

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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From the Editor's Desk

Recently, one of the Newsletter Committee members was handed a 1981 publication *Burnside 125 yrs. of growing with the community*. It contains many interesting articles and advertisements in it and I will be including some of these in this, and future editions of the *Newsletter*. It describes the work of Council, details about its Community Centres and the Library.

You will find the recent AGM reports in this *Newsletter* and reports of meetings held so far this year. The AGM reports show that much has happened during the past year and that our capable management of funds has enabled us to show a profit from activities. During the year the Society made a donation towards a seat at the Magill Cemetery, set up a website, purchased new digital recording equipment and published an extended index to *The Paddocks Beneath*. Due to these expenses it was decided to increase the membership fees for the coming year..

If you have any articles or photos, or know of someone who may have an article in relation to the history of Burnside, then please contact me at esmyth@adam.com.au or on 8332 8019.

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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

At April's Annual General Meeting the Society's officeholders were again elected unopposed, Two new Committee members, Ali Preiss and Geraldine Treloar were welcomed. Thank you to Glen Cowley for his year on the committee. He will continue to help by collecting the key for meetings and working with Geoff Treloar on the Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside Project.

We extend our sympathy to Margaret and Ali Preiss and families on Ken's death in March. Ken was a real character who was passionate about recording his memories for future generations. We will miss him.

It is always interesting for members to hear about research and projects members are involved in. So far we have had members address the meetings where they have related their own investigations and personal experiences. In February, Ross Both talked about the dispute between the Gilles brothers over the Glen Osmond Mines. At our March meeting we went rambling outback with Rick Moore, comparing past explorer's with 4 wheel drive experiences. In April, Richard House talked about the highlights of the Society's activities and projects for the last 32 years.

Richard House has compiled an extended index for *The Paddocks Beneath*, written by Elizabeth Warburton (published 1981). He then explained the various aspects and benefits of using the extended index. The first 50 copies of the index quickly sold out! On the day of the AGM I received a surprise phone call to say that Elizabeth Warburton's son Ben, and daughter Hilary, were profoundly moved to hear about the extended index. They were pleased that their Mother's work lives on. Incidentally Elizabeth was my American History teacher in Matriculation. A copy of the index, seven self-guided walks and a few newsletters were sent to Elizabeth who is living in a village complex in Sydney.

Recently 17 members joined an Art Gallery of South Australia guide for an informative tour of some colonial art. Thanks to Anne Both for organising this interesting morning. It was lovely to meet socially afterwards in the State Library café.

May's History Month was once again on our calendar. Hopefully you were able to take part in some of our activities and the activities of other groups. Thanks to our members who agreed to lead activities and give talks. These included Ali Preiss, Colin Harris and Isabel Williams. Bookings for some activities quickly reached their limits. At one of the events I heard our July speaker, Marcus Beresford, debate the concerns about heritage, including

Glenside Hospital. His topic was *Has South Australia given up on heritage?*

The Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside project is starting again. Geoff Treloar and Glen Cowley will be working closely with Jon McEachern, Team Leader at Council's Work's Depot. Plaques in Council Parks and Gardens post 1995 will be photographed and details recorded and added to the earlier project managed by David Reid in the 1990s. Please let Geoff and Glen know of any plaques you see dated after 1995.

At the AGM I was pleased to announce that Burnside Historical Society is now managing the progress of a third report of Wheal Watkins at Glen Osmond. Geotechnical experts from Australian Mining Consultants, Melbourne, will carry out an assessment and examine the previous two reports organised by Burnside Council. The interest on John Clark's \$30,000 donation, together with \$1,000 from the Society, will pay for this crucial report. Dr Ross Both and Colin Harris have been discussing the issues with Council over an extended period. We hope Wheal Watkins can be reopened for mine tours and be a positive drawcard for the City of Burnside.

We continue to emphasise the need to expand our membership. At our events during *About Time*, History Month, we handed out information about our Society. Please take copies of the Society's 2013 program to give to anyone you know who would enjoy attending our meetings and discovering our local history.

Meredith Ide, JP



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Burnside 125 years and still going strong.

