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The Margins of the Good Earth

BHS Regional Tour, 7-9 September 2018

Please fill in this expression of interest if you are interested in taking part in the tour. The deposit will be refunded if we do not reach the numbers needed to make the tour financially viable.

Name of member filling in the expression of interest ……

Address of member ……..

……..Postcode…….

Details of spouse, partner or friend accompanying the above.....

……...

Phone number ……

Email address (if available) ……..

Accommodation preference

□ Twin share

□ Double

□ Single (supplement of $116 applies)

Cost per person $650 on twin share basis, $116 single supplement

Includes all costs (travel, accommodation, meals and entrance fees)

Please fill in the above details and forward with a $100 deposit per person to:

Colin Harris
4 Angove Court
Rosslyn Park SA 5072

Please make cheques payable to Burnside Historical Society.

Expressions of interest need to be lodged no later than 30 June 2018.

Any enquiries to Colin on (08) 8331 3571 or email colin.harris6@bigpond.com.

From my Desk

Welcome to the June 2018 Newsletter. Two important documents are included - an expression of interest form for this year's regional tour, *Margins of the Good Earth (*on the previous page) and information regarding the Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal (on pages 27 and 28 of this Newsletter). The regional tour form must be returned to Colin Harris by 30 June. If you are able to assist with a donation to the appeal, please refer to payment details on the following page.

We warmly welcome four new members to the Society - Elaine Mott, Paul Harris, Michael McCleave and our new President John Thomas.

The deadline for the September 2018 issue is **Friday 20 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*.

News from the Burnside Historical Society Committee
Update to Members

At a BHS Committee Meeting on 26 April the Committee decided that –

1) In order for the BHS to continue operating, the Committee Members would fill the vacant Committee Officer positions from among themselves, accompanied with a reduction in the activities of the BHS to a level that the Committee of five will be able to manage.

   Additional Committee Members are needed and will be welcomed.

2) After discussion, the following Committee Members agreed to take on, for the period of one year, as per the Constitution, the positions of -
   President - John Thomas
   Secretary - Dave Monceaux
   Treasurer - Lorraine Sampson (elected Treasurer at the AGM)
   Liaison - Margaret Ford (to liaise with The National Trust of SA and History Trust of SA)
   Transition support to the new Officeholders - Meredith Ide (Immediate Past President)

3) It was agreed that the BHS would focus on the activities that Members expressed preference for in the Member Survey last year.
   a) Monthly meetings and the Newsletter will continue unchanged. Many thanks to all the helpers at the meetings and to the Newsletter Subcommittee.
   b) Individuals as they choose to, with the knowledge of and support of the Committee, can continue to pursue their interests in existing activities such as the historic markers (plaques, interpretative panels), Wheal Watkins mine, bus trips, etc.
   c) Liaising with other organisations will be reduced.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Dave Monceaux
Secretary

The National Trust Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal

Donations can be made directly by cash or cheque to the National Trust or funds may be transferred using EFT. All donations must be accompanied by the appeal donation form in the Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal brochure. If a donation is made by EFT transfer a reference is necessary. Write *Osmond Gilles* as the reference. For the National Trust to prepare a receipt for tax deduction purposes, the donor name, address and donation amount should be provided on the form.

Tributes to long-serving Members

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting tributes were paid to several retiring members of the Society's Committee and its Executive.

Anne Both (outgoing Committee member)

Retiring President Meredith Ide noted that Anne has been a Committee and Programme Subcommittee member since 2012 and in that time has been active on a number of fronts. Amongst numerous other things, she has updated the cumulative index of Newsletters, been actively involved in the Society's oral history project and contributed tirelessly to the efforts to reopen Wheal Watkins Mine. She has also researched, written and spoken about the Constable Hyde tragedy, organised several History Month tours of Glen Osmond Village and St Saviour's Church and been active in the appeal to raise funds for restoration of the Osmond Gilles Grave. In recognition of her work Anne was presented with a National Senior Volunteer Award in 2015.

Richard House (outgoing Treasurer)

In introducing her tribute, Meredith noted that in addition to being a founding member of the Society, Richard has served in every Executive position, being President 1989-94, Secretary/Treasurer 1982-89 and Treasurer 1995-2018. An outstanding record by any measure, but his list of other achievements and work for the Society is long and equally impressive. He has taken on and brought to fruition many projects, including the second edition of *The Origin of Street Names of Burnside*, a consolidated photographic record of *Plaques of Burnside*, a detailed (extended) index for Elizabeth Warburton's history of Burnside (*The Paddocks Beneath*) and a card index and notes for bus tours of Burnside. Richard has also organised and led five regional tours for the Society, researched the text and co-ordinated the installation by the City of Burnside of many bronze historical markers and written a short history of the Society to mark its 30th year. In recognition of this outstanding service he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Society in 1989 and an OAM in 2013 for his work with the Society and his coast care work on Fleurieu Peninsula.

Meredith Ide (outgoing President)

In opening his tribute to Meredith, Richard House noted that Meredith was a founding member of the Society and has been actively involved in its organisation over many years. Among other things, Meredith was Newsletter Editor from 1988-1991 and Vice President from 2009-11. She has been President since 2011, the longest serving President in the Society's history. In addition to carrying out everything that is entailed in holding that office, she has been personally involved in a number of important projects and initiatives.

Notable examples include the Society's oral history project and the long campaign to reopen Wheal Watkins Mine. Meredith has also worked very successfully in raising the profile of the Society amongst South Australia's wider history community. She has actively engaged with the History Council and History SA and through her promotional activities with these organisations the Society has enjoyed a notable lift in attendance at its monthly meetings. The Society is now recognised as one of the most active and successful local history groups in the State and in no small way this is a tribute to her drive, enthusiasm and hard work. For all of this, and more, Meredith was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Society in 2016.

Above: Richard House and Meredith Ide

Below: Anne Both and Meredith Ide

Thank you Members - from retiring Treasurer and President

At the April AGM a presentation was made by Meredith to Richard House for his service to the Society since 1981. On receiving his gifts he was generous in his thanks, saying he had enjoyed his association with the group. His presents were a card expressing member gratitude and a book *The Natural History of Edward Lear* by Robert McCracken Peck (2016). Richard was thrilled at this as he grew up in England. As retiring Treasurer he also received a monetary gift.

