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From the Editor's Desk

This month has a mountain of history. It includes a brief thirty year history of the Society, and an account of some of Burnside's early industries. There are walks and a tour to get you out and about as the sun starts to shine again and winter is a distant memory. Don't forget, you can always get a Walks brochure from the Council and go on a walk with your friends. The walks brochures are also available on the website.

We have had a couple of members trying to access membership forms on the website so that they can give them to friends. I ask that they be patient; we are in the process of including a form so that it can be downloaded and sent to the Treasurer! Our website is evolving so any suggestions you have are always welcome.

The website is getting to the wider public and producing contact from people outside of the society and this in turn is making us aware of records relevant to Burnside. Perhaps you have some items you would like to share. Please contact me at esmyth@adam.com.au or on 8332 8019 if you can help.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

* Deadline for December 2013 Newsletter is 25 October.

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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

We have received a letter from Margaret Anderson, History SA CEO, thanking us for our involvement in *About Time: South Australia's History Festival* in May, the biggest to date with 302 organisations and over 100,000 people participating in 522 events, State wide. Our contributions were four walks, a bus trip around Burnside and a well-attended talk by Colin Harris about Burnside's earliest industrial zone. Further guided walks of Beaumont and Knightsbridge will be held in October, and these are detailed on page 7. We hope you can join us.

Enquiries and feedback are regularly received via our website. We warmly welcome a new member, ex Adelaidean Marie Jackman, who has lived in Pennsylvania for many years with husband Lloyd, the latter having once played rugby with BHS member David Rogers. Marie has written a novel *The Gommock* based on our State's early mining history. A copy is available to peruse at meetings as well as details about how to purchase a copy.

Rhonda Bilney has contacted us with a photograph of employees at the Adelaide Brick Company, which Colin Harris mentioned at the May meeting.

The assessment report of Wheal Watkins, part of the Glen Osmond Mines, has been received and Dr Ross Both and Colin Harris will discuss the recommendations with Burnside Council Staff.

In June we welcomed members of the Mt Lofty and Districts Historical Society to hear BHS member Kate Walsh give an interesting and well-researched paper about an Adelaide Hills landscape gardener, George Smith. July's speaker Marcus Beresford covered the controversial topic of the future of the Royal Adelaide Hospital heritage precinct. We are fortunate to hear knowledgeable presenters who give of their time to inform us on a range of topics.

The Program Planning Committee has selected an interesting mix of speakers for 2014 on topics of local, state and national historic significance. Some of these will be confirmed in the next *Newsletter*. Thanks to members who gave us suggestions to make our meetings stimulating. Next year we will have two half-day tours and our biennial regional tour – more details later!

Meredith Ide, JP

Program of meetings and events for 2013

MEETINGS of the Burnside Historical Society are held in the Burnside Community Centre, corner of Portrush Road and Fisher Street, Tusmore (car park and entrance off Fisher Street) at **7.30 pm** on the third Monday of the month, unless an alternative time or venue is notified. Admission is free and supper provided. Visitors are most welcome.

Monday 16 September – Jim Everett

Charles Campbell's backyard – then and now

Charles Campbell was born on the Isle of Skye and in 1821 his family migrated to Sydney. He arrived in Adelaide in 1838 after joining Joseph Hawdon's overland party, the first to bring cattle to South Australia from the eastern states. In 1842 he purchased 160 acres of fertile land adjacent to the River Torrens and built a home he called *Lochend*. In 1849 he subdivided 16 acres into 40 gardening blocks under the name *Campbelltown*.

Jim Everett has lived in Campbelltown for 42 years and was the foundation President of the Campbelltown Historical Society from 1987-92. He is the author of four published histories, Vice President of the Uniting Church Historical Society and a former Chief Executive Officer of the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority.

Monday 21 October – Geoffrey Bishop

Journey in wine: 125 Years of Angove Family Winemakers

Angove Family Winemakers was established in 1886 at Tea Tree Gully by Cornish-born Dr W.T. Angove. Today with its base at Renmark and McLaren Vale, it is one of Australia's largest and most successful family-owned wine companies. The presentation will look at the company's early history, some of its best known labels and its continued growth under successive generations of the Angove family.

