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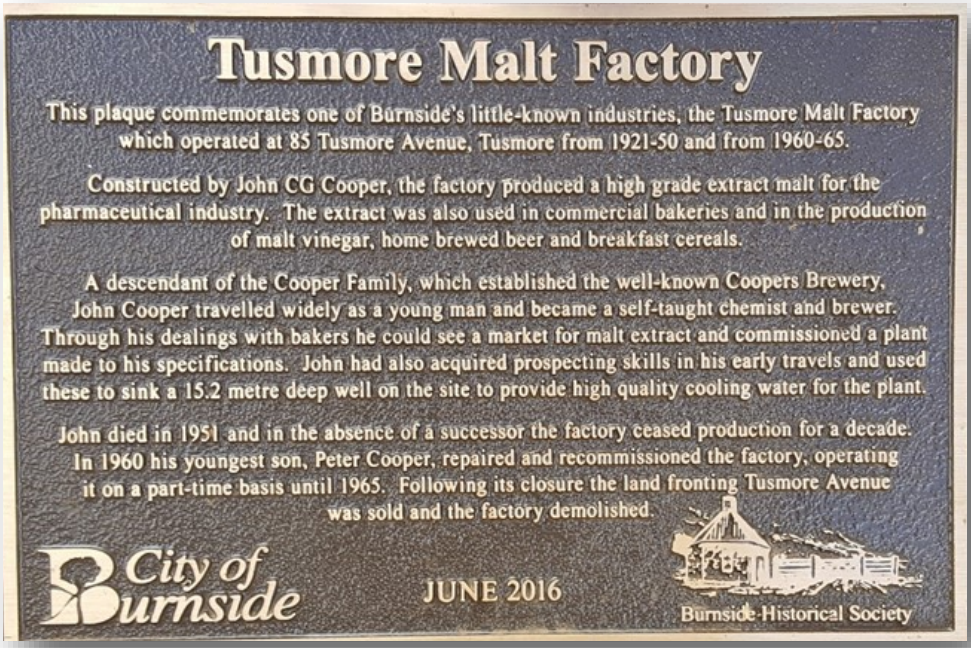

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From my Desk

Welcome to the June 2017 issue of the Society's Newsletter. As you can see from our front cover, the plaque detailing the location and history of the Tusmore Malt Factory has now been installed in Tusmore Avenue. You may recall reading the fascinating history of this factory in the June and September 2016 editions of this Newsletter. The plaque will be officially unveiled in the near future by Burnside Mayor David Parkin.

Congratulations to Colin Harris, who received an Honorary Life Membership to the Society at the 17 April meeting. Colin has contributed many years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to BHS in a variety of roles, in all of which he demonstrated his professionalism and wide knowledge of South Australian history.

The deadline for the September 2017 issue is **Friday 14 July**. Contributions should be sent to jlbrown@internode.on.net.

Judy Brown
Newsletter compiler

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Membership fees are $45 family and $30 single, due in April each year. Subscriptions may be sent to the Treasurer at the Society's address, paid at a monthly meeting or by a direct bank transfer.

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

President's Message

Thank you to members and some visitors who completed the Member Survey at February's meeting. Fifty-three respondents (93%) are current BHS members; 4 respondents (7%) are not. Thanks to the Committee who compiled the questions and to Amy Ide who formatted and resulted the survey. While we didn't get any offers for the roles of Secretary or Vice President, a significant number did volunteer for a variety of tasks, especially at meetings and assisting with aspects of the Newsletter.

It is important to note that the majority of completed surveys were submitted at a monthly meeting, therefore the results may be skewed towards members who attend meetings. The number of surveys submitted at the meeting was 53. One was returned via email and two by post. Here is a summary of the responses.