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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 17 June—Kate Walsh

Flower power: George Smith, an Adelaide landscape gardener

Flower Power focuses on the life and work of an Adelaide Hills landscape gardener and nurseryman, George Smith. He was one of a band of gardeners and nurserymen who, through their passion for flowers and ornamental trees, transformed the physical, visual and cultural landscape of the hills into what we might refer to as a ‘re-created England’. In the decades of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, George and other gardeners worked for members of Adelaide’s upper classes who built large mansions in park-like settings, in the style of grand English estates. He moved in a collaborative yet fiercely competitive world. Landscape gardeners took their flowers and their skills seriously.

Kate Walsh is a member of the Professional Historians Association (SA Branch) and our own BHS. From 1985 until retirement in 2008 Kate worked as an historian, curator and public programs manager for History SA, focusing on South Australia’s immigration history, and museums and collections management. She is currently working on a research project on early 20th century Adelaide’s destitute and mental asylums and the women in distress who came under their institutional care. She has also researched and published on aspects of the history of the Adelaide Hills.

Monday 15 July—Marcus Beresford

Future of the Royal Adelaide Hospital Heritage Precinct

The Royal Adelaide Hospital is arguably one of the most significant sites of social heritage in South Australia and also contains a suite of

architecturally significant stripped classical and modernist buildings without equal. With the construction of a new hospital to the west, what is the future of the current site, which represents such a huge investment of wealth, materials and commitment? This presentation will look at some of the history and treasures of the site and how it could continue as a major community asset.

Marcus Beresford has been a National Trust of South Australia (NTSA) Councillor 2009-2012 and Chairman of the NTSA Natural Heritage Committee 2012. Marcus has had a passion for buildings since doing countless childhood drawings of house plans. A Bachelor of Laws and Master in Environmental Laws, his career has included 10 years at the Art Gallery of SA in public relations and 10 years with the Conservation Council of SA as an environmental advocate.

Monday 19 August – Don Goldney

John Dunn: the father of Mount Barker

John Dunn came to Adelaide in 1840 and after being offered land by each of the owners of the Mount Barker Special Survey he built a steam flour mill in 1844. Dunn and Co subsequently became, for a time, the largest flour milling business in the southern hemisphere with 11 mills and 74 agencies in SA, four interstate and eight overseas. Dunn was a figure of some substance, being variously a State politician for 20 years, a local Councillor and Justice of the Peace.

Don Goldney has been a member of the Mount Barker Branch of the National Trust for 20 years and chairman for the past eight years. He is the author of *Methodism in Unley* and a collector of Mount Barker photos. Don also chaired the production of *Pictorial Mount Barker, Then and Now*.

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 several 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 - Members: Anne Both, Meredith Ide and Jan Thornton

Memory Chains - Oral History Project 2012-13

DAY TOUR TO WILLUNGA

SUNDAY NOV 10, 2013

Departing Burnside library 9.30am. Return to Burnside approx. 5pm

The tour will include the following:

- Willunga Courthouse and Slate Museum
- Bassett Schoolroom
- Bus tour of township with guided commentary
- Morning Tea at Courthouse,
- Lunch (2 courses, tea, coffee) at Old Bush Inn
- If enough people are interested, a visit to the nearby Bangor Slate Quarry can be arranged for a small extra charge

Cost \$60-65 (some concessions apply - if Seniors or National Trust members)

Please **register interest by 30 August** so that arrangements can be finalised

Burnside Street Names and their Origins

One of the publications of the Burnside Historical Society is *Burnside Street Names and their Origins*. This is not available for purchase but there is a copy for reference in the Local History Collection at the Burnside Library. The researching of the street names was a bicentennial project of the society and many members made contributions. If you have never seen it, go and check out your own street or any others.

The 1st Edition was released in 1989 and an updated 2nd Edition in 2000 with a few amendments in 2004. I am now about to produce a 3rd Edition. This will be in a new much more compact format, incorporating a few new streets and any amendments or corrections.

If you have any new material which you think should be incorporated, or if you believe any specific corrections should be made, please can you let me know. Your submissions must be in writing, and can be given to me at a meeting or posted to the society at PO Box 152, Glenside, 5065.

