

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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Hazelwood Park

From the Editor's Desk

Late May saw our annual History Week celebrated across South Australia. Each year the brochure seems to grow as more and more people are offering their places for visits and talks. Perhaps next year the BHS can participate as an independent group in some of these activities. In similar vein, the State History Conference is coming up soon (August) and the venue this year is Murray Bridge.

This edition of the Newsletter contains the Annual General Meeting reports from the President and Treasurer. The minutes of the AGM were considered at the May general meeting and formally accepted.

Welcome to our new committee member, Margaret Beare, and sincere thanks to retiring committee member, Mary Wilson. We are appreciative of Mary's willingness to be involved without the commitment of being formally on the committee.

Thanks to those who have been contributing to our Newsletter. Some members are waiting for past contributions to be printed and hopefully they will be in the next issue. If you have any historical information relating to the Burnside area, it would be greatly appreciated. Old photographs of the area can be copied. Or I can come and talk to you about your memories of the area. If you can help, please contact me on 8332 8019.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

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President's Message

As we progress through 2010 the level of Society activity is rising quite markedly. Our monthly meeting programme is in full swing, our AGM was held last month, planning for the September regional tour is well advanced and in June we will host the 10th biennial Eastern Regional History Seminar. And as if this were not enough we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Society in August!

All this activity requires work and it was pleasing that at the April AGM we were able to retain the current key office holders. One change was made to the Committee, with Margaret Beare replacing Mary Wilson. Mary has been a very willing worker and we will miss her presence on Committee. A warm welcome to Margaret, we hope that your time on Committee will be both interesting and rewarding. At the AGM I thanked a large number of members whose contributions are essential to the smooth running of our Society. It has been a pleasure to acknowledge their efforts in my President's report, reproduced elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.

I have commented previously in this *Newsletter* on the extent to which the Society should present a view on historical matters of concern to the wider community. The Society has played an advocacy role on occasions in the past, the re-development of the Penfold vineyards and the demolition of *Wandeen* in old Burnside being good examples. On the other hand the Society has not been involved to any extent in the ongoing matter of the Chelsea Cinema, in part because the issue is more about ownership of the building, rather than the retention of its heritage character – the latter being secure because of its listing on the State Heritage Register.

More recently, the Society lodged a submission with the City of Burnside on the future of the memorial avenue of English Elm trees on Prescott Terrace, Rose Park. Council deferred any immediate decision and the matter has now been put back to the community for further comment. In response the Society has reiterated its 2009 position that a staged replacement of the dead and dying trees is the best option. The Society has also made representations to the City of Burnside about the historical importance of the Magill Cemetery and it is pleasing to be able to report that Council has committed \$80 000 towards a number of urgent maintenance and conservation works at the Cemetery. Much more needs to be done, but it is an encouraging start.

Because of this high level of activity within the Society we have not at this stage scheduled any day or half day activities for 2010, but if you have any ideas for either later this year or in 2011 please pass them on Programme Committee

members Shirley Sumerling or Mary Wilson. Please join in our activities – there are plenty of them and they are always enjoyable and informative!

Colin Harris, PSM

Eastern Regional Seminar
10th Anniversary

Local History – A Sense of Place

To be held on Saturday 19th June 2010
at Burnside Community Centre

If you have not registered yet, it's not too late!

Telephone - Sharan Northcott - 8332 1761

MEETINGS

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

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

Program 2010

Monday 21 June, 8 pm

The Trak – Burnside's art-house Cinema

Michael Schneider

Burnside's much loved Trak Cinema started in a former hairdressing salon and opened to the public on Boxing Day 1975. It exhibited low budget commercial films and had eight managers in two years until it was discovered by Barry Loane while holidaying in Adelaide. Loane took up the lease and over a period of time was able to expand, eventually taking over the entire first floor of the Toorak Village Arcade and opening a second screen in 1995 (a third was opened in 2008).

Michael Schneider, now co-owner with friend and business partner Michael Todd, started at the Trak in 1991, working as a casual for Loane before moving to Germany and working there for two years. On returning to Adelaide he continued working at the Trak while studying a business degree and in 2003 he and Michael Todd (formerly of the Capri) purchased the business from Loane.

