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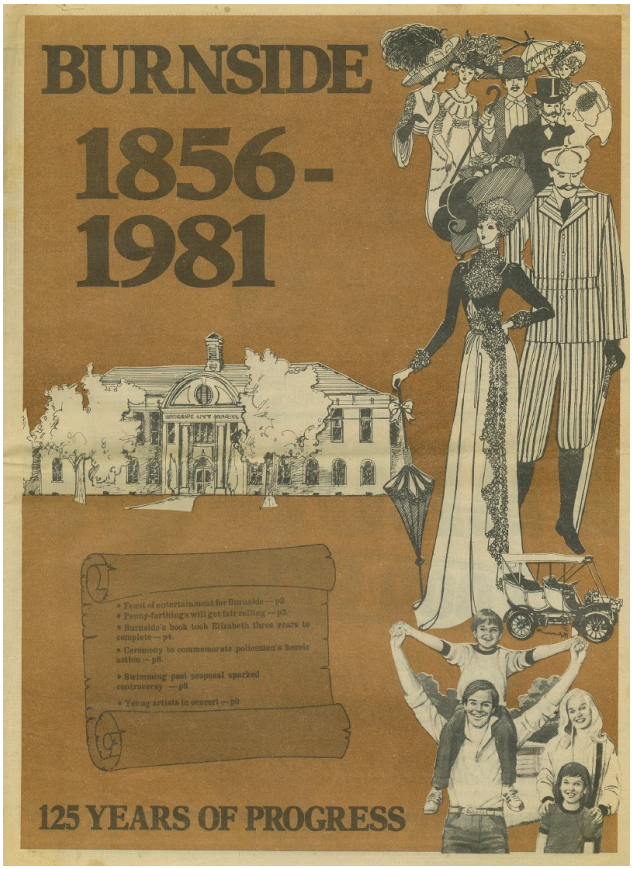

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From my Desk

Welcome to the March 2016 e-version of the Burnside Historical Society Newsletter, another edition brimming with information and articles of interest. Please note that if you wish to print a nomination form, it is on page 11 of this PDF file.

I hope you are enjoying receiving the electronic version of the Newsletter, featuring extra articles and colour images. If you know of other members who would like similar access, please let me know.

The deadline for the June 2016 issue is **Friday 22 April**. Please email any contributions to sjllbrown@internode.on.net.

Judy Brown (Newsletter compiler)

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Membership fees are $37 family and $25 single, due in April each year (this amount may be reviewed at the AGM on 18 April). Subscriptions may be sent to the Treasurer at the Society's address, paid at a monthly meeting or by a direct bank transfer.

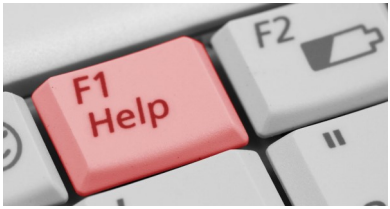
The Society gratefully acknowledges annual grant funding from the City of Burnside to help support the production of this *Newsletter*.

President's Message

In 2016 the City of Burnside is 160. Also this year Burnside Historical Society celebrates its 35th anniversary. It all began in 1980 and there are still some inaugural members attending our meetings. We have completed diverse projects highlighted on our website at www.burnsidehistory.org.au. At our April meeting the updated version of the Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside will be presented to Council.

The Oral History Project is now interviewing residents who lived in the Council area 1960-80. On 6 February some Councillors and Council staff met with our Mines Committee for a surface inspection of the Wheal Watkins site. We are working with Council to rehabilitate and open Wheal Watkins for small group visits. A display case is planned for the public to view a pick found in the Glen Osmond Mine, a piece of galena from Wheal Watkins and to read the related history of the area.

All of this is pleasing but your Committee needs new members. The Annual General Meeting is on 18 April and no organisation can continue without a properly functioning committee. We have been operating for the past 12 months without a Vice President and Secretary. Some members have given valuable service in various ways in the past and others continue to, evident at our meetings, on excursions and on subcommittees. Let's share the workload. I am willing to continue as President for one more year. Become actively involved. If you'd like to find out more, please contact me or one of the current Committee members.



These days there are more demands on our time – grandchildren, extended hours of work, so it's difficult to find people who can commit to volunteering. Some come along to hear a particular topic and others come for the social aspect. If a few more did a little bit more, the same few would not be doing the bulk of the work. Running any group these days is more complicated with liability issues, many emails, and organisations such as Council to liaise with. Some members have skills to arrange an outing. It doesn't have to be organised by a Committee member. Members can be co-opted to subcommittees. I urge YOU to continue to encourage others to come and join in our activities and become an active member of the Burnside Historical Society. We need an active membership and a larger membership to remain viable. We do want to celebrate our 40th anniversary!