The final date for receipt of submissions is 31st August 2013.

Richard House, OAM

***The Paddocks Beneath* Extended Index**

Many of our members will have a copy of *The Paddocks Beneath* by Elizabeth Warburton which has been the 'bible' of Burnside history since 1981. Experience has shown that the index at the back of the book had limitations and many of you have reported an inability to find material that you feel should be there.

I have now created an *extended* index. Like the first step on the moon I regard this new index as a giant step forward for man! Even the most minute reference to anybody is indexed. Furthermore the index lists all family members – not just the family surname. Also included are the name of the house and the suburb plus references to maps in the book. Trades and professions of the members are listed with dates of births and deaths if they are in the book. In addition for a married woman, the maiden name is shown plus the name of the husband.

And that is just the start of it - there is much more!

Copies are available for inspection and purchase at our meetings or by ringing Meredith Ide, Tel 8365 3043.

Cost \$10

Ken Preiss

A personal appreciation

Ken Preiss, along with his wife Margaret Preiss, was a foundation member of our Society and we were saddened to learn of his death on 24 March this year.

Ken was a man of many parts and some indication of this is revealed by the six lectures he gave to the Society at various times over the past three decades. His topics covered the early flora of the Adelaide Plains, the Torrens Park Estate (Scotch College), steam power, recollections of growing up in the eastern suburbs and Ferguson Conservation Park.

Meticulous in everything he did, Ken's lectures were always a delight, being well-researched, well-presented and delivered with an enthusiasm that remained with him to the end. In partnership with Pamela Oborn, his research on Scotch College culminated in a major historical work, *Torrens Park Estate: a Social and Architectural History*, a book written with a commitment and precision that was a hallmark of everything that he did in life. And those of us fortunate enough to have been at his lecture on 21 March 2005 will cherish the memory of his steam-powered traction engine trundling across the stage of the Burnside Community Centre! A scale model constructed by Ken over many, many years, it was a wonderful example of his technical and engineering skills.

Deeply committed to the conservation of our natural environment, Ken was active for over sixty years in a variety of organisations and community groups working in this field. Probably none meant more to him than the Friends of Ferguson Conservation Park, a community group that Ken was instrumental in establishing in 1982. Ferguson Park is a marvellous remnant of the original Adelaide Plains flora and, with Margaret, Ken was a wonderful custodian of the Park, fronting as it does their home on Marble Terrace, Stonyfell.

Vale Ken, we will miss you. Our sincere condolences are extended to Margaret and her family.

Colin Harris, PSM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AGM 15 April 2013

This is my second report as President. I am presenting details of Burnside Historical Society's activities and achievements using the format of former President, Barbara Parker. I will follow the Society's Objectives and explain how we have endeavoured to achieve them. I especially thank the committee for their constant support in guiding the Society during the past year.

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 the City of Burnside

Ten general meetings were held with an average attendance of 48. Six speakers related to local history. At the last Annual General Meeting, the topics were Bennett's Magill Pottery and Magill Cemetery. In August Kate Mc Dougall discussed the history and protection of housing within the City of Burnside. In November, Chief Executive Officer, Nick Warden, proudly highlighted the history of and changes and growth in providing health care at Burnside War Memorial Hospital. Four meetings covered South Australian history, including the outdoor visit to Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery. Our speaker for the *About Time*, South Australia's History Festival in May, Geoffrey Bean, spoke of his experiences and the changes at Prince Alfred College. Our March meeting, about Australian history, was another outback journey, a ramble with some past explorers presented by current explorer, member Rick Moore. Thank you to the Program committee members and to those who provided names of speakers and ideas for trips.

It is essential that we not only learn more about State and Australian history, but that we educate others about the immense history within City of Burnside boundaries. To this end we continue to be involved in South Australia's History Festival. In May 2012 our Society guided three Magill Cemetery tours for the public with a bus trip of the Magill area and Magill Stone Mines for our Society. Seven guided walks were conducted of Eastwood, Rose Park, Waterfall Gully and the Old Villages of Burnside and Knightsbridge. Spring Walks were conducted of Eastwood and Rose Park. All these activities were popular. Thank you to the guides for their contribution. The self-guided walks brochures were compiled and revised

by members and we thank Council for publishing them. Our involvement in History Month entails much planning, preparation and evaluation. Also in May was the unveiling of the impressive interpretive sign in Bell Yett Reserve by the Mayor, David Parkin. Thank you to Council for funding another collaborative historic plaque, to Vice President Colin Harris for his research and project management and members for supporting it.