Geoffrey Bishop studied Agricultural science at the University of Adelaide, graduating with a PhD in Plant Pathology, and currently

works with *Environments by Design* in natural resource management. Historical research is a serious hobby, with a special interest in horticultural and wine industry history. Other research has concentrated on the East Torrens district where the Bishop families have been orchardists since 1851. Geoffrey has published ten works on the district's history, in addition to his published works on the wine industry. Amongst numerous other things he is currently President of the Historical Society of South Australia.

Monday 18 November - Anne Both, Meredith Ide and Jan Thornton
Memory Chains – Living, Working, Playing in the City of Burnside 1945-65

Memory Chains is funded jointly by the Historical Society of South Australia and the Burnside Historical Society. The BHS committee agreed that it was important to record for future researchers and the public the memories of residents living within the City of Burnside 1945-65. The three interviewers of this year-long project will discuss its timeliness, in view of the age of potential interviewees, including Society members. The planning and methodology used will be presented, including interviewing and the use of technology to produce the final product, and an evaluation of the project. With the permission of interviewees, some snippets of interviews will be played.

Anne Both, a founding member of the Society and current Committee Member, has had many years' experience in the Health Sector, interviewing people in a variety of situations. *Meredith Ide*, also a founding member and current President, trained as a secondary school teacher and later as an adult educator, interviewing over five hundred workers at Mitsubishi Motors. *Jan Thornton*, Society member, worked in the general health sector in the UK and Malaysian hospices, the Bureau of Statistics and community radio. She has also interviewed and written for expatriate magazines.

A warm welcome goes out to all our new members: Mr Peter Cooper, Ms Valmai Hankel, Mr Peter Hartley, Mrs Marie Jackman, Mr David Monceaux, Mr Pat Walsh and Ms Di Wilkins.

DAY TOUR TO WILLUNGA

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 2013

Departing Burnside Community Centre car-park 9.30 am. Return to Community Centre approximately 5.00 pm

The tour will include the following:

- Willunga Courthouse and Slate Museum
- Bassett Schoolroom
- Bus tour of township with accompanying commentary
- Morning Tea at Courthouse,
- Lunch, two courses and tea or coffee, at Old Bush Inn

Cost \$65 (some concessions apply if Seniors or National Trust members)

Please register interest by **30 September**

to **Anne Both 8373 6451** or

Meredith Ide 8365 3049 so that arrangements can be finalised.

MEDIA RELEASE 31 July 2013

History Council of South Australia Awards winners announced

Three South Australian historians were honoured with History Council of SA Awards at a ceremony held on 29 July at Government House. His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR presented the three Awards for 2013:

Ms Elspeth Grant - Emerging South Australian Historian of the Year

Mr Ron Gibbs - South Australian Lifelong History Achievement

Ms Patricia Sumerling - South Australian Historian of the Year.

Spring Walks - October 2013 – Knightsbridge and Beaumont

Be surprised at the rich history of these two suburbs.

Knightsbridge Walk: *Knightsbridge was incorporated into Leabrook and Hazelwood Park*

Saturday 12 October, 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Meet at: 488 Glynburn Road, Burnside, outside former Council Chambers, next to St David's Church

Hear the connection between the Clark Family and Hazelwood Park. View cottages that were built in the early 1880s. Be shown the Old Police Station, School and early shops in Philip Avenue. This two-hour walk around the Village of Knightsbridge will be led by Margaret and Ally Preiss, with Margaret a former resident of Knightsbridge.

Beaumont Walk: *history and natural history, a walk with a difference*

Sunday 20 October, 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Meet at: Beaumont House, 631 Glynburn Road, Beaumont

A short (2.5 km) walk which includes the former properties of the Davenport and Cleland families, looking at their significant role in horticulture and public life in South Australia. Also included is Beaumont Common, highly valued for its remnant native vegetation. The walk will be led by Colin Harris, Vice President of the Burnside Historical Society.

Everyone is welcome on these walks. Cost is a **gold coin donation** for each walk, paid on the day. A walk brochure is included. **Numbers are limited to 16 people per walk.**

To book for one or both walks: Phone 8365 3049 (answer phone)

Please leave your contact number and number of walkers.

