

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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From the Editor's Desk

This year May was History month and it was very busy for the Society with walks, visits, and talks, culminating in the unveiling of the interpretive sign for Bell Yett Reserve by the Mayor of the City of Burnside. Then early in June it was the Eastern Region Historical Societies Seminar hosted by the Campbelltown Historical Society. Many of these activities have been reported in this edition of the *Newsletter*. We have also been able to include some of Glen Cowley's photos to illustrate the activities.

It will not be long before some of our members will be packing their bags for a weekend on the South Coast taking in some of the lesser known sites of the Fleurieu Peninsula and tasting some of their local foods. Hope they have an enjoyable time.

Thank you to those who have supplied articles for future *Newsletters*. 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.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

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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

Much has happened already this year with the various activities and projects. We are now planning for 2013 with speakers from diverse backgrounds and appreciate suggestions received from a number of our members.

Our own Burnside Historical Society's website is now ready for viewing. Have a look and let us know what you think (<http://www.burnsidehistory.org.au>). Any comments are welcome. We thank web designer Jeremy Carter for a fine presentation of our information. Elaine Smyth and Colin Harris have been trained to keep it updated and the City of Burnside has linked our site to its own redesigned site. Our site shows the activities we offer and the projects the Society undertakes. Back copies of the *Newsletter* are also available through the site.

One of our current projects is oral history and interviews are to be undertaken by three of our members. Interviews of twelve residents of the City of Burnside 1945-65 will commence soon and be completed by 20 June 2013.

On 25 July, fifteen of our members and three friends attended the annual Remembrance Ceremony in honour of John McDouall Stuart and his companions. BHS member and President of The John McDouall Stuart Society, Rick Moore, was Master of Ceremonies. Following speeches and wreath laying at Stuart's statue in Victoria Square, invited guests attended a Reception in the Queen Adelaide Room at the Adelaide Town Hall where member Glen Woodward conducted a tour.

On 27 July, ten members attended the handover of new filing cabinets in the Local History Room at the Burnside Library. Our Society covered the cost of these, just under \$2,500, and this contribution is acknowledged by an on-site plate. Burnside Library Manager, Lindy Burford and Andrew Ward, Librarian, with whom the Society has liaised for many years, and Simon Gillespie, Public Information, joined us for afternoon tea. We thank them for their hospitality.

Spring Walks will take place on two Sunday afternoons - Eastwood 16 September and Rose Park 23 September. This will be an opportunity for members to encourage their family and friends to enjoy a walk in the sunshine and find out about historic places in these inner Adelaide suburbs.

We continue to receive enquiries about Wheal Watkins Mine tours, but the mine remains closed while talks continue with the City of Burnside about safety needs.

Thanks must go to our new Committee member Glen Cowley who has been photographing all our significant events this year. Take the time to look at the Society's photo album on the back table at our meetings.

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 17 September – Charles 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 a pharmacist by profession. On graduation in 1953 he settled on Linden Park as a location to establish his practice and 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*

On 27 July 1836 Robert Clark Morgan brought the first official settlers to Kangaroo Island on board the whaling ship *Duke of York*. After a stay of eight weeks the vessel departed for the Pacific whaling grounds, in the course of which Morgan faced the dangers of the whale hunt, crew desertions and a convict-led attack on the ship. The *Duke of York* also struck a reef and not all who scrambled into the boats returned safely.

Dorothy Heinrich has an interest in writing and travel and in 2006 published a family history *Ada's Story* which won the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society's TT 2007 Reed award. In the course of research for this history she uncovered the intriguing tale of Robert Clark Morgan and his ship and the end result was another book, *The Man who hunted whales: a tale of Kangaroo Island and a doomed ship*.

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

In his address to the Society Nick Warden will tell the story of a Burnside community intent on showing its appreciation of the sacrifice made by those who fought and died in the Second World War. He will also tell us of a generous bequest and of the enterprise which followed and which led to the establishment of the Burnside War Memorial Hospital.

Nick Warden began his health administration career at the South Coast District Hospital in 1971. In 1980 he was appointed Secretary/Manager of the Jamestown Hospital and in January 1984 he took on the role of Chief Executive of the Burnside War Memorial Hospital, a position he maintains to the present. The hospital currently employs 300 staff and has an annual turnover of \$25 million.

