Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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From my Desk

Thank you to BHS President Meredith Ide for her warm welcome to my new role and to Elaine Smyth for all the work she has put into the Society's newsletter over the past years. Her wonderful organisational skills have made the transition quite smooth and I hope to maintain her high standards!

In this issue you will find the final instalment of the fascinating article on Constable William Hyde plus reports from the recent AGM and information on coming meetings.

Please feel free to email any articles or information for future newsletters directly to me at sjllbrown@internode.on.net.

Judy Brown (Newsletter compiler)

Deadline for September 2015 issue is Friday 24 July.

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

President's Message

Burnside Historical Society has a rich and diverse history with sound objectives that capable and enthusiastic members have striven to achieve. Do you want this tradition to continue?

At the April Annual General Meeting eight committee members were elected. Unfortunately once again no one nominated for Vice President and the Secretary's position was not filled. According to the constitution the committee is meant to be ten in all. No group can continue without a properly functioning committee. Running a not-for-profit group takes time and is quite complex. All of the new or re-elected committee members have indicated they are only standing for one year. Members can be co-opted so any member can indicate that they want to join the committee. If a few more members each did a little bit, the same few would not be doing the bulk of the work. Many organisations have difficulty finding people who can commit to volunteering. If the Society is to survive we need to share the load.

Helping at general meetings is important too. The wish list includes: six more supper helpers, several members with technical skills to record our meetings and a roster to continue displaying resources on the information table. Your support would be appreciated. Thank you to Sandra Lachlan for her three year commitment as Secretary. We welcome Judy Fander to the committee and she has offered to use her past experience to take the Minutes! With the retirement of Elaine Smyth as Newsletter Editor, Judy Brown voluntarily offered to compile the newsletter. Judy said that she has taken over this role *in honour and memory of my mother, Barbara Harris, a long-time member of the society with a passion for history.* Judy brings skill and enthusiasm to this role.

Members and visitors were enthralled by the April audio-visual presentation by Charles Hulse. From the timelessness of Lake Mungo to the beauty of the Coorong, the recording of the last days of the West End Brewery and the a novel approach to presenting the history of Old Government House, Belair, Charles' artistry and skill shone. No one was surprised that he recently won another international prize, one of the judges, incidentally, being our May History Month speaker Richard Venus. Richard gave us a lively presentation on Charles Todd's life and how his achievements left their impact on our state and nation.

It is appreciated when members offer to conduct walks and bus tours. On 26 April Glen Woodward conducted an interesting walk of parts of Unley Park and provided refreshments. For History Month Ally Priess showed people around Eastwood, Glenside Hospital and the south-east parklands.

The Glen Osmond walk and bus tour led by Anne and Ross Both progressed from St Saviour's Church, through the cemetery and the local village then to Wheal Watkins. We thank new member Rosemary Scrutton for her talk about the church (we get permission from Council to enter its property). Both walks were popular and the Eastwood walk was repeated. Thanks to all these volunteer guides. They not only inform people about the history of these places but support the Society through the fees collected. The previously advertised Lobethal trip has been cancelled but on Sunday 11 October we will travel by coach to Yankalilla and Normanville for the day where we will be shown around by a local historical society member.

Members can be co-opted to a sub-committee. The Program Committee meets two to three times in the year to discuss appropriate speakers for the following year. Do you have some ideas? We have up to three vacant places if you would like to influence the presentations for 2016. Thanks to Edna Bayfield who has handed in her suggestions. Speak to a committee member if you wish to assist.

We now have our own Facebook page with link to the website and local related news. Thanks to Amy Ide for this initiative. Newsletters are included on the website, helping to inform the public about our Society. Look regularly at the Society's website and encourage relatives and friends to learn more about the history of the City of Burnside. By being more involved yourself you will get more out of the Society and meet like-minded members.

Meredith Ide JP

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS FOR 2015/2016

Subscriptions fall due on **1 April each year**: Memberships may be paid at our monthly meetings, by direct bank transfer, or posted to the Treasurer, Richard House, at the Society's address - PO Box 152, Glenside, 5065.