In October Colin organised the Society's biennial regional tour, an informative overnight trip to the Fleurieu Peninsula. Our new website is already producing benefits through the feedback page provided. We have received positive comments about its presentation and how easy it is to navigate through. We thank web designer Jeremy Carter for his creative, but accurate approach. Reports about our plans and activities in the *Eastern Courier* have also increased our exposure. People are phoning about these articles. History Month too is an opportunity to educate a curious public. I believe that interest in History is growing. Our Society can continue to be the conduit to increasing knowledge of our local area.

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

Our meetings are recorded digitally for the Local History Collection in the Burnside Library. The Society has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to support the Collection. In July 2012 we donated nearly \$2,500 for a new filing cabinet system to improve storage of this Collection. Occasionally we are given some artefacts which, if appropriate, we pass to the Local History Collection.

The Society was pleased to receive a \$500 Historical Society of South Australia grant for a new Oral History project entitled *Memory Chains: living – working – playing in the City of Burnside (1945-65)*. Three members are interviewing and recording twelve residents from the City of Burnside about their memories of the two decades, post World War Two. Copies of these interviews will be housed in the Local History and State Library, JD Somerville Collections, if the interviewees agree.

The Society's newsletter is an excellent example of recording history. Thanks to Elaine Smyth, now in her eighth year as Editor, and her committee. Meetings and trips are written up and members not able to share our meetings for various reasons can enjoy reading about our activities. We

acknowledge the \$795 City of Burnside Community Grant to publish four issues annually.

One project over many years has been the research and documenting of the history of all the parks and gardens in The City of Burnside. To date research has been completed up to 1948.

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

Additional works are progressing at the Magill Cemetery. Burnside Historical Society commented on the original Management Plan and has supported it. On the 26 February 2013, Burnside Council approved the Columbarium Wall Operating Guidelines. Last September the Society paid for half a seat at the cemetery which will now be installed at the same time as the wall, scheduled for this month.

We are recommencing the Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside project, working closely with Jon McEachern, Team Leader at the Council's Work's Depot. This time we aim to photograph and record details of plaques in Council Parks and Gardens, post 1995. Thanks to Geoff Treloar and Glen Cowley for being involved in this project. Please tell them when you notice any plaques dated after 1995.

The reopening of Wheal Watkins, Glen Osmond, has been on the agenda for the past eight years. I am pleased to announce that Burnside Historical Society is now managing the progress of a third report. Last December member and geologist Dr Ross Both and I travelled to Blinman and asked questions of those involved in the reopening of their mine. Australian Mining Consultants, Melbourne, carried out assessments at Blinman. The Society has engaged these geotechnical experts to assess Wheal Watkins. The Society has previously acknowledged the generous donation made by our late member, John Clark. The interest on that money, together with \$1,000 from the Society, will pay for this crucial report. The Society will accept the "umpire's" decision. On your behalf I acknowledge the ongoing commitment to the task by, Ross and Colin and their perseverance in working through the issues with Council over a long period.

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

Last June 11 members joined with other historical societies in the biennial Eastern Regional Seminar, hosted by Campbelltown Historical Society. Such an event is an opportunity to share ideas and learn about suitable historic places for trips. Naturally many of our members are also involved in other history related groups. Some attend the Historical Society of South Australia meetings. We exchange newsletters and advertise historical societies' meetings, thus giving support and broadening our knowledge. The Society receives online information from State and Australian based historical related bodies.