Meetings
Frequency: 42 respondents (74%) prefer meetings every month.
Format: 55 respondents (98%) want to keep the current format, with a speaker.
Start time: 56 respondents (98%) prefer the 7.30 pm starting time.
Newsletter
Format: 22 respondents (39%) read the electronic version of the Newsletter, 34 respondents (59%) read the printed version.
On BHS website: 41 respondents (76%) were aware that current and past Newsletters are available on the website - 13 respondents (24%) were not. A number of members indicated that they are happy to receive their Newsletter via email and supplied their email address on the survey.
Events
Day tours: 45 respondents (87%) are interested in participating in BHS day tours - 7 respondents (13%) are not. We need more members to actively organise a half or full day tour.
Regional tour: 40 respondents (83%) are interested in participating in a 2018 regional tour - 8 respondents (17%) are not.
Website
17 respondents (30%) regularly access the BHS website.
39 respondents (84%) do not.
Facebook
9 respondents (16%) regularly access the BHS Facebook page.
47 respondents (84%) do not.

If any member did not get an opportunity to fill in a Member survey please contact me on 0439 478 352 or pick up a form at a meeting.

Meredith Ide JP
President

Program of Meetings and Events

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 June 7.30 pm – David Rogers

Cobar and Western New South Wales: South Australia's connection

Throughout the second half of the 19th century South Australia played a major role in the development of western New South Wale, particularly in its pastoral and mining industries. Paddle steamers towing barges moved enormous quantities of wool down the western-flowing rivers of the Murray-Darling system and the railway to Cockburn produced a similar westwards flow of produce into South Australia from the Broken Hill mines. Among other things, the growth of mining in central NSW saw the establishment of the town of Cobar.

David Rogers is qualified in engineering and accounting, but has had an interest in Australian history since his school days. He was born in Broken Hill and is a member of the Australasian Mining History Association. He attended the annual conference of that body at Cobar in 2016 and his follow-up reading has prompted this address.

Monday 17 July 7.30 pm – David Buob

Glenside Hospital - Then and Now

Glenside Hospital began as the Parkside Lunatic Asylum in 1870. Its history from that establishment through to its peak of the late 1950s when it housed almost 2000 inmates will be outlined. The address will also look at its current configuration, the proposed residential precinct to be built by Cedar Woods, the building of the new Repatriation facility and what these changes mean in terms of the existing buildings.

David worked at Glenside Hospital from 1973-94 before being transferred to Community work in the South. Retiring briefly in 2012 he has continued with casual / contract work since December 2012 and at Glenside again since December 2015. David has had an interest in the history of mental health in South Australia extending over several decades.

Monday 21 August 7.30 pm – Jenny Stock

A Woman's Voice: the parliamentary careers of Joyce Steele and Jessie Cooper

Endorsed for safe Liberal seats, and duly elected in March 1959, these Liberal women MPs had not only to represent their party (and class), but inevitably also their gender. Their novelty value as lone members of 'the fair sex' both protected and restrained them in the early years while Playford still reigned. From 1965, they were hit not only by the advent of unfamiliar Labor Governments and the slow disintegration of the old LCL, but the challenges of the second wave of feminism. Jessie survived 20 years in a Legislative Council which was being transformed, while Joyce was elevated to a Cabinet role by Steele Hall and came briefly to exercise real power. Both retired under less than ideal circumstances, but could feel some satisfaction at their achievements.

Jenny taught Australian politics for many years at Adelaide University and in retirement has specialized in political biography. Her interest in tonight's topic was sparked by her work for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* on these two women. Having discovered far more than required for the modest wordage allowed in the *Dictionary*, she now wishes to pass on some of that additional information. Her talk this year follows on from her well-received address to the Society on 15 February 2016 *Two Burnside Ladies: how SA got its first Female MPs*.

Monday 13 September 10 am – 11.30 am

Enjoy Spring at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens!

Come and discover what was once known as *Doctor Schomburgk's Garden*
Transport: find your own way in or organise a car pool of members
Parking: paid parking in Plane Tree Drive off Hackney Road, along the north boundary of the Botanical Gardens
Meet at Schomburgk Pavilion at 10 am sharp: walk south from Plane Tree Drive towards North Terrace, through the Moreton Bay Fig Walk. At its southern end turn east towards Hackney Road. The Pavilion will be on your right by the shop and café. Walk around *Doctor Schomburgk's Garden* with guide Gill Symons. Please note: a reasonable level of fitness is required.
Cost: $5 Please bring correct change.
Limited to 15 participants only
Optional coffee and/or lunch at Botanical Gardens Kiosk afterwards – please arrange with your car group.
Bookings: Ally Preiss 0409 716 582
Thank you to Ally Preiss for organising this outing.