We request you phone to cancel if you are unable to come on the walk. We often have a waiting list.

Now vs Then: Rambling after explorers Australian history is still alive!

Monday 18 March 2013

Throughout Rick Moore's talk, past and present landscapes were illustrated to highlight the presence of remaining relics and to contrast 'then and now'. Rick has followed the tracks of a number of European explorers and pioneers and in so doing he has been filled with admiration for their endeavour and adaptability in the harsh Australian conditions. In the course of these travels Rick has photographed many significant places explored during the nineteenth century and has been able to compare them with both historic and contemporary drawings and photographs.

John McKinlay, or 'Big John' as he was widely known, held many pastoral leases particularly in the Flinders Ranges. In December 1862 he rode out to Burra to meet John McDouall Stuart who had successfully crossed the continent. Rick pointed out that in his own way McKinlay, too, had crossed the continent as part of Burke & Wills search. McKinlay also had a minor expedition in Arnhem Land in 1865. McKinlay visited Lake Hope and blazed trees on his journey. Illustrations included an 1862 painting of Lake Hope and photographs taken in 2006 of the dry lake and the tree with the blaze. These contrasted with a 2012 photograph of Lake Hope filled with water. This inspires not only admiration for McKinlay but emphasises the great fluctuations of inland Australia.

An explorer with connections to Burnside, Peter Egerton Warburton visited Lake Gardiner and the Gawler Ranges and named some springs he had discovered north of William Creek after Sir Samuel Davenport. While searching unsuccessfully for what is now known as Cooper Creek, he found a large river, the Warburton which later merges with the Diamantina, and which he traced to the Queensland border. Rick showed photographs of the Warburton, a river he has actually sailed on.

Rick was able to visit many of the places explored by Larry Wells who surveyed the Queensland/Northern Territory border. Wells was a member (and later leader) of the Elder Expedition of 1891-92 managed by the then Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (South Australian Branch). He was also involved in the disastrous Calvert Expedition and the Endeavour Expedition. Rick showed some of the photographs he had taken of places

named by Wells, among them King Hill, Lake Auld and Thring Hill.

Charles George Winnecke took over the command of the Herbert (aka Georgina) River Expedition in 1879 during which the party came across the Hale and Plenty rivers and the garnet field of Harts Range. In 1883 he led the South Australian Government's Northern Exploration Party searching for pastoral country in Queensland. The scientific Horn Expedition of 1894-95 was notable for its productive relationship with the Arrente and Luritja people whose assistance and goodwill were crucial to the success of the expedition. Rick showed a drawing of a mulgara, a small carnivorous marsupial, and a drawing of the Coorong battery at a remote gold mine in the Northern Territory. In 2009 Rick visited the area and photographed evidence of mining.

John McDouall Stuart, probably Australia's greatest explorer, provided a "mine" of information and photographic opportunities. A photograph of Stuart Man, a sculpture near Marree and built from rocks in 2012, pays homage to Stuart's exploration success. Stuart's vision of a rail crossing the continent from south to north became a reality in 2001. The Ghan crosses the Hugh River in the Northern Territory right on Stuart's route. The restoration of Stuart's grave at Kensall Green in London by the Royal Geographical Society of SA and the John McDouall Stuart Society is proof that Australia's history is alive and well.

The Overland Telegraph Line, which closely followed Stuart's route, is an engineering feat that joined Australia to the world by telegraphy. As Rick followed the line, he photographed an Oppenheimer metal pole in the sand hills north of the Finke River, and a spot where the Alice Creek meets the Hugh River at Alice Well in the Northern Territory.

Old and recent photographs of Temple Bar in Central Australia were contrasted with old and recent photographs of Temple Bar in London and raised questions about the naming of the Australian Temple Bar.

Rick concluded his talk by contrasting photographs of Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria with The Peake ruins in outback South Australia. Despite the obvious antiquity of old Europe, Australia does have a European history worth celebrating, not to mention the many thousands of years of Indigenous occupation of Australia with all its attendant pre-history and culture.