As a pioneering art-house cinema the Trak was once the only place to see European and non-Hollywood productions, but with the rise of the Nova and the Palace the audience demographics have changed. Michael will talk about trends in the film industry and share with us his great passion for the Trak and the industry that drives it.

Monday 19 July, 8 pm

Burnside's Parks and Reserves

Eleanor Trott & Simon Bradley

The City of Burnside is graced by 113 parks and reserves, with many having historical interest or high biodiversity value as remnants of the original Adelaide Plains native vegetation. All are attractive open areas in a suburban setting, providing a wide range of recreational opportunities.

Burnside Historical Society member Eleanor Trott has been researching the history of these parks and reserves, a long term task involving an exhaustive searching of the Council's minute books. In the course of her work Eleanor has visited and photographed every one of the 113 parks and reserves.

Joining Eleanor in the presentation will be Simon Bradley from the City of Burnside. Simon's substantive position in Council is Manager of Open Spaces and Recreation, but since late January this year he has occupied the position of Acting Manager, Planning and Infrastructure. Simon has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and has worked at the City of Burnside since 1998. Prior to that he worked with local government in Sydney in the fields of open space and recreational planning.

Saturday 14 August, 6.30 for 7.00 pm
30th Anniversary Dinner at the Feathers

Monday 16 August, 8 pm
Tom Kruse and Reg Sprigg – Legends of the Outback
Kristin Weidenbach

In very different ways Tom Kruse and Reg Sprigg became legends of South Australia's Outback.

Tom, a knockabout truck driver and earth moving contractor, was to be immortalized by his central role in John Heyer's classic 1953 film documentary, *Back of Beyond*, the story of the Marree-Birdsville mail run, whilst Reg Sprigg achieved his legendary status through geology. Amongst many other things, Reg discovered the world's oldest fossils at Ediacra in the Flinders Ranges, helped found the oil and natural gas giant *Santos*, played a pivotal role in the discovery of the Cooper Basin oil and gas field and later in life established the Arkaroola Wildlife Sanctuary, one of Australia's first eco-tourism resorts.

Kristin Weidenbach has a PhD in immunology, but switched to a career in writing after completing postdoctoral research at Stanford University in California. Her biography of Tom Kruse, *Mailman of the Birdsville Track*, has sales of over 90 000 and is currently in its 20th printing since publication in 2003. *Rock Star*, her biography of Reg Sprigg, was published in 2008.

Monday 20 September, 8 pm
Swimming in the River Torrens
Michael Talbot

From the earliest days of European settlement swimming in the River Torrens was popular, but it was only one of a number of conflicting uses early factories. Landscaping after construction of the stone weir in 1881

of the River. The 'pretty little stream' of 1836 was quickly used for bathing, laundry, rubbish dumping and the disposal of waste from many improved the situation, but over a century later pollution of the River remains a problem.

The waterholes and reaches of the River between the weir and Felixstow Bridge were informal swimming places for decades, but from 1907 a number of swimming clubs came into existence, the best known being North Adelaide and Gilberton. Membership of the latter peaked at 2500.

Michael Talbot worked in the State Library of South Australia from 1973 until 2009 in areas ranging from reference services to marketing and development. As a historian Michael has a professional interest in the development of libraries and reading. He has authored and edited a number of scholarly publications and has had a long interest in radio. In this context he will be familiar to at least some of our members from his regular presentations on ABC local radio 891.

Monday 18 October, 8 pm
A National History Curriculum – Attainable Goal or Pie in the Sky?
Paul Foley

Monday 15 November, 8 pm
Mound Springs and the Burnside Connections
Simon Lewis

Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Tour

To Pt Pirie, Pt Augusta and Whyalla
is being held on
Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September inclusive

Those members who have booked and paid their deposit will have received information in a separate mail out

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

30th Anniversary Dinner

Feathers Hotel Burnside

6.30 for 7.00 pm, Saturday 14 August 2010

The Burnside Historical Society held its first official meeting on 14 August 1980, so come along and join in our 30th anniversary celebrations!