Monday 18 September 7.30 pm – Professor Kay Whitehead

Edith Hübbe's lifelong teaching career: from Grote St to Knightsbridge

Professor Whitehead's address will explores Edith Hübbe's (1859-1942) family life, friendships and work as a teacher from Grote St Model School and the Advanced School of Girls through to her thirty-five year career at Knightsbridge School in Statenborough Street. Highly respected by her colleagues and students, Edith was the first woman to qualify for entrance to the University of Adelaide, but she also experienced a number of challenges in her life, including raising her children single-handedly after her husband's death in 1900.

Kay Whitehead is a Professor of History of Education in the School of Education at Flinders University. She focuses on teachers' lives and work from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century in South Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada. Her talk follows on from her well-received address to the Society on 19 September 2016 *Early schools run by women in Adelaide and its suburbs*.

Monday 16 October

Judy Fander – *From Teetulpa to the Tanami: around South Australia's goldfields 1882-1911 with Warden Lionel C E Gee SM*

Monday 20 November
To be advised

Anzac Day 2017

Ken Lawson represented Burnside Historical Society at the Kensington Gardens Reserve Dawn Service on 25 April. White and pink lilies were laid by Ken at the year-old redesigned War Memorial. Two plaques were unveiled at this site at the Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 November, 2015. One honours servicemen whose initials are on slate pavers in the shape of a cross at the memorial. Their identities were only recently discovered. The other plaque explains the origin of the adjacent Lone Pine, a seedling donated by Nick Smyth who spoke to the Society about Gallipoli. See December 2015 Burnside Historical Society Newsletter for further information.

Burnside Walks mobile app launch

The Burnside Historical Society's printed self-guided walk around the old village of Burnside, first written by Margaret Black in 1981 and recently revised by Colin Harris, has been improved and expanded using new photographs and archival material adapted to a mobile phone application (app). This new technology allows the walker to be guided by phone or tablet, while at the same time providing background information and photographs relevant to each historic site.

At the launch on 10 May by Mayor David Parkin, our President Meredith Ide described this successful collaboration, using the expertise of Matt Spearman and Madeleine Rogers of the Burnside Council, guided by Darren Peacock and Vanessa Raets of the National Trust and using input from Society members Anne Both and Geoff Treloar.

Use of the app provides a portable, illustrated history easily available to most people as well as casual walkers and hopefully will help school students develop a greater appreciation of the local history in their own back yard.

The 2017 revision of the printed guide has been reprinted and will be available shortly.

Geoff Treloar

First stop on the walking tour -
488 Glynburn Road
The first Burnside District Council Chambers, constructed 1869

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

AGM Monday 17 April 2017

This is my sixth President's report. We are celebrating 36 years of community history. How have our Society's objectives been achieved over 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, publicised widely, attracted an average attendance of 52. Two presentations related to local history. Last September, Professor Kay Whitehead talked about women working in Burnside and Rose Park in public infant and primary schools. A large audience in February including member Jo Cooper, heard Alison Painter give a detailed account of various stages in the successful growth of Cooper's Brewery at Leabrook. The November meeting, a presentation of Australian music, poems and yarns by *Splash Theatre Company,* was followed by a sumptuous supper for our 35th anniversary.

We continue to participate in South Australia's History Festival. Last May, guided walks were conducted once again at Eastwood and Glenside sites with Ally Preiss, Historic Burnside with Colin Harris PSM, Knightsbridge with Margaret and Ally Preiss and Glen Osmond Mines including Wheal Watkins led by Dr Ross Both. There was a launch of the new self-guided walk of Beulah Park which can be accessed via the City of Burnside and BHS websites. The Burnside walk has been revised by Colin and now expanded and will be uploaded as an App for a launch on 10 May. Geoff Treloar and Anne Both have worked with Council and The National Trust on this initiative. Colin Harris conducted an informative trip to Rain Shadow Country for the biennial Regional Tour. There needs to be more member support for such events. Friends can come too.