June Ward

30 Years of the BHS

Monday 15 April 2013

The Burnside Historical Society (BHS) was established in 1981 which was also the year of the 125th Anniversary of the City of Burnside. Elizabeth Warburton had been commissioned by the Council to write *The Paddocks Beneath* which is the book that we now regard as the bible of Burnside history. During her research it became evident that there was considerable interest in local history and local librarian Wendy Bromell suggested to Mayor Coralie Soward that there might well be enough interest to form a local history society. After a public meeting confirmed this interest, the

The image of the BHS that most members see is of a society that provides monthly speakers. Initial meetings were held in the Community Room and then for many years we nestled around the billiard tables in the lounge before moving to the new Community Hall. There have been 359 meetings of this nature! Almost all our meetings have been recorded onto tapes and those that relate to a Burnside topic are on a disc. We are now moving to digital recordings. Tapes and discs are stored in the Local History Room at the Burnside Library and are available for use.

It was realised early that close cooperation with the library would be important for the BHS. Within the first year a donation was made for the purchase of a facsimile edition of the rare and beautiful book *Wild Flowers of South Australia* which contains paintings by Fanny De Mole. Fanny was one of the children in the De Mole family who were the first owners of *The Waldrons* which later became the house *Erindale*. She was permanently invalided with tuberculosis and became a very competent artist and painter.

Later a display cabinet was purchased for the Local History area. In the 1990s money was donated towards furnishings in the Local History Room; and again in 2012 more filing cabinets for the storage of historical material. The Local History Room is a splendid and essential facility for the storage of many history books which can be perused for research, but not borrowed. Other donations have gone to the National Trust for a garden seat at Beaumont House and recently for a seat near a columbarium wall at the Magill Cemetery. A financial donation last year was also made to Angel Flights after a brilliant and moving presentation on their work.

There are a number of publications that have been produced which are specific to Burnside and our local area. Apart from the seminal *The Paddocks Beneath* there are:

- *The First Hundred Years* commemorating the centenary of the Council in 1956 with history to that date
- *Five Creeks of the River Torrens*, edited by Jim Warburton, covers a broader area than just Burnside and gives some local history of the creeks
- *Burnside Then and Now* was written by our member Barbara Crompton at the time of the bi-centenary in 1988. It shows old photographs and the corresponding modern photos of the same places
- *Speaking of the Past* introduces us to further history and life in the 1800s.

Some other publications about the City of Burnside record the results of research projects by members. And some have been recently updated.

- The street names in *Burnside Street Names and their Origins*,
- *Suburb Names in Burnside*
- *The Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside* - this book covers all the plaques in Burnside - not just the ones installed as a result of a BHS initiative.

Through close co-operation with the City of Burnside, since 1989 19 plaques have been jointly installed with the City of Burnside. These plaques record sites of historical significance and provide a brief history of the vicinity. The first plaque installed was for Prescott's Farm on Prescott Terrace and the most recent one was for Bell Yett in Stonyfell. Bell Yett also has an interpretive sign which is in a far more sophisticated style with detailed fascinating local history.

A number of guided walking tours have been researched and written by members and copies are available in the Local History Room. The walks cover Glen Osmond, the Village of Burnside, Knightsbridge (which is now Leabrook), Waterfall Gully, Eastwood, Beaumont and Rose Park. In addition guided bus tours of the City of Burnside have been developed and run annually. Other current projects are the History of the Parks and Gardens of Burnside and the creation of Oral History recordings. The BHS has also participated in several exhibitions and displays, in the Council buildings or out in the community.

Day and half day tours to historical sites have always been part of our annual program. Together with weekend regional tours, which were for years an annual event but are now biennial, these outings have brought a greater understanding of the history of our State to members. Not to mention the resulting social friendships. There have been 21 regional tours since 1989. These tours have been organised by members and led by local people interested in their history or by members.

1986 saw a flurry of historical interest throughout South Australia as the State celebrated 150 years of European settlement. The BHS undertook a number of projects and perhaps the most exciting was the opening of the Wheal Watkins Mine at Glen Osmond for public tours. On the hillside of Glen Osmond are the remains of the oldest metaliferous mines in Australia. These were active during the 1840s but were really only viable for about ten years. One of the BHS projects at the time of the bicentennial was to start guided tours into the Wheal Watkins Mine for members of the public. This was done in conjunction with the Burnside Council which tidied up the area and provided paths and parking facilities. Members and interested friends became the rostered guides.