Meredith Ide has served as President for seven years (2011-18) as well as carrying out some secretarial tasks for the past three years. As a complete surprise to her, at the end of the meeting, Richard presented Meredith with a beautifully worded card, a lovely pink cyclamen and a Wakefield Press voucher. She says she might have time to read now that there is a new President and Secretary!

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 18 June, 7.30 pm

Rod Shearing - *John Horrocks: a man of substance*

John Horrocks 1818-1846 appears in the South Australian pantheon of European exploration as a minor figure, but was he? Led on an odyssey by his privileged father to the Hapsburg Court why did he end up in South Australia, buried at Penwortham?

Rod Shearing is the immediate Past President of the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia (RGSA). Rod has been the Society's longest serving President and in recognition of his outstanding contribution he has been awarded the Society's Silver Centenary Medal and a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Monday 16 July, 7.30 pm

Legh Davis - *Her Majesty's Theatre Renewal Project*

Affectionately known as the Maj, Her Majesty's Theatre opened in 1913 as the Tivoli and at that time was regarded as the finest theatre in Australia. WC Fields, Rudolf Nureyev, Dame Joan Sutherland and Barry Humphries are among the many celebrities to have graced its stage. The Maj closed in April this year for a $66 million upgrade which will increase the seating capacity from 970 to almost 1500.

Legh Davis has degrees in law and economics and is a Fellow of the Certified Practising Accountants. He is Chairman of the Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation which is currently raising $5 million in support of the Maj renewal. Legh was a Liberal Member of the Legislative Council of South Australia from 1979-2002 during which time he was Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Council.

Her Majesty's Theatre

Monday 20 August 7.30 pm

Kelvin Trimper AM - *Rose growing is easy in Adelaide*

Adelaide has the perfect climate to grow roses and in this presentation Kelvin will cover the conditions required, the preparation needed, the planting process and the necessary ongoing maintenance.

Kelvin Trimper has had a long business career in Adelaide and for many years was closely associated with the large scale property developments of Mawson Lakes and Golden Grove. Away from business, his passion is gardening, especially roses. He is currently President of the World Federation of Rose Societies and earlier this year he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to horticulture, urban development and the City of Salisbury.

Regional Tour 7-9 September 2018: *The Margins of the Good Earth*

Join your friends from the Society in an informative and enjoyable three day tour on roads less travelled – the margins of the good earth in our southern Flinders Ranges.

Preliminary details of this tour appeared in our last *Newsletter*, but some of the towns and localities to be visited include Terowie, Peterborough (overnight), Orroroo, Hammond, Wilmington and Port Augusta (overnight). Among other things, we will take in the railway heritage of the region through a sound and light show, ride the narrow gauge railway through Pichi Richi Pass and step back in time to the little towns of the wheat country – Appila, Tarcowie, Pekina and Hammond – once thriving centres for their surrounding districts.

An expression of interest flyer is included in this *Newsletter*. If you would like to join the trip and have the mobility to manage the steps of a touring coach fill in the flyer and return it no later than 30 June.

Monday 17 September

Chris Durrant - *Early bridges of Adelaide and their stories: never a bridge too far*

Monday 15 October

Frances Bedford MP - *The Story of South Australian Muriel Matters*

Monday 19 November

Joint event at Beaumont House with the Burnside Branch of the National Trust

BHS Meeting

Monday 21 May 2018

At this meeting Professor Philip Payton spoke to members and visitors about the rise and fall of John Verran, who became Premier of South Australia's first Labor Government in 1910. We were privileged to have in attendance John Verran's three great-grandchildren. Pictured below, from left to right are Tony Mallyon, Josephine Ball and Diana Mallyon.

Professor Philip Payton (left) with new BHS President John Thomas

Consideration for a Local History Officer
Deputation to Council meeting 10 April 2018

Before I delivered my presentation I acknowledged members of Burnside Historical Society (BHS) in attendance and Dr Susan Marsden, Burnside resident and Immediate Past President of the History Council of SA, the peak History body.

Burnside Historical Society's partnership with Burnside Council began when the Society was established in 1980. We are grateful for Council Community Grants to initiate research projects and produce publications, with copies held in the Local History Collection.

BHS is concerned, however, that there has been minimal management of the Local History Room and collection due to insufficient staffing hours. This collection was initiated in the 1980's and has evolved to be a prime source of research material about people and places. In the past BHS liaised well with those managing the History Room. Now the resources are under-utilised. There is not a designated librarian given a reasonable number of hours to preserve and sustain the collection, the City's legacy of the past.

Surely the provision of a Local History Officer to oversee the history of the City of Burnside is worth budgeting for. History does have a value. The much-publicised annual May SA History Festival demonstrates State-wide interest in history from diverse groups.

So what is the role of Local History Officers? They don't just do filing. They promote the Council's history through displays (as demonstrated at Norwood, Payneham and St Peters, Campbelltown and Mitcham). They answer public, Councillor and staff enquiries and can take the lead in local history festivals. Relevant grants offered by State and Federal Governments can be applied for. Sufficient hours need to be allocated to perform these tasks properly. Councils contacted allow, on average, three days/week for this role.

Effective publicity through Council and BHS websites and their newsletters can highlight the role and availability of the Local History Officer. It would bring more people into the Burnside Library to use other collections.

The Local History Room needs to be more accessible to use it as was intended. Other groups sometimes occupy this space - book group, university/ school students but not using the historical resources. Only yesterday a woman was tutoring two students. Is a commercial venture in a public place fair? (Perhaps it's an economic opportunity for staff to follow up with the user pay principle?) Researchers and Library volunteers working on their projects state that it difficult to concentrate with others using the main table. There needs to be a specific schedule for when the Local History Officer is available.

With reduced staff hours over the past four years, the Society has been frustrated trying to develop a consistent relationship with staff. There is little point offering to volunteer as there is a lack of clear direction because the collection is not the staff's priority. A suitable people person needs to be employed with enough time and initiative to take charge of processes. BHS volunteers in recent times, one a retired librarian, deserve positive interaction, their skills acknowledged and encouragement for ideas suggested. It is paramount that a Local History Officer garners support and supervises a group of volunteers to rejuvenate the collection.