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

The Oral History project *Memory Chains: living - working - playing in the City of Burnside for 1960-80* is almost complete. A Council grant provided for the conversion of eight interviews to disc by 30 June this year. The first display there, about Glen Osmond Mines, initiated by Dr Ross Both, has finally been installed. A bronze plaque with wording by Colin Harris, to recognise John and Peter Cooper's Malt Factory, is finally installed in Tusmore Avenue. I state publically how frustrating members involved with progressing the

display case and plaque have found the process – for over two years waiting for a simple display case and a year for any action with the plaque. There needs to be more monitoring of staff and of managers overseeing them and accountability, open communication and more respect for volunteer (unpaid). We have been working in partnership with Council for years with various projects so these poor responses are unacceptable.

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

Wheal Watkins opened in 1843 at Glen Osmond, a silver lead mine of State and National Heritage significance. It is twelve years since it was shut by Council for BHS-conducted, public underground tours. At the August 2014 meeting, Council agreed to a partnership with the Society to ascertain the real costings to rehabilitate the mine. This still has not happened. At the 8 March 2016 Council meeting, a motion was passed to upgrade landscaping, improve paths, install signs (one is in the wrong position) and make the entrances at both mine adits (tunnels) safe. Wheal Watkins still remains closed. A petition for reopening the mine has been widely circulated and signatures collected demonstrate significant support. Six above-ground tours have been conducted by BHS in the past year. A 2016-17 Council grant pays for the cost of publicising some tours. Neighbours and children too show interest in the history of the mining area. I commend Dave and Anne Monceaux for their dedication to this project. We need more active and practical commitment for Wheal Watkins.

In March 2015 a submission was sent to Renewal SA regarding the future of the Glenside Hospital site, but there was no reply. In February I wrote to State Planning Minister Rau about developer Cedar Woods' application to axe 83 trees. Not the Development Assessment Commission is permitting the developer to remove the trees, partly based on a spurious claim of the need to remediate the site.

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

We continue to exchange emails and newsletters with eastern regional historical societies which are all active and research their local areas. They exchanged information and ideas at a regional seminar at Mitcham last July which some of our members attended. We appreciate the support of The History Council, of which we are a member, with its informative newsletter and opportunity to publicise our events. Last December Ross and Anne Both and I attended a mining conference in Ballarat with interest shown in a tour of Wheal Watkins from several mine tours providers. Email is such an advantage to spread the message. The History Trust (rebadged from History SA) provides various events, speakers, workshops, SA History Festival and opportunities to network.

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

Due to lack of a Vice President and more particularly a Secretary, excursions have been curtailed. Several Committee members have collected the mail and recorded the correspondence for Committee meetings. It was decided that no more January open air meetings would be held due to the heat. A Member Survey was handed out at the February meeting and the offers of support in a variety of roles were encouraging. The Society's Newsletter, website and Facebook provide the public with the opportunity to discover what we have achieved and can offer potential members. Do encourage others to join us. The website's contact page is accessed by the public, even from overseas – George Demasius' nephew sent a message from Germany.

Glen Osmond Mines were located on Osmond Gilles' property. As the first Colonial Treasurer of South Australia he saved the State from bankruptcy. We had a welcome donation towards rehabilitation of his grave from Adelaide Cemeteries Authority which oversees West Terrace Cemetery (and others). More recently we received a donation from a relative of Osmond Gilles' brother, Lewis. Anne Both is researching which organisations in early Adelaide and South Australia benefitted from Osmond Gilles' philanthropy. Anne and I are working on a plan to achieve the objective to repair his monument. If you would like to make a donation please see the Treasurer.

I thank the members of the Committee for their ongoing commitment to specific roles and projects. We would welcome two more Committee members. Please talk to any of those listed if you have an interest in joining the Committee.

Meredith Ide JP
President

Thank you to all volunteers

Thanks go especially to retiring Committee Members – Ally Preiss for guiding walks in and around parts of Eastwood and being responsible for the badges and attendance book at meetings. Ally will remain on the Program Subcommittee; Judy Fander as a self-appointed Minute Secretary was much appreciated; Geraldine Treloar served two terms on the Committee, ever cheerful and an excellent hostess when monthly meetings and a special meeting were held at her home.