The celebrations will take the form of a dinner at the Feathers Hotel, Glynburn Road, Burnside. The Feathers is, in itself, a Burnside institution, but few people seem to be aware that it stands on the site of an old wine saloon, a dispenser of spirits and liquors to Burnside's working men for many decades. Perhaps the old timers would be content in the knowledge that their much loved watering hole was replaced by a hotel, a grander affair certainly, but one still plying the traditional trade.

Menu: choice of two main courses and two desserts; tea and coffee

Cost: \$42 per head, drinks additional

Note that the venue is limited to 60 people so please complete and return the enclosed slip promptly

ANNUAL SUBS ARE NOW DUE for 2010/2011

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 \$20
Family subscription \$30

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AGM

Monday 19 April 2010

When I took over the reins of the Society from Isabel Williams at our Annual General Meeting last year I made the statement that she would leave a large pair of shoes to fill, and so it has proven. Isabel's calm and dignified approach to leading the Society for five years belied the amount of behind the scenes work that is needed and in reviewing the past twelve months I have been most grateful for the support of the Society's Committee. The wise counsel and practical support provided by all of the Committee members has been very much appreciated and it is with pleasure that I place my thanks on record.

Happily, most of our current Committee members and office holders are willing and able to serve for another twelve months. The continuity and experience that this represents will be invaluable in the running of the Society.

The one Committee member not seeking re-election is Mary Wilson and we will miss her presence on Committee. Mary has worked with trade-mark efficiency in a number of spheres of the Society's organisation, including programming and publicity. All is not lost though because Mary has indicated that she is willing to help with individual projects and activities outside of Committee. Our sincere thanks to you Mary – we all appreciate your contribution.

In taking over the Presidency I knew that I was being entrusted with the leadership of an active and well respected organisation, and some measure of this is to be found in the number of projects and issues that the Society has been involved with over the past twelve months. Our well established programme of working with the City of Burnside in the placement of bronze plaques at places and sites of historic interest has continued, the most recent being on Greenhill Road at the Gatehouse of the former *Linden* estate. Advice was also provided to the City of Burnside in relation to the wording for a proposed plaque adjacent to the site of the Drew family crypt on Portrush Road. In similar vein, negotiations were commenced with the Council for the provision of interpretive signage relating to the Brock family at Brock Reserve on Dashwood Road.

Importantly, renewed efforts were made to have the necessary works undertaken to allow the re-opening of the nationally significant Wheal Watkins mine at Glen Osmond. Because of safety concerns the mine was closed to public tours some years ago and substantial expenditure on site works (above and below ground) is needed before any re-opening is possible. Significantly, the Society received during the past year an anonymous donation of \$30 000 to be put towards the

necessary works. The cheque for that amount was made out to the City of Burnside and was duly passed on to that organisation. Subsequently, the Society has worked with the Council to put forward an application for supplementary State Government funding. We are awaiting keenly the outcome of that application.

The Society has also provided submissions and comment to the City of Burnside on a number of other matters, including a proposed re-naming of Webb Street Reserve in Rose Park, a proposed replacement of the memorial avenue of English Elm trees in Prescott Terrace Rose Park and the public display in the Burnside Community Centre of a wooden gear wheel from Finnisbrook Mill on First Creek at Burnside, South Australia's very first water mill. Late in 2009 the Society lent its voice to the need for much needed maintenance and restorative work at the little known but historically important Magill Cemetery, and it is gratifying that the City of Burnside has recently voted \$80 000 towards this work.

Closer to home, a sub committee led by our Secretary Sharan Northcott has been busy planning the 10th biennial Eastern Regional Seminar for historical societies. To be hosted by our Society and held on Saturday 19 June 2010, the Seminar will provide an important opportunity for the exchange of information and ideas of mutual interest between the participating societies. Over the past year the Society's programme of monthly meetings has again been popular and it is important to thank all of those who make the meetings possible: the members of the Programme Committee who have sought out the many interesting speakers; the helpers who put out the chairs and tables; the supper providers, coordinated most efficiently by Hazel Newton; Glen Woodward who helps with hospitality and table decorations and our audio technicians John Love and Brian Ward. The latter two have persevered with equipment that is trying at times and through their efforts we continue to have amplification and the sound recording of our meetings. At this stage we are still using magnetic tapes for the recordings, but we hope to convert to digital in the forthcoming year. As an interim measure John Love is having past tapes of meetings directly relevant to the Burnside area converted to digital form.