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

Our Annual General meeting was held on this date in 1996. Three members spoke about the history behind some City of Burnside plaques. Osmond Gilles, the first Colonial Treasurer of South Australia and who saved the State from bankruptcy, was one historic person mentioned. Discussion related to the plaque erected on the site of Osmond Gilles's storage cellar for the maturing of the wine from grapes grown on his *Woodley House* property. Ross Both spoke about Osmond Gilles and brother Lewis at our recent February meeting. Glen Osmond Mines were located on property belonging to Osmond Gilles. He is interred in West Terrace Cemetery. Ross has been working with the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority about the need for repairs to Gilles' grave. Once costs are known, we will be seeking donations for this restoration project.

I ask you to continue to encourage others to come to our meetings and to join Burnside Historical Society, to share the interest we have, especially in local history. We are never too old to learn and we can share our knowledge, especially our memories, with the young.

Meredith Ide, JP

FRIDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1981
BOOK LAUNCH — "The Paddocks
Beneath" (A history of Burnside
from the beginning).
OFFICIAL OPENING TO
BURNSIDE'S CELEBRATIONS

TREASURER'S REPORT: AGM 15 April 2013

The financial figures show a very satisfactory surplus of \$1689. This results from three sources:

Firstly a surplus of \$1193 came from running the Southern Fleurieu weekend tour. We do not budget to make profits on these tours so a result like that is unpredicted and certainly cannot be expected annually. In this case it resulted mainly from some of the costs being less than expected, plus the fact that the number of people on the tour was slightly greater than budgeted for.

Secondly we benefitted from some very generous donations, particularly from people who were not able to come on the weekend tour at the last minute and did not accept a refund. Thirdly we received a donation of \$500 from the Historical Society of SA towards the oral history project. The balance of the unused part of this money goes into a reserve for expenses in future years. The Community grant from the Burnside Council for the newsletter also played a significant role. Profit from running guided walking tours was also very useful.

With the demise of the conducted tours into the Glen Osmond Mines we have merged the surplus from the tours that we had run in previous years with our General Reserve. This has resulted in us being able to make some significant donations back to the Burnside community. In particular we have donated \$2493 for the purchase of some new filing cabinets for the Local History Collection at the library. We have also donated \$750 as half the cost of a seat to be installed as part of the columbarium to be built at the Magill cemetery, and spent over \$2000 towards establishing a web site. The web site work was subcontracted to a professional designer and has produced a most spectacular result which all members are encouraged to visit. \$347 was also spent on the tape to disc copying project which is completed now, apart from the processing of any future tapes that may be generated. We have also spent an unbudgeted \$409 on the new extended index to *The Paddocks Beneath* and bought some modern digital recording equipment for the oral history project.

Once again our membership has dropped and we are now down to 145 members. Please encourage your friends to join!