The annual *South Australia's History Festival* (note name change) will be celebrated State-wide in May. Walks will be again conducted by our experienced guides - Ally Preiss (Eastwood), Ally and Margaret Preiss (Knightsbridge – now known as Leabrook and Hazelwood Park), Anne and Dr Ross Both (surface visit at Wheal Watkins, Glen Osmond) and Colin Harris (Burnside). Thanks to the guides for sharing their knowledge with the growing number of those interested in History. Details of these events are in this Newsletter and we hope to have the *History Festival* program for you at the April meeting.

Meredith Ide JP

Note: my only contact number is: **0439 478 352** (I can phone you back)

Current members who are foundation members of the Society:

Edna Bayfield	Meredith Ide	Margaret Sando
Anne Both	Richard House	Elaine Smyth
Dr Ross Both	John Love	Geraldine Treloar
Chloe Buxton	David Mattingley	Geoff Treloar

The Tusmore Malt Factory

Its story, coming soon to the BHS Newsletter!

Whilst many Burnside residents are aware that Coopers Brewery operated out of Statenborough Street, Leabrook for over a century, very few are aware that only a short distance away a malt factory operated from 1921-50 and from 1960-65.

Located at 85 Tusmore Avenue and designed and built by John Cooper, the Tusmore Malt Factory produced for many years a malt extract from barley which was sold to chemists, bakers and home brew shops. Peter Cooper, the youngest child of John Cooper and his wife Florence, is a BHS member and in 1960 he reconditioned the plant and operated it until its closure in 1965.

Peter has written the story of the factory and his fascinating account of this little known Burnside industry will be published over the next few editions of the BHS *Newsletter*. Don't miss it!

The Society is also preparing the case for another round of bronze plaque historical markers and the Tusmore Malt Factory is high on its list of priorities.

Program of Meetings and Events for 2016

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 21 March – Dr Robert Kimber

Edward Cairns of Ardrossan: from schoolboy to soldier

Edward Cairns was barely 21 when he died at Gallipoli. He left behind in his dugout on Cheshire Ridge a modest exercise book in which he had kept a diary of the events he experienced, the places he saw and the people he met when he went overseas in 1915 to fight with the 1/27th Battalion. Dr Kimber wrote about Edward's life in *Love from Eddie,* the intention being to explore the background of the man, particularly in the Ardrossan community.

Robert has spent most of his life as a scholar in Education and Drama, retiring from the University of Adelaide in 1999. He has been a Fulbright Scholar to the USA completing a PhD in ritual studies of select Native American people. He has done extensive work in Australian studies and has lectured in the field. He has also written for ABC radio and the stage and has an assortment of published works in theatre studies and the performance rites of Indigenous peoples.

Monday 18 April - AGM

George Bolton's Archival Film Footage 1930s-60s

City of Burnside Council members and Andrew Ward, who was a Librarian in the Local History Room in the Burnside Library, edited the many reels of George Bolton's films for the 140th celebrations of Burnside Council in 1996. Many people who viewed the films could recall the times that were pictured as they saw themselves and local identities at various events Bolton had recorded for posterity.

Mayor George Bolton was a controversial identity, especially in his desire to see a swimming centre in Hazelwood Park. He fought two campaigns on this issue and finally won in February 1965. Many residents disagreed with his policies, but his energy, determination and love of Burnside were undoubted. His passion for recording the events of his time on 16mm film has given us a valuable local history resource.

Monday 16 May – Professor Philip Payton

Early Cornish Migration to South Australia

In the first decade after the foundation of South Australia in 1836, thousands of men, women and children left Cornwall for the new colony. An intensive recruitment campaign in the late 1830s, when Cornwall was targeted as a source of likely recruits for South Australia, was complemented by the discovery of first silver-lead and then copper at Glen Osmond, Kapunda and Burra Burra. The 'Reforming Thirties' had promised religious and civic freedom in South Australia, as well as social and economic mobility. 'The Hungry Forties' drove the new arrivals from the potato blight and near starvation to Australia's first mining frontier.

Professor Philip Payton is Professor of History at Flinders University as well as Emeritus Professor of Cornish & Australian Studies at the University of Exeter. He has written extensively on Cornish and Australian subjects and his many books include titles such as *The Cornish Overseas*, and *Making Moonta: The Invention of 'Australia's Little Cornwall'.* His most recent book, *Labor and the Radical Tradition in South Australia*, is to be published shortly by Wakefield Press.

Monday 20 June – Triss and Paul Roberts

The Queen Adelaide Society Inc.

Queen Adelaide, a German Princess, married William, Duke of Clarence in England. Their family died in infancy, but Adelaide loved children and donated time and money to assist those in need. It was never expected that William would accede to the Throne, but on the death of his brother, George IV, he became King and Adelaide his Queen Consort. During his short reign the first settlers were arriving in South Australia and King William granted permission for the new City to be named "Adelaide". The Queen Adelaide Society in Adelaide was formed in 1981 to promote knowledge of Queen Adelaide and to make annual donations to charity.

