

# Burnside Historical Society Inc.

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## From the Editor's Desk

What a hot year 2014 has been during January and February, and then stormy. Hope you have all managed to keep safe and cool. The Committee has some interesting talks and activities lined up for the year so we hope you can take part in them. The program is included in this issue.

It is good to see that, where the Society is involved in activities in the community, people are becoming interested in our activities and this means potential members. In this issue there are reports about the Heritage Awards instituted by the Council and the Constable Hyde Memorial Garden negotiations.

We are always looking for articles about our Council area so please contact me if you have something to contribute. Also, we need reporters to write up meetings so contact me if you would like to do this on 8376 0455 or [esmyth@adam.com.au](mailto:esmyth@adam.com.au).

**Elaine Smyth** (Editor)

\* Deadline for June 2014 Newsletter is 18 April.

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## President's Message

We are pleased that our late member Ken Preiss was recognised with an Order of Australia in the 2014 Australia Day Honours for his contribution to conservation, the environment and the community. It is sad that it has to be posthumous recognition, but Margaret, Ally and the rest of the family must be very proud of his efforts.

Over the past few months we have worked with Council on its inaugural Heritage Awards scheme for the City of Burnside. Colin Harris was invited to join the three- person judging panel to evaluate the nominations, which gave useful exposure for our Society, and further publicity has resulted from the Society winning the *Research and Investigation* category of the scheme (Colin did not participate in the judging of this category!). Thanks to Colin for putting together our nomination – the Bell Yett interpretative signage that had been unveiled by Burnside Mayor David Parkin in May 2012. The Judging Panel was impressed with the Society's contribution to the community's local history and saw the Bell Yett signage as nicely representative of the aims of the Awards scheme. Colin accepted the award on behalf of our Society at the 26 January 2014 Australia Day Ceremony in Hazelwood Park.

This year we will be continuing to work closely with the Burnside Council in a variety of ways. We will be donating to the Local History Collection in the library a collection of DVDs for use by the public and for research purposes. The DVDs are recordings of our meetings on topics related to the district and City of Burnside as well as copies of eighteen interviews conducted as part of the 2012-13 *Memory Chains* Oral History Project. We are pleased that *The Historical Society of South Australia* has given our Society a further grant, this time for \$1,000 towards interviewing another eight residents of the City of Burnside.

The January visit to St Peter's Cathedral gave an insight into the history of the building, meaning behind the beautiful old and newer leadlight windows designed by Cedar Prest, the carved-oak woodwork and various artefacts. The dinner afterwards at the Sussex Hotel was a chance to socialise with old and newer members and visitors.

As in previous years, the Annual General Meeting is to be held just before the speaker's presentation in April. Please consider joining the Committee to help steer the Society into the future. Many members have hidden talents and ideas which would benefit the Society. Speak to one of the

current Committee members to discover what is involved.

*About Time*, South Australia's annual history festival occurs every May throughout our State and Ally Preiss, Anne and Dr Ross Both, Sandra Lachlan and Colin Harris will be conducting tours on behalf of our Society. Anne will also deliver a presentation about Foot Constable William Hyde whose memorial has featured prominently in recent news..

**Meredith Ide, JP**

Welcome to all the new members that have joined recently—Hans and Judy Fander, Ashleigh and Judy Lower, Sonia McCarron and Judith Wallace. Hope you can all enjoy our enthusiasm for history..

### **Advance notice**

### **Regional Tour, Coorong**

**18-19 October 2014**

Join your friends from the Society in an informative and enjoyable weekend tour to the Coorong.

Previous regional tours organised by the BHS have travelled through the Coorong, but only in transit. There has been no detailed look at the history and natural history of this fascinating area and this is now your opportunity to see why the area has world-wide recognition and why so much concern has focussed on its health and its future.

Our Vice President, Colin Harris, will again lead the tour and those who have travelled with him to such regions as Yorke Peninsula, Upper Spencer Gulf and the South Coast 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 pencil the dates into your diary!