Thanks must go also to the *Newsletter* Committee and our indefatigable Editor Elaine Smyth. A significant health challenge in 2009 notwithstanding, Elaine managed to bring out all issues on time: through her efforts and the support of the Committee we continue to have a first class *Newsletter*. Our thanks are due also to the Society members who distribute copies of the *Newsletter* within their local areas.

If there is any sort of a cloud on the horizon for the Society it lies in our membership. Our Treasurer Richard House has analysed the data and shown

graphically that after rising to a peak of just over 200 in 2002-03 our numbers have dropped away and if the current trend continues we will decline to around 150 later this year. I have drawn attention to this in our *Newsletter* and it really is quite a challenge for the Society. It is not just that the numbers are declining steadily, but the membership profile is ageing – members once active are now restricted by advancing years. The Society is not, of course, unique in this – many other community groups report similar trends – but it does point to the importance of recruiting new members. It is probably unrealistic to expect that many of these will be young people, but recent retirees are often very active and it is from their ranks that we should be principally looking to recruit. Every member of the Society can help with this: recruit from within your family and your circle of friends. The survival of our Society depends upon it!

Colin Harris, PSM
President

TREASURER'S REPORT: AGM

Monday 19 April 2010

I am glad to report a successful financial year making a surplus of \$1020. This has enabled us to transfer \$763 to the General Accumulated Funds Reserve and \$257 to the Council Grants Reserve.

This profit was achieved mainly from

- the increase in subscriptions since last year
- donations of \$132, and
- the Community Grant of \$950 from the Burnside Council which went towards the cost of the Newsletter, the Parks and Reserves project and the Oral History project.

As can be seen we would have made a loss if we had not had the donations and the Community Grant, which totalled \$1082 between them. It should also be noted that the recent economic situation has caused bank interest to drop from \$399 last year to \$266 for this year.

There was one unusual expense incurred during the year which was the sum of \$1108 for the cost of converting the recordings of our meetings from tape to disc. The use of tapes as recording media is becoming outdated and, as many people do not even have such devices nowadays, this conversion is regarded as essential if the

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BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st March 2010

2008/2009	Income	2009/2010
	Subscriptions 2008/09 (Single) paid late	\$34.00
\$1,673.00	Subscriptions 2009/10 (Single)	\$1,969.00
\$772.00	Subscriptions 2009/10 (Family)	\$820.00
\$0.00	Profit on mines tours	\$0.00
\$11.35	Profit on walking tours	\$0.00
\$112.00	Profit on bus tours	\$0.00
\$24.90	Profit on day tours	\$0.00
\$0.00	Profit on weekend tours	\$0.00
\$399.30	Bank interest on Cheque and Savings accounts	\$266.21
\$5.00	Sundry Sales - tape of meeting	\$5.00
\$427.50	Donation from ex Friends of the Arts Burnside	\$0.00
\$53.00	Other donations	\$132.00
\$1,517.45	Transfer from accumulated fund for tape copying (see * below)	\$1,108.80
\$850.00	Council Grant for Newsletter	\$950.00
\$0.00	Council Grant for Street Names project	
\$90.00	Council Grant for Parks and Gardens project	
\$50.00	Council Grant for Oral History project	
\$0.00	Council Grant for Plaques Records update	
\$5,985.50	Total income	\$5,285.01
	Expenses	
\$618.75	Project to copy tape recordings of meetings to discs (see * above)	\$1,108.80
\$257.23	Printing and Stationery	\$137.68
\$315.70	Telephone, postage and PO Box	\$266.46
\$590.00	Use of hall and hire of amplification equipment for Hazelwood meeting	\$660.00
\$221.22	Supper costs	\$147.90
\$180.00	Subscriptions to other societies and seminar fees	\$130.00
\$0.00	Loss on Feathers dinner (admin cost)	\$11.00
\$728.48	Insurance	\$757.34
\$74.55	Gifts	\$87.50
\$248.50	Tapes and minor equipment	\$39.98
\$293.70	Donation to library for purchase of filing cabinet	\$0.00
\$605.00	Donation to National Trust for plaque at Beaumont House	\$0.00
\$50.00	Other donations	\$0.00
\$704.77	Newsletter expenses (printing \$540.27, admin \$134.55)	\$674.82
\$0.00	Street Names project	
\$5.95	Parks and Gardens project	\$18.00
\$0.00	Oral History project	
\$0.00	Plaques Record update project	
\$355.00	Depreciation on equipment (projector,tape recorder, data projector)	\$225.00
\$5,248.85	Total expenses	\$4,264.48
\$736.65	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$1,020.53
\$457.37	Transfer to General Accumulated fund	\$763.35
\$279.28	Transfer to Council Grant Reserve (Newsletter, Parks & Gardens and Oral History projects surplus)	\$257.18
\$736.65	Total	\$1,020.53