South Coast Tour, 13-14 October 2012

The Society's biennial regional tour will take place over the weekend 13-14 October this year. Following an earlier call for expressions of interest 26 Society members have registered to take part in the tour and although down a little on the numbers for recent tours this is still sufficient for the tour to be financially viable. Detailed planning is now well underway.

We welcome Dr Robert and Jane Brummitt and Ms Annie McNeil as our latest new members and hope you enjoy our friendship and interest in history.

Spring walks September 2012

Eastwood and Rose Park

Eastwood Walk - Sunday 16 September 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

View the backstreets and lanes of Eastwood. Wander around the grounds at the old Glenside Hospital. Walk amongst the century old trees in the south east corner of the Adelaide Parklands. Meet at the Eastwood Community Centre, 95 Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood. Off street parking is available at the community centre or in Main Street behind the centre.

Rose Park- Sunday 23 September 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Rose Park is full of fascinating early history with stories of early pioneers after whom many of the roads and parks have been named. It is an interesting and delightful part of Burnside with many elegant homes. The local primary school is over 120 years old. The walk starts and ends at the old Queen Victoria Hospital, now apartments, corner Fullarton Road and Grant Avenue.

Come and be surprised at the rich history in these two suburbs. Everyone is welcome.

Cost gold coin donation for each walk, payable on the day. A walks brochure is included.

Numbers limited to 15 people on each walk.

Rose Park Primary School Old Scholars' Association Archival Collection

Rose Park Primary School Old Scholars' Association Secretary, Anne Taylor, reports that 123 enrolment registers (1893-1996) have been borrowed from State Records, photocopied and then bound into 133 volumes – a mammoth effort by the volunteer Old Scholars' Association Committee.

If you are an old scholar and/or know of others who attended Rose Park Primary School, these volumes and further information are available from Anne Taylor (Secretary) 8340 0476. The Committee meets monthly to work on the considerable archival collection and to also organise social events.

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From September, 1981 issue of the Newsletter, Volume 1, No. 4:

“August certainly has been an interesting month with the Burnside 125th Anniversary celebrations. Our Society was involved in many activities during this period starting with the Historical Seminar, opening and blessing of the old Council Chambers, bus and walking tours, not forgetting our own first anniversary, which was a very successful members night.

With the launching of Elizabeth Warburton’s book *The Paddocks Beneath* and our own walking tours, we are all much more aware of the history of our district.

The historical walks organized by our Society over the five weekends in August, were very successful with about 500 people participating.”

Bennett's Pottery and the Magill Cemetery – two links with the past

Monday 16 April 2012

Magill Cemetery

Sandra Lachlan, who conducts tours of the Magill Cemetery, gave us the history of the cemetery (now Magill but originally Makgill), from its establishment to the present.

In 1838 William Fergusson, a farmer, and Robert Cock, a land agent, established a private village with provision of land for a chapel, school and cemetery. (The old stone cottage on Penfold Estate was William's). In the cemetery the Cock family had an exclusive walled-in section which has recently been restored.

A Cemetery Trust was established, and was later managed by the Wesleyan Church prior to transfer to Burnside Council in 1974. The Council has recently carried out much restoration as the cemetery had been neglected and vandalized.

There are 900 sites with 2,000 burials. The lease of plots is for 40 years, but they are now closed. A columbarium wall is currently under consideration by Council.

There are many well-known families interred in the cemetery - Bennetts, Cromptons, Blacks, Cocks, Hunts, Lilywhites, Pitmans, Peppers and Calderwoods (Sandra's relations). Disease and accidents were the cause of a great number of deaths, including those of many children. The cemetery also contains the graves of a number of victims of the 'Spanish Flu' which caused global devastation after World War I.

Bennett's Pottery

Meredith Ide told us that Bennett's Pottery is the last hands-on industry in Burnside, using local clays and manufacturing at the same site for 120 years (corner Briant Road and Chapel Street, Magill). Several generations of Bennetts, with a mixture of names around William and Charles, have passed on the skills with five Bennetts as managers over the years.

In 1849, Charles, at the age of seven years, arrived in South Australia and at the age of twelve he became an apprentice to the nearby Trewenack's Pottery. By 1887 the Bennetts had established their own pottery and they produced sons who were apprenticed to grandparents who taught the trade to a high standard, winning

medals at the Adelaide Exhibition.

Despite two fires, war and depression, Bennetts have been able to adapt to the changing times. They have produced drainpipes, garden pots, bricks, bottles, cups, mugs and ornaments, some using very special glazes. An interesting array of photos showed some of the above changes.