Richard House, OAM

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st March 2013

| 2011/2012 | Income | 2012/2013 |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| \$1,800.00 | Subscriptions 2011/12 (Single) | \$1,845.00 |
| \$780.00 | Subscriptions 2011/12 (Family) | \$996.00 |
| \$75.00 | Surplus on visit to Mitcham | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | Profit on guided walking tours | \$294.00 |
| \$0.00 | Surplus on Fleurieu tour | \$1,193.50 |
| \$436.59 | Bank interest on Cheque and Savings accounts | \$177.10 |
| \$28.60 | Sundry sales - greetings cards and misc | \$60.00 |
| \$130.00 | Donations | \$788.60 |
| \$742.40 | * Transfer from accumulated fund for tape to disc copying (\$347.00), filing cabinet (\$2493.40), Magill seat (\$750) and web site (\$2032.91) | \$5,623.61 |
| \$0.00 | Sales of Paddocks Beneath Extended Index | \$50.00 |
| \$0.00 | Grant for Oral History Project | \$500.00 |
| \$775.00 | Council Grant for Newsletter | \$795.00 |
| \$0.00 | Council Grant for Street Names project | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | Council Grant for Parks and Gardens project | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | Council Grant for Oral History project | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | Council Grant for Plaques Records update | \$0.00 |
| \$4,767.59 | Total income | \$12,322.81 |
| | Expenses | |
| \$554.40 | * Project to copy tape recordings of meetings to discs (see * above) | \$347.00 |
| \$234.19 | Printing and Stationery, and Society records | \$375.73 |
| \$368.00 | Telephone, postage and PO Box | \$339.88 |
| \$560.00 | Use of hall and other meeting expenses | \$499.00 |
| \$143.26 | Supper costs | \$75.05 |
| \$200.00 | Subscriptions to other societies and seminar fees | \$0.00 |
| \$117.50 | History week expenses | \$0.00 |
| \$25.00 | * Website set up costs (see * above) | \$2,032.91 |
| \$0.00 | Website and computer annual costs | \$195.95 |
| \$0.00 | * Donation to library for filing cabinets (see * above) | \$2,493.70 |
| \$0.00 | * Donation to Council towards seat in Magill cemetery (see * above) | \$750.00 |
| \$150.00 | Other donations made | \$100.00 |
| \$0.00 | Bank fees (cancelled cheque) | \$8.00 |
| \$909.49 | Insurance | \$909.64 |
| \$302.88 | Gifts | \$173.23 |
| \$96.48 | Tapes and minor equipment | \$0.00 |
| \$188.00 | BHS greetings cards | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | BHS flyers | \$240.00 |
| \$0.00 | Print Paddocks Beneath Extended Index | \$409.00 |
| \$820.57 | Newsletter (printing \$452.83, admin \$252.45) | \$705.28 |
| \$0.00 | Street Names project | \$0.00 |
| \$0.00 | Parks and Gardens project | \$0.00 |
| \$53.00 | Oral History project | \$736.40 |
| \$0.00 | Plaques Record update project | \$0.00 |
| \$219.45 | Depreciation on equipment | \$243.00 |
| \$4,942.22 | Total expenses | \$10,633.77 |
| (\$174.63) | Surplus (Deficit) for the year | \$1,689.04 |
| (\$76.06) | Transfer to General Accumulated fund | \$1,162.72 |
| (\$98.57) | Transfer surpluses to Council Grant Reserves (Newsletter, Oral History) | \$526.32 |
| (\$174.63) | Total | \$1,689.04 |

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2013

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| 2011/2012 | General Accumulated funds | 2012/2013 |
| \$6,980.81 | As at 1st April 2012 | \$6,162.35 |
| | Pick up balance from Mines Account Reserve | \$3,113.28 |
| (\$742.40) | Transfer to Income and Expenditure for special projects | (\$5,623.61) |
| (\$76.06) | Surplus (Deficit) for the year | \$1,162.72 |
| \$6,162.35 | As at 31st March 2013 | \$4,814.74 |

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| | Mines Account Reserve | |
| \$3,113.28 | As at 1st April 2012 | \$3,113.28 |
| | Transfer balance to General Accumulated funds | (\$3,113.28) |
| \$3,113.28 | As at 31st March 2013 | \$0.00 |

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| | Grants Reserves | |
| \$655.91 | As at 1st April 2012 | \$557.34 |
| (\$98.57) | Surplus (Deficit) for the year | \$526.32 |
| \$557.34 | As at 31st March 2013, being | \$1,083.66 |
| | Council Grants | |
| | - Newsletter | \$347.07 |
| | - Street Names project | \$0.00 |
| | - Parks and Gardens project | \$67.79 |
| | - Plaques Reprint project | \$185.20 |
| | - Oral History project | \$47.00 |
| | His Soc SA Grant - Oral History project | \$436.60 |

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| \$9,832.97 | TOTAL EQUITY | \$5,898.40 |
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Members equity is made up from

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| | Current Assets | |
| \$1,756.79 | Bank of South Australia cheque account | \$2,993.43 |
| \$7,630.18 | Bank South Australia Express Saver Account (Internet only) | \$2,510.97 |
| \$9,386.97 | Total as at 31st March 2013 | \$5,504.40 |

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| | Non Current Assets | |
| \$631.00 | Equipment as at 31st March 2012 | \$1,216.00 |
| \$804.45 | Plus cost of new computer | \$0.00 |
| (\$219.45) | Less depreciation @ 20% | (\$243.00) |
| \$1,216.00 | Total as at 31st March 2013 | \$973.00 |
| \$10,602.97 | Total Assets | \$6,477.40 |