Apart from the monthly meetings, the *Newsletter* has been a key feature of the BHS. This quarterly publication has been with us since the start. It is much bigger now than the earlier editions and the presentation has become far more professional. However, it is still dependent on the work and co-ordination of the editor and the contributions from members. Apart from providing news about what is coming up and reports of meetings, the Newsletter also contains articles of historic interest on subjects that may not be recorded elsewhere. It is supported by a comprehensive index. A number of our members don't come to meetings, but continue their membership because they enjoy the newsletter.

As part of the process of recording actual BHS history, an *Information Handbook* has been developed which is updated annually. It records details of current responsibilities such as the Committee. It also contains a record of all the meetings and outings that we have had since 1980 together with the names of everybody who has ever been an officer or served on the committee. It also records full details of all the plaques that have been initiated.

The most recent initiative has been the development of our own web site. It contains masses of information, but in particular it is worth noting:

- It shows details of forthcoming events
- There is a summary of the most recent meetings and access to a full record of past meetings
- Newsletters since 2007 and Historical Walks leaflets can be downloaded.

We currently have 21 members who joined in the first year of existence and over the years Life Membership has been awarded as a token of appreciation to 10 members who have made a specifically significant contribution to the Society.

Richard House, OAM

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2013/2014

If you are currently un-financial you will have a reminder slip in this month's Newsletter

All subscriptions fell due on **1 April this year**: the amount was set at the AGM. Memberships may be paid at our monthly meetings, by direct bank transfer, or posted to the Treasurer, Richard House, at the Society's address indicated on the inside back cover.

To pay by Direct Bank Transfer

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

The Society welcomes donations made by members. These extra contributions to our funds will be put to good use in our on-going projects to record and promote the City of Burnside's history.

Down by the Creek: Burnside's first industrial zone

Monday 20 May 2013

Society Vice President, Colin Harris, told us that Burnside's first industrial zone was located around Waterfall Gully Creek and consisted of a water-wheel, brick kiln and cooperage. The zone has not been well known, but several years ago James Potter did some volunteer history research for the Burnside Library and his account of the water-wheel is particularly valuable. Although not available to speak directly to the Society, he had indicated that he was happy for Colin to incorporate his work into the presentation.

The water-wheel, South Australia's first, was on Waterfall Gully (First) Creek immediately adjacent to the present St John Vianney Catholic Church, near the corner of Glynburn Road and Waterfall Terrace. It was 17 feet in diameter, crafted from River Red Gum and could generate up to 6 hp of power. The gear wheels had wooden teeth to allow for easy replacement in the event of breakage. The wheel was a *back-shot* type, referring to the water dropping to the rear of the wheel and then running underneath, turning the wheel backwards and in so doing generating maximum power from the water flow.