Triss Roberts is a Foundation Member and Honorary Life Member of The Queen Adelaide Society. She has held the offices of Vice-President and President and has been promoting the work of the Society for over a decade. Paul Roberts is also an Honorary Life Member of the Society and a past Committee member.

Monday 18 July – Wolfgang Victor Preiss

Vienna – Shanghai – Burnside: The Preiss Family Life Journey

Monday 15 August – Christo Reid

The Extraordinary Life of Sir Sidney Kidman

Monday 19 September – Professor Kay Whitehead

Early schools run by women in Adelaide and suburbs

Monday 17 October – Denise Schumann

The real story of the King's speech: Lionel Logue and the South Australian connections

Monday 21 November

Me 'n Me Mates: a performance of Australian songs, stories, poems and yarns by Splash Theatre Company

South Australia's History Festival, 1-31 May 2016
Burnside Historical Society Events

Check details in the official booklet available for members at BHS April meeting (or at libraries)
Enquiries: History Festival Team, History SA, historyfestval@history.sa.gov.au, 8203 9888

Wednesday 4 May: 10 am - 12 noon
Walk around The Village of Burnside with your guide Colin Harris PSM

Thursday 5 May: 10 am - 12 noon
Walk around The Village of Knightsbridge (now Leabrook and Hazelwood Park)
Guides - Margaret and Ally Preiss

Sunday 8 May: 1.30 pm - 4 pm
Beulah Park Walk online - Launch at Clayton Wesley Uniting Church - self-guided

Thursday 12 May: 10 am - 12 noon
Walk around Eastwood and former Glenside Hospital site with Ally Preiss

Saturday 14 May: 2 pm - 4 pm
Surface visit to Glen Osmond Mines, including Wheal Watkins, with Dr Ross Both

Monday 16 May: 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Presentation at monthly meeting: "*Penryn is Nothing to Adelaide": Early Cornish Emigration to South Australia* - Dr Philip Payton

Saturday 28 May: 2 pm - 4 pm
Surface visit to Glen Osmond Mines, including Wheal Watkins, with Dr Ross Both

Other events of interest:

International Museum Day (18 May, but events can happen any time around that week) IMD is celebrated by more than 35,000 museums in around 140 countries. Be a part of the fun!

Bar Yarns: History in the Pub Pubs are well-known meeting places where people come to share stories and exchange ideas. Bar Yarns presents history in a relaxed, informal setting. Get in touch with us if you'd like to be part of this program.

Family-friendly activities This section of the program draws together the various programs that have been planned especially for families, with activities for children.

Built Heritage A section of the program dedicated to events exploring South Australia's built heritage and architectural history.

National Reconciliation Week events (27 May-3 Jun) National Reconciliation Week is a time to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we can join the national reconciliation effort.

National Archaeology Week (15-21 May) National Archaeology Week aims to increase public awareness of Australian archaeology and the work of Australian archaeologists both at home and abroad.

Advance notice, BHS Regional Tour

10-11 September 2016

Rain Shadow Country – Life on the Edge

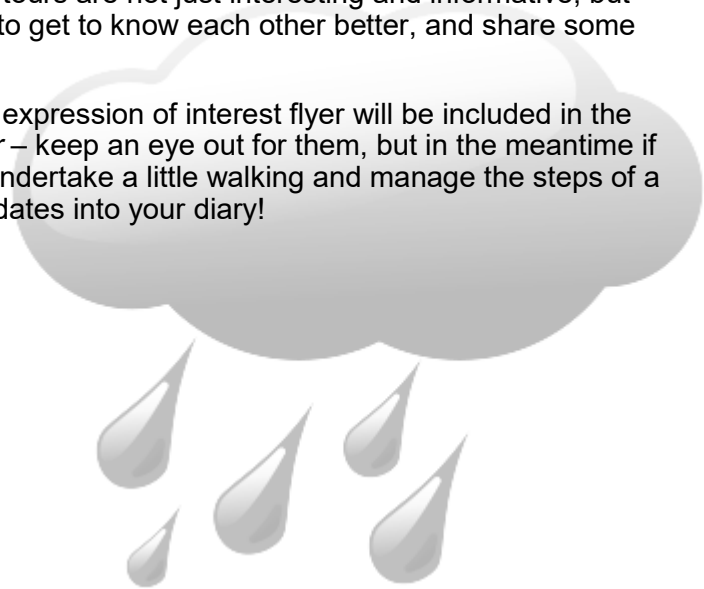
Join your friends from the Society in an informative and enjoyable weekend tour to the rain shadow country on the eastern margins of the Mt Lofty Ranges.

Although the Ranges are low and almost insignificant on a global scale, they have a profound impact on rainfall. The higher parts of the Ranges enjoy an average annual total of around 1000 mm per annum (40 inches on the old scale), but on the descending slopes to the east the average falls to less than half that of the high country.