Glen Woodward and Elizabeth Rogers, OAM

Visit to Magill Cemetery and Magill Stone Mines

Sunday 6 May 2012

During History Month in May the Society visited two local sites of significance.

Magill Cemetery

The full coach set off from Burnside Community Centre with our guide, Sandra Lachlan, extra groups driving in cars. Whilst travelling to Magill we heard about the beginnings of “Mackgill”, “Mac Gill” now Magill (laid out in 1838), Penfolds Estate, Bennett’s Pottery, the Uniting Church and Pepper Street Art Centre. Land was set aside in 1838 for a cemetery and chapel by two Scots, Cock and Fergusson, who had arrived in the colony on the *Buffalo*. The Chapel, however, is not here. The cemetery was later donated to the Magill Wesleyan Church and managed by trustees, and then in 1974 control was transferred to the City of Burnside.

It was for local residents and church members. There are 900 gravesites and it is now deemed to be closed. The nearby St. George’s Church of England cemetery was for the ‘more well-to-do’ of the Burnside district.

In 2009 a management plan for the site was put in place and the Council has spent \$50,000 on repairs to the most dangerous graves and for the splendid picket fence.

We concluded our visit at the Nation graves, Sandra’s forebears – her great, great grandparents, great grandparents and three great uncles. Great, great grandmother, Harriet Nation, who died aged 99, was an original pioneer settler from 1846.

Margaret Shelley

Magill Stone Mines

Colin Harris, led around twenty Society members on an inspection of the unusual Magill Stone Mines, one of the City of Burnside's less well known heritage sites.

Located within the old olive grove above Penfolds Winery, the Magill stone mines are notable for being the only known example in South Australia of underground quarrying for stone extraction. Worked in the 1840s for bluestone, the Magill stone mines have been listed on the State Heritage Register.

Most of the mines, along with numerous surface workings, are located within the City of Burnside's Magill Stone Mine Reserve, although the finest of the mines is on nearby private land and not accessible to the public. Pedestrian tracks to the mine workings can be accessed off Coach Road, Skye, the western end of Windmill Street, Skye and the end of Rawson Penfold Drive, Wattle Park.

In the course of the walk Colin also pointed out that whilst the original native woodland of the slopes had largely been cleared for planting of the olive grove, there were still some remnant box eucalypts and a number of native shrubs and grasses. In parts the native vegetation is making quite a strong comeback, with some healthy stands of kangaroo, wallaby, spear and iron grasses to be seen along the tracks.



Prince Alfred College: from anti Vietnam revolt to the world of computers

Monday 21 May 2012

Born in Sunderland and educated at Jesus College, Cambridge University, and Headmaster of PAC from 1970-87, Geoffrey Bean divided his address into three sections. In his opening section, he outlined at some length the history of the school and his personal experience of it, noting that his appointment to the school was announced on the front page of *The Advertiser* alongside Neil Armstrong's moon landing. He also noted that at that time Adelaide was more British than the Britain he had left as a 'Ten Pound Pom'. He paid tribute to his predecessor of 21 years, the New Zealander J.A.Dunning, who warned him of the many changes that were imminent, but he soon developed the respect of the students and staff. One of the challenges that Geoff inherited was the 'stirring of society', echoed in schools by the questioning of authority and at Princes (and elsewhere) by boys growing their hair longer and (in response to the war in Vietnam) condemnation of the school cadets. Under Geoff's leadership, many things advanced – financial management, record keeping, management structures, pastoral care and industrial relations, amongst others. He outlined in detail the development of strategies in many of these areas.

Geoff also paid tribute to the strength and sensitivity of his relationship with John Steinle, Director of Education and John McDonald, Director of Catholic Education, during his difficult time as Director of the Independent Schools Board.

In the second part of his address, Geoff showed a number of slides of school developments that he presided over, such as a gymnasium, library and boarding school. Towards the end of his stewardship, information technology began to make rapid strides, with a significant impact on the school.