Information in the collection's vertical files is not readily accessible to users. The scanning of these resources did not happen as promised through the Library Kiosk. Eight filing cabinets need digitising. We believe Council outsources scanning of documents. This needs to be carefully monitored. Materials have already been pilfered from the History Room and culled without the Historical Society being consulted or involved. Community resources need sensitive handling like other Council documents.

Burnside Historical Society has value-added to the City of Burnside. After nearly 40 years of involvement and contributions, BHS is a stakeholder and deserves a say in the future management of the Local History Room and Collection.

A specialist Local History Officer given reasonable hands-on hours can make a significant difference and encourage residents to use the resources. That's what happens with various collections in the Burnside Library, where there is always a Librarian available to assist people with their enquiries.

A fresh approach is required; a strategy determined, with a transparent plan devised to manage the irreplaceable Local History Collection. A big commitment was made to set up a Local History Room. Money was allocated; a lot of endeavour by many people, including the new Historical Society. As an inaugural member in 1980, I witnessed the leadership and encouragement from the Mayor and the goodwill of Council members, staff and enthusiastic residents. It was a new era in the City of Burnside's History and made us proud.

Tonight this Council has to commit like Mayor Soward's Council in the early 1980s. We need to understand and value the past, to plan for the present and look to the future. Preserve this City's history for future generations by budgeting for a Local History Officer. Council must source a pivotal professional – skilled and enthusiastic, so the collection is accessible, well-managed and publicised. As Elected Members if you decide not to, what message does that send to your local community?

Meredith Ide
President

Thank you to the many members who could not attend the meeting, for their emails of support and also to those who could come - Library volunteer/ BHS archivist Cathy Bransbury, new Treasurer Lorraine Sampson, past Secretary Judy Fander and past and present Committee members, Ally Priess and Dave Monceaux. Also, we appreciated Dr Susan Marsden's presence and guidance.

The Burnside Library's Local History room

Councillor Anne Monceaux forwarded this statement for BHS members:

I placed a Motion on Notice for Burnside Council to employ a

History/Cultural Officer for 2 days per week. There were attempts to stop this going out to community consultation in the budget by applying a section of the Act. But the Motion did get the majority vote in favour in spite of some vitriolic opposition. I am sorry it got up for only one year, but I am convinced that the right person for the job would make this position on-going and demonstrate how important it is to the City of Burnside. I did not get in my debate a quote that I wanted to, so here it is from British Conservative politician George Walden in 1986:

"A place losing touch with its history is like an old man losing his glasses; a distressing sight, at once vulnerable, unsure and easily disoriented."

This was the Motion that was passed 6 to 5:

1) That the bid for a Local History Officer/Cultural Officer, noted in the Budget Workshop 2 discussion papers and presentation, be included in Status A budget documents for the 2018/19 Budget, and disseminated for community consultation in line with the usual process.

2) That the original bid be reduced to two days per week for a trial period of twelve months from the appointment of the incumbent.

Moved Councillor Monceaux, Seconded Councillor Davey: CARRIED

FOR	AGAINST
Cr Monceaux	Cr Oesterstock
Cr Davey	Cr Piggott
Cr Wilkins	Cr Davis
Cr Bills	Cr Lemon
Cr Cornish	Cr Ward
Cr Lord	

Community Heritage Grant
Significant Assessment Grant

On 19 April 2018 Ken Lewig, Coordinator Community Learning (Collections & Acquisition) at the Burnside Library, wrote to the Society with the following request:

"We are currently applying to the National Library of Australia for a Community Heritage Grant for the Local History collection, specifically, a Significance Assessment Grant. This would enable us to engage historical consultant Bernard O'Neil to assess the collection and prepare a report. If the submission of this report is successful it would lead to further funding for a Preservation Needs Assessment Grant, which would fund a qualified conservator and ultimately, funding for the conservation and preservation of the collection.

As part of this process we are seeking letters of support from involved community groups and individuals, and we would greatly appreciate a letter from the Burnside Historical Society. In addition to this, we would also welcome letters from individual members of the Society or others you might know that may have an interest in this project. The closing date for the submission was 7 May."

Meredith Ide wrote on behalf of the Society. The Society hopes the application will be successful. Letters of support sent to Ken at Council came from the following members - Anne Both, Cathryn Bransbury, Chris Durrant, Colin Harris, Ally Preiss and Antony Simpson. Crs Monceaux and Wilkins also made comment as did Dr Geoffrey Bishop (Past President Historical Society of South Australia and President, Past Vice-President and Past President of East Torrens Historical Society) and Professor Peter Monteath (President of the History Council of South Australia).

Read about the Community Heritage Grant and Significant Assessment at www.nla.gov.au, the website of the National Library of Australia. Community Heritage Grants are federally funded. Burnside Council hasn't budgeted specifically for the Local History Room's Collection since 2015. Andrew Ward, the last Librarian working with the Collection for more than a handful of hours (4 hours are currently allocated), and liaised well with Burnside Historical Society. He left Council in 2013.

Newsletter and Community Grants

Every year BHS applies for a grant with the period now aligning to the Financial Year. In the past it has been for the printing of the quarterly newsletters. For 2017/18 we also received a grant for the scanning and uploading of the BHS newsletters from 1980 – mid 2007. Those since mid-2007 had already been uploaded. Thanks to Jeremy Carter BHS website developer for promptly completing this task. A Reconciliation Form was sent to Council when both projects were completed. The grant applied for 2018/2019, submitted 26 April was for the newsletter printing and for the transcription of some Oral History interviews of residents living in the City of Burnside 1945-65.

Burnside Historical Society
President's Annual Report
AGM Monday 16 April 2018

This is my eighth and final year as President and my seventh President's report. We are celebrating 37 years of Community History. I will highlight particular aspects from the past year to illustrate our achievements against our five objectives.