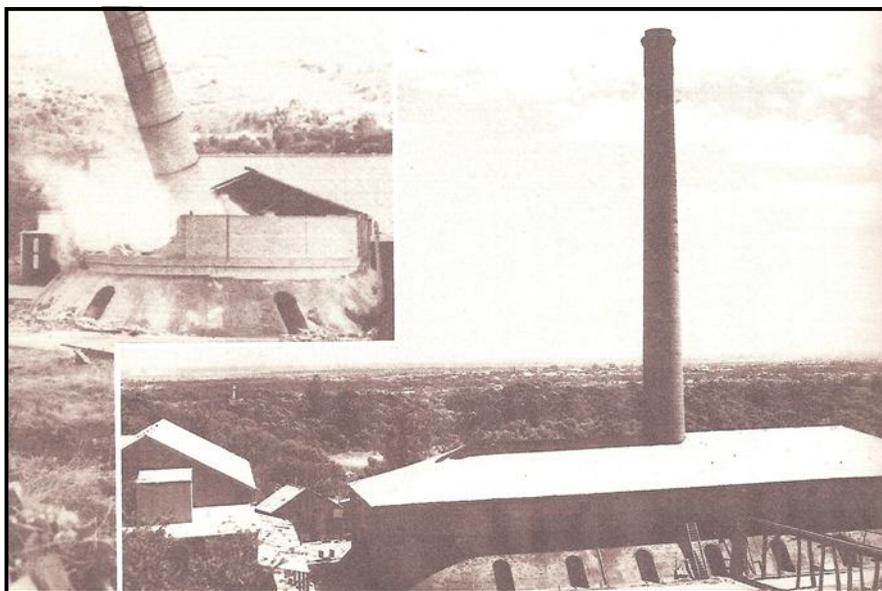
The mill was built for John Cannan by Thomas Cain, a millwright and carpenter and it was he who also fashioned the large millstone. Initially used to power a sawmill, it was sold in 1840 to Boyle Travers Finniss, later to become South Australia's first Premier. William Packham was the miller, utilizing locally grown wheat, barley and oats. Conventional wisdom has it that no image of the mill exists, but Colin showed images of two tantalizing paintings by ST Gill from the early 1840s. Although not a perfect match to the creek topography and what we know of the mill, there is sufficient likeness to think that they may indeed be representing the old mill: both paintings are held by the Art Gallery of South Australia.

A combination of low and intermittent creek flows, a decline in local cereal growing and competition from steam-powered mills led to eventual closure of the mill and its demolition by 1885. Some of the mill machinery was still on-site in the mid-nineteenth century, at which point it was removed by the Burnside Council for safekeeping. Regrettably, it was not kept safely and only a single gear wheel, on display in the Burnside Community Centre foyer, is known to have survived.

Clay bricks are thought to have been made from local clay deposits in Burnside from as early as 1839, but it was 1912 before the Adelaide Brick Co. built a large kiln in an area bounded by Waterfall Gully Road, Wyatt Road and Waterfall Terrace. The kiln was of the *Hoffman* design and was fuelled by coal, with a conversion in the 1950s to oil. At its peak it employed 43 men and in the post-World War 2 years it was producing 5 million bricks per annum. It was demolished in 1970 for a housing subdivision. A few relics of the machinery remain on display in the Langman Reserve, but with no interpretive information.

In the late 19th century, a cooperage was built by Joseph Lambden, adjacent to the old corner shops at the junction of Waterfall Terrace and Glynburn Road, and it continued to supply barrels to the local wine industry until 1977. The City of Burnside works depot now occupies the site and an adjacent former water tank reserve.

Glen Woodward



Adelaide Brick Company *Hoffman* kiln, and its demolition in 1970. *The Paddocks beneath. A history of Burnside from the beginning.* Elizabeth Warburton. 1981.

Construction of the Adelaide brick company kiln

Rhonda Bilney has contacted our President, Meredith Ide, regarding our May lecture on Burnside's first industrial zone. She has forwarded a copy of a 1911 letter in the possession of a cousin and her mother has an accompanying photo of workers at the Brick Company, although the photo is undated. Rhonda indicates that the letter was written by Fritz (born Friedrich) Stamm who, in his later years, lived at Prospect Hill near Meadows. He is her great grandfather and he was born in Bremen in Germany. He was a sailor and then a carpenter who made a number of model ships, one of which she believes is now held in the Maritime Museum collection at Port Adelaide. He made each of his grandchildren a model ship in his retirement. The letter was written to his daughter Eva and reads as follows (original spelling and grammar retained).

*Knightsbridge 25 Oct.11
c/o Mr D McLachlan
Knightsbridge*

Dear Eva

I received your welcome letter of the 24 Sept. and am sorry to have kept you waiting as long for an answer, but I have no news to tell you. I am carpentering still for the Adelaide Brick Co. and get 11/- a day of 8 hours, that makes 3.6.0 [£3.6.0] per week. I have pretty easy times now. We are putting up a lot of machinery now. We have a steam lathe, drill, planing machine also a steam winch and brick machines. They are building a stack for the kiln 132 ft. high. It is now 100 ft. and I can see it from my room. We leave work Saturdays at 11.45 and get paid every Friday. I think it is about the prettiest spot close to the city. I generally walk in and out. The electric car stops at the door and goes pretty nearly to the brick kiln.

