

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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From the Editor's Desk

It has now been a year since we introduced our earlier start meetings. We trust that you are finding this new time suitable as we have had no requests to change it. The January meeting was a challenge with its 6.00 pm start on that hot evening. Still, the social interaction at the meal afterwards was a good a good start to the year.

Monday 16 April will be our AGM. This is the time to select your office bearers and committee for this next year. Our Secretary, Sharan Northcott is retiring from this position after eight years in the role. Well done Sharan. We have two committee members retiring – Isabel Williams and Eleanor Trott. Both have enthusiastically supported the Society over recent years – Isabel as President and Eleanor as a researcher of the City of Burnside Council Minute Books in search of information about the parks of Burnside. Thanks for your great efforts and we look forward to your ongoing involvement within the Society in the years to come.

The Newsletter Committee has had offers of articles by members to be included in future issues. If you have any articles or photos, or know of someone who may have an article relevant to the history of Burnside, then please contact me at esmyth@adam.com.au or on 8332 8019.

Elaine Smyth (Editor)

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

President's Message

January's outdoor meeting was a wonderful way to start off our 2012 program. The heat did not deter 50 of our members, friends and Hubbe Court neighbours from relaxing in the shade and listening to Vice President, Colin Harris. He described examples of foothills dwellers from the past, with stories of the wealthy with their magnificent houses contrasting with those of the poor in nearby old Burnside Village. Afterwards 36 dined locally, enjoying time to chat. Little did we know that there was an Australia Day Honours recipient-to-be in our midst! On Australia Day long-time member Geraldine Treloar was awarded an OAM for services to podiatry. From all of us, congratulations Geraldine.

The year 2012 is already shaping to be a very busy one for our Society, mainly due to the continuation of *About Time: South Australia's History Festival* in May. We are combining some activities with St David's Anglican Church, Glynburn Road, Burnside. One walking tour of old Burnside Village and four walks around adjacent old Knightsbridge will commence from the church. Thanks to guides Colin Harris and our Life Member Margaret Preiss. Her daughter, Ally Preiss, will meet walkers at Eastwood Community Centre to learn more about the City of Burnside suburb of Eastwood. Sandra Lachlan will again conduct tours of the Magill Cemetery on three May mornings. We are very fortunate to have members willing to volunteer time and share their knowledge during History Week.

This year we have a diverse range of topics in place for our monthly meetings. Our speakers include four of our own members and it is good that they can address us about their particular area of historic interest and/or work. As ever, the Program Committee wants to hear from you with suggestions for speakers for 2013. We already have two suggestions! Thank you to members who have contributed names of potential speakers.

As well as our monthly general meetings, we have planned a bus tour of parts of Magill, a walk around the Magill Cemetery, led by member Sandra Lachlan, and, for the more agile, a tour of the Magill Stone Mine at Skye with Colin Harris. The booking form is in this issue.

This year the 10th biennial Eastern Districts Historical Societies Seminar is to be hosted by The Campbelltown Historical Society on Saturday, 2 June. Please mark this date in your diary. These gatherings are a positive way of sharing information and learning about people and places of interest in nearby local councils. Registration forms will be distributed later. Transport can be arranged.

Many members will remember Betty Cross. Her husband Alan was on the Society's Committee for seven years. Betty has moved to Tanunda to be near her daughters and another longstanding member, Margaret Angove, lives in Resthaven,

Leabrook. Margaret's husband, Dr Roger Angove, was instrumental in establishing our Society. He was our inaugural President (1980-82). Betty and Margaret wish to be remembered to you and would welcome visitors. Our faithful member Edna Bayfield has been caring for her sister, member Jean Potter. Edna hopes to return to meetings soon.

Next month a new Committee will be elected for 2012-13. Please consider nominating for this Committee and take the opportunity to find out what goes on behind the scenes. Contribute your ideas and knowledge and strengthen the Society through your participation. There are some one year and two year vacancies available for Committee membership. Constructive comments are always welcome and suggestions can be discussed by your Committee. Burnside Historical Society Committee Members are all volunteers and during Volunteering Week in May unpaid helpers are recognised for their contributions to a wide range of organisations.