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

Nine general meetings, publicised widely, attracted an average attendance of 55. Two popular presenters talked about local identities. Jenny Stock elaborated further on the political careers of Joyce Steele and Jessie Cooper. Professor Kay Whitehead talked about Edith Hübbe. Two tours of Wheal Watkins attracted 36 people. Thanks to Anne and Dave Monceaux for their ongoing enthusiasm. The continuation of the Burnside app has been deferred by Council to the 2019 financial year. The November Quiz Night was extremely popular and enjoyable, and we learnt what we didn't know. Thanks to Bob Stace who played his part well and compiled the questions to stimulate "the little grey cells". Unfortunately excursions have been curtailed because the Committee cannot do everything.

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

Parts of the Oral History project have to be finalised. After a training day, I joined the Oral History Association to gain more skills, knowledge and information. We are seeking a transcriber and funding through a Council Community Grant to make the Oral History Collection more useable. We are grateful for 2017/18 funding for printing the Newsletter and scanning and uploading newsletters from 1980- mid 2007. Last August a bronze plaque with text by Colin Harris, was installed on a small rock in Tusmore Avenue to recognise John and Peter Cooper's Malt Factory.

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

At the August 2014 meeting, Council agreed to be in partnership with the Society to ascertain the real costings to rehabilitate Wheal Watkins. 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. *This was done. Wheal Watkins* (underground) remains closed. A petition for reopening the mine is still circulated at mine tours. Children especially are disappointed they can't enter the adits.

We need more active and practical commitment for Wheal Watkins. A student teacher helped last History Festival but now teaches in the country. Glenside historic site is a sorry tale with many mature trees, some significant, quickly removed in mid 2017. The Labor Government ignored community protests. Let's hope the listed buildings will be protected.

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

We continue to publicise our meetings and exchange newsletters with some historical societies. We appreciate the support of The History Council, of which we are a member, with its informative newsletter and opportunity to publicise our events. The History Trust provides Talking History events, workshops, SA History Festival and the Community History network organises surveys of historical groups to inform Government. I completed the Federation of Australian Historical Societies survey to gather current information about societies.

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

The Society's Newsletter, website and Facebook provide the public face of the Society with the opportunity for readers to discover what we have achieved and for us to gain potential members. Encourage others to join us as our numbers have reduced. Thanks to Jeremy Carter for help with the website and completing the scanning and uploading of newsletters. Amy Ide has regularly updated our Facebook page with snippets of information from *The Paddocks Beneath* about significant people and places and connects with other groups, publicising events. We have hit the 300 likes mark!

We thank the Newsletter sub-committee, compiler Judy Brown who produces both a high standard hard copy and electronic version, co-editors Colin Harris and Elizabeth Rogers and Liz Silz for distribution. Our website contact page continues to be accessed by the public. Georg Demasius' cousin from Germany has sent two articles for March and June.

As the First Colonial Treasurer of South Australia, Osmond Gilles saved the State from bankruptcy with a personal loan of £12,000. Adelaide Cemeteries Authority (ACA) which oversees West Terrace Cemetery and owns Osmond Gilles gravesite, provided a donation and in–kind support towards rehabilitation of his grave. Our Society has added $500 and donations stand at $3,500. Anne Both initiated this project and she and Ross Both will oversee the project. The National Trust of SA draws up a Deed to be signed by ACA and collects and manages the donations for a service fee. An informative brochure with details related to tax deductibility will be available soon. $30,000 needs to be raised. Please donate.

I regularly thank members who help set up at meetings, welcome and display the name badges and attendance book, organise the amplification and

computer/data projector, record some speakers and assist with supper. I thank the members of the committee now for their ongoing commitment to specific roles and projects – Dave Monceaux – Mines, Geoff Treloar/Anne Both - QR Codes, Delia Kennett – Recorder of committee meetings, Lorraine Sampson – Treasurer's assistant. We especially thank retiring members – Anne Both and Treasurer Richard House.

Meredith Ide
President

Surface tour of Wheal Watkins mine

19 May 2018

Image: Christine and Chris Frizell

Treasurer's Annual Report
AGM Monday 16 April 2018

We have had a very successful year financially in spite of a drop in membership. This enabled us to transfer $1,065 into our General Reserve. The amount was boosted by the unexpected value of the donations ($357) from benefactors, plus the supper donations at the general meetings and the sales of publications such as the second hand copies of *The Paddocks Beneath* ($269).

The Reserve Fund for the possible restoration of the Glen Osmond mines was increased by $350 mainly from bank interest, bringing the total to $31,926. However as the Burnside Council is not currently in favour of doing any restoration work on these mines there is little hope of the project moving forward at the moment.

Money is also being accrued in a Reserve Fund for the restoration of Osmond Gilles grave in West Terrace Cemetery, and donations of $500 increased the balance to $3,550. This project is shortly to receive further promotion through the National Trust for extending the appeal. Although Gilles' home was at Woodley in Glen Osmond his name is of State significance as the first Colonial Treasurer of South Australia. He had no descendants.

The Oral History project was completed during the year and the final cost of $608 was covered by the balance of $263 in reserve from a Council grant last year plus general money.

A big expense during the year has been for preparing early copies of the Newsletter for loading onto the web site, but this was covered by a Council grant for which we are most grateful. Hopefully this project will continue this year if we can get another grant. Also hopefully we can get another grant for the publication of the Newsletter which has been the case for many years.

During the year we have welcomed 6 new members but regrettably 15 have resigned, died or lapsed. Our membership total has dropped from 131 to 122.

This will be my final report as Treasurer so I feel that I am leaving the society in a healthy financial situation!