In the concluding section of his address, Geoff spoke of the 'product' of the school – the old boys. He selected seven from his era and applauded each for his contribution to society:

- **Dr Tim Cooper** OAM, MBBS, MD, MSc, Managing Director of the eponymous brewing company, the largest, entirely owned Australian brewery in the land.
- **Duncan Chessell** adventurer, mountaineer, expedition leader (Everest, Antarctica and the Kakoda), business manager and talented communicator.
- **Tim May** (in spite of the Chappells, Joe Darling and Clem Hill) because of his sterling work as CEO of the Federated International Cricketers Association.
- **Dr Jim Haseloff**, son of Geoff's closest colleague at Princes, who is now a

Reader in Synthetic Biology at Cambridge University and is credited with the discovery of 'gene shears' and their impact on DNA.

- **Senator Nick Xenophon** - lawyer, political phenomenon, and in spite of ill health, ethicist and dedicated reformer.
- **Chester Osborn** – son of D'arry, he is the fourth generation, laconic leader of the Darenburg wine empire in McLaren Vale, a 'wild pixie' with a fondness for the art of being different.

Dr Bill Griggs AM – one of the most admired men in South Australia for his work in trauma and disaster research medicine, whose response to the Bali bombings is already legendary and whose 'Griggs procedure' for people who suffer from blocked windpipes reportedly saved the life of Pope John Paul the Second in 2005.

Geoff concluded with the wistful observation: 'Wouldn't it be great if we knew all the stories of the young people we have had the privilege of knowing during their school years.'

Peter Davies

Violet farms and a horse trough – a call for help

One of our kindred community groups, the East Torrens Historical Society, has received funding to install a historical marker for the site of the Walker family Violet Farm near Magill. Violet farms, where large numbers of visitors paid to pick their own bunches, were very popular in the first few decades of the 20th century. In addition to the Magill farm, others were located at nearby Woodforde, Norton Summit and on Waterfall Gully Road (the latter known as Marks' Violet Farm).

Our Society has an interest in this project and has also been talking to the East Torrens Society about a possible joint project for marking the site of a former public horse trough located on the eastern side of upper Greenhill Road near its junction with Slape's Gully Road. Believed to have been installed and maintained for the horse and bullock teams that carted timber and horticultural produce from the Hills to urban Adelaide, the trough remained until sometime in the late 1950s.

Members with recollections or information about either the violet farms or the horse trough are encouraged to contact the Editor, Elaine Smyth.

Bell Yett interpretive sign and plaque unveiling

Sunday 27 May 2012

Members will be aware that for quite some time the Society has been working in partnership with the City of Burnside to install bronze plaques as markers for places and sites of historical interest throughout the Burnside district.

This year the programme has been extended to include interpretive signage, durable metal panels which can take line diagrams, photographs and text to explain substantially more about a site and its importance than is possible with a plaque. This does not mean that there is no future role for plaques, they will continue to be installed because they are long-lasting and relatively secure against vandalism, but interpretive signs can be used to complement them and provide additional information.

Reflecting this, the Society has worked with the City of Burnside to develop both a plaque and interpretive signage to mark the history of the now-demolished *Bell Yett* in Wattle Park. Consisting of a plaque on the original site of the home at the end of Cooper Angus Grove and interpretive signage in nearby *Bell Yett Reserve*, the combined markers were unveiled by Mayor David Parkin of the City of Burnside. Society members, Council representatives, descendants of the Black and Jay families and representatives of the Sisters of Mercy were present at the unveiling which took place in fine, albeit rather cold conditions. Afternoon tea followed at *Dorrit's Coffee Shop* in the Pepper Street Gallery Magill, a most appropriate location given that it is named after modernist painter Dorrit Black, who grew up at *Bell Yett*.



Members who were not at the unveiling are encouraged to visit the site. The plaque is not yet in its final position at the end of Cooper Angus Grove, but the interpretive signage is fully installed and attractively landscaped in nearby *Bell Yett Reserve* adjacent to Cooper Angus Grove. The history of *Bell Yett* is very attractively presented on the interpretive panels, the work of talented graphic designer Ms Janette Moore.

The Society carried out the historical research for the project and thanks the descendants of the Black and Jay families, particularly Dr Andrew & Margie Black and Dr Michael Jay, for their invaluable help with this work. The City of Burnside partnered the Society and we thank Council for its support and financial backing. We particularly thank John Draper from the Council for his project management and enthusiastic support throughout.

Colin Harris PSM

Memories of Bell Yett when a Convent of Mercy

The following talk by Sister Margaret Adams was presented at the unveiling of our Society's interpretive plaque at Bell Yett Reserve, Wattle Park on 27 May 2012.

