling tenders for a proper Government House and a gaol, both still standing. The gaol was opened in January 1841. The temporary gaol then became the Government House gardener's residence.

Max's research has revealed that the temporary gaol was in the north-east corner of the Government House domain, part of it being on land that is now in Kintore Avenue. It seems to have been quite a sizeable structure, including a stone room and three yards. Earth works for making Kintore Avenue revealed four skeletons, probably those of prisoners who were hanged and, as was common practice, buried within the gaol enclosure. A plaque marking the site was unveiled recently in Government House grounds.

John Love

Oral History – What is it?
Expression of Interest

If you were a Society member in 1997 you will remember the invitation extended to persons resident in the Burnside Council area to participate in reminiscences about World War II. This was part of the Society's Oral History project – *The War Years in Burnside 1939-42.* Twenty people who responded, met for morning tea in the Mayor's Parlour on 25 June 1997.

There were positive outcomes:

* *the participants enjoyed sharing their experiences and memories,*
* *the coordinating committee felt that the exercise was a success,*
* *several participants will be approached to be interviewees*

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During 2011 committee member Margaret Beare attended an Oral History workshop at the State Library. People from a variety of backgrounds gathered to learn how to conduct Oral History interviews using the latest digital recording equipment. She purchased a copy of the Oral History Handbook by Beth M Robertson (5th ed.) for our use. Beth spoke to our Society on 20 January 1992 about Oral History.

The committee is looking for interested members to discover what Oral History is, to gain knowledge and learn skills in how to interview older residents of Burnside using appropriate equipment. You will be able to practise on Society members in a friendly, relaxed setting and gain confidence to perform later in a "live" interview.

The benefits will be that we can have an opportunity to hear about past experiences and the memories of people who have resided in our Council area for years and have seen many changes. These recordings can be housed in the Local History Room and be a valuable resource for use in the future.

Why not join this Oral History group? Please phone me to register your interest.

Meredith Ide

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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:

High Street, Burnside , looking westwards across Lockwood Road. 2011.

The house on the left at 33 High Street was formerly Burnside Hotel and built in 1883. It was constructed for brewers Edmeades and Co. who had purchased the original Burnside Inn further down the street. The Hotel continued to operate until about 1900 and has since been used as shops, flats and a private home. It is on the State Heritage Register.

The shop on the right at 35 High Street was originally built as Lockwood Store in the 1850's. It was the centre of village life in Burnside, Joseph Lockwood having purchased the site in 1852. The original mud house, shop and cellar was extended in 1870 when a bakery was added. From 1863 the first Post Office for Burnside operated from there and Lockwood was also agent for the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. Since 1914 the building was extended to provide residential accommodation and shops. Tin 1989 the building was extensively renovated and incorporated into the neighbouring townhouse development.

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