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| | Current liabilities | |
| \$80.00 | Magill tour May 2012 | \$0.00 |
| \$480.00 | Subscriptions in advance for 2013/14 (Single) | \$414.00 |
| \$210.00 | Subscriptions in advance for 2013/14 (Family) | \$165.00 |
| \$770.00 | Total Liabilities | \$579.00 |

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| \$9,832.97 | TOTAL NET ASSETS as at 31st March 2013 | \$5,898.40 |
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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 2013, 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

WALKERVILLE WESLEYAN CEMETERY

Monday 21 January 2013

A very warm night did not deter 30 members from attending the first function of our Society for 2013. A guided tour of the historic Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery, opened on 8 May 1849, proved to be an intriguing and informative occasion. Our two guides, Raye Whitehead and Jim Everett from the Friends of the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery, shared their extensive knowledge. We learnt about the life and times of some of those buried in the cemetery, a number of whom once lived in parts of the current City of Burnside.

Prominent among them was Sir Samuel Davenport of Beaumont House, legislative pioneer and founder of the South Australian olive industry; John Fullerton Cleland, who lived at Beaumont and became Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages; and his son, William Lennox Cleland, Colonial Surgeon. Another Cleland and Burnside link was the grave of Sir John Burton Cleland, Pathologist and Naturalist, (grandson and son respectively of the above).

The cemetery is a kaleidoscope of the social activity of our early settlers, reflecting not only the more successful as indicated above but also the lives of men who worked in diverse and essential trades, their wives and children. Most heart-rending was the knowledge that over 400 children under one year of age are buried in the cemetery. We also learnt that out of the 3,785 people buried, two-thirds are children, whose deaths were often caused by bacterial infections resulting from lack of safe drinking water, wastewater facilities and unhygienic conditions.

Another poignant instance was the World War One Memorials to seven young men, including six who died in France and one at Gallipoli.

Our thought-provoking excursion concluded with a most enjoyable dinner at the Sussex Hotel, Walkerville, where the food and drink provided a convivial atmosphere for our first 2013 meeting.

Sincere thanks to the two guides mentioned above. A booklet *Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery*, prepared by the Friends of the Cemetery, is highly recommended for more information regarding this historic site.

Elizabeth Rogers, OAM

THE GILLES BROTHERS AND THE GLEN OSMOND MINE DISPUTE

Monday 18 February 2013

Some very peculiar events occurred during the life of the mine on Osmond Gilles' property. In the end, they led to Mr. Gilles serving a Deed of Revocation on the Glen Osmond Mining Company, on the grounds of the non-payment of his dues. It was the subsequent court case which provided Dr Both with a foundation for his address in which he gave historical details covering the life of the mine and its demise. It was a paper delivered with clarity and occasional humour which added to the enjoyment of his audience.

Although Osmond Gilles' claim was formally against the Glen Osmond Mining Company, the case has been looked upon as a dispute between brothers, as Lewis Gilles was the superintendent of the mine. He answered to the directors of the company in London, where the company had been formed and communication to the board could only be made by sailing ship mail.

Silver and lead were discovered on Osmond's property in 1838, just two years after he had arrived on the Buffalo, but no mine was developed at the claim until 1842. In the meantime three other claims had been staked and mining commenced, although the Wheal Augusta soon closed. These were the first metalliferous mines in Australia and although of small size, rescued South Australia from bankruptcy.

Ore production remained low until the arrival of Lewis Gilles, who had leased the mine from Osmond. Neither brother had mining knowledge but Lewis confidently sailed to London to form a company – the Glen Osmond Union Mining Company – with a paid-up capital of £3000. The company, according to the deed of settlement, would lease the mine for 9 to 35 years with a royalty of 7/16 of all ore raised to be passed to Osmond Gilles. This was soon reduced to 1/8 of all raised. Osmond's share of the ore was bagged and held for him to take delivery.

The mine operated until the end of 1848 but in January 1849 there was an apparent suspension of activity, the cause of which is now obscure. It is possible that unrecorded disputes resulted in the suspension. Shortly after, Osmond Gilles had the deed of revocation served on Lewis, the company's

superintendent. Osmond was determined to resume possession of the property, claiming the company had not fulfilled its side of the agreement. In particular, it is claimed that under English law the lease was invalid, no ore was provided to Osmond Gilles as agreed, the minimum requirement of two miners being employed had not been adhered to, and the standard of workmanship was low.