I thank the Committee and Newsletter, Program, Mines and Plaques Sub-committees for their commitment to their various roles. It is quite often the same members volunteering across different roles. Volunteers who assist often, or occasionally, at monthly meetings, give invaluable service.

Ken Lawson needs special thanks for collecting the hall key from Council and recently meeting Council staff with Dave Monceaux, to try to make sense of the Community Centre's audio system. They and others set up the hall and pack away. Technical support for some speakers is welcomed. What would it be like without a cuppa after the meeting served by those cheerful and loyal members on the supper roster so you can have a chat with members and visitors?

You all make a difference and although not all individually named here, you are appreciated.

Help from a History student

Simon Nardecchia, a fourth year Humanities student, joined some Committee members over a couple of weeks in May. He is studying History to teach in Middle school, spanning primary and secondary education. One assessment task was to arrange to volunteer with a local group. Simon was pleased that he was given the opportunity to work with some BHS volunteers. He attended a Committee meeting, assisted with the SA Festival Wheal Watkins tours, demonstrated aspects of the Local History Burnside app at the launch at St David's Church Burnside and walk afterwards to 22 sites using the app to bring up a variety of information in different formats. We were very pleased to Simon could join us and assist in a variety of ways.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

AGM Monday 17 April 2017

The year has been very successful financially. The general business of the Society resulted in a surplus of $2,888 which has been transferred into the General Reserve. This was particularly made possible by the profit of $1,486 from the 'Rain Shadow Country' weekend trip led by Colin Harris. At one stage this trip was on the verge of being cancelled because of the shortage of bookings but it all turned around when some late bookings came in. Other activities that brought in respectable money were the guided walking tours during History Month ($177) and substantial and generous donations ($152). Sales of *The Paddocks Beneath* and the Extended Index, and the Index to *The First Hundred Years* ($590) also exceeded the cost of their purchase and printing ($417).

Our negotiations with the Burnside Council for the restoration of the Glen Osmond mines have made no progress but the Council did make a donation of $320 towards the cost of running above ground tours. We also conducted some other tours during the year which, when added to some donations and bank interest, have enabled us to transfer $1,576 towards the Mines Reserve, which now has a balance of $31,576.

The grave of Osmond Gilles, the first Colonial Treasurer and resident of Glen Osmond, in West Terrace Cemetery has become significantly degraded over the years and we have become involved in a project to have it restored. The West Terrace Cemeteries Trust has made a donation of $2,500 and a family member has donated a further $50. This has been transferred to our Glen Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Reserve, which now has a balance of $3,050.

We were grateful to the Burnside Council for three grants, being $700 towards the cost of the Newsletter, $560 towards the cost of the Oral History project and $320 towards the cost of promoting tours of the Glen Osmond Mines during History Month, a total of $1,580 in all.

During the year we have welcomed 11 new members but regrettably 18 have resigned or lapsed. Our membership total has dropped from 139 to 132.