This, in turn, has greatly influenced settlement patterns and how the land is farmed. High rainfall horticulture and viticulture quickly give way to dryland livestock and cereal production, and in dry times the rain shadow country is even marginal for this kind of activity. At the same time, the hard conditions have produced resilient people who have been celebrated in both verse and prose by two of South Australia's best known literary figures, Colin Thiele and Geoffrey Dutton.

Colin Harris will lead the tour to localities such as Palmer, Sedan, Dutton and Eudunda and those who have travelled with him on previous regional tours will know that these tours are not just interesting and informative, but also fun – an opportunity to get to know each other better, and share some laughs in the process.

Details of the tour and an expression of interest flyer will be included in the Society's June *Newsletter* – keep an eye out for them, but in the meantime if you have the mobility to undertake a little walking and manage the steps of a touring coach, pencil the dates into your diary!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **35th Annual General Meeting** of the **Burnside Historical Society Inc.** will be held in the **Burnside Community Centre** on **Monday 18th April 2015,** at **7.30 pm**.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20/04/2015 (ratified at 18/05/2015 general meeting)
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Determination of Subscription Fees for 2016 -17
7. Election of the Committee for 2016 -17
8. Election of the Auditor for 2016 -17
9. Any other business
10. Close of meeting

The current Committee (elected at the previous AGM) consists of:

President	*Meredith Ide JP
Vice President	VACANT
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	*Richard House OAM
Other members	*Anne Both
	*Dr Ross Both
	Judy Fander
	Ally Preiss
	*David Rogers
	Geraldine Treloar OAM

Note: Since the 2015 AGM there has been no Vice President or Secretary. In accordance with Paragraph 8.1 of the Society's Constitution, all of those marked with an asterisk * above – the President, Treasurer and three other Committee Members – must retire, but are eligible for re-election.

Regarding Committee Members – David Rogers will not be seeking re-election.

We would welcome two more Committee Members. Please talk to any of those listed if you have an interest in joining the Committee.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NOMINATION FORM

The following member is nominated to serve on the Committee:

Nominee ……

Address ……..

Telephone ……..

Committee position ……....

For the term of office between ……. and **……**
(e.g. between 2016 and 2017)

I agree to accept nomination for the above position:

Signature of nominee ……

Proposed by ……...

Seconded by ……

***** *Each year the following are elected for a one year term:*

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer

** Three Committee Members are elected each alternate year for a two-year term.*

Goodbye to All That: Great War Exhibition

The City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters is again presenting this detailed and moving exhibition. The visitor is transported from the home front to the battlegrounds of Europe, where ordinary lives were changed forever by the Great War. This exhibition illustrates how a simple faded photo, a fragile creased letter, a bugle and a song sheet can evoke memories of a time when loyalty to 'King and Country' was tested.

Where: Ground floor, St Peters Library (former St Peters Town Hall)

101 Payneham Road, St Peters

Ph: 8334 0200

When: Until the end of April 2016

Times: During Library opening hours

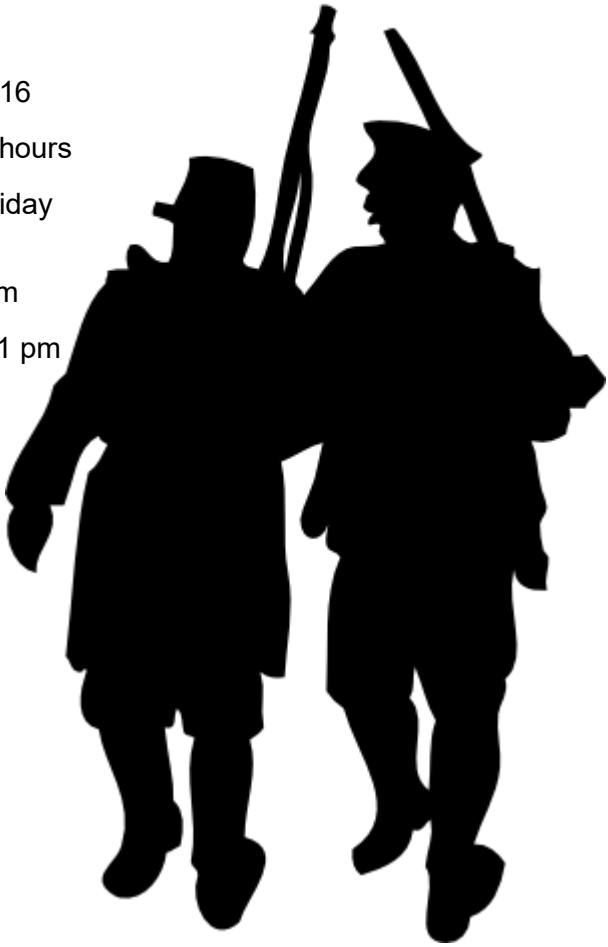
Monday, Thursday & Friday
9.30 am – 5 pm

Tuesday 9.30 am – 8 pm

Wednesday 9.30 am – 1 pm

Saturday 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday CLOSED



Private 3872 Rufus Gordon Rigney

48th Battalion AIF

During the Coorong excursion in October 2014, a visit was made to former Point McLeay, now known as Raukkan. Whilst at Raukkan members went into the small community church where they viewed, among other features, the plaque which commemorates those residents of Point McLeay who saw armed serviced during WWI.