Meredith Ide JP

Welcome to new member Liz Silz. Hope you enjoy the interest we share in history and our friendships.

An updated index to the Newsletters is being made available to all members. Any non members with an interest in the Newsletter can obtain a copy by contacting the Editor.

EASTERN DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Seminar 2012

Members are advised that the biennial Eastern Districts Historical Societies Seminar, which the BHS organised in 2010, will be run in 2012 by the Campbelltown Historical Society.

The Seminar will be held on Saturday 2 June in the Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

This will be the 10th biennial seminar and it will also coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Campbelltown Historical Society, making it a very special occasion.

Contact Sharan Northcott for further details and registration forms.

Program 2012

MEETINGS

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

Monday 19 March - Max Slee

Adelaide's first Gaol (1838-41) and its association with Government House Domain

One year after European colonization South Australia's first gaol was erected, a temporary wooden structure described at the time as 'most miserable, insecure and filthy'. In 1841 a substantial new gaol replaced it and the old gaol was quickly forgotten, so much so that with the passage of time even its original location became uncertain. Recent research by Max Slee has now uncovered some of the colourful history of the old gaol and – even more remarkably – its location in Government House Domain.

In retirement Max Slee maintains a passionate interest in police history. A foundation committee member of the SA Police Historical Society, Max is also a past President of the SA Genealogy and Heraldry Society. His recent publications have included a biography of Henry Inman, first commander of the South Australian police, and an account of South Australia's first gaol, the subject of this address.

Monday 16 April - Meredith Ide and Sandra Lachlan

Bennett's Pottery and the Magill Cemetery—a link with the past

Bennett's Magill Pottery, is the last small hands - on industry in the City of Burnside. As early as 1854 Charles Bennett became the first apprentice-potter in the colony and after honing the art at several local

potteries Bennetts developed their own enterprise towards the end of the 19th century. While celebrating successes, they also faced challenges, including two disasters. Nevertheless, the pottery survives, the same type of product having been produced on the same section of land for one hundred and twenty years.

Meredith has a long interest in history. A founding member of our Society, she served on the Committee 1986-89, as Newsletter Editor 1988-91, Vice President 2009-11 and is currently President. While she is delivering this presentation by default because of the unavailability of John Bennett, she has a long-standing interest in the subject matter and the continuity of the Bennett's history.

The Magill Cemetery, located in Jackson Street, Magill, contains headstones and memorials that commemorate family names closely linked with the early history of Burnside and Magill. Notable citizens interred in the Cemetery include Alexander Cock, Joseph Crompton, Charles Bennett, Joseph Gillard and Thomas Pitman.

Sandra is a fifth generation descendant of early South Australian pioneer settlers, and maintains a keen interest in both local and family history. A BHS member, she is actively involved in promoting and interpreting the historical interest and importance of the Magill Cemetery.

Monday 21 May - Geoff Bean
Prince Alfred College

Prince Alfred College was founded in 1869 and celebrated its Centenary in 1969. In his lecture Geoffrey Bean will address the immediate post-Centenary years of the 1970s and 1980s. Time seemed to have stood still during the glorious post-war years of the 1950s and 1960s, but it was not going to stand still for ever, and things were never going to be plain-sailing for a young 'Pom' in a very Australian school.

Born in Sunderland in depression-ravaged North East England in 1934, Geoffrey Bean arrived in Adelaide as a '£10 Pom' on 11 January 1970 with his wife and three children aged five and under. Geoffrey was Headmaster of the College from 1970-87. Following his time as Headmaster he has been involved with a wide range of community organisations.