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 *your name* clearly
Amount	$25 for a single member or $37 for family members (unchanged from last year)
Message/Reference	Enter this field as *BHS subscription*

The Society welcomes donations made by members. These extra contributions to our funds will be put to good use in our ongoing projects to record the history of the City of Burnside.

Program of MEETINGS and EVENTS for 2015

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.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 15 June - Sally Hopton

Edward Meade Bagot. 'We ne'er shall look upon his like again'

A native of County Clare in Ireland, Edward Meade (Ned) Bagot migrated to South Australia with his father in 1840. Soon after his arrival he became involved in copper mining at Kapunda, but his business interests subsequently turned to pastoralism and in 1860 he set up a stock and station business at Kapunda. In 1870 he won the contract for construction of the southern portion of the Overland Telegraph Line. A well- known and widely respected identity in colonial South Australia, he died in mysterious circumstances in 1886.

Sally Hopton is the great granddaughter of Ned Bagot. Surprisingly, given his social and business prominence, not a lot had been written about him so with family help Sally started collecting material and family stories. Sally has an abiding interest in personal lives and their history and belongs to three historical Societies and the Pioneers Association of South Australia. She is also the Archivist of Girl Guides SA.

Monday 20 July – Rob Linn

Sharing the Good Earth – 175 years of Adelaide's Royal Show

The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA began its life at a public meeting in 1839. Founded to improve the quality of livestock, agricultural and horticultural produce, the Society soon became an influential body within the community. At the forefront of rural enterprise, it also had the ear of Government. Its members founded the Botanic Gardens and, in the 1880s, Roseworthy College. The Society's impact on the community remains significant and its story is an integral part of the history of South Australia.

From his earliest years Rob has had a fascination with rural Australia and its people. Much of his youth was spent on farming and station properties and he has retained that link and interest in the land. He has been a Councillor of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA for more than 20 years. He has published over 40 books and his works have been awarded a number of significant prizes for literature, publishing and print. Rob and his wife Jane live on a small farm at Cherry Gardens in the Adelaide Hills, from where they run a historical consultancy.

Monday 17 August - Dr Sara King

The National Archives – revealing personal stories related to the City of Burnside

On the surface of it the National Archives would seem to only describe the official story of the Commonwealth of Australia, but in actual fact it holds a wonderfully rich array of records related to the everyday lives of Australians throughout the 20th century. From naturalisations to military service, postal records, immigration and internment, the archives of the Commonwealth will surprise you with the breadth and depth of personal stories relating to local communities such as the City of Burnside.

Dr Sara King has worked in the Adelaide office of the National Archives of Australia since 2009. Her thesis on Italian migration to South Australia was completed in 2007 at Flinders University and she has maintained research interests in migration and South Australian history. She is the author of the 2013 National Archives research guide 'Commonwealth Records about South Australia' and is currently working as an exhibitions curator at the National Archives.

Monday 21 September - Associate Professor Christine Garnaut

What is an Architecture Museum? The evolution, activities and contributions of the Architecture Museum at the University of Adelaide

This talk will outline the origins and evolution of architecture museums and similar entities overseas and address their role and contributions. It will introduce the Architecture Museum at the University of South Australia (UniSA), which is Australia's only architecture museum, and trace its evolution and development since it was launched in 2005. The presentation will reflect on potential future directions for the Architecture Museum .

Christine Garnaut is Associate Research Professor in Planning and Architectural History in the School of Art, Architecture and Design at UniSA. Her research focuses on twentieth century planned environments, primarily in South Australia. She has been associated with the Architecture Museum and its antecedents since the early 1980s. In 2014 she was appointed to the Board of the International Confederation of Architectural Museums.