## Program of MEETINGS and EVENTS for 2014

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 March** – Dr Keryn Walshe

#### *Nineteenth century post-contact Adelaide archaeology*

Post-contact archaeology in the Adelaide region commenced with the arrival of whalers and sealers off Kangaroo Island and Fleurieu Peninsula around 1800. The next one hundred years witnessed the dynamic growth and development of a Victorian-era Adelaide. The archaeology of this century will be presented in overview by looking at sites such as the Adelaide Gaol and the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Keryn is a Senior Research Fellow in the School of Humanities Faculty at Flinders University and a Researcher for Archaeology at the South Australian Museum. She is currently President of the Anthropological Society of South Australia.

### **Monday 21 April** - David Wyatt

#### *Searching Coromandel Valley's history*

David's talk will present some aspects of Coromandel Valley history that prepare the way for the bus tour to take place in History Month (May) 2014. In the course of his address he will focus on some of the early European pioneers and their colonial homes, land use in the Valley over time and highlights of the Valley's golden age when it was a commercial precinct of some importance.

David is currently Secretary of the Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch of the National Trust and a Volunteer at the Mitcham

Heritage Research Centre. His professional background and career has been in the teaching of literature and academic administration in South Australia's tertiary education sector. His interest in the history of Coromandel Valley has seen him develop, amongst other things, detailed databases relating to property transactions and school enrolments.

### **Monday 19 May – Anne Both**

#### *Who Killed William Hyde?*

In this address Anne will give us a brief biography of Constable William Hyde and the events leading to his death on Tusmore Avenue. Reference will be made to eyewitness accounts, the inquest report and the establishment of the various Hyde memorials.

Anne Both is a founding member of the BHS, a former Burnside resident and member of the Australasian Mining Historical Association. She has written for the BHS newsletter and compiled and updated the BHS cumulative Index of Newsletters on two occasions. Tonight's topic arose out of her interest in the changes to the Hyde memorial site which occurred in the 1980s. The events which took Hyde's life were researched by Anne at a time of more changes.

### **Monday 16 June - Pam Gray**

#### *The Teapot and The Bible*

Pam Gray and Barbara Macey are the great-great-granddaughters of Frederick George Waterhouse. In their address they will give us a brief biography of Waterhouse and his association with John McDouall Stuart and the Great Northern Expedition, blazing the trail for the later Overland Telegraph. They will give particular attention to his association with Burnside, the Waterhouse family having lived at *Wandeen* on Lockwood Road (demolished, but commemorated by one of the Society's plaques).

In the course of hearing family anecdotes, we will learn how Barbara came into possession of the silver tea pot and how Pam acquired the family Bible.

**Monday 21 July** – David O’Loughlin  
*Art Deco*

**Monday 18 August** - Dr Geoffrey Bishop  
*Mary Penfold*

**Monday 15 September** – Lyn O’Grady  
*Kennion House – the Anglican Boys’ Home in Walkerville*

**Monday 20 October** – Alan Hartley  
*They Crossed the World to Settle in South Australia – A Song  
writers View*

**Monday 17 November** – Christeen Schoepf  
*South Australia’s cheer Up Society*

**Day and Half Day Trips**

- *Visit to Coromandel Valley*
- *A walk along the historic shopping precinct of Prospect*

**KENSINGTON PARK RSL - request**

This local RSL group is trying to find the names of servicemen recorded at the memorial in the Kensington Reserve, near the cricket pavilion. No records can be found at the RSL headquarters, locally or in the Local History Collection in the Burnside Library.

On the ground in front of the memorial is a cross made of large flagstones. The initials, only, of six servicemen are etched into these stones. There is only one surname recorded, J C Phillips 4 – 8 – 16.

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R E M 12 – 7 – 25

B H F 10 – 5 – 19

A E J 8 – 8 – 18

H Y C 25 – 2 – 17

E T S 25 – 4 – 15

Kensington Park RSL wants to know the names of these six servicemen. Can you help? Please speak with Meredith Ide if you have any information – 8365 3049

## About Time – South Australia’s History Festival – May 2014

### History Month Events – Burnside Historical Society

Check details in the official *About Time* booklet and at <http://abouttime.sa.gov.au>