Among the names of those who did not return was that of Rufus Gordon Rigney. He enlisted at the age of 16 years and nine months, following his older brother Cecil into service. He was twice wounded, the second time at Passchandaele. His wounds were severe and four days after his capture by German forces he died in a field hospital. He is buried at Harlebeke New British Cemetery (one of many cemeteries in Europe for war dead) in Plot XI Row D grave 7. His age at death was 17 years and 11 months.

In 2006 secondary students from Meningie Area School and Birdwood High School, who were participating in a project to study and visit WWI battlefields, visited Harlebeke. One of the participants in this visit was Victor Koolmatrie, the great great nephew of Rufus Rigney. Victor honoured his ancestor by dancing a traditional Ngarrindjeri dance at the grave site, wearing only a loin cloth (it was a wintery day) and with mourning paint on his body.

The school group had taken with them soil from the Coorong and this was scattered around Rufus' grave. They acquired soil from the grave area, which was brought back to Raukkan and scattered there, connecting the spirit of Rigney with his homeland.

Private Rufus Gordon Rigney

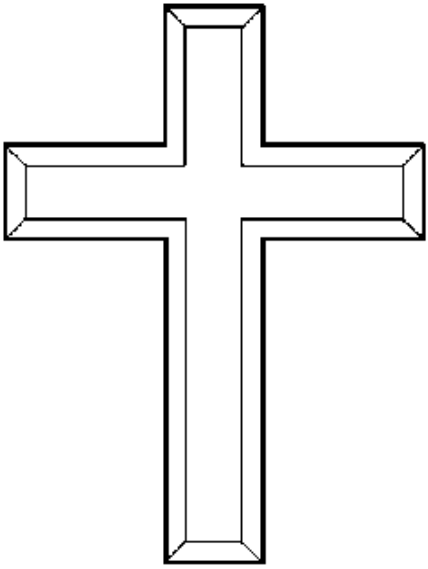
In 2007 the students commissioned a song - *Lost Soul* - from singer and songwriter Eric Bogle, to tell the story of Rigney and others like him who died far from home.

LOST SOUL

There is no sun here, the sun's 10,000 miles away
There is no light here, it's cold and damp and grey
There is no glory here amongst these marble stones
Only young men's names above the young men's bones
We've searched for you so long and come so far
And now at last, dear brother, you are here

CHORUS
Lost Soul, Ngarrindjeri man
Lost Soul, far from the dreamtime land
Lost Soul, lying here alone Ngarrindjeri warrior
We've come to take your spirit home……

Submitted by Anne Both



Members can see pictures and read Rufus' story at the website www.connectingspirits.com.au.

The Glen Osmond Silver Lead Mines in the Early 1960s

As a young lad in 1958, I received for Christmas a Sturmy Archer wheel and gear hub for my bicycle. It was, as it turned out, to be a life-changing present, because up until then my travels had been limited by my fixed wheel bicycle. Riding that fixed wheel bicycle to Mount Lofty Summit and back was an experience that will never be forgotten. Together with friends and new-found freedom, we often ventured to the Brownhill Creek area, in particular to explore the old mine tunnels upstream from the church ruins. We later found this to be the Wheal Grainger Mine, opened in about 1848. On panning lode material we dug from this mine, some heavy greyish-silver minerals were obtained, which gave off a garlic odour on heating. No gold or other metal were obtained so we lost interest in further work. That was probably fortunate in one respect as that greyish-silver mineral could well have been arsenopyrite (iron arsenic sulphide). However it had sparked my lifelong interest in where and how mineral deposits formed.

I soon discovered there were like-minded people at school and as a group we went on to explore the mines at Glen Osmond as they were readily accessible by bicycle, although the climb up Gill Terrace was quite a challenge. This was in the early 1960s and there was very sparse residential development on the Hills Face at Glen Osmond. Sunnyside Road, Gill Terrace, Wheal Gawler Street, Wheal Watkins Street through to Allandale Avenue, Chapman Crescent and the track to the Wheal Gawler mine shaft were all rough dirt roads. The old smelter buildings could be seen in the valley to the south of Gill Terrace. Costeans (trenches) criss-crossed the surfaces of hills. On the lower slopes Woodley Winery was in operation.