Monday 19 October - Darren Peacock

Avenues of Honour

Monday 16 November – Dr Ross Both

New chums and diggers: the history of Australian mining fields through song

Expressions of Interest

Bus tour of Yankalilla and Normanville

Sunday 11 October 2015

Theme

When the Fleurieu Peninsula was the bread basket of the colony

Tour guide

Dr Margaret Morgan

Margaret has had many years of experience in historical research, having completed a Master of Arts and a PhD on historical topics. Since moving to the Yankalilla district in 2005 she has taken an interest in local history and is currently the secretary and archivist of the Yankalilla and District Historical Society Inc. She also wrote a history of Christ Church Yankalilla in 2007 to commemorate its 150th anniversary.

Please phone Meredith Ide on 8365 3049 if you are interested in joining this all-day bus trip. Cost to be advised.

Burnside Historical Society

President's Annual Report

20th April 2015 Annual General Meeting 2014/2015

This is my fourth President's report. Using the Society's five objectives I will demonstrate how we have striven to achieve them.

Objective 1: *to arouse interest in and to promote the study and discussion of Australian and South Australian history and in particular the history of Burnside*

Ten general meetings were held with an average attendance of 55. Four presentations related to local history including member Anne Both's May History Month talk about Foot Constable William Hyde. Sisters Pam Gray and Barbara Macey gave an illustrated talk about their great-great grandfather Frederick George Waterhouse. In August Dr Geoffrey Bishop spoke about the now acknowledged, significant and active role Mary Penfold played at Penfolds. In February Antony Simpson delivered a lively talk about his family business. In September a small group of members appreciated viewing the Simpson home and garden, *Undelcarra*.

Other meetings related to people and places outside the City of Burnside. Last April David Wyatt delivered a detailed talk about Coromandel Valley's history with a bus tour to the area in June. In August Lyn O'Grady gave a poignant presentation about Kennion House, a Boys' Home at Walkerville. David O'Loughlin illustrated his Art Deco address with fascinating pictures from local and national to international perspectives. A musical evening by local songwriter Alan Hartley described the journey and trials of those crossing the seas to the colony of South Australia. At the final meeting for 2014, Christeen Schoepf explained her research into South Australia's Cheer-up Society. During the informative visit to the Way Museum at Keswick Barracks in January, we saw part of the huge carved Honour Roll dedicated to those who had volunteered in the Cheer-up Hut. Thanks to Anne Both for organising this visit and dinner. In March Nick Smyth delivered an inspirational interpretation through his *Images of Gallipoli* address.

The Society continues to participate in South Australia's History Festival. Last May guided walks were conducted of Eastwood with Ally Preiss and a popular, revised walk of Glen Osmond was led by Anne and Ross Both and repeated later in the year. In August a small number of members joined a guided walk along the Historic Precinct of Prospect Road. In October Colin Harris, assisted by Elaine Smyth, led the Society's popular regional tour, an informative and well-organised Coorong visit, staying overnight in Kingston.

Objective 2: *to promote the collection, recording, preservation and classification of works, source material and artefacts of all kinds relating to Burnside history*

The Society is grateful for the $1,000 grant from The Historical Society of South Australia for the Oral History project *Memory Chains: living – working – playing in the City of Burnside (1945-65)* which Anne Both and I are managing. Thirteen interviews were conducted during 2014. All the CDs will be housed in the Burnside Library's Local History Collection. We acknowledge the City of Burnside Community Grant to produce the Society's high quality quarterly newsletter. The extended Index of *The Paddocks Beneath* compiled by Richard House and his history of the thirty plus years of the Society, are still available.

Richard is preparing the third edition of the Street Names of Burnside and their Origins to be published by June and available on the website. Thank you to those who have supplied information. A copy of this booklet will be given to selected Council staff and each edition is housed in the Burnside Library's Local History Room. Glen Cowley and his grandson Cameron Brown meticulously recorded details of and photographed City of Burnside plaques post 1995. Richard is integrating these into the sets of existing archival folders of the earlier plaques project coordinated by the late David Reid. One set will be available to read in the Burnside Library's Local History Room and the Council's Work's Depot will have a copy. The Society retains copies of these projects. Colin Harris has supplied Council with wording on different periods in the history of Hazelwood Park for signage at the redeveloped George Bolton Swimming Centre. We are waiting for further progress in this part of the project.