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Wednesday 7 May	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Bus tour: the humble and the grand – Burnside foothills	Colin Harris
Saturday 17 May	11am –12 noon	Historic Magill Wesleyan Cemetery tour	Sandra Lachlan
Monday 19 May	7.30 – 9.30 pm	Burnside Historical Society general meeting. <i>Who killed Constable William Hyde?</i>	Speaker: Anne Both
Thursday 22 May	10 am –12 noon	Guided walk of Eastwood, Glenside Hospital grounds and parklands nearby	Ally Preiss
Saturday 31 May	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Walking tour of the oldest part of Glen Osmond	Anne & Ross Both

## George Woodroffe Goyder

*Committee member Geraldine Treloar lives in Goyder Street, Erindale and has supplied the following information about G W Goyder*

George Woodroffe Goyder was born in Liverpool, England, in 1826. The family later moved to Glasgow where George studied surveying. He migrated to Sydney in 1848 and then in June 1851 moved to Adelaide and joined the Civil Service as a draftsman. In December of that year he married Frances Mary Smith and in 1853 joined the Department of Lands as Chief Clerk.

In April 1857 Goyder led his first survey trip into the remote north of the State and was subsequently criticized for overly optimistic reports of the country. In spite of this he was appointed Surveyor General in 1861 on an annual salary of £700. Goyder soon proved to be a very able and powerful civil servant and in 1865 he embarked on what was to become his best-known legacy to the State, the delineation of a line that marked the southern limits of a debilitating drought in the northern pastoral lands. Although specific to that climatic 1864-65 event, the Line soon came to be regarded as the northern limit of the safe agricultural lands.

Whilst it had its supporters, a run of good seasons saw Northern newspapers and many politicians of the day subsequently ridicule the Line, viewing it as an impediment to the northward expansion of wheat growing. In 1874 the Government of the day gave way to their demands and land was released for agriculture north of the Line. Devastating droughts later vindicated Goyder's perceptive reading of the country, wheat growing retreated southwards and his Line remains on modern land-use maps of South Australia. Even present day farmers in marginal agricultural regions of the State can almost invariably point to its location in their district.

Nicknamed 'Little Energy', Goyder was prominent in many other fields of activity, including forestry, soil conservation and the draining of the wetlands of the South East. His wife Frances died in 1870 and in late 1871 he married her sister Ellen. Twelve children came from the two marriages. Goyder retired in 1894 and died four years later at his home, *Warrakilla*, near Mylor in the Adelaide Hills.

Reference: *The Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 4,

Notice is hereby given that the **33rd Annual General Meeting** of the **Burnside Historical Society Inc.** will be held in the **Burnside Community Centre** on **Monday 21 April 2014**, at **7.30 pm**.

## **A G E N D A**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of AGM held on 15/04/2013 (ratified at 20/05/2013 general meeting)
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Determination of Subscription Fees for 2014 -15
7. Election of the Committee for 2014 -15
8. Election of the Auditor for 2014 -15
9. Any other business
10. Close of meeting

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

President	* Meredith Ide JP
Vice-President	* Colin Harris PSM
Secretary	* Sandra Lachlan
Treasurer	* Richard House
Other Members:	* Margaret Beare
	Ally Preiss
	* John Love
	June Ward
	* Anne Both
	Geraldine Treloar

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. *Note, in this context of Committee membership, however, that Colin, Margaret, John and June have advised that they will either not be seeking re-election or will be resigning from Committee.* 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 2014 and 2015)

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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*

# Journey in wine: 125 years of Angove family winemakers

Monday 21 October 2013

A large gathering, including a number of members of the Angove family, enjoyed Geoffrey Bishop's kaleidoscopic view of the wine industry and the family's place within it. He began with one Angove/Burnside connection – Dr Roger Angove, first President of our Society, who was associated with Elizabeth Warburton in her research and resided in what is now Angove Court, Rosslyn Park, and later in Rose Park.

Geoffrey placed the company in the context of the Australian wine industry, which has grown immensely over the years. He unveiled a carton of Angove brand bottles and labels, including the iconic *Brightlands* label and the famous Stone's Green Ginger Ale which they produce under licence. He traced the family history in mine management from Camborne in Cornwall through Dr W.T. Angove's move into medical practice in Surrey and his decision to move with his wife, the former Emma Carlyn, to South Australia. They landed in 1886 and purchased a practice on the main road at Tea Tree Gully, where the heritage listed St. Agnes Distillery still stands.