I understand that we, the Sisters of Mercy, purchased the property at 22 Hallett Road, Erindale in 1948 as a future boarding school for the boarders who at that time were at Saint Aloysius College in the city. It was decided that a property in the foothills would be a more beneficial environment for the boarders, who were mostly country girls.

Financing such a venture was a challenge. So what was known as the Erindale Fete to raise money became an annual feature in the calendar of all the Mercy schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

I have very fond memories of these fetes which seemed to generate a mass of colour, movement, music and a wide variety of stalls selling all kinds of wares. Since I have grown up maybe the area was not so vast!

As there were Mercy Sisters teaching in many of the small parish schools in Adelaide, all those schools became involved in the Erindale project. Many of the schools held their annual school picnics at *Erindale* where the children could play along the creek or under the huge oak trees in the garden, or try their hand at tennis.

As time passed a more suitable property for a boarding school came on the market

and so *Erindale* became what was known as the Juniorate. This was a place where senior girls could continue their education at Saint Aloysius while exploring their understanding of what a commitment to the religious life as a Sister of Mercy would mean for them and their families. Both Sister Janet and I were such senior girls. We lived at *Erindale* during term time and returned to our families for school holidays.

In time *Erindale* became a house of studies for young Sisters attending the University or Teachers Colleges, especially Wattle Park Teachers' College, and both Sister Janet and I were Wattle Park students. It was a happy time as *Erindale* was such a healthy environment, conducive to study and contemplation, although the nightly activity of what seemed to be all the possums in Adelaide was an education in itself!

One evening as we were totally engrossed in our studies, a Sister came into the study and nonchalantly announced to nobody in particular "the ceiling upstairs has fallen in". We did not immediately react, but then curiosity got the better of us and upstairs we went. Yes, the ceiling in one of the bedrooms, sleeping four of us, had indeed fallen in. What's more, three of the beds were covered in masses of seaweed. This provided an educational opportunity to learn a few historical facts about the architectural and insulation materials of the early years in Adelaide, particularly at *Bell Yett*!

The relocation of the boarding school provided more space to expand the facilities at Saint Aloysius and this, in turn, necessitated more Sisters being appointed to the staff. *Erindale* then became a very welcoming home for Sisters actively teaching in the city as well as a residence for a few retired Sisters.

Its final designation was to provide an environment for the fledgling Catholic Charismatic community in which both Sisters and lay people worked and prayed together to establish this new movement in the Church in Adelaide. It remained so until it was finally, and sadly, sold some years ago.

Sister Margaret Adams

The Australian Historical Association 31st Annual Conference was held in Adelaide on 5 July. It was last held here 12 years ago. The program summaries are available for viewing at meetings. Also, edited papers from the 8th Annual Public Lecture of the History Council of South Australia have been collected together and published as *Turning Points: Chapters in South Australian History*. Wakefield Press.

Leafy suburbs and red desert: Inland explorers and their association with Burnside and thereabouts

Monday 18 June 2012

Valmai Hankel provided the audience with her usual very interesting, highly polished talk which discussed seven explorers of the inland 'red deserts' and their association, albeit sometimes tenuous, with the leafy suburbs of Burnside and its environs. Five of these explorers were all members of John McDouall Stuart's successful crossing from Adelaide to the Indian Ocean (which he reached on 24 July 1862) in the north of Australia and back again.

William Patrick Auld was envious when he realized that his old school friend Stephen King was to accompany Stuart's final expedition of 1861-62 and was determined to be a 'last minute' addition to the party. Valmai read some extracts from Auld's various accounts which were full of light-hearted humour as well as fascinating detail, including how he came to join Stuart's party. After Auld returned to Adelaide he learned about wine making from his father before joining another expedition to found a settlement, Escape Cliffs, in the far north of the Northern Territory. In 1866 Auld returned to Adelaide to manage the winery, but never forgot his expedition with Stuart. Auld was instrumental in having Stuart's statue built and erected in Victoria Square. He died in September 1912 and is buried in West Terrace Cemetery.

Stephen King, one of the first volunteers to accompany Stuart, had learned bush skills and horse management. Like Auld, King wrote an account after the expedition was over; King's diary also contained sketches of the expedition. After the successful crossing of Australia with Stuart, King spent some time at Escape Cliffs in charge of stock, and in exploring with survey parties until he became very ill with malaria. From 1866 he was employed on government surveys assisting Goyder in various parts of SA and the NT. He also was selected as explorer and surveyor under Charles Todd on the northern part of the Overland Telegraph. King's home in Adelaide was on Portrush Road, Beulah Park.