Richard House OAM
Treasurer

Burnside Historical Society Inc. Income and Expenditure 2016/2017

Income	B/F from last year	July	Year to date including B/F from last year	BUDGET	BUDGET-TED ITEMS ACTUAL	YTD 2016/2017 (Transfer to Inc & Exp.)	Money in advance for 2017/18 etc (i.e. liabilities)
Subscriptions single 2016/2017	$475.00	$90.00	$1,495.00	$1,950	$1,495	$1,495.00	
Subscriptions family 2016/2017	$222.00		$775.00	$925	$775	$775.00	
Subscriptions single 2017/2018	$50.00		$50.00				$50.00
Subscriptions family 2017/2018			$0.00				$0.00
Weekend away - Rainshadow trip		$2,975.00	$2,975.00			$2,775.00	In hand
Walks led receipts		$3.00	$169.00			$169.00	
Bus tours led - History month			$0.00				
Glen Osmond Mines - tours and donation receipts			$561.00				
Bank interest received from cheque account			$3.70	$10	$4	$3.70	
Bank interest from savings accounts			$10.92	$50	$11	$10.92	
Bank interest from Mines Term Deposit			$0.00			$0.00	
Bank interest from Term Deposit (closed Aug)			$0.00			$0.00	
Sundry sales (tapes, glasses, etc)			$0.00			$0.00	
Donations received at meetings etc			$39.30			$39.30	
Sales of Paddocks Beneath and Index		$50.00	$50.00			$30.00	Cost
Sales of First Hundred Years			$0.00			$0.00	
Sales of BHS History book			$0.00			$0.00	
Sales of Five Creeks			$0.00			$0.00	
Sales of Greetings Cards			$0.00			$0.00	
Beaulah Park walk (Council grant received)			$0.00			$0.00	
Computer and web site maint (Council grant)			$0.00			$0.00	
Newsletter (b/f and Council grant)			$0.00			-$186.92	
Street Names project (from Council grant)			$0.00			$0.00	
Parks and Gardens project (b/f and Council grat	$67.79		$67.79			$67.79	In hand
Oral History project (b/f and grant)			$0.00			-$293.20	Over spent
Plaques Names Origins project (b/f and Council	$137.32		$137.32			$23.78	In hand
Total	$952.11	$3,118.00	$6,334.03	$2,935	$2,285	$4,909.37	$50.00
					$650	Less than budget	
Expenditure	**B/F**	**July**	**Year to date**				
Printing, stationery and photocopying			$130.49	$370	$130	$130.49	
Postage and telephone			$1.00	$250	$1	$1.00	
PO Box rent			$0.00	$125	$0	$0.00	
Bank fee - overdrawn account			$0.00			$0.00	
Weekend away - Rainshadow trip		$200.00	$200.00				
Walks led - expenses			$0.00				
Mines expenses			$19.58				
Insurance			$0.00	$410	$0	$0.00	
Society records, photos, etc			$0.00	$50	$0	$0.00	
Computer and web site expenses			$0.00	$250	$0	$0.00	
Fees, hall hire and meeting expenses		$250.00	$400.00	$560	$400	$400.00	
Suppers etc			$49.27	$250	$49	$49.27	
Tapes and equipment			$25.40	$50	$25	$25.40	
Gifts, glasses, entertainment			$25.00	$200	$25	$25.00	
Subs to others, Seminar fees, etc		$30.00	$30.00	$200	$30	$30.00	
BHS Greetings Cards			$0.00			$0.00	
Donations made to others			$0.00	$100	$0	$0.00	
Buy/Print Paddocks Beneaths and Index			$20.00			See above	
Buy First Hundred Years			$0.00			See above	
Buy Five Creeks			$0.00			See above	
Newsletter - print			$148.92	$650	$149	See above	
Newsletter - admin, postage etc			$38.00	$300	$38	See above	
Street Names Originsproject			$0.00			See above	
Parks and Gardens project			$0.00			See above	$0.00
Oral History project			$293.20			See above	
Survey of Plaques project			$113.54			See above	
Total	$0.00	$480.00	$1,494.40	$3,765	$848	$661.16	$0.00
					-$2,917	Less than budget	
Excess of income over expenditure			$4,839.63	-$830	$1,437	$4,248.21	$50.00
Current Assets						YTD PROFIT	TO NEXT YR
Cash in Cheque Account at bank - Cash book	$3,948.76	$7,825.36	$7,825.36				
Business Access Internet Account b/f	$2,866.62	$2,875.10	$2,877.54				
Business Access Interest for the month		$2.44				$10.92	YTD Interest
Business Access EOM	$2,866.62	$2,877.54	$2,877.54				
Term Deposit (Mines 2.45% - mat 17/9/2016)	$30,000.00	$30,000.00	$30,000.00				
Termm deposit interest on maturity							
Withdrawal of total interest							
Total	$36,815.38	$40,702.90	$40,702.90				

NET PROFIT is the YTD PROFIT minus projects funded by grants, profit from mines tours and profit from weekend away. I.e. it only covers those items in pale blue on the right hand side.