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2010

2008/2009	General Accumulated funds	2009/2010
\$7,669.36	As at 1st April 2009	\$6,609.28
(\$1,517.45)	Transfer to Income and Expenditure for tape to disc copying project	(\$1,108.80)
\$457.37	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$763.35
\$6,609.28	As at 31st March 2010	\$6,263.83
	Mines Account Reserve	
	As at 1st April 2009	\$3,113.28
\$3,113.28	As at 31st March 2010	\$3,113.28
	Council Grants Reserve	
	As at 1st April 2009	\$564.76
\$285.48	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$257.18
\$279.28	As at 31st March 2010	\$821.94
\$564.76	Being - Newsletter \$518.95	
	- Street Names project \$0.00	
	- Parks and Gardens project \$67.79	
	- Oral History project \$50.00	
	- Plaques Reprint project \$185.20	
\$10,287.32	TOTAL EQUITY	\$10,199.05
	Members equity is made up from	
	Current Assets	
\$2,904.71	Bank of South Australia cheque account	\$3,146.09
\$6,641.61	Bank South Australia Express Saver Account (Internet only)	\$6,899.59
\$9,546.32	Total as at 31st March 2010	\$10,045.68
	Non Current Assets	
\$1,480.00	Equipment as at 31st March 2009	\$1,125.00
(\$355.00)	Less depreciation @ 20%	(\$225.00)
\$1,125.00	Total as at 31st March 2010	\$900.00
\$10,671.32	Total Assets	\$10,945.68
	Current liabilities	
\$234.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2010/11 (Single)	\$620.00
\$150.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2010/11 (Family)	\$150.00
\$384.00	Expenses in advance re Eastern Regional Seminar - June 2010	(\$23.37)
	Total Liabilities	\$746.63
\$10,287.32	TOTAL NET ASSETS as at 31st March 2010	\$10,199.05

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 2010, 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.)

recordings are to have any validity in the future. This is an ongoing expense for a project which started last year. The conversion is only being done for those tapes that are regarded as having special significance for Burnside history and relevant tapes up to 1992 have been copied so far. As this is a special expense the cost of \$1108 has been taken from the General Accumulated Fund which is a reserve kept especially for these types of items.

As always, society membership fees are the main income for the society and the membership is now standing at 163 people.

Richard House

Who has got Receipt No 288274?

If you are the lucky holder of receipt No 288274 for the payment of your \$20 subscription on 15th February please can you give me a ring on 8552 4723. I omitted to put your name on it which means I may be chasing you again in error. Senior moment! Many thanks.

Richard House

Hazelwood Park

18 January 2010

It was a cool evening when about 50 members and friends of the Society gathered under trees in Hazelwood Park opposite the site of the original home of the Clark's *Hazelwood*. John Clark, a direct descendant, gave us an interesting, well prepared talk about the Clark family members until the point when the land was sold to the State Government for a Pleasure Resort in 1914. Andrew Crompton from the City of Burnside then described how the area would have looked at the time of European settlement.

The original *Hazelwood* house was located where Hawthorn Crescent and Olive Grove meet and was demolished in 1920. Francis Clark and his wife, Caroline, had bought the 45 acre property for £1,505 in the early 1850s and members of the family occupied it until 1910. Caroline's father had run the well known Hazelwood School in Birmingham and the family had lived there prior to emigrating to South Australia. Francis died in 1853 and Caroline died in 1877.