Heath Nash volunteered to join Stuart's party to manage the horses at which he was very skilled. On returning to Adelaide he became a member of the mounted police and was stationed at Melrose and Port Augusta before becoming a hotel landlord. The Nash's family home was the now demolished *Ilfracombe* at Wattle Park. Nash died in 1913 and is buried in the Payneham Cemetery.

James Frew, the second youngest member of Stuart's companions, celebrated his 21st birthday just before the expedition left Adelaide. The Frew family home was at Fullarton. After an unsuccessful attempt at tobacco growing in Fiji, Frew managed *Wirrealpa* station near Blinman until his death in 1877 at the early age

of 37. Stuart named Frew's Ironstone Ponds near Newcastle Waters 'in token of my appreciation of his care and attention to horses'.

Frederick George Waterhouse, first Curator of the SA Museum, was the only scientist on the expedition. Waterhouse brought back to Adelaide a fine collection of bird and mammal skins, insects and plants, but many of the best specimens were destroyed or had to be left behind. On his return to Adelaide, Waterhouse resumed his position at the Museum until he retired in 1888. Waterhouse and his wife raised a family of six children in *Wandeen*, their now demolished home in Lockwood Road, Burnside.

Peter Egerton Warburton is a controversial figure and not highly regarded as an explorer in some circles. In 1866 he explored the northern end of Lake Eyre and unsuccessfully searched for Cooper Creek. He also explored the country between Central Mt Stuart and the west coast of Western Australia, almost perishing in the process. Warburton died at his home, *Norley Bank*, at Beaumont in 1889 and is buried at St Matthews, Kensington.

Charles Chewings was a little-known explorer, geologist, anthropologist and writer. He began his outback exploration with camels when he was 22 and in 1884 he brought 330 camels and an Afghan cameleer from India to establish a camel transport service based in Marree. In 1885 he set out on a major exploration of the Finke River and the Western McDonnell Ranges where he described the geology, landscape, flora and water sources in lyrical terms. Chewings maintained an interest in Aboriginal linguistics until his death in 1937 at his home *Alverstoke*. in Glen Osmond. He is buried in the West Terrace Cemetery.

Valmai emphasized the contrast between 'the vast waterless wastes' and red deserts of the inland continent which these courageous men explored and the tree-lined eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

Some of the members of Stuart's expedition of 1862.

Back: W P Auld, J W Billiatt,
F W Thring

Front: J Frew, W D Kekwick,
F G Waterhouse, S King

Photo by Anson, 1863



John McDouall Stuart statue

Our Secretary Sandra Lachlan has been researching some of South Australia's early papers and has extracted the following article from the *The Advertiser* of Friday 15 June 1900.

Many years ago there was a proposal to erect a statue to the memory of John McDouall Stuart, the explorer, but the matter was not brought to a successful issue.

On Wednesday evening, at a meeting of the South Australian Caledonian Society, when the question as to the disposal of the balance of the funds of the Pipers' Band was under discussion, it was suggested by the chief (Mr. A.J. McLachlan) that the money could be applied to form the nucleus for a Caledonian Society's scholarship to be called the John McDouall Stuart scholarship. It was moved by Mr. McKittrick, and warmly supported by Mr. W. P. Auld (who was associated with the explorer) and by the Hon. A.W. Sandford, that the money should be applied towards forming the nucleus of a fund to erect a statue to Stuart's memory in Adelaide. A further amendment was moved to postpone consideration of the matter till the next quarterly meeting, and this was carried.

(The Royal Caledonian Society subsequently did commit to a statue and raised £570, with a further £500 coming from the State Government. The statue was unveiled in Victoria Square on 4 June 1904. Members of our Society have recently attended the annual Remembrance Ceremony at the statue, Ed.)



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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Membership fees: are now \$33 family, and \$22 single, due in April each year and may be sent to the Treasurer at the Society's address (above), paid at a monthly meeting or by a direct bank transfer.

Front Cover:

On Sunday 27 May 2012, the Mayor of the City of Burnside, David Parkin, unveiled new interpretive signage in the Bell Yett Reserve, Wattle Park. The signage and a nearby plaque was a joint project, with the Burnside Historical Society carrying out the research and providing the text for both the plaque and the signage, and the City of Burnside funding the design costs, materials and installation.

Photo: Glen Cowley

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