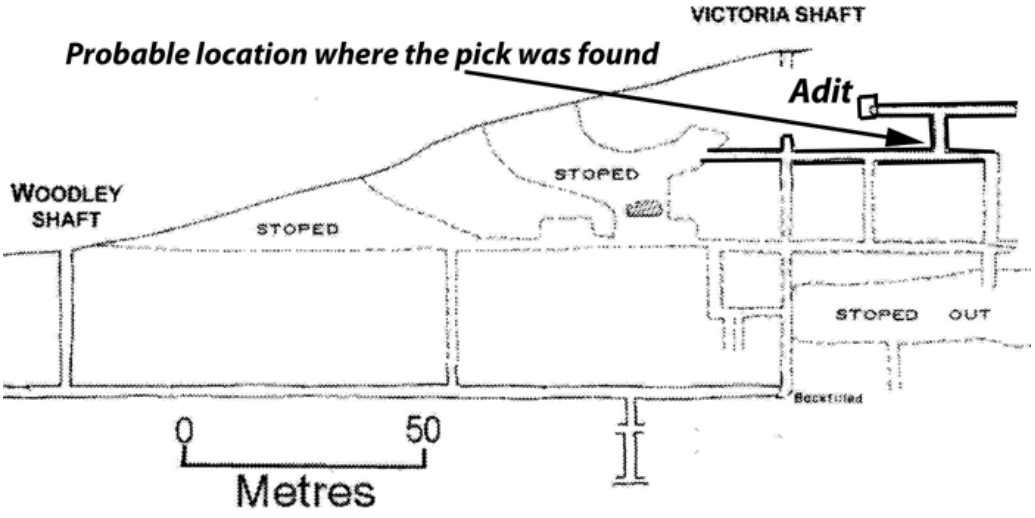
Wheal Gawler Mine, Glen Osmond
Australia's first mineral mine, 1840

(photographed 1962)

At that time nearly all the mines and their adits (horizontal tunnels) were readily accessible. The main shafts of the Glen Osmond Mines were accessed by short spur roads off the western side of Sunnyside Road, near its junction with Gill Terrace, and had been filled with rubbish almost to the surface. Wheal Watkins and Wheal Gawler shafts were still open and stones dropped down them took a long time to hit bottom. Small pieces of galena were readily found around the Wheal Watkins shaft. Of course we had soon explored all the open adits.

Nothing mineralogical or of the mining era remained in these adits. In many of the adits were winzes (vertical internal shafts) connecting to the lower levels. We believed those lower levels could well preserve items of historical interest. Our aim was to climb down a winze to explore these lower levels. One of our group, Nigel, constructed a ten metre rope ladder. However some of these winzes were deep, such as at the end of Wheal Watkins upper adit, descending some 20 metres.

A winze in the upper adit of the Glen Osmond mine was approximately ten metre deep and there were timbers on which to secure a rope ladder. Straws were drawn and Richard Wright had the privilege (or was he the most adventurous!) of being the first to venture down. His reward was the finding of a miner's pick-head on the floor of the tunnel at the bottom of that winze.



To the east the tunnel extended a short distance to the rubbish-plugged main shaft. About twenty metres westward the tunnel was blocked by a rock fall due to collapse of the roof timber supporting a back-filled stope (excavation). The find of the day was the pick-head, which Richard donated to the Burnside Historical Society in 2014.

Miner's pick-head found by Richard Wright in the Glen Osmond Mine

(circa 1960)

The finding of large specimens of galena still eluded us. However I had found a large specimen of barites just south of the Wheal Watkins Mine in the Tarcoola Mine (now in the possession of the Burnside Historical Society).

We had by now all decided to go on to study Geology at University. The year was 1961, we were in Leaving Honours (now Year 12) at school and had our driver's licences. I still hankered to find that elusive large specimen of galena. If it couldn't be found on the dumps then I'd have to try and find an untouched part of the lode. In those days it wasn't particularly difficult to work out where the lode lay. Just establish a straight line between an adit and the main shaft up on the hill. The most obvious of these was Peacheys Lode.

From a very short adit between Wheal Watkins and Wheal Gawler streets it was possible to see the Wheal Watkins mullock heap. However calcrete (a layer of calcium carbonate in the soil horizon) covered the underlying rock and both were hard, very hard. It needed heavy digging implements. Now that I possessed a driver's licence I loaded my mother's Austin 7 with a pick and crowbar and ventured up to the Glen Osmond mines. It was first gear all the way up Gill Terrace, not only because it was rough but it was the only gear the car could maintain without stalling. Most of the morning was spent

smashing calcrete off Peacheys Lode to reveal a large lump of galena, then most of the afternoon breaking the country rock to release a three kilogram specimen. This specimen is also now in the possession of the Burnside Historical Society. Some months after this I dug a slightly larger lump of weathered galena from the roof just inside the surface adit next to the Wheal Watkins main shaft. About two decades later someone in our family thought it was just a lump of limestone and, to my horror, binned it!

Subsequently, Nigel, Richard and myself went on to complete degrees majoring in Geology at the University of Adelaide. Nigel and Richard went on to careers in geological exploration, Richard reaching the level of Chief Geologist in Shell for mineral exploration in Tasmania. I elected for a career in CSIRO but kept a keen interest in fossicking. In retirement we still go fossicking and it was on a recent trip to Tasmania that Richard passed on the pick for preservation.