W.T. Angove's interest in grape growing was fostered by neighbours, Henry Hall (of the soft drinks family) and Arch Deacon Farr (Principal of St. Peters College and owner of *Brightlands*), who leased land to him for planting vines. Angove's other interests included mechanics, ornithology, photography and sailing.

In the 1890s the wine business developed and by 1900 his two sons – Thomas (Carl or 'Skipper' because of his sailing skills) and Edward – were also involved so that in 1906 Angove and Sons was established with vineyards leased in *Highercombe* and a marketing company in Pt Adelaide selling bulk wine overseas. By this time the Riverland was becoming very productive and in 1911, with government backing, the Renmark winery, which now covers about 30 hectares, was built, easing the problem of transporting fruit by paddle steamer via Morgan to Adelaide and hence to Tea Tree Gully. Sadly, Dr Angove died of throat cancer in 1912 just prior to the opening of the Lyrup winery.

After World War 1, wine exports of dry red, fortifieds and brandy accelerated, aided by Britain's Empire preference to Commonwealth nations, which paid premium prices for Australian produce. Between 1925

and 1939 the Australian industry boomed, with Carl and his friend Ron Martin establishing Dominion Wines and Margove Ltd in the UK.

Geoffrey's power point presentation showed the massive floods that menaced the Renmark winery, particularly the devastating 1956 flood which isolated the winery for weeks, with catastrophe being averted only by Carl's heroics.

Carl's son Tom used his Roseworthy College thesis on distillation to promulgate the hugely popular cognac style St Agnes brandy, named jointly after the mining town in Cornwall and the patron saint of purity. The company is now Australia's largest brandy producer and when they recently rebranded their VSOP product as XO they trebled the price and doubled their sales. At \$140 a bottle it has been acclaimed as the best in the world. Tom also agreed to bottle Stone's Green Ginger Ale under licence, producing 25,000 dozen bottles per year. He also pioneered in 1965 the bag in a box which evolved into today's wine cask.

The Modbury vineyard was acquired by the government in 1976 and in 1979 Tom planted his own vineyard off the Paringa road, (in the Riverland) introducing mechanical harvesting. From 2003, replanting of the vineyards in a north/south rather than east/west direction (to improve ripening) was also undertaken. In some places the vine rows, irrigated by river water, are 7 km long. The conversion to organic production, vital in getting into the European market and prompted by the request to market Langhorne Creek's Temple Breuer wines, is the latest innovation; already 30 acres have been certified.

A massive undertaking to build a new bottling plant was completed in record time in 2004, enabling the production of a bottle per second. This has been accompanied by a revamped cellar door where many wines offered are not available in bottle shops. The latest venture, following the release of their Vineyard Select range, has been to establish an outlet in McLaren Vale where one of the two vineyards is called the Warboys after Henry Hall's at Tea Tree Gully.

Geoffrey concluded with a reference to the family crest which now features on a number of labels, and to the present family members, John and Victoria, who have taken over the chairmanship and marketing responsibilities respectively. Geoffrey's eponymous book was on sale at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Peter Davies**

## **DAY TOUR TO WILLUNGA**

Sunday 10 November 2013

Prior to departure by bus at 9.30 am on the above date, our tour leader Anne Both's organisational skills were evident with her distribution of relevant handouts regarding the itinerary and what we were going to see.

We arrived at the Willunga Courthouse at 10.30 am where we were greeted by the National Trust of Willunga guides, Julie Taylor, Lyn Harris and Judith Lamb. A much appreciated and welcome morning tea, catered by the National Trust of Willunga, was followed by one of the highlights of the day, a 'mock trial' in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Courthouse with our own thespians – Isobel Williams, Ross Both, Meredith Ide, Sharan Northcott, and Jo Cowley, all worthy Academy Award winners!

An appetising lunch in the historic Alma Hotel, c.1856, gave us the chance to talk with each other about the morning's program and anticipate the afternoon's activities.