Monday 18 June - Valmai Hankel

Red deserts & leafy walks

The Burnside area has been associated with several of our inland explorers of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, some well-known, others obscure. Five of the explorers to be discussed were members of John McDouall Stuart's expedition of 1861-62, when he successfully crossed the continent from south to north and back. The controversial Peter Egerton Warburton is best known for leading the first European expedition from Alice Springs in Central Australia to the Western Australian coast in 1873. Last but not least is the polymath Charles Chewings, most of whose explorations were in Central Australia.

Valmai has been interested in our inland explorers since she was eight. It was to be another 36 years before she was able to travel in some of the country they had experienced. Since then she has driven, mostly on her own, in various parts of outback Australia. She has written the introductions to many of the explorers' journals republished by the Friends of the State Library of South Australia, such as Eyre, Stuart, Giles, Landsborough, and the lesser known Davidson and Chewings.

Monday 16 July – Dr Andrew Black

South Australian ornithology 1802-99

Monday 20 August – Kate McDougall

The history and protection of housing in Burnside

Monday 17 September – Chas Grimes

Memories of Linden Park

Monday 15 October – Dorothy Heinrich

Robert Clark Morgan. Whaling Sea Captain – little-known figure of early South Australian History

Monday 19 November – Nick Warden

Burnside War Memorial Hospital Inc.

Our *biennial regional tour* this year will be to the **Fleurieu Peninsula** looking at a side of its history not usually seen. A **weekend visit 13-14 October 2012**, full details in our next *Newsletter*.

During the month of May the Burnside Historical Society is again providing walks and tours of historic places during History Month, as well as our May General Meeting. We are promoting Burnside and Knightsbridge in walks beginning at St David's Church, Glynburn Road, Burnside.

A full list of events across the State can be found in the *About Time History Month* Program which will be at www.abouttime.sa.gov.au. Booklets will also be available from April in libraries and similar locations.

Wheal Watkins Mine - benefactor

It is with much pleasure and gratitude that the Committee of the Society is now able to reveal that past President and Honorary Life Member of the Society, Mr John Clark, is the benefactor who has donated \$30 000 towards the restoration of the historic Wheal Watkins Mine at Glen Osmond.

Society members will recall that this donation was announced in late 2008 as an anonymous contribution towards the resumption of underground tours of Wheal Watkins. In a partnership with the City of Burnside, the Society had begun underground tours in 1986, but in 2005 they were suspended for safety reasons. Since then a number of geotechnical studies have been commissioned by the City of Burnside to try to establish whether underground stabilization works could allow the mine tours to be resumed, but at the time of writing no final decision has been taken.

Regardless of the outcome of the technical investigations and the ongoing consultation between the City of Burnside and our Society, it is clear that John's donation stands as a most generous gesture and one that will undoubtedly be put to good use at Wheal Watkins. John has had a long and productive association with the mine, having been the driving force behind the underground tours for almost twenty years. His donation is a powerful statement of his commitment to Wheal Watkins and its place in our mining heritage.

John Clark, one of our Life Members, has moved from his home in Hazelwood Park to Gleneagles, a Nursing Home, at 1099 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley, 5090. He would love to see any members if they are in the vicinity.

About Time—South Australia's History Festival—May 2012

Day	Time	Event	Leader
Tuesday 1	10.30 am - noon	Tour of The Magill Cemetery	Sandra Lachlan
Wednesday 2	10.00 am - noon	Eastwood Walk	Ally Preiss
Saturday 5	9.30 am - 4.00 pm	Events at St David's Church including organ demonstrations	
	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Old Village of Burnside Walk	Colin Harris
	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Old Village of Knightsbridge Walk	Margaret Preiss
Sunday 6	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Burnside Historical Society Bus Tour of Magill sites (see flyer)	Sandra Lachlan Colin Harris
Wednesday 9	10.00 am - noon	Eastwood Walk	Ally Preiss
Thursday 10	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Old Village of Knightsbridge Walk	Margaret Preiss
Tuesday 15	1.30pm - 3.30 pm	Old Village of Knightsbridge Walk	Margaret Preiss
Wednesday 16	9.30 am - noon	Waterfall Gully Walk	Colin Harris
Thursday 17	10.30 am - noon	Tour of The Magill Cemetery	Sandra Lachlan
Sunday 20	3.00 pm	Organ Concert at St David's Anglican Church	
Monday 21	7.30 pm	Prince Alfred College, Society Meeting	Geoffrey Bean
Saturday 26	10.30 am - noon	Tour of The Magill Cemetery	Sandra Lachlan
Sunday 27	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Old Village of Knightsbridge Walk	Margaret Preiss