Richard House OAM Treasurer

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31st March 2018

2016/2017	Income	2017/2018
$2,035.00	Subscriptions 2017/18 (Single)	$1,970.00
$1,225.00	Subscriptions 2017/18 (Family)	$1,065.00
$1,486.68	Surplus on 'Rainshadow' weekend away	$0.00
$177.00	Profit on guided walking tours	$0.00
$50.00	Income from leadiing guided bus tour	$0.00
$516.42	Glen Osmond Mines surplus from guided tours and donations	$9.84
$115.00	Surplus from November meeting (Quiz night)	$95.20
$768.29	Bank interest on Cheque A/c, Savings A/cs and Mines Term Deposit	$387.67
$512.80	Donations	$357.21
$2,550.00	Donations for Osmond Gilles grave restoration	$500.00
$380.00	Sales of Paddocks Beneath and Extended Index	$220.00
$210.00	Sales of First Hundred Years Index	$28.00
$0.00	Sales of Burnside Historical Society History book	$21.00
$0.00	Sales of Beulah Park walk guide	$8.00
$320.00	Council grant for Glen Osmond Mines History month activities	$0.00
$0.00	Council Grant for web site	$1,496.00
$560.00	Council Grant for Oral History project	$0.00
$700.00	Council Grant for Newsletter	$715.00
$11,606.19	**Total income**	$6,872.92
	Expenses	
$517.21	Printing and Stationery, and miscellaneous secretarial expenses	$306.27
$170.00	Telephone, postage and PO Box	$167.00
$446.71	Insurance	$477.55
$504.96	Use of hall and other meeting expenses	$500.00
$524.62	Supper costs	$151.72
$29.19	Tapes and minor equipment	$34.00
$30.00	Subscriptions to other societies and seminar fees	$340.00
$199.95	Website and computer annual costs	$1,631.53
$212.40	Gifts	$245.00
$0.00	Bank charges	$0.00
$100.00	Purchase used copies of Paddocks Beneath	$0.00
$0.00	Cost of Beulah Park Walking Guide	$0.00
$317.50	Print First Hundred Years Index	$0.00
$735.43	Newsletter (printing $559.68, admin $199.09)	$758.77
$296.44	Oral History project	$607.95
$113.54	Survey of Plaques update project	$0.00
$244.00	Depreciation on equipment	$0.00
$4,441.95	**Total expenses**	$5,219.79
$7,164.24	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	$1,653.13
	Disbursements	
$2,888.06	Transfer surplus (loss) to General Accumulated fund	$1,065.93
$2,550.00	Transfer to Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Fund	$500.00
$1,576.16	Transfer to Mines Restoration Reserve	$350.76
$263.56	Transfer costs to Oral History Project Reserve	-$263.56
-$113.54	Transfer costs to Survey of Plaques Reserve	$0.00
$7,164.24	**Total**	$1,653.13

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2018

2016/2017		2017/2018
	General Accumulated funds	
$5,607.27	As at 1st April 2017	$8,495.33
$2,888.06	Surplus (Loss) for the year	$1,065.93
$8,495.33	As at 31st March 2018	$9,561.26
	Mines Reserve	
$30,000.00	As at 1st April 2017	$31,576.16
$1,576.16	Surplus for the year	$350.76
$31,576.16	As at 31st March 2018	$31,926.92
	Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Reserve	
$500.00	As at 1st April 2017	$3,050.00
$2,550.00	Surplus for the year	$500.00
$3,050.00	As at 31st March 2018	$3,550.00
	Council Grants Reserves	
$205.11	As at 1st April 2017	$355.13
$150.02	Oral History costs for the year $263.56	-$263.56
$355.13	As at 31st March 2018	$91.57
	Being - Newsletter $0.00	
	- Street Names project $0.00	
	- Parks and Gardens project $67.79	
	- Oral History project $0.00	
	- Survey of Plaques update project $23.78	
$43,476.62	**TOTAL EQUITY**	$45,129.75
	Members equity is made up from	
	Current Assets	
$10,555.41	Bank of South Australia cheque account	$7,170.69
$2,891.47	Bank South Australia Business Access Saver A/cs (Internet only)	$7,922.40
$30,739.74	Bank of South Australia Term Deposit 2.55% (Mines Reserve fund)	$31,080.66
$50.00	Payment in advance for History Festival advertising	$51.00
$44,236.62	**Total** as at 31st March 2018	$46,224.75
	Non Current Assets	
$244.00	Equipment as at 31st March 2017	$0.00
-$244.00	Less depreciation @ 20%	$0.00
$0.00	**Total** as at 31st March 2018	$0.00
$44,236.62	**Total Assets**	$46,224.75
	Current liabilities	
$590.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2018/19 (Single)	$600.00
$170.00	Subscriptions in advance for 2018/19 (Family)	$495.00
$760.00	**Total Liabilities**	$1,095.00
$43,476.62	**TOTAL NET ASSETS as at 31st March 2018**	$45,129.75

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

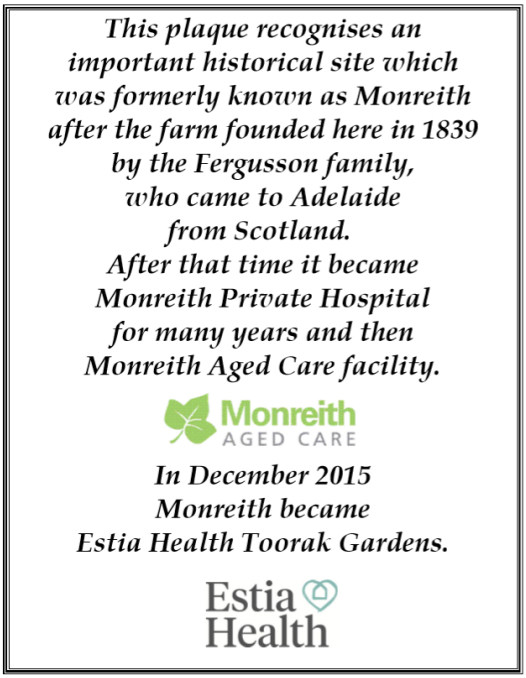
I have examined the books and records of the Burnside Historical Society Inc.
The Balance Sheet and accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure present a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as at 31st March 2018, according to the books, records and information submitted to me.

Alan David Jones, B.A., B.A.(Acc.), Grad.Dip.Acc., Dip.T.(Sec.), Auditor

Monreith

In late 2015 Dr Alan Brissenden, whose wife was in Monreith, contacted me asking for the Society's support to retain the name Monreith. It was once the name of Fergusson's farm, now in Toorak Gardens. Estia Health - Toorak Gardens was to be the new name for Monreith Aged Care Facility. Alan wrote to Estia Health, based in Melbourne, and I sent supporting letters to the Managing Director/CEO and the Chairman of Estia Health emphasising the historic relevance of Monreith. Eventually, when we had heard nothing, Alan contacted the company direct. It was too late by then to consider retaining the name. Did all three letters go astray? In August at the celebration of Monreith's past, I was asked by the CEO to send her Alan and the Society's letters which would be forwarded via the State representative to Estia Health headquarters. It is disappointing that replies have again not been received. The history of place is still relevant today and should be respected.