The eldest daughter, Emily, lived in the house until her death in 1911. A swimming pool had been built near the creek, fed by a channel from nearby First Creek. This was a favourite place for relatives and friends who were always welcomed by Emily. When the *Hazelwood* estate was settled there were only two of the children still alive and neither wanted to live in the house. In 1858 Howard had taken up 13 acres of the land on the eastern side of what is now Howard Terrace and built a home, but he died in 1878. The house still stands at 34 Howard Terrace.

The land to the north of First Creek (30 acres), known as "*Clark's Paddock*" or "*Hazelwood*", was sold to the Government in 1914 with the proviso that the land be kept for a public park and the name *Hazelwood* retained in perpetuity. The land south of the creek was to be subdivided later for housing. Hazelwood Park was dedicated a National Pleasure Resort in 1915.

After WWI a pavilion was erected as a war memorial. It was a joint funded construction between the Tourist Bureau and the Burnside Memorial for Fallen Soldier's Committee. It was handed over to the Government free of debt in 1921. During WWII the reserve was closed to the public in 1942 and used as a military training camp. The pavilion with surrounding pergola was demolished at the time of construction of the nearby swimming pool.

Andrew Crompton, from the City of Burnside, described the vegetation as it had been at the time of European settlement. Many of the large Eucalypts, both Red and Blue gums, are still standing in the Park, with Red Gums particularly prominent along the creek line. A variety of perennial grasses grew under the trees in the rich alluvial soil that had been washed down by floods. These included Kangaroo Grass, Wallaby Grass and Spear Grass. Scattered amongst these were many small herbaceous plants. The area would have been grazed by kangaroos and managed by the Aboriginal people through their use of fire.

There is still a grand old pear tree, planted by the Clarks, standing inside the fence near the site of the original house and there is also a large Bunya Pine in the nearby Park. The Park has been invaded by numerous introduced plants, many of them aggressive weeds. Desert Ash trees have established well along the creek line and Olives both sucker and seed readily. Europeans also brought with them introduced livestock, so for many years it was grazed by hard-hooved animals – mainly cows and horses.

The State Government through its then Tourist Bureau looked after the park for 50 years. George Bolton, when he was Mayor of the Burnside City Council, was instrumental in having control of it transferred to the Council in 1964 and he

pressed strongly, and successfully, for the construction within it of an Olympic sized swimming pool. With more interest in preserving remnant vegetation in recent times, the City of Burnside has commenced some re-establishment of the original native riparian vegetation along the Creek line. Currently, however, the potential for re-establishment is limited by popular perceptions, many people wanting to see the watered and mown lawns maintained into the future. There is a proposal that the north western corner be developed in a more natural way, as this area is currently under-utilized.

Andrew then led some members on a brief walk to view relevant work being undertaken by the City of Burnside.

Elaine Smyth

The Clipper Ship *City of Adelaide* - Last chance or Lost Cause?

Monday, 15 February 2010

Foundation member of our Society and four times President of our sister society in Norwood, Pam Whittle, shared her concern for the fate of the *City of Adelaide*, the oldest remaining composite clipper ship in the world (146 years at the present time). Pam's involvement began quite by accident in 1962, a fact mentioned by President Colin Harris in his introduction.

Forty eight years ago, Pam's 11 year old daughter asked to take something 'old' to school; Pam's mother suggested a 'picture' of a ship rescued from their Rose Park incinerator, fortuitously accompanied by a leather wallet containing Pam's great grandfather, David Bruce's, indentures and Master's Certificate of 1867 and 1873. Thus began a long journey of fascination with the City of Adelaide.

Pam detailed her family connection with the ship, and the number of extraordinary coincidences that accompanied it, beginning with a trip to England the following year and a visit to the *Cutty Sark*, whose curator happened to be a Captain Bruce, who directed her and her husband to the Greenwich Library, where she discovered that the clipper was still afloat, restored as the Naval Officers' club in Glasgow.

She expanded on the career of David Bruce, with information gained from relatives in London and Kuala Lumpur. Born in Perth, Scotland in 1816, he went to sea at the age of 10 and eventually, in 1853, commanded the barque *Irene* to

South Australia, aboard which was the passenger Charles Todd of Overland Telegraph fame. David's ten children suggested that he spent some time at home from sea! His three sons all went to sea.