The judge directed the proceedings to continue whilst considering the validity of the lease. Evidence was given by the defendant that the company had set aside the ore for Osmond in bags, but he had not bothered to collect it. He was a frequent visitor to the mines, but had never suggested or given instruction to the company on how to deal with his ore. Dr. Both related details of further evidence given in court in detail which enthralled his audience. The evidence from Lewis Gilles, Captain Pascoe (the mine manager with one or two employees!) and correspondence was strong enough to sway the judge and jury for the defendant.

The mine proved to be unprofitable and closed in 1851. Osmond Gilles washed his hands of it, planted vines and opened a winery which later became Woodley Wines, of Queen Adelaide fame.

On the closing of the mine Lewis obtained highly respected positions in Victoria and eventually the two brothers were reconciled. Osmond had returned to England where he died, Lewis and his family being the only benefactors of the estate.

David Rogers

A Tree Grows in Burnside

During the early 1930s the Burnside council made a decision to upgrade Pembroke Street, Kensington Park, by resurfacing the roadway and footpaths and establishing nature strips on either side. In front of each house a tree was planted, *Eucalyptus ficifolia* or similar species. During the hot and dry weather that followed many of the residents daily watered the tree in front of their homes – some did not.

At the northern end of the street, in a house then numbered two, lived a gentleman by the name of Frank Blamey with his family. Frank Blamey felt deeply for these young trees. Every evening during the summer and other long dry periods he would fill his household bucket from his garden hose and carry it along Pembroke street along both sides, giving life-saving drinks to the young trees.

Within a few years the trees were a picturesque sight. At flowering time they were covered in blossoms of red, cream and several shades of pink, yellow and white. The residents were delighted. So too were the local native birds who visited them to harvest their nectar. Soon they were discovered by bees, passing butterflies and other insects.

However, their joy was short lived. Before many years had passed the Council, to the dismay of the local residents and others, decided to cut down all the *Eucalypts* and replace them with alternate plantings of *Claret Ash* and *Jacaranda*. Before all the *Eucalypts* had been felled, one thoughtful resident approached the Council and asked that one tree be allowed to remain, that which grows on the eastern corner of Pembroke Street and Kensington Road in memory of Frank Blamey whose dedication to watering the trees had been an outstanding contribution to the community. To this they agreed.

The pink flowering *Eucalypt* still grows to this day. It has survived two blows to its bark by errant motor vehicles bearing the scars on its trunk. Many would like to see a sturdy fence erected to protect the tree – so far this has not happened.

The *Jacarandas* present a delightful picture when their blue flowers brighten the street, but they afford little shade. The *Ash* trees were an unfortunate choice as while they provide ample shade, they also cause damage to drains, fences, paths and lawns. It is to be hoped that Frank Blamey's *Eucalypt* lives on for many years to come.

Edna Bayfield

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2013/2014

All subscriptions fall 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.

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Burnside's Celebrations Week

From Monday 10th August, 1981

HISTORICAL BUS TOURS OF "THE FOOTHILL VILLAGES OF BURNSIDE" begin today and

continue Monday to Friday for the next two weeks—

Start 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. at the Burnside Town Hall. Bookings and further information at the Burnside Council. **BE EARLY!**

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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 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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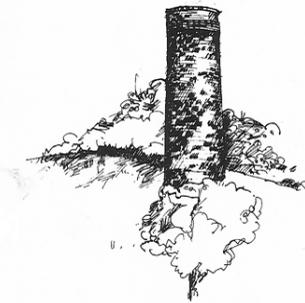
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Glen Osmond Mine 1845.
S.T. Gill.

Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide.
Gift of the South Australian Company 1931.

Burnside's built heritage will always be historically fascinating, linking the present with the State's early pioneers and their families.



Smelting Work Chimney: Gill Terrace, Glen Osmond. Built in the 1840s. Interestingly, Glen Osmond was the first metalliferous mine in Australia, its first shipment of silver, lead ore being made in 1841.

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