Objective 3: *to assist in the protection and preservation of buildings, works and sites of historical significance in the City of Burnside*

It is ten years this month since the rock fall at Wheal Watkins, Glen Osmond. Following the commissioned report published September 2013 about the possibility of it reopening as a Tourist Mine, we as volunteers have been striving to get a firm commitment from Council. At its August 2014 meeting, Council did agree to work in partnership with the Society to ascertain the costings to rehabilitate the mine. At the end of April there is an onsite meeting with an expert who has examined the report and who will determine the costs. Geologist and former Wheal Watkins tour guide, Dr Ross Both, is to be commended for steering this project, persevering and liaising with Council staff, especially at this critical stage in the project.

Sandra Lachlan has continued to monitor progress at the Historic Magill Wesleyan Cemetery. There has been little work done in the past year and still no interpretive sign that Sandra researched and wrote, assisted by Colin Harris. We appreciateSandra's three years of service as Secretary and in setting up the information table. She is not re-nominating.

Objective 4: *to co-operate with similar societies and other bodies throughout Australia*

We gain information about meetings, activities and research through emails and newsletters exchanged and from History SA. To promote our objectives, particularly those relating to Local History, we have increased publicity about our meetings and appreciate encouragement from the History Council of South Australia to publicise details of meetings in its e-newsletter. The Society's website too provides the public with the opportunity to seek information. The Feedback and Inquiry page is regularly accessed. We refer people to other organisations such as the local and State Libraries and their resources. The Society does not hold collections. Through notices at our meetings and emails, members can participate in other historical societies' events to widen their knowledge.

Objective 5: *to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objectives.*

Glen Osmond Mines were located on Osmond Gilles' property. He was the First Colonial Treasurer of South Australia. A Heritage Architect has produced a 'Schedule of Works and Specifications Notes for the Conservation of the Osmond Gilles Monument at the West Terrace Cemetery'. The Society has given five monumental masons the opportunity to provide quotes for the restoration of Gilles' grave using this schedule.

I thank the committee and sub-committees for their support in guiding the Society during the past year. We had two fewer members (8) than stipulated in the Constitution (10). It was sometimes difficult to get a quorum when three members were absent. The Program and Newsletter subcommittees have basically had the same members, some serving for a long time. The Program committee, Anne Both, Ally Preiss, David Rogers and I planned a diverse selection of topics and some meetings were particularly well-attended.

Newsletter Editor Elaine Smyth is retiring after eight years and before that ten as Secretary. I am pleased to announce that Barbara Harris' daughter Judy Brown has volunteered to compile the newsletter starting from the June edition. Peter Davies is standing down having previously served as a Vice President for five years and fourteen years on the Newsletter Committee. Barbara Parker PSM and Elizabeth Rogers OAM, along with Shirley Sumerling and newsletter deliverers, continue to give loyal support. Thank you to those members who write up meetings for the newsletter. We appreciate Glen Cowley collecting the key and with Ken Lawson and others setting up the hall. John Love and Derek Bransbury recorded meetings and Colin Harris gave technical assistance. Thanks to the supper helpers, especially Hazel Newton, Supper Convenor for many years up to last October. We appreciate Glen Woodward's floral arrangements which he shares with members. I urge members to continue to encourage others to join in our activities and become a member so Burnside Historical Society survives into the future.

Meredith Ide JP President

In appreciation

At the end of the April general meeting Meredith presented a gift to the following members in appreciation of their services on the Committee and Newsletter Sub-committee.

June Ward - Minute Secretary

Peter Davies – Vice President (five years)
Newsletter Sub-committee (fourteen years)

Sandra Lachlan – Secretary (three years)

Richard house congratulated Elaine Smyth on her contribution to the Society as a past Secretary (ten years) and most recently as Newsletter Editor (eight years) and made a presentation.