Meredith Ide



Plaque on display at Estia Health Toorak Gardens

Memories of Monreith

On 9 August, at an afternoon tea to acknowledge Monreith Private Hospital's significance in the local community, Monica Schneider shared her memories of the short time she worked at Monreith in 1953. Intermittently since 2004, Monica has provided Pastoral Care at Monreith, now known as Estia Health - Toorak Gardens. Here is her story.

I came to South Australia in April 1953 and resided at13 Bakewell Street, Tusmore, with my nursing friend, Joy Bentley and her two sisters, in her parent's home. Mr Bentley was a local greengrocer near present day Burnside Village. His wife Mary had been a Registered Nurse (RN) at Mareeba Babies Home, North Adelaide.

As I needed to obtain a good nursing position, I watched advertisements in the papers. Three months after my arrival, Monreith Private Hospital advertised for a temporary, suitably qualified and experienced RN for three evenings of night duty – Friday, Saturday, Sunday. The position was to nurse: arrival Midwifery and Gynaecological patients, Neo -Natal infants, general adult patients and to be a Theatre Sister. I applied and went for the interview with Matron Paice. She showed me the very good areas that were divisioned, such as the Operating Theatre, Labour Ward, Special Neurology and "lying in" areas, some shared with two or three mothers, others single and the quiet area for pre-eclampsia (very high blood pressure) or any medical condition necessitating surveillance, pre-term or surgery.

Matron introduced me to her son Clarrie who was in charge of Maintenance and the Housekeeper who it seemed to me performed the responsibilities of a Deputy Matron. I was to waken the Housekeeper if I needed certain drugs. Regarding narcotics, we did each sign the Dangerous Drugs Register. The Housekeeper supplied more stock and autoclaved (instrument sterilisation)

ready for Theatre and Labour Ward use. She had the weekend off regarding cooking in the Agar stove range (filled with coke at 3 am by Clarrie) and which of course ensured hot water for the hospital needs. The Night Duty Nurse was left the vegetables to prepare ready for the stove top. I found green beans in plenty awaited me for stringing and slicing. This often caused me not to complete my duty at the appointed time as patient care kept me very busy. Phone calls throughout the night did disturb light sleepers, who rang the bell requesting "something to return to sleep".

Washing on the back verandah in concrete tubs was part of Night Duty and often there were soilages from the Labour Ward and Operating Theatre. I tried to exercise all I was taught as a student nurse in keeping all items separated as clean as possible – not easy with bloodied staining. However I must have done the job well enough as the Matron neither reprimanded or mentioned approval. Before signing off, I handed over the night activities to Matron Paice in her lounge/interview room. The hospital, a well set-up private one, reflected very good patient care throughout each section, each day, and I like to think each weekend night involving me.

Except for the beans, I very much enjoyed my position working at Monreith which continued over two months, April through June 1953. I then continued my experience in the various facets of Nursing. I explained to Matron Paice that I had procured employment at The Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital (QVMH) Rose Park and with her good wishes I was ready for the charge position in the Labour Ward.

Certainly the term “Transforming Health” was apt for me in my time at and with Monreith Private Hospital. Because I was able to adapt quickly, despite the surprising and unusual ‘rules’ for dangerous drugs etc, (the Housekeeper was in charge of them) I did as instructed. Matron Paice and staff were the administrators of a very good private hospital, which served many types of patients and indeed provided a living for many top Specialist Doctors of that era. The hospital and the name Monreith leave me with great memories and I was lucky to work there.

Monica Schneider (transcribed by Meredith Ide)

Also refer to Burnside Historical Society newsletter, December 2012 (Vol. 32, No. 4) available at: www.burnsidehistory.org.au for ***Monreith – the first 90 years,*** written by Peter Davies with research assistance from staff and residents at the Monreith Aged Care Facility.

George Demasius – the man behind "Demasius Ltd" Part 2

In December 1996, an article by Rosemary Brown under the title "DEMASIUS'S – Now History" was published in Volume 16 No 4 of the Burnside Historical Society Newsletter. In the previous edition of the Newsletter, a cousin of George Demasius explored the history of George Demasius' ancestors and their life in the Baltic states and in particular Riga, the largest city in the Baltics and capital of Latvia. This second article focuses on George Demasius' parents, early life in Germany, his childhood in South Africa, meeting Patricia Robinson (whom he married) and later migration to Australia to set up the business known as "Demasius Ltd" in Burnside in Adelaide.

George Demasius's parents

George Demasius's father, Georg Theodor Waldemar, was born in Riga in 1898 and grew up in the city. During World War I, he joined the Baltic Territorial Army as a volunteer to defend and later free Riga from the Bolsheviks and the Red Army. After his father's death in 1919, and as part of German resettlement, he went to Berlin, never to return to the Baltics and Riga.

The end of World War I saw the rise of lawn tennis as an amateur and social sport. George joined the lawn tennis division of the "Schlittschuhclub" in Berlin and soon emerged as one of the leading players of his generation in Germany, playing singles, doubles, and mixed doubles and participating in most major tournaments across Europe. A highlight was his selection for the German Davis Cup team in 1927.

In 1929, George became a professional lawn tennis coach in Essen in the industrial heartland of Germany, later adding the well-known Rochus Club in Duesseldorf to his list of engagements. Just as he had done as an amateur player, he enjoyed major success as a professional coach. Hilde Krawinkel, who won three consecutive singles titles at the French Championships from 1935 to 1937, was his most successful scholar in Germany.

In 1931, and with the economic depression in Europe taking its toll, Georg was asked to coach the South African Davis Cup team, which was touring the continent and the British Isles. The South African Lawn Tennis Association subsequently offered him a longer-term contract to coach in South Africa, which he accepted in October 1931. After expiry of the initial contract, Georg and his first wife Hilde stayed on in South Africa and settled in Johannesburg, where Georg continued his engagement with the local lawn tennis association, did private coaching, and also coached the South African (1931-1933) and visiting British Davis Cup team in 1933.

In 1933 he beat the well-known Fred Perry, who won three consecutive Wimbledon Championships from 1934 to 1936.