We returned to the Courthouse via St Luke's Street, pausing at the Bassett Schoolroom, a relic of 19<sup>th</sup> century education. We then had another opportunity to browse inside the Courthouse, or wander through the Courthouse Nature Reserve (a pocket of grassy woodland suggesting something of the pre-European landscape of the area) or visit the Slate Museum (housed in what were once the stables of the Police complex). The Slate Museum provided comprehensive information about how slate mining was an important early industry of the town. Slate was used for roofing, flooring, paving, fencing, water tanks, garden walls, mantelpieces, headstones, book-leaf style bridges and small outbuildings. We learnt that in the 1870s some 20,000 roofing slates were being shipped out of Port Willunga each week. Our visit to Willunga concluded with a slow drive (and accompanying commentary) through the attractive town where we saw many of the 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings, some still showing use of slate.

Much appreciation to Anne and also to her husband, Dr Ross Both, for his relevant geological information. We thank them both sincerely for their work and effort into making the Willunga trip not only a learning experience but also an enjoyable social occasion.

**Elizabeth Rogers OAM**

# Memory Chains – Living, Working, Playing in the City of Burnside, 1945-65.

Monday 18 November 2013

A large audience heard three speakers – Meredith Ide, Anne Both and Jan Thornton - describe the latest Oral History Project conducted by the BHS. There was good interaction as the story unfolded.

Meredith gave the background details of the Society's two previous projects; the purchase of two digital recorders, and the grant (\$500) from the Historical Society of South Australia. Anne Both spoke of her role in the preparations. Included were the drawing up of a list of questions; possible contacts for interviewers; the record of each interviewee; the range of questions relevant for the 20-year time span; some of the barriers and the time constraints imposed by the grant. A total of 17 interviews were conducted; the gender balance was almost equal, and the ages ranged from 68 to 93 years.

Finally Jan Thornton told us that there are 26 hours of recorded voices and she played snippets of selected readings and recordings from the interviewees. The range was extensive. It brought back many memories for members in the audience, several of whom were locals who had similar experiences.

The project's outcomes have still to be finalized – for the interviewers, the interviewees and for the community. As for the future – the BHS has applied for another grant.

Edwin and Gareth Davis were the last two speakers from *Big Egg Media*. They gave excellent service to the project. Edwin and Gareth were given the opportunity to describe their work, involving a wide range of scanning photographs, records, cassettes and slides.

**Barbara Parker PSM**

***International Museum Day, 18 May 2014.*** This is a worldwide event celebrated annually. It will be a great opportunity to focus the people of South Australia on the collections of our community museums. For details see the *About Time program and media*.

## Constable Hyde Memorial Garden

Members will no doubt be aware of the recent concern about the possible sale of the land at the north eastern corner of Tusmore Avenue's intersection with Kensington Road which since 1981 has been designated as the Constable Hyde Memorial Garden. The land which now comprises the garden was, until 1981, part of the premises of the old Marryatville Primary School. The school building passed into private hands but the surrounding land remained as Education Department property.

Subsequent to its conversion by Burnside Council to open space and its naming as a memorial to Constable William Hyde in August 1981, it has been maintained by Burnside Council at not inconsiderable cost to ratepayers.

Around September 2013 there were rumours that Renewal SA had offered Burnside Council the opportunity to purchase the land at market value. This offer was declined, Council indicating that if it was to purchase the land, its finances would only allow the acquisition of the southern section ie the portion bordered by Tusmore Ave and Godfrey Terrace. The likelihood of the remainder of this parcel of land being acquired by a developer became evident.

Local residents became active in protesting any proposed sale, arguing that the land should remain as open space for the use of residents as it had been since 1981. An extensive media campaign began in October 2013 involving radio, newspapers, email, correspondence with parliamentarians, local council members and various lobby groups as well as interested private individuals. Meetings were held with Council members and a petition totalling more than 1500 signatures (including those of BHS members) was presented to Council.

BHS member Anne Both, who has a special interest in William Hyde, alerted the SA Police Historical Society which then added its voice. Notes were prepared for some Council members and staff who attempted to have the Garden and Memorial State Heritage listed. An unlikely outcome, however, as the site of the incident and the original location of the memorial was on the opposite side of Tusmore Avenue.

In mid-December 2013 it was announced by the State Government that the land would not be sold and that the quid pro quo would be an exchange of land elsewhere in Burnside between the City of Burnside and

the State Government. This outcome has yet to be finalised.

Subject to a satisfactory land swap, the outcome for the residents and our history group is proof that Council and the State Government will listen to the concerns of residents if a case is put forcefully and well.