Elaine Smyth

Regretfully, after many years of service, Elaine Smyth has decided to resign from her role as Editor of the newsletter. Elaine joined the Burnside Historical Society in November 1980 and is recorded as one of our foundation members, the society had only just been formed in August that year. One of her first major contributions was five years later in 1986 when she worked in conjunction with Deborah Southwood researching and writing the Waterfall Gully walking tour guide. This was done in time for the 150th State Anniversary and the walk was conducted that year.

In 1995 she then came onto the Management Committee as Secretary. She served in that position under three Presidents - Barbara Parker, Elizabeth Rogers and Isabel Williams. During that time she amazed us with her work as she was always so on-the-ball with her firm grip on what was going on.

The Secretary contributes in many ways but in particular I remember her role in getting the plaque installed at Bushy Park, Auldana. This commemorates the life of Patrick Auld and the establishment of the Auldana Winery. Elaine did considerable research and played a prominent role in the difficult task of providing the wording.

When she retired from being Secretary in 2005 she was made a Life Member in recognition of her ten years as Secretary - not to mention her many other contributions made at the same time. Nothing would hold her though and she volunteered her services on the Newsletter Sub Committee. After one year she became Editor in 2007 and has held that position until now. During that time she has made a significant contribution in raising the standard of the product and even carried on over a period of significant ill health. She also found time to help Colin Harris with the organisation of the weekends away.

So Elaine it is with deep regret that we now see you departing after so many years and so many significant roles. Thank you Elaine. We are deeply indebted to you. Your services will be missed but we wish you the best for your new life without the Burnside Historical Society!

Richard House OAM

Burnside Historical Society - Treasurer's Annual Report

20th April 2015 Annual General Meeting 2014/2015

The general business of the society showed a healthy surplus of $1,664. As far as income is concerned, the main aspects of running the society are dependent on the subscriptions which raised $2,987, but this is slightly less than last year because of declining membership. One of the reasons for the surplus was from the money from the guided walking tours ($285) and bus tours ($768), and we are most grateful to the organisers of these events. Also thanks are due to those who have given donations which came to $595. The new initiative of having a donations box on the coffee table at meetings has been very worthwhile. A grant of $780 was also received from the Council for producing the quarterly newsletter. Receipts from the sales of used copies of *The Paddocks Beneath* with the *Extended Index* ($282) and the BHS History book ($174) have also helped.

As far as the expenses for the year were concerned, the newsletter costs ($894) were covered by the Council grant ($780) plus money in reserve from last year. However the oral history project costs of $1,118 used up the $946 we had in reserve, so the balance was covered by some of the general surplus. We felt that as there was still a demand for copies of the *Extended Index to The Paddocks Beneath* we should have another 50 printed for $449 and the amount has been written off. Some have already been sold but many are still in stock for future sales. We also had an extra expense of $330 on flyers.

During the year the Council transferred the sum of $31,112 to us from the donation (plus interest) that John Clark had made to the community some years ago for restoration work of the Glen Osmond mines. This has been invested in a Term Deposit and will remain there until the future of the mines has been determined.

There have been big membership changes this year with 8 new members but regrettably 18 have died, resigned or lapsed, so our total is now 137 members. It is worth noting that membership peaked at 201 in 2001 and has been declining steadily since then. Please encourage your friends to join!

Richard House OAM

The 22nd State History Conference will be held in **Robe** from **23 to 25 October 2015**. It is proposed to explore the history of South Australia's South East.