L-R: Norman Farquharson, Vernon Kirby, Georg Demasius, Louis Raymond

Fred Perry later spoke of Georg Demasius as “a good friend and an even better coach.” Georg coached many well-known South African tennis players including Norman Farquharson, Eustice Fannin, Vernon Kirby, and Eric Sturgess. He died in 1969 of a stroke on the tennis court.

Whilst living in Berlin in the early 1920’s, Georg Demasius met Hildegard Emilie Elisabeth (Hilde) Fuchs, whom he married in Berlin in December 1924. Hilde was born in Duesseldorf on 4 August 1903. The couple had only one son, Georg Waldemar Emil (“George”), who was born in 1926. Georg and Hilde were divorced in Johannesburg in 1934, and she returned to Germany thereafter. In 1937, Georg married Rosa Maria Theresia Menczel, but the couple remained childless.

George Demasius’s early life in Germany

Georg Waldemar Emil (“George”) Demasius was born in Munich on 29 June 1926. His early childhood was spent in Essen and he was known to have been a lively boy. When his parents departed for South Africa in October 1931, he remained with his grandparents in Munich, as his father had only signed a limited contract with the South African Lawn Tennis Association. By the time this had expired, uncertainty had grown as a result of the Great Depression, and George was left with his grandparents. He started schooling in Munich in 1932.

George Demasius’s life in South Africa

As the economic situated started to improve in South Africa towards the end of 1933, George was sent to South Africa and joined his parents in Durban in December of that year. At the beginning of 1934 he was enrolled at the German School in Johannesburg, where he quickly learned English and Afrikaans, but particularly enjoyed outdoor life with his childhood friends. George went through an emotionally difficult period when his parents were divorced later that year. His father Georg invited his sister and George’s aunt Henriette to join him from Riga in Johannesburg and to manage the household and take care of George during the day, as he was occupied with coaching duties during daylight hours. In 1936 George’s uncle Theodor, a qualified civil engineer, was the last of the three Demasius siblings to leave Riga, and move to Johannesburg.

George, with his parents Hilde and Georg Demasius, ready for a Sunday drive, with the family's Ford V8 De Luxe

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The three Demasius siblings Georg, Henriette and Theodor in Johannesbug in 1937

In 1948 George Demasius met Patricia Mary (Pat) Robinson, a young Australian physiotherapist, who was spending two years working in South Africa before travelling to the UK, Scandinavia and the continent with her parents. Pat Robinson was born at Pinnaroo, South Australia, on 22 March 1916. Her parents soon moved to Kadina, where her father Jim ran a successful drapery business called *J.A. Roberton's.* Pat went to school as a boarder at Presbyterian Girls College in Glen Osmond, after which she qualified as a physiotherapist, later serving the Army in her profession in Borneo in 1945. After her travels of Europe, Pat returned to Johannesburg to marry George Demasius on 16 August 1950.

George and Pat Robinson adopted a daughter, Karin Peta, born on 27 February 1953 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Little is known about Karin, except that she first moved with her parents to Australia and then as an adult emigrated to Canada, where she married Nigel Anthony Dienes in Montréal, Québec. The couple had four children, three sons and a daughter.

Bernd Demasius
Schleswig, Germany

(You can read about George and Pat's emigration to Australia and the establishment of the Demasius deparment store in the September issue.)

SunBEEm Honey Revisited

On pages 8-11 of the December 2017 issue of the Burnside Historical Society Newsletter I was interested to read 'A visit to SunBEEm Honey'. My family lived on Portrush Road and Glen Osmond is my old stamping ground, so the photograph of the Sunberry Laboratory had a familiar look. Going on-line I looked for the 1940 *Sands and McDougall's South Australian Directory*, which revealed that Sunberry Laboratories Ltd. was located at 389 Glen Osmond Road, two doors north of Chapel Street. Yes, a very familiar location!

Using the *Sands and McDougall's South Australian Directories* I found some further information about what happened at 389 Glen Osmond Road. Sunberry Laboratories Ltd. is the only business listed there until 1947, but there are two listings for 1948, 'Sunberry Laboratories Ltd.' and 'Edmonds, M.J., Aerated Waters and Cordial Manufacturers'. Both listings continue until 1960. From 1961 onwards only Edmonds, M.J. is listed, and M.J. Edmonds is also listed at 6 Carr Avenue, Frewville. In 1973 the business is listed as 'M.J. Edmonds Pty. Ltd.' and also as 'Jusfrute Bottlers Pty. Ltd.'

My sister, Judy, started going to Presbyterian Girls' College in the late 1960s and was still there when the school became Seymour College after the Uniting Church was established in 1977. Sue Edmonds was a fellow student and Judy often rode her bike to 389 Glen Osmond Road to visit Sue, whose family lived on site. Once Judy came home with a black kitten that Sue had given to her and our mother said that the kitten had to go back… but that didn't happen... We used to tell everyone that the cat had a very distinguished heritage because she was born at the local soft drink factory!

Eventually Edmonds Drinks became involved with bottle recycling and one could drive in to get rid of the empties and buy some more soft drinks! In 2004 the Telephone Directory listed 'Edmonds Drinks Recycling and Distilled Water'. The Glen Osmond Recycling Centre now operates at 389 Glen Osmond Road, a long way from SunBEEm Honey in 1940!

Robert Brown

Glen Osmond Recycling Centre, site of the SunBEEm Honey factory in 1940

Preference for Donation

I express my preference that my gift be contributed towards the restoration of the Grave of Osmond Gilles, situated in West Terrace Cemetery at Road 1-2, Path No. 24, Site 5/6E.

I understand that:

- my gift is made unconditionally to The National Trust of South Australia Inc. *(National Trust)*;
- the National Trust may have regard to, but is under no obligation to deal with my gift in accordance with my stated preference;
- the National Trust reserves the right to decline donations that may be inconsistent with its statutory objects and obligations;
- the donation, once made, will be under the National Trust's sole direction and control; and
- to the best of my knowledge, neither I nor my associates will benefit in any material way from the donation made to the National Trust.

Signature: .....

You will be sent a tax receipt from The National Trust of SA with a letter of acknowledgement from the Burnside Historical Society.