Meeting Report

Historian Alison Painter - *Coopers on Statenborough*

No one could be better qualified than our February speaker, Alison Painter, to tell the story of Coopers Brewery and its remarkable longevity and success. She first worked at the old Statenborough St Brewery in Leabrook as a laboratory assistant. She subsequently married John Painter, an engineer employed by Coopers to oversee the upgrading of the brewery plant and the reduction in plant maintenance costs. In her subsequent university studies she pursued her interest in the history of brewing, and is the author of two books *Jolly Good Ale and Old*, a history of the Coopers, commissioned by the family to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the firm in 1987 and *Beer Barons or Bankrupts? Early Brewers in South Australia* in 2012.

Thomas Cooper first began brewing beer in George St Norwood in 1862 as a tonic for his wife and neighbours. A Methodist, he refused to sell to hotels, as the other breweries did. In spite of initial technical challenges with the brew due to the hotter conditions of South Australia, and financial problems, Thomas continued to expand his business, moving to Leabrook in 1881 and locating his home next to the Brewery. The Brewery produced ale and stout, which was bottled, stored, and also delivered from the Brewery premises. A line of cart horses were once a familiar sight outside the Brewery waiting for their deliveries to be loaded. Coopers had a successful product and kept to tried and true brewing procedures which had already brought them success.

Other brewers went out of business, but the Coopers survived. How? Probably good management, good luck, good beer, or a combination of all three. From the beginning only family members managed the business. Importantly, the family has always retained the majority of shares in the company, with a small percentage placed with safe investors.

John Cooper married twice, producing 19 children. Even after his retirement to the cooler climate of a Summertown cottage Thomas kept in touch with the Brewery through the use of carrier pigeons. One pigeon loft remains intact today. Meanwhile, his son, (also John Cooper) had carried on the business, and other sons came into the business as they left school. When John Cooper senior died in 1897 only nine children from his two marriages had survived him.

There were many challenges faced by brewers. Among them was the tax imposed by both state and federal governments. After Federation, a licence to brew was required. The business needed to supply hotels and more land and new equipment was bought. In 1912 Crown seals were introduced. Previously bottles had been corked and wired. It was not easy to run a

profitable business. In 1900 Adelaide had 20 breweries, by 1918 only eight remained.

In 1923 the business was incorporated with private liability. There were to be four directors, two from each side of the family. By 1925 the company had new buildings, new cellar, and greater production, adapting to changing circumstances as best it could. By 1940 the third generation of the family was in charge.

By the 1960s the brewery was still producing the same products, but the business environment and consumer demand had changed. In 1962, the centenary year, the two companies SABCo and Coopers decided to do a mutually beneficial share swap to reduce the risk of takeover. In the mid 1960s the Board consisted of Tom, Ray, Geoff and Ken Cooper, who decided to brew lager beer as well as the traditional ale. Maxwell Cooper, the first formally trained brewer in the family to that date, was the driving force in this development. The first Crown Lager was sold in 1968. Changes continued. By the 1970s costs rose but prices were low. Excise and tax rose to 47.7 % of the cost of production. Greater efficiency and new products were needed. Big Barrel Lager and Diet Beer were new lines. In 1982 steam brewing was introduced in place of the old processes. Draught lager was supplied for the Adelaide Grand Prix motor race in 1982. Between 1993 and 1995 Coopers successfully regained full control of all its shares, which it had lost in 1962, to prevent a takeover by Lion Nathan Brewers.

By 1999, the mainstay of the business was Pale Ale. In 2001 the company relocated to Regency Park, and the old Statenborough Street brewery demolished. When Japanese controlled Lion Nathan made an unsolicited bid to take over the company in 2005, Coopers shareholders rejected it and Coopers remains the only wholly owned Australian brewery business.

Judy Fander

Change to the criteria for membership of the Pioneers Association of South Australia

The Pioneers Association of South Australia was founded in 1935 and currently has a membership of around 650. Since its foundation its main aim has been to perpetuate the memory of the early pioneers of settlement of South Australia.

Until recently membership was open to all persons who had at least one ancestor who arrived in the province, now the State of South Australia, **by the end of 1845.** This end date not only tended to cause some confusion amongst prospective members, but was also not considered to be a significantly historical date by our pioneer ancestors.