Further details from Administrative Officer, Suzanne Redman sredman@history.sa.gov.au or telephone 8207 7570.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st March 2015

2013/2014	Income	2014/2015
$2,137.00	Subscriptions 2014/15 (Single)	$1,955.00
$1,053.00	Subscriptions 2014/15 (Family)	$1,032.00
$59.95	Surplus on visit to Coromandel and Keswick	$43.00
$147.03	Profit on guided walking tours and bus tours	$285.00
$0.00	Surplus on Coorong weekend	$768.20
$119.23	Bank interest on Cheque and Savings accounts	$104.62
$0.00	Sundry sales - greetings cards and misc	$15.00
$221.15	Donations	$595.70
$5,465.00	Donation towards mines consultant's report	$0.00
$585.00	Sales of Paddocks Beneath and Extended Index	$282.00
$0.00	Sales of Burnside Historical Society History book	$174.00
$1,000.00	His Soc SA Grant for Oral History Project	$0.00
$375.00	Council Grant for Newsletter	$780.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Street Names project	$0.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Parks and Gardens project	$0.00
$100.55	Donations for Oral History project	$0.00
$0.00	Council Grant for Plaques Records update	$0.00
$11,262.91	**Total income**	$6,034.52
	Expenses	
$36.30	Project to copy tape recordings of meetings to discs	$0.00
$314.57	Printing and Stationery, and society records	$418.06
$230.69	Telephone, postage and PO Box	$277.50
$412.11	Insurance	$401.12
$363.95	Use of hall and other meeting expenses	$559.69
$212.56	Supper costs and puchase of cups	$321.67
$220.00	Subscriptions to other societies and seminar fees	$30.00
$464.00	Website and computer annual costs	$210.00
$120.48	Gifts	$55.00
$34.88	Photos for Heritage Award application	$0.00
$15.90	Tapes and minor equipment	$122.88
$197.49	BHS greetings cards (balance)	$0.00
$0.00	BHS flyers	$330.00
$6,272.21	Cost of mines consultant's report	$0.00
$0.00	Purchase Paddocks Beneath and reprint Extended Index	$449.00
$440.70	Print Burnside Historical Society history book	$0.00
$606.79	Newsletter (printing $597.77, admin $296.89)	$894.66
$0.00	Street Names project	$0.00
$0.00	Parks and Gardens project	$0.00
$638.00	Oral History project	$1,118.40
$0.00	Plaques Record update project	$0.00
$243.00	Depreciation on equipment	$243.00
$10,823.63	**Total expenses**	$5,430.98
$439.28	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	$603.54
$208.52	Transfer of surplus to General Accumulated fund	$1,664.35
$230.76	Transfer of deficits to Newsletter and Oral History Project Reserves	-$1,060.81
$439.28	**Total**	$603.54

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2015

2013/2014		2014/2015
	General Accumulated funds	
$4,814.74	As at 1st April 2014	$5,023.26
$208.52	Surplus for the year	$1,664.35
$5,023.26	As at 31st March 2015	$6,687.61
	Mines Account Reserve	
$0.00	As at 1st April 2014	$0.00
$0.00	Amount received from Council from John Clark donation	$31,112.96
$0.00	As at 31st March 2015	$31,112.96
	Council and other Grants Reserves	
$1,083.66	As at 1st April 2014	$1,314.42
$230.76	Deficits for year. Newsletter ($114.66) Oral Hist ($946.15)	-$1,060.81
$1,314.42	As at 31st March 2015	$253.61
	Being - Newsletter $0.62	
	- Street Names project $0.00	
	- Parks and Gardens project $67.79	
	- Oral History project $0.00	
	- Plaques Reprint project $185.20	
$6,337.68	**TOTAL EQUITY**	$38,054.18
	Members equity is made up from	
	Current Assets	
$3,711.96	Bank of South Australia cheque account	$2,624.86
$2,618.72	Bank South Australia Business Access Saver A/cs (Internet only)	$2,827.32
	Bank of South Australia Term Deposit 3.35% (General funds)	$3,000.00
	Bank of South Australia Term Deposit 3.35% (Mines Reserve funds)	$30,000.00
$6,330.68	**Total** as at 31st March 2015	$38,452.18
	Non Current Assets	
$973.00	Equipment as at 31st March 2014	$730.00
-$243.00	Less depreciation @ 20%	-$243.00
$730.00	**Total** as at 31st March 2015	$487.00
$7,060.68	**Total Assets**	$38,939.18
	Current liabilities	
$525.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2015/16 (Single)	$625.00
$148.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2015/16 (Family)	$185.00
$50.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2016/17/18 (Single)	$75.00
$723.00	**Total Liabilities**	$885.00
$6,337.68	**TOTAL NET ASSETS as at 31st March 2015**	$38,054.18

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 2015, according to the books, records and information submitted to me.