**Anne Both**

## **Inaugural Heritage Awards City of Burnside**

Burnside Historical Society was pleased to be invited to the Beaumont House launch on 28 October 2013 of the City of Burnside's inaugural Heritage Awards scheme. Not only does the introduction of the scheme indicate that the Council is valuing our built heritage, but it provides an opportunity for community involvement.

Following the launch, nominations were invited for awards in five categories:

- Restoration and Conservation
- Alterations and Additions
- Heritage fencing, Hedges and Gardens
- Adaptive re-use
- Research and Investigation.

Sixteen nominations (representing all categories) were subsequently received by Council and a three person judging panel appointed:

- Kate Cullity, Director, *Taylor, Cullity Lethlean*
- Colin Harris, Vice President, *Burnside Historical Society*
- Elizabeth Little, Heritage Architect, *Grieve Gillett*

Burnside Historical Society itself decided to participate, putting in a nomination for the Bell Yett interpretative signage. Because of the conflict of interest involved in this, Colin took no part in judging of the Research and Investigation category.

The winners in the various categories were announced at the City of Burnside's Australia Day ceremony at Hazelwood Park on 26 January 2014 and our Society was delighted to take out the award in the Research and Investigation category. The overall category winners were:

- Restoration and Conservation, *former Knoxville Congregational Church, 8 Knoxville Lane Glenside*
- Alterations and Additions, no award made
- Heritage fencing, hedges & gardens, *restoration of glazed brick & wrought iron fence, 34 Lynington Street Tusmore*
- Adaptive re-use, *rooms, former Marryatville Primary School, now Marryatville Chiro, 252 Kensington Road Leabrook*
- Research and Investigation, *Bell Yett interpretative signage, Bell Yett Reserve, Wattle Park*

Apart from its satisfaction in taking out one of the awards, the Burnside Historical Society views this scheme as a very positive step in raising awareness of our district's rich heritage and congratulates the City of Burnside on its introduction.

## **Biennial National Conference of Oral History Association of Australia**

21-24 September 2013

This conference was a good opportunity to become informed, about *How to do Oral History*. The State Library of South Australia staff provided the steps in planning, setting up, conducting and recording interviews. This knowledge will benefit Anne Both and me in continuing the *Memory Chains Project* this year.

*The Interviewer and the interview* was another topic with seven presenters on various aspects of oral history. A contentious issue was the place of transcripts. Will people just read them and not listen to the interviewees, tone (the voice) to reflect topics under discussion?

An interesting presentation on the topic of *History in a Digital World* was given by Barry York from the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House Canberra. He explained the *Oral history blog posts* of interviews of past politicians and people who worked behind the scenes in Old Parliament House 1927–1988. You can listen to legends of the Australian Parliamentary Press Gallery on their memories of the 1954 Petrov Affair at: <http://oralhistories.moadoph.gov.au/>

**Meridith Ide**

**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.

**OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 2012-13**

<b>President:</b>	Meredith Ide, JP	(8365 3049)
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Colin Harris, PSM	(8331 3571)
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<b>Secretary:</b>	Sandra Lachlan	(8332 4571)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Richard House, OAM	(8552 4723)
<b>Committee:</b>	Margaret Beare, Anne Both, John Love, Ally Preiss, Geraldine Treloar and June Ward	

**Newsletter Subcommittee:**

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 and their names appear with articles in the relevant issues.

**Distribution Organiser:** Shirley Sumerling (8364 3505)

**Program Subcommittee:**

Meredith Ide (Chair), Colin Harris and Ally Preiss

**Plaques Subcommittee:**

Meredith Ide (Chair), Colin Harris and Geraldine Treloar

**Supper Co-ordinator:** Hazel Newton

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**Membership fees:** are \$37 family and \$25 single, due in April each year and may be sent to the Treasurer at the Society's address (above), paid at a monthly meeting or by a direct bank transfer.

## Front Cover:

*Willunga Police Station with cells on the extreme right*  
ca 1872

State Library of South Australia , B10598



Willunga Residence of the Meverley family in St Andrews Terrace, circa 1899. Bill and Rebecca Merverley can be seen standing outside with their next door neighbour, Una Friddington.

State Library of South Australia, B 55417/16

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