Michael Bosworth

Kurralta, Open Gardens SA, Spring 2015

Burnside was fortunate to have two of its significant properties featured in the Spring 2015 Open Gardens scheme, *St Austell* (reported on in the Society's December 2015 *Newsletter*) and *Kurralta*.

Kurralta is located at 23 Kurralta Drive, Burnside, and is one of South Australia's oldest residences. Completed in 1846, it had been commissioned by Dr William Wyatt, a surgeon by training who rose to prominence as a senior public figure in early colonial Adelaide. Constructed from local stone and displaying classically simple lines, its architectural design has been widely attributed (though not conclusively) to colonial architect George Strickland Kingston.

Among many public positions that Wyatt held for varying terms throughout his working life (and into retirement), he was City Coroner, Protector of Aborigines, Inspector of Schools (1851-74), Secretary of the Medical Board (for over forty years), Chairman of the Adelaide Hospital (1870-86), Chairman of the Board of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide and a founder and Vice President of the Acclimatization Society. The two latter roles reflect his great passion for plants and gardening and the grounds of *Kurralta* became well known for their many introduced trees, shrubs and ornamentals. Some survive to the present, including a tree gardenia. Also surviving is some of the pre-European vegetation, including some fine grey box trees near the old stables. Several small quandong trees grow together between the house and the tennis court and it is possible that they are descendants of trees that were there in pre-Wyatt times. Interestingly, they are the bitter quandong, not the more widely occurring (and cultivated) edible quandong.

In introducing many plants from South Africa, the Mediterranean countries and elsewhere, Wyatt was very much a man of his times, little value being placed on the unfamiliar Australian native vegetation. He was in good company in this, his near neighbour Sir Samuel Davenport also being an enthusiastic importer of plants. Davenport's most notable introduction was the olive, an important horticultural species, but also one which has become a notorious environmental weed. Although it will always be unproven, it could well be that Wyatt was guilty of introducing and allowing cape tulip and French lavender to jump his garden fences. As late as the 1950s cape tulip infested all of the paddocks surrounding *Kurralta* (and elsewhere) and French lavender remains an important environmental weed in the nearby Greenhill Recreation Park (and elsewhere).

The *Kurralta* gardens of today are most attractive, with immaculate lawns, fruit trees, cottage garden beds and some striking trees, including a most impressive ginkgo (maiden hair tree) near the front entrance to the house. The Taylors (Jim and Rosemary) bought *Kurralta* in 1979 and they are to be both congratulated and thanked for being first class custodians of an impressive and important property and for making it available for us to admire as part of the Open Gardens scheme.

Colin Harris PSM

Kurralta (photo Elaine Smyth)

Visit to the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds Archive and Museum
18 January 2016

It was a particularly hot afternoon when a busload of members met a few others at the Showgrounds for a talk and tour with Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society archivist Marilyn Ward. She described how the archival collection began, and its early days in the basement of Centennial Hall before moving to the current location at the southern end of the site off Leader Street, Goodwood.

The highlight for some enthusiasts was a walk around the museum examining maps, plans and key photographs, as well as the opportunity to view the 1847 cash book and book of entries in copperplate writing from the 1867 Show.

Thanks to those members who made the following positive comments about the tour:

A trip down memory lane. Quaint sample bags brought back memories. And the smocked frock! My mother made mine.

I was pleased to hear that it was a horticultural [show] as well.

It was a wonderful insight into the Royal Show down through the years with a wonderful collection for all to enjoy.

Wonderfully evocative photographs and reminders of the Show of our childhood, along with the early colonial origins.

I enjoyed the visit. It is important that we know about such collections. This is a fantastic resource! We hardly had a chance to fossick, which is only natural on a short visit. Really the archivist was quite heroic and generous. She gave a long speech about the Archives, of which she is justly proud. Perhaps next time we could each take along a question to ask her, as a springboard for a more interactive occasion. Loved the bus, the driver, the meal and the conversation.

Following the visit I wrote to thank Marilyn:

It was an interesting visit and members were amazed at the diversity and amount of materials held in the collection.

Meredith Ide JP

Marilyn emailed to say:

Many thanks for the generous donation from the Burnside Historical Society [$50] which has gone in the Archives Foundation coffers. I enjoyed meeting your interesting group but am sorry my voice wasn't quite up to the task on the day. Thank you for your interest in the Society.

If you are interested in visiting the archive again for a more in-depth look, please contact:

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BHS members enjoy a look at some of the fascinating items in the RAHS archival collection (photo Judy Fander)

Meeting Review
Monday 16 March 2015

Images of Gallipoli
Speaker: Nick Smyth

Nick Smyth's passionate discourse did much to explain the broader aspects of the Dardanelles campaign, of which many Australians are not aware. Landings were made at different parts of the coast, with the Australians and New Zealanders more or less in the centre.