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **31st Annual General Meeting** of the **Burnside Historical Society Inc.** will be held in the **Burnside Community Centre** on **Monday 16 April 2012, at 7.30 pm.**

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 2012 and 2013)

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.*

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 18/4/2011
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Determination of Subscription Fees for 2012-13
7. Election of the Committee for 2012-13
8. Election of the Auditor for 2012-13
9. Any other business
10. Close of meeting

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

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| President | * Meredith Ide JP |
| Vice-President | * Colin Harris, PSM |
| Secretary | * Sharan Northcott |
| Treasurer | * Richard House |
| Other Members: | * Margaret Beare |
| | Chas Grimes |
| | * John Love |
| | * Eleanor Trott |
| | June Ward |
| | Isabel Williams, OAM, JP |

In accordance with Paragraph 8.1 of the Society's Constitution, all of those marked with an asterisk above – the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other Committee Members – must retire, but are eligible for re-election. Please talk to any of those listed if you have an interest in joining the Committee. We would welcome new members!

The Natural History of Ferguson Conservation Park

Monday 19 September 2011

Dr Geoffrey Bishop, President of the Friends of Ferguson Park, opened by referring to the rising interest in environmental issues in the 1970s and a popular response that could be seen in the growth of numerous conservation groups.

In South Australia in the early 1980s that was taken a step further with the establishment of the Friends of Parks, an umbrella organisation that now has around 150 volunteer community-based groups set up to help with the ongoing care and management of many of the State's parks and reserves. The Friends of Ferguson Park was established in 1982 and was, effectively, the first group set up in South Australia. The very attractive logo for the group features the cones of the native pine, a species that is one of the signature trees of the Park.

Ferguson Park is an extraordinarily valuable 8 ha (20 acres) remnant of the pre-European vegetation of the south eastern foothills, combining as it does elements of both the grassy woodlands of the Adelaide Plains and the more densely understoreyed vegetation of the Mt Lofty Ranges. The transition between the two vegetation types within the Park reflects quite marked soil changes, from the deep loams and clay-loams of the Plains to the thin and stony soils over Stonyfell Quartzite of the higher slopes. The vegetation of the Park is very varied, the larger trees including South Australian Blue Gum, Native Pine, Sheoaks and Red Gums. Tall shrubs are widespread under the tree canopy and include the Golden Wattle, Hop Bush and Sweet Bursaria. Many different species of native grasses, sedges, lilies, orchids and small shrubs make up the ground cover.

Although the Park was originally privately owned it was fortunate that it belonged to successive families that either did not need the land for farming or valued it for its native plants and animals. The Ferguson/Melrose family came to be most closely associated with the land, having bought the adjacent *Chiverton* estate in 1896. *Chiverton* had been built in the early 1880s for J T Nankivell as an elegant, two-storey bluestone house, but in the wake of business failures Nankivell did not enjoy it for long. Along with her brother Alexander Melrose, Mrs Jessie Ferguson brought her six children to the home and occupied it for over forty years. The *Chiverton* house and grounds were acquired by St Peter's Collegiate School for Girls in 1956.

Ken Preiss, who lives with his wife Margaret on Marble Terrace adjoining the southern boundary of the Park, followed Geoffrey Bishop and explained that the Park was donated to the State of South Australia in 1949 by Miss Effie Ferguson, a niece of Alexander Melrose, Melrose having bought the Ferguson Park land

from Henry Simpson Newland in 1926. It was then managed by the Tourist Bureau as a National Pleasure Resort until its transfer to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 1972. Initially managed as a Recreation Park, it was changed to the status of Conservation Park in 1977 after detailed representations by Ken and the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia.