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

How has Constable Hyde been remembered in Burnside?

Article 3 - continued from BHS *Newsletter* Volume 34, No 4, December 2014

Shortly after the death of Constable Hyde a committee was formed to arrange a memorial to mark the event. Members of this committee included Mr C A Correll, Mr M G Linn, Mr W P Hughes, Constable Jenkins and Alderman A George and Mr E H Walters. Residents who had known Hyde felt that some appropriate recognition of his service to the community was warranted.

A letter was sent to the AGM of the District Council of Burnside by Senior Constable Drenckham requesting permission to plant an oak tree near the spot where Hyde was shot. The request included the proposal for the erection of a suitable tree guard "*3 feet in diameter on which would be placed an inscription* ". The Council was agreeable to this request, but thought the guard was too large. The Town Clerk and Works Overseer were left to arrange for a smaller guard to be put in place.

Drenckham also asked that some kerbing be included in the works and as the Chairman would be absent in Melbourne it was arranged that Councillor Peter Wood would plant the tree on Wednesday 4 August 1909.

Mr Hughes sent a letter to Kensington and Norwood Council advising of these arrangements and asking that members of Council be present, with one of them to give a vote of thanks. This invitation was accepted with thanks and it was noted that Acting Mayor Alderman Mattingly and Councillor Hanson would be in attendance.

Also present at the planting were representatives of Burnside Council, Councillor Maher, other members of Norwood Council, a representative of the Norwood Magistrates Court, the Norwood Mission Band under Bandmaster Lovell, Marryatville Primary schoolchildren with principal R.S.McCauley and of course representatives from the Police Department - Inspectors, Burchell and Raymond. Mr E H Walters, on behalf of the committee, thanked Mr Wood for officiating and Mr Linn thanked all those who had assisted in the realisation of the memorial.

After the tree was planted, a guard seven feet in height with six sides of patent rolled steel, which had been made by Hume Brothers of Flinders Street, was put in place and draped in a Union Jack. Attached to the guard was a shield-shaped inscription.

The balance of the monies (£3.15.0) which had been raised for the memorial were passed to the Burnside Council to hold in trust for its maintenance. One may wonder why a short time after the tree planting took place it was vandalised by cutting down. By July 1911 a request to Kensington & Norwood Council for a replacement was made.

By 1951 reports were being made that four trees planted at the site since 1909 had all died and the tree guard rusted. Was this a sign of Burnside Council neglect? Spurred into action, Council decided in August of the same year to replace both tree and guard with a drinking fountain three feet in height which would have the original plaque secured to it. This was to be placed 50 feet from the original site of Hyde's shooting.

In November of the following year *The Advertiser* reported the unveiling of a memorial fountain by Cr Parkinson and the Mayor of Burnside, George Bolton: also present were Burnside Council members, the Highways Commissioner Mr P A Richmond and the Mayors of Payneham, Campbelltown and Kensington and Norwood, also Mr Wilson MHR. The first drink from the fountain was reported to have been taken by the niece of Ms F Jones who had "*given a drink to wounded Constable Hyde"* although this seems improbable as he was wounded in the face and was unlikely to have been able to manage a drink. Additionally, there is no mention of this in the witness statement of Mrs Schuetze. It is possible that the drink had been given to him when he spoke to the women near the Marryatville Hotel prior to the shooting.