I left Richards as the place was too noisy and overcrowded and got a nice front room to myself 2 doors nearer to the job. There are only 2 other men lodging here. They keep a very good table and do the washing and mending. Last Saturday I found they had blackened my boots nicely. I go to town once a fortnight sometimes a month and stop the night at aunty Sue's. You are right about Bert and Theresa and they will have to wait a bit yet before I consent. Grandma St. is getting on fine she can hobble

about a bit now. Uncle Hermann has bought 50 acres at Mt. Mary the other side of Eudunda and he asked mum if we was going to live with him (yes, when he finds a rich goldmine on it). I think I have written enough now, my fingers feel a bit cramped so I will conclude with kind love to you

Your loving father

June 2013 Newsletter

Erratum: The last paragraph of the article on the Gilles Brothers should read that Osmond Gilles died in Adelaide on 23 September 1866, aged 79, and was buried in the West Terrace Cemetery.

Additional information: Lewis Gilles' wife, Mary Woodley Gilles, died on 12 August 1844, aged 37, and it seems that Osmond Gilles named his Glen Osmond vineyard in her honour.

The Biennial National Conference of the Oral History Association of Australia and the 21st State History Conference 21 -24 September 2013

To be held at the University of South Australia's *City West* campus. Jointly hosted by History SA, the OHAA and the University of South Australia, the conference will bring together professional, academic, community and oral historians to explore a range of themes relating to contested histories, memory, technology and new developments in oral history, urban and Indigenous history.

Contact www.history.sa.gov.au/shc2013 for further details.

Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside Post-1995

In late 2012 details were provided to the City of Burnside about the Society's previous Plaques Project (published 1995) which was managed by the late David Reid with photography by Drew Treloar. The list of 19 plaques, installed in partnership with the Council, was also provided. Glen Cowley, Geoff Treloar, and I are involved in the post-1995 project and in discussion with the Council administration we have found that there are processes and procedures to be clarified regarding our involvement with the project.

The Council has indicated that the 1995 *Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside*, given to the Work's Depot in 2012, has already been beneficial by providing a record of the wording of missing plaques. Geraldine Treloar has provided photos of Drew handing over a set of three volumes of the 1995 Survey report for the Local History Room. The then Mayor, Jim Jacobsen, received them on behalf of Council.

Meredith Ide

A new member, Marie Jackman, who has found us on the internet, has recently compiled a novel based on the early mining days of South Australia, with an early chapter on Osmond Gilles and the Glen Osmond Mines. Marie lived in Lower Mitcham as a child and later Netherby, but since marrying has mainly lived in London and Pennsylvania. The novel is called *The Gommock: Exploits of a Cornish Fool in Colonial Australia* (Gommock means "fool" in the Cornish dialect.) Marie thinks that her book may be of interest to members. Meredith has a copy if you would like to peruse it first.

The book costs **\$31.95** (including postage) and can be ordered through the author's website: <http://gommock.enlaplage.com>

First, bring up the author's website and click on **Enter** and then on **Buy Here**. **You pay** En-la-plage Research Themes **through PayPal**.

Marie has is pleased to have found a group that might enjoy her book and will be doubly pleased if it can help in the Society's quest to have Wheel Watkins reopened for public tours.

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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Meredith Ide (Chair), Colin Harris and Ally Preiss

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Colin Harris, Meredith Ide (Chair) and Geraldine Treloar

Supper Co-ordinator: Hazel Newton

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Membership fees: are \$37 family, and \$25 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:

S. T. Gill, Australia, 1818-1880, **Old Watermill S.A.**, c.1844, Adelaide, watercolour, pencil and gouache on paper, 17.3 x 26.0 cm: South Australian Government Grant 1968, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide.

Reproduced with the approval of the Art Gallery of South Australia.

Although some details of the Mill and the creek topography do not match what is known of the Traversbrook Mill, perhaps due to artistic licence, it is highly likely that this is indeed what Gill painted. If correct, this and a companion painting by Gill with the same date are the only known contemporary images of the Mill.

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