The change in status was an acknowledgement of the force of Ken's argument that the conservation values were such that it needed to be primarily managed for these values, rather than simply for recreation. Ken wrote the first of a number of reports on the conservation of the native birds and plants of Ferguson Park as early as 1955. Over 145 species of native plants have been recorded from the Park and over 40 species of native birds. Both brush tailed and ring tailed possums occur, along with occasional echidnas. Koalas are now common and even a western grey kangaroo has been seen and photographed. The Park is now an invaluable island of remnant native vegetation in a sea of suburbia and with community support through the Friends its future seems assured.

Sharan Northcott

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2012

All subscriptions fall due on **1 April this year**: the amount will be set at the AGM.

Membership fees may be paid at our monthly meetings or posted to the Treasurer, Richard House, at the Society's address indicated on the inside back cover.

1. Burnside took its name from Peter Anderson/s farm, but the *burn* he built by was:- First (Waterfall Gully) Creek or Second (Slape's) Gully Creek or neither of these?
2. What year did Burnside become a District Council?
3. The first meeting of the District Council of Burnside was held in an Inn—what was the name of the Inn?

Ferguson Conservation Park Visit

Sunday, 2 October 2011

A large group of members and friends gathered at the Bell Yett Reserve car park prior to our guided walk in the Ferguson Conservation Park.

The program opened in the best possible way - a very appetising and welcome morning tea provided by Margaret Preiss and her colleagues from the Friends of Ferguson Park. We listened to informative talks from Colin Harris and Dr Geoffrey Bishop, members of this group. It is a volunteer group established in 1982 to help manage the Park, with much of its work focussing on the control, and eradication where possible, of introduced plants. Proceeds of the morning tea went to the Friends of Ferguson Park,

Then fortified mentally and physically, we were divided into two groups – the ‘easy’ walk and the ‘challenging’ walk, with Geoffrey and Ken Preiss leading the way.

The ideal weather on the day provided extra pleasure as our leaders told us about this rare and precious remnant of the original native vegetation of the Adelaide Plains. We could visualise what the wooded beauty of the eastern part of the Adelaide Plains looked like before European settlement. We were fortunate to see the open blue gum woodland, the native pines, sheoaks and the shrub and understorey layers including flowering spider orchids. The music of the native birds added to the pleasure of the day – but most of the native fauna were busy being invisible. However, very visible were members of the Friends of Ferguson Park, actively weeding away on one of their monthly working bees.

As we enjoyed this relaxing and delightful native bushland oasis in the heart of Stonyfell, it was difficult to realise that we were only seven kilometres from the City of Adelaide.

Elizabeth Rogers, OAM

4. The old toll gate at Glen Osmond is our Society logo and it operated from 1841 to 1847. Was this the only time in history that South Australia has had a toll road?
5. Burnside’s first secondary industry was a water mill constructed on First Creek in 1839. What was the *initial* purpose of the Mill?

The History Behind the Plaques

Monday 17 October 2011

The introduction to this topic in the Society’s *Newsletter* stated that the BHS had worked with the City of Burnside to install plaques at 18 sites. Our Society completed and published a very large project in 1995, *Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside*, with 302 identified.

Three members presented segments on this topic. Sharan Northcott spoke about the *Green Gate Inn* plaque (Zone 7, No 7) on Greenhill Road. It was installed to mark the centenary of the first meeting of the District Council of Burnside on 19 August 1856. She found that there was little recorded information about the Inn. The inaugural Burnside Council used it for meetings for two years, when it was sold, then demolished. Sharan’s presentation covered the Council’s early activities and development, up to building its own new premises on Burnside Road, where it met for the next sixty years.