Eventually David designed a superior ship, especially for the South Australian run, called *The City of Adelaide*, bearing the city's coat of arms and extremely comfortable and luxurious; the ship made its maiden voyage in 1864, arriving to a spectacular reception in Port Adelaide. A number of our State's early families emigrated in the ship. Her final trip was made in 1887. A number of makeovers followed, including one as a floating isolation hospital in Southampton, before she was renamed HMS *Carrick*. After WW2 the clipper was to be scuttled, but in 1946 the Duke of Montrose suggested its use to the RNVR Club of Scotland for its clubrooms; it was eventually towed up the Clyde and moored by the Jamaican Bridge. In 1979 the *Carrick* partially sank in a storm but was restored.

Pam elaborated on the highly emotional visits she made to the clipper in 1982 when she and her husband were feted by the club's committee. In 1988 she slept on board the ship on a bunk from the *Ark Royal*. In 1989 the clipper again sank at her moorings; after 8 months the ship was raised and towed to dry dock in Govan, where developers, a metal company, bought the land. Thirteen months later, having sunk again (perhaps sabotaged?) she was towed to Irvine Harbour via Greenock where she was open to the public before being fenced off.

In 1997 Pam returned, hopeful of the clipper's restoration, but money proved a stumbling block. Last year Pam was in Sunderland as 'the living link' with the clipper's past. To restore the ship now a figure of fifteen million pounds has been mentioned. The end of March this year was to be the deadline for the destruction of the clipper, but a group in South Australia has been working hard to get the ship here; a person in Cornwall is also interested. Pam fears the worst although lottery money, which helped to save the *Cutty Sark*, is a possibility. We can only wait and see and hope.

Pam brought a treasure trove of pictorial and media memorabilia, as well as an actual piece of the clipper's hull and a protective membrane which kept members' interest well after the conclusion of her presentation.

Peter Davies

State History Conference

Murray Bridge

6–8 August 2010

Cross Current: History, People and the Environment

To the Editor,

Burnside Historical Society Inc Newsletter,

Andrew and I were most interested to read Colin Harris' summary of the historical significance of the Magill Cemetery in the March Newsletter.

Readers may be interested to know that the important **Australian Artist Dorrit Black** (Dorothea Foster Black) who had been living in Romalo Avenue, Magill at the time of her death in 1951 is also buried in the Magill Cemetery in the Black Family plot. The large stone memorial there also records the deaths of her father, **Alfred Barham Black**, her mother **Jessie Howard Black** (nee Clark) and Alfred's mother, **Ellen Barham Black** for whom the family house *Bell Yett* was built on Stonyfell Road.

Also memorialised on plot 374 is the famous **South Australian Botanist John McConnell Black** (brother of Alfred) whose major work, *Flora of South Australia* was published in 4 volumes between 1922 and 1929.

Last year the Burnside Council gave permission for the transfer of the memorial plaques of Geoffrey Howard Barham Black (son of Alfred) and his wife Catherine from Centennial Park to the Magill Cemetery. On 4 July 2009 a large family gathering met at the memorial site and afterwards at "Dorrit's Coffee Shop" nearby on Magill Road, to celebrate and remember our Black family forbears.

Margaret Black

Erratum:

On page 13 of Volume 30, No 1 in the report for the 16 November meeting there was an incorrect reference to Marjorie Barham Black. It should have read Marjorie Andrew. Marjorie is the granddaughter of John McConnell Black and co-editor of his "Diaries". Her great grandmother was Ellen Barham Black. Our apologies to Marjorie.

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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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Front Cover:

Hazelwood Park. ca 1910.

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At the time of this photograph, prior to the land being sold to the State Government, the area was known as Clark's Paddocks, Knightsbridge. The watercourse is First (Waterfall Gully) Creek and it is interesting that the banks are displaying active erosion and scouring – probably a reflection of grazing pressures. The quite dense stand of trees is made up of Red Gums and South Australian Blue Gums – remnants of the original Adelaide Plains flora, for which Hazelwood Park is noted. Note the shadow of the photographer with hooded camera.

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