After much debate over a number of years, the Constitution was changed at a Special General Meeting of the Association in November last year.

Membership of the Association is now open to all persons who have at least one ancestor who arrived in the province, now the State of South Australia, by and including 28th December 1846. This is a much more significant historical date, being ten years after the first Proclamation.

The change may now mean that you are eligible to join. Information about the Association, along with membership details, can be found on the comprehensive PASA website or by contacting the PASA Office by email at pioneersa@chariot.net.au. If you fit the new eligibility criteria you are most welcome to join.

Bob Stace
Member, Burnside Historical Society

Memories of family and the Burnside Council

While supporting Wheal Watkins above ground tours, the BHS members involved meet some people with interests in history generally and mining specifically. One woman rang to enquire about a tour - Jo Kleingeld. Her maiden name was Watkins but she doesn't know of any connection to the Watkins of the mine. We then discovered that her father had worked for Burnside Council. Here are some of Jo's memories.

'I knew of my father's work in the fifties - he cut the ovals and parks and also fought fires. He drove a Ferguson tractor and a water tanker that was equipped with knapsacks and hessian bags fitted onto handles used to beat out the fires. I remember the picnic for the Council every year, going to Long Gully in National Park at Belair with Amscol icecream, jellies, cakes and sandwiches. We were all taken in Choates buses. At that time we lived on the Devil's Elbow and went to Crafers School.

There is only one particular place at which I remember my father saying he had cut the grass – Glenside (then the Parkside Lunatic Asylum), which from memory had a high stone fence. He made the statement that there were more people with problems outside of this place. In the late fifties my father became ill and spent several months in the Royal Adelaide Hospital and, as he wasn't on social security at the time, my eldest brother John (aged 13) was employed by the Council, which paid him well. Mum had five small children at home.

My grandfather, also John Watkins (who first lived at Erindale then moving to Gage St Firle), and his wife are buried in the pioneer cemetery in Maesbury Street Kensington. My grandfather was a miner in 1911 and 1912 and lived at Oodlawirra (in South Australia's upper Mid North). He also worked at the Burnside Council but I have no knowledge of what he did. The first John Thomas who was my great grandfather was born at Kensington and died at Kensington Park. Both he and his wife Elsie are buried at Magill Cemetery in Jackson Street.'

Do you have memories of people and places in the City of Burnside you can write about for the newsletter – even a few paragraphs? Please forward to Judy Brown at jlbrown@internode.on.net.

The Italian Influence on The Parade

Attendees at the March meeting of the BHS heard Dr Daniela Rose speak about Italian migration to South Australia and some may find the following book to be of interest. One of our long standing Members, Diana Chessell, charts the settlement and influence of Italians of South Australia in *The Italian Influence on The Parade,* a history of the cosmopolitan regional centre of the eastern Adelaide suburbs including Burnside, Payneham and Campbelltown. The book was published by Wakefield Press for the City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters in 1999 and is available in numerous public libraries.

The research explores how mainly southern Italians from five villages outside Benevento, in the Region of Campania, became the dominant ethnic group in central Norwood. This was especially the case when most post-war British migrants were segregated in the satellite city of Elizabeth, leaving the Italians, Greeks, Balts and other European migrants to occupy the cheap inner-urban areas. Norwood's outdoor cafes, original buildings, market style shops and piazza style open spaces gradually came to be identified as the cosmopolitan Italian-based style for Norwood's regional citizens.

Do you remember the Demasius store?

If you have memories of the Demasius department store once sited on Greenhill Road at Glenside, or George and Pat Demasius, we would like to hear from you.
Bernd Demasius, a relation of George Demasius, is collecting information and contacted the Society recently from Germany via the internet wanting an article from a 1996 newsletter which mentioned Demasius. Scanned news clippings about the Demasius store have been sent to Bernd as well as a 2012 SA Life magazine article about what was on the Glenside site before the present Burnside Village. Meredith has been in contact with Bernd and will phone him while in Berlin mid-May.

Bring your memories to a meeting - they don't need to be typed.
Or you can email them to meredithide@gmail.com.

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

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