On 12 April 1909 Mrs Schuetze had been rewarded by police officers for her role by the presentation of *a "silver tea and coffee service, biscuit barrel on a silver mounted tray".*

The drinking fountain, placed on the western side of Tusmore Avenue (at the site of the present Woolworths Supermarket,) was moved when the current supermarket site was first developed for Bi Lo in 1980-81. The fountain disappeared in 1980, but where did it go? A letter dated 11 April 1980 from the Town Clerk of Burnside to Chief Superintendent Budd, at that time President of the Police Historical Society, noted that the Council had intentions of moving the fountain and placing it in a garden which was to be developed in part of the former Marryatville Primary School grounds. The Police Society was asked whether it had any specific ideas as to the location of plaque and fountain. In September of the same year the *Sunday Mail* announced that the murdered Constable would be remembered and that negotiations for the transfer of land to the Burnside Council were underway. This land transfer referred to the land adjacent to the former Marryatville Primary School which was to be incorporated in developments in celebration of Burnside's 125th Anniversary to be held the following year.

In October 1980 a letter to the editor of the *News Review* asked what was proposed for the site opposite Bi Lo. The Mayor, Coralie Soward, responded in the following edition announcing that the site was to be developed for low key passive recreation. There was no mention as to the fate of the Constable Hyde Memorial. However, a booklet published for the Burnside 125th celebrations showed a photograph of "The Constable Hyde" Memorial Garden being established at the old Marryatville school site. This was a joint project by the Council with the Education Department and the Police Association.

A Burnside Works Committee meeting on 7 April 1981 recorded that the park would be named the Constable Hyde Memorial Garden and that an oak tree with a guard incorporating the original plaque would be planted there. Malcolm Schluter writing in *The Police Journal* of May 1980 stated that a "*a bronze plaque with a short account of the murder will be mounted on a boulder*", and he hoped that members of the police force and police organisations would contribute to the $450 cost of the plaque. It is recorded in the *Journal* of June 1981 that the Police Association executive decided to contribute $200 towards its cost. A description of the development was included in the *News Review* of August 1981 as a lead into Burnside's 125th celebrations.

Friday 12 August 1981 witnessed the next phase of the Hyde Memorial saga. On that day a crowd of around five hundred gathered at the Garden and was welcomed by Burnside Mayor Coralie Soward as the Police Band played. Included in the dignitaries present were the Premier, Hon David Tonkin (a local resident), the Commissioner of Police, Mr L D Draper, and the Director General of Education, Mr J Steinle, all of whom had arrived at the Tusmore Ave site by horse and cart with a Mounted Police escort. Students of the Marryatville Primary School dressed in costume, staged a re-enactment of the shooting; before the memorial (once more) was unveiled by the Commissioner of Police. The Premier unveiled the plaque with the story of Hyde and expressed his gratitude to all those concerned with the establishment of the memorial garden. And the Primary School children danced around a maypole which had been erected adjacent to the memorial.

The oak tree planted in 1981 has grown well and it has been necessary to remove the tree guard. The original inscription remains, as does the boulder and plaque at the edge of the pavement which borders the reserve. To drive past the location today, the memorial tree is unremarkable amongst other plantings. One wonders what has happened to the original guard and to the later fountain. I made contact with two council workers who were involved in preparing the site for the 1981 planting. After a search they were unable to say what had happened to the old fountain or the last tree guard, but pointed out to me that the tree area and plaques were well overdue for some refurbishment. It is time, I think, for the Burnside Historical Society to request the Council to provide an interpretive sign with more adequate explanatory notes and photographs to draw attention to this site and to undertake the necessary refurbishment. The loss of life in pursuance of duty, relevant as it is to Burnside's and the State's police history should not go unremarked. It needs to be applauded and kept in the public eye.

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* to assist in the protection and preservation of buildings, works and sites of historical significance in the City of Burnside;
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One of the plaques that can be found at the *Constable Hyde Memorial Garden*, corner of Kensington Road and Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook

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