The decision to attack in the Dardanelles has been subject to much criticism, with which Mr Smyth agrees. Winston Churchill has received most of the blame, but he was not the sole decision-maker. For instance, Lord Kitchener, of African and Boer War fame, was also confident of success.

The Australian troops became scattered in the advance after landing but small parties made considerable progress. The Turks began to retreat but the Turkish commander Mustapha Kemal, in bringing up reinforcements, ordered them to take up positions again and die for their country. Eight months later, with horrendous loss of life, they had won the battle.

Although Mr Smyth acknowledged the efforts of the Allied forces, he was naturally more concerned with Australian activities. He detailed the operational area of the battlefield and explained the positions and directions of attacks by Australian troops. Some were diversionary attacks to attract the attention of the Turkish army to enable a surprise advance by the British. Such a one was that by the Australians at Lone Pine. Apparently the area had been covered with pine trees but these were chopped down by the Turkish for protective log roofing over their trenches. The Australians therefore had to displace this covering before entering the enemy's trenches. It was a battle in which the Australians won the day and seven Victoria Crosses were awarded to them. For tactical reasons the Australians were soon withdrawn back to their previous line.

Eight months after landing, the Allies withdrew from the Dardanelles. We should never forget the tragedy of the death toll suffered by both sides of the encounter.

Australian casualties at Gallipoli (not including illness)

Dead: 8709 Wounded: 19441

David Rogers

Meeting Review
Monday 20 April 2015

History through Photography: the Power of the Image
Speaker: Charles Hulse

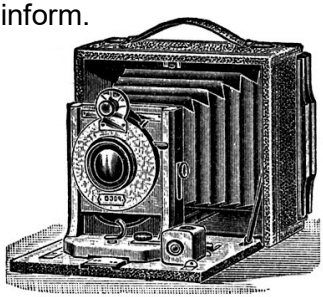
Members and visitors attending the Society's 2015 Annual General Meeting on 20 April were treated to an outstanding presentation by Charles Hulse. An industrial chemist by profession and long term resident of Burnside, Charles is now retired and able to devote even more time to his passion of putting together magnificent audio visual presentations. Such is their quality that Charles holds many international awards and he remains to the present the only Australian to have held a Slide Sound Fellowship from the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

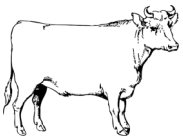
In keeping with our Society's core interest of history, Charles had selected from his large collection five presentations which had strong historical elements. After a slight delay with technical problems (it happens to even the best in their professions!) the presentation got underway with *Twelve Million Sunrises*, a superb portrayal of the archaeology and pre-history of Lake Mungo in the Willandra Lakes area of south western New South Wales. Others to follow included *An Enduring Legacy*, a tribute to the former West End Brewery on Hindley Street (where Charles had plied his professional trade for many years) and *Once More Vice-Regal*, a quirky recounting of the story of the old Governors' summer residence in Belair National Park.

A Place Apart, a beautifully evocative treatment of the Coorong, proved popular, especially with members who had been on the Society's 2014 Coorong regional tour and *Into the Outback* portrayed the legendary outback town of Marree and its nearby mound springs – natural outlets for the underground waters of the Great Artesian Basin. Of course this latter presentation had been my selection – as President of the community group *Friends of Mound Springs* I could not let it pass unscreened – but I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

An evening to remember and a wonderful reminder of the power of photographic imagery to both inspire and inform.

Colin Harris PSM





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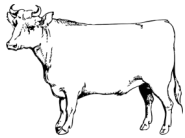

Sharing the Good Earth - 175 years of Adelaide's Royal Show
Speaker: Rob Linn

Robb Linn's account of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society's journey provided a fascinating story. His archival photographs enhanced the account. The Society has an Archive - the largest of its type in Australia and worth seeing.

Following a meeting in 1839, the group's first Show was in the city in 1840 and 80% of Adelaide's population attended. The venue was moved to Botanic Park and an Exhibition building erected, then to the Jubilee Exhibition Building on North Terrace, where the event was held until 1923. The Government had bought land at Wayville in 1911, but WWI intervened.

Shows were held in autumn and springtime with the aim of encouraging agriculture and rural production, and to promote South Australia. Further promotion in education saw the strengthening of Roseworthy Agricultural College, as well as South Australia's wine industry.

From 1920, following the War, the Wayville Showgrounds were developed. The arena and buildings, including the Secretary's Office, Centennial Hall and many pavilions, were part of a rapid expansion. Entertainment, displays, exhibitions and exams featured until WWII, when the Showgrounds were used as a centre for troops.

After the war, the Show and its associated activities exploded, becoming South Australia's largest community event. Crowds mushroomed, various entertainments and balls flourished and new innovations continued. A success story indeed!

Rob ended his lecture promoting his new book - *175 Years of Influence and Vision: Sharing the Good Earth, Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia Inc. 2014.* The book contains excellent archival photographs.

Barbara Parker PSM

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- 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 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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