Mary Wilson spoke on the Linden Estate Gatehouse plaque on Greenhill Road. *Linden House*, the former home of Alexander Hay and family, was a grand mansion (Zone 6, No 32) now demolished, but the entrance gatehouse is still there. Mary described the tortuous process of preparing numerous drafts for the plaque’s wording, the negotiations with Council and finally the then-owner for placement and installation of the plaque.

Colin Harris gave an in-depth history of *Wandeen* on Lockwood Road, Burnside, built around 1850. The last owner (Ms Jo James) gave him an early photograph of the house about 1880, and he traced its history through alterations and extensions until its demolition in 1997. Changes in ownership were part of the overall story. Frederick George Waterhouse, first curator of the SA Museum played a large role in this State’s history, as did one of its 20th century owners - Dr Basil Hetzel (medical researcher of world note). Colin will lodge the material he developed with the Local History Collection in the Burnside Library.

The Linden Estate Gatehouse and *Wandeen* plaques were installed after the publication of the *Survey of Plaques in the City of Burnside*.

There are several aspects to memorial plaques, including marking the commemoration of a site or an event. The BHS publication set out to provide a record of the sites only. There was no intention to examine the history behind each one. This session proved once again that there is great merit in examining and documenting our local histories.

Barbara Parker, PSM

Members Night: Show and Tell

Monday 21 November 2011

This meeting (our last for 2011) was an engrossing Show and Tell evening with contributions from members.

All the items presented were enlightening and entertaining. Of the 13 items shown, the following summaries of a few of them indicate the wide variety of topics.

Rick Moore showed the first Imperial Service Order presented in South Australia to his great-grandfather James George Russell, who lived in Erindale, and occupied many important roles in the State's early history.

Irma Steele produced a book *Notable South Australians* published in 1885, and containing biographies of many of the State's pioneers. She invited members to peruse the book afterwards and see if any of their ancestors were included.

Barbara Parker showed a *Kookaburra* Recipe Book, which originally belonged to her mother, but has now been meticulously restored so that Barbara can pass it on to her granddaughter.

An item we females would all like to possess was Pam Whittle's classic and elegant grandmother's cape over one hundred years old.

Doreen Hartley provided some light-hearted remarks with a folder of poems from her elocution days, concluding with her recitation of *The Fishes*.

The other Show and Tell items were as absorbing as those mentioned above. The evening concluded with a supper of Christmas food and drink, with members also browsing through the various items produced for inspection.

Elizabeth Rogers, OAM

6. Burnside had Australia's first metaliferous mines at Glen Osmond. What were the two principal minerals obtained from the mines?
7. The old gum tree on Glynburn Road is a much loved feature of Burnside. Believed to be over three hundred years old, it is a majestic example of:- a South Australian Blue Gum, a River Red Gum or a Grey Box?

Adelaide Technical High School

In the late 19th century South Australia changed from a state heavily dependent on agriculture, horticulture and farming. The discovery of mineral wealth created a demand for miners, geologists and industrial chemists. Prior to this, educational institutions were preoccupied with classical and arts-focussed learning.

In 1897, the Council of the South Australian School of Mines and Industries (SM&I) realized that there was a need to offer preparatory classes for its diploma students to give them a basic rounding in chemistry, physics, geology, engineering and mathematics. The resulting prep school, as it was known, was introduced into the Brookman Building on North Terrace in 1903 and in keeping with its changing curriculum it was re-named *The Junior Technical School*, which it retained until 1974. During its time in the Brookman building the school was a Department of the SM&I. In 1960, it became part of the South Australian Institute of Technology. The school was unique in that it was not under the jurisdiction of the state Education Department and the terms did not coincide with state schools. It followed the basic curriculum established by the Department, but imposed strict entry requirements and more intense tutoring than expected at other schools, the intermediate certificate being geared to two years instead of three and offering eventually leaving and leaving honours standards.

The intake of students increased rapidly and *the tech* became the only co-educational high school in South Australia. In the 1940s, a student had to attain at least 640 marks out of 720 in the qualifying certificate, but most of those attending were in the high 600s thereby taking those who had topped their grade 7 at primary school. A high standard of achievement was expected and even enforced. The consistently excellent record of its students in public examinations was a notable feature.