Osmond Gilles' Grave

In urgent need of restoration

NATIONAL TRUST South Australia

Burnside Historical Society Inc.

THE NATIONAL TRUST OF SA and BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal

c.1865. SLSA B7030

This appeal has been established by the Burnside Historical Society as a tribute to Osmond Gilles, one of Burnside's and South Australia's most prominent and influential colonial citizens. We are conducting the appeal with the support of The National Trust of SA and this ensures that donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

OSMOND GILLES (1788-1866)

Colonial Treasurer, businessman, philanthropist

Nothing like O.G., **ST Gill, c 1849** SLSA B347

Osmond Gilles, widely known as 'O.G.', was one of the most significant and colourful of the early South Australian colonists. Prior to coming to South Australia he had been a merchant in Hamburg from 1816-1833; during this time he married Patience Oakden, who died without issue and he did not remarry.

Prior to his arrival with Governor Hindmarsh in *HMS Buffalo* in December 1836, Gilles had already invested in the new colony of South Australia and had been appointed Colonial Treasurer. The fledgling colony struggled financially, and the Treasury relied on personal loans from Gilles. In October 1839 Hindmarsh's replacement, Governor Gawler, unable to obtain satisfactory statements of accounts, caused Gilles to resign his offices of Treasurer and Accountant-General. Loans to the Treasury amounting to almost £12,000 were repaid to Gilles - more than 12 times the Governor's salary.

In contrast to his performance in public office, Gilles was an astute and successful businessman, with interests in land, stock, money-lending and general trading. He was an early importer of sheep into the colony. The Glen Osmond silver-lead mine (1842-1851) on his property was one of the first metalliferous mines in Australia. St Saviour's Church at Glen Osmond and its adjacent cemetery were established on land donated to the Anglican Church by Gilles.

Although a controversial figure, with a quick temper when excited or provoked, Gilles was highly regarded for his generosity in aiding the establishment of numerous churches, cultural societies and charitable institutions. He also subscribed to Special Surveys beyond city limits, is credited with encouraging Germans to settle and facilitated the development of early industries. Prior to arrival he was responsible with others for securing the Adelaide parklands, which are enjoyed by all today. Many sites in South Australia bear his name, including the suburb of Glen Osmond, Gilles Street, Gilles Plains and O.G. Road, to name just a few.

He died in September 1866 and was buried in West Terrace Cemetery. His obituary in *The Adelaide Observer* described him as 'one of our oldest and best known colonists ... [whose] name ... is so intimately connected with the history of the colony from its foundation'. It further commented that 'Mr. Gilles's strongest and most enduring tie to the world was his benevolence'.

RESTORATION APPEAL

Gilles' grave is in a sad state of neglect and in urgent need of conservation and restoration. He had no descendants, so public donation is required for this restoration. As an historically significant monument, this will be done in accordance with the report by the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority (ACA) heritage consultant. ACA are supporting the project.

The estimated cost of the works is $30,000.

Your contribution will not only support the grave restoration but also recognise the legacy of Osmond Gilles to South Australia.

Donation Form

Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Dr / Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

I/We would like to donate the sum of:

☐ **$20** ☐$50 ☐$100 ☐$500 Other: $_____

Method of payment:

Online Donations

https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa/

Credit Card*

Card no. _____ _____ _____ _____

Name on card .....

Expiry date ...../..... CVV .....

Signature .....

Cheque*

Please make payable to **"National Trust Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal".**

* For donations by credit card or cheque please return this form with your donation to:

The National Trust Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal
The National Trust of South Australia
Beaumont House
631 Glynburn Road
Beaumont, SA 5066

Introducing 2018/19 Committee Members

President

John Thomas AM is a part time consultant for a Registered Training Organisation providing adjudication services and training for construction companies. He was a construction manager for a national construction company and worked on major projects such as the State Bank building.

John is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Building, SA Chapter President 91/93, National President of the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) 97/99. He started the Professional Excellence in Building Awards in South Australia. John was involved in the creation of chapters of the AIB in Singapore and Hong Kong. He was also the voluntary curator and treasurer of the Burnside Branch of the National Trust of South Australia. In June 2016 John was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours for significant service to the building and construction industry and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Treasurer

Lorraine Sampson is a retired Accountant/Secretary/Administration Manager who was born in Burnside and has now returned to this area. She has joined B.H.S. and other history societies to gain more knowledge about this area and the State. Her interests are outings, concerts, reading, gardening and being involved in local community activities

Margaret Ford is a retired primary school principal who worked in nine different government schools. She has a passion for history, especially the social history of South Australia. She has also been active in many community organisations, including Penguins, now called Speaking Made Easy.

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2018/2019

All subscriptions fall due on **1 April each year**: Subscriptions may be paid at our monthly meetings, by direct bank transfer, or posted to the Treasurer, Richard House, at the Society's address indicated on the inside back cover.

Subscription Payments by Direct Bank Transfer

Bank Name	**BankSA**	Account Name	**Burnside Historical Society**
BSB	**105 086**	Account No	**330298840**
Your Name	Ensure that this field shows **your name** clearly		
Amount	$30 for a single member or $45 for a family		
Message/Reference	Please also enter **your name** in this field		

Please **never** pay your subscription as an over the counter deposit.

The Society welcomes donations made by members. These extra contributions to our funds will be put to good use in our ongoing projects to record the history of the City of Burnside.

Burnside Historical Society Inc.
PO Box 152 Glenside SA 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 things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objectives.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 2018-19

President: John Thomas AM
Vice-President: Vacant
Public Officer: Meredith Ide
Secretary: Dave Monceaux
Treasurer: Lorraine Sampson
Committee: Margaret Ford – Liaison with NTSA, HTSA
Meredith Ide – Immediate Past President
More help welcomed

Newsletter Subcommittee
Judy Brown (compiler), Colin Harris PSM and Elizabeth Rogers OAM (Joint Editors)

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Mines Subcommittee: Dr Ross Both (Chair), Meredith Ide, Dave Monceaux

Publicity: Meredith Ide

Recordings of Burnside topics: Help wanted

Audio: Dave Monceaux

Front cover: George Demasius, his parents Hilde and Georg and family friend Nora Jacoby. (Durban, December 1933)

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