During the 1960s, changing conditions in tertiary education and entry requirements threatened its presence on North Terrace and closure was considered. Strong support from old scholars, including several members of Parliament, resulted in the school being shifted to a new site at Glenunga in 1967, but as part of this it was placed under the control of the Education Department. The school retained its name until 1974, when it was renamed *Glenunga High School*, as it was no longer in Adelaide proper. Subsequently the name changed again to *Glenunga International High School*.

Throughout it all, from 1920 to 1957, like a colossus, strode the headmaster, Sidney Moyle. He was both feared and respected, but was a great stimulus to learning. The Old Scholars Association commissioned a bust of him by John

Dowie, which can be seen in the foyer of the Brookman Building. Moyle was strongly supported by some of the best teachers in the state and many spent most of their teaching lives at the school. Under the “Boss” male and female teachers were used and students who qualified at the end were virtually guaranteed a job. Some students later became teachers at the school. Many students made their mark in society including a number of professors, politicians, engineers, doctors, pharmacists, dentists and ministers of the church. Maurice de Rohan was Agent-General for South Australia in London for many years, after a distinguished career in engineering. Major Peter Badcoe was awarded the Victoria Cross and Cyril Stobie invented that famous pole for our electrical infrastructure. The first female accountant in South Australia was Irene Jeffries and the outback of Australia owes much to Alfred Traeger who invented the pedal wireless. All students were required to wear the standard uniform and could be sent home if they did not comply. Many of us regret that this does not appear to apply today.

Queen Street in Glenunga was closed from L’estrage Street to Conyngham Street to enable the new school to have adequate room. Increasing demands have required further expansion and the curriculum has broadened to cater for a wider range of subjects, which – in turn - has led to its International status. Music and theatre have become major parts of school life.

At one stage earlier in its life the student intake was so low that the school was near closure, but due to the enthusiasm and efforts of Mr Bob Knight as headmaster the school renewed itself and went on to gain its present status as one of the principal high schools in the state. A further expansion program is currently underway with \$15 million dollars of federal funding. The school now has a female Principal, Ms Wendy Johnson, who maintains the standards set by her predecessors. The School motto is *Labor omnia vincit*, work conquers all.

Chas. Grimes

Answers:

1. Second Creek
2. 1856
3. Greengate Inn
4. Yes
5. Flour mill
6. Silver and lead
7. River Red Gum

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC., PO Box 152, Glenside, 5065

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be:

- * to arouse interest in and to promote the study and discussion of Australian and South Australian history and in particular, the history of the City of Burnside;
- * to promote the collection, recording, preservation and classification of works, source material and artefacts of all kinds relating to Burnside history;
- * to assist in the protection and preservation of buildings, works and sites of historical significance in the City of Burnside;
- * to co-operate with similar societies and other bodies throughout Australia;
- * to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objectives.

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Elaine Smyth, Editor (8332 8019), Peter Davies, Barbara Parker, PSM and Elizabeth Rogers, OAM.

Contributors: Apart from the Newsletter Subcommittee, we are fortunate to have members who contribute occasionally and their names appear with their articles in the relevant issues.

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Colin Harris (Chair), Shirley Sumerling, Meredith Ide and Sandra Lachlan

Plaques Subcommittee:

Colin Harris, Eleanor Trott and Sandra Lachlan

Supper Co-ordinator: Hazel Newton

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Membership fees: are \$30 family, and \$20 single, due in April each year and may be sent to the Treasurer at the Society’s address (above) or paid at a monthly meeting.

Front Cover:

The front, west-facing, view of *Wandeen* around 1880.

The house was still owned by Frederick Waterhouse at that stage and some of the expansion and modifications needed to accommodate his family can be seen in the enclosure of part of the front verandah to form a bathroom.

Photo courtesy Mrs Jo James, last owner and occupant of *Wandeen* before its demolition in 1997.

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