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From my Desk

Welcome to the December 2018 Newsletter. Thank you to all who have contributed to and supported the Newsletter this year. I wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season.

Two special birthdays warrant a mention. BHS member Walter Silzer turned 99 years young in November and we wish Glen Woodward a very happy 90th birthday. Congratulations to you both!

The deadline for the March 2019 issue is **Friday 19 January**. 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.

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President's Message

Once again we had a very interesting range of topics delivered by excellent speakers in a program for August, September and October, organised by our diligent Program Subcommittee consisting of Ally Preiss and Bob Stace. In August Kelvin Trimper AM told us why 'Rose growing is easy in Adelaide'. Our September guest speaker Chris Durrant spoke about 'Early bridges in Adelaide and their stories' and finally the very interesting topic 'The story of South Australian Muriel Matters' was delivered by Francis Bedford MP.

In September a large contingent of BHS members and friends enjoyed the Regional Tour 'The Margins of the Good Earth' organised by Colin Harris. This highly successful three day event included visits to towns and localities such as Terowie, Peterborough, Orroroo, Hammond, Wilmington and Port Augusta. An additional feature was a ride on the narrow gauge railway through Pichi Richi Pass and a visit to the little towns of the wheat country such as Appila, Tarcowie, Pekina and Hammond.

Also in September we received advice from Farlie Taylor, Group Manager Community Connections for the City of Burnside Council, of the appointment of Ms Laura Evans to the position of Historical and Cultural Officer with the City of Burnside. Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons, cum laude) in History and a Graduate Diploma in Arts and Cultural Management and brings a variety of experience to the role including working with the likes of the National Motor Museum, Migration Museum and Centre of Democracy. We welcome Laura to her new position, wish her every success and look forward to providing every support we can.

We take the opportunity to welcome new members Paul Huebl, Clare Barnes, Dean Miller, Sally Bates, Colin Millard, Peter Routley and John Kimber to the Burnside Historical Society and we encourage all visitors to come to our monthly speaking events.

By the time you read this we should have enjoyed a great evening at the joint event at Beaumont House with the Burnside Branch of the National Trust. I wish all members and families a wonderful Xmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

John D Thomas AM

Acting 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 18 February 7.30 pm – Denise Schumann OAM

Drawn from Life: An insight into Sir Hans Heysen's early life

Heysen's art and his life remain subjects of great interest and reflection, but few realise that in his early years he lived in Hackney and Stepney where he attended Mathilde Piper's School. He later went to East Adelaide Model School with Peter Dawson, then worked at Cowell's Timber Yard on The Parade where he commenced art lessons with James Ashton at the Norwood Town Hall. Denise Schumann will reflect on how these early years impacted on Heysen's artistic talents and played a part in shaping his extraordinary life.

Denise has worked as a historical and cultural heritage consultant designing and implementing creative history projects across South Australia. For many years she has worked in the field of cultural heritage policy and infrastructure development and is known for her innovative and radical approach to cultural planning. She has achieved national recognition for devising sensitive and practical solutions in the area of cultural heritage interpretation and strategic development of heritage precincts in metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia.

Monday 18 March 7.30 pm – Andrew Peake

Samuel Grau Hübbe and the South Australian Stock Route Expedition

Samuel Hübbe (1848-1900) had an adventurous life which included employment on the construction of the Overland Telegraph in 1870-72 and later as an inspector of outback properties with the Surveyor General's Department. In 1895 he was selected to lead an overland expedition to determine whether it was feasible to open a cattle stock route from Oodnadatta, across the north of South Australia and south to Coolgardie in Western Australia where the miners were desperate for fresh meat.

Andrew Peake has had a long interest in history and is a founding member of the Burnside Historical Society. He published his first family history in 1972 and since then he has published widely in the fields of local and family history. In 1973 with the then Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide (Dr TT Reed) he founded the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society. His best known (and recently republished) book is *Sources for South Australian History*.

Monday 15 April 7.30 pm AGM – Dr Janet Scarfe

Women's Service in WW2: Stories from a rare local Honour Board

Monday 20 May – History month

Burnside Primary School's 150th Anniversary

Monday 17 June – Kristin Weidenbach

Making history accessible for children; drawing on examples from picture book biographies of Tom Kruse, Sidney Kidman and Banjo Patterson

Monday 15 July – Michael Donoghue

Burnside's unrecognised Egyptologist: the career of Max Weidenbach

Monday 19 August – Margaret Ford

From the Buffalo to Beaumont: the olive in South Australia
An olive oil tasting has been arranged as part of this meeting.

Monday 16 September – Howard Speed

Photographers and photography in South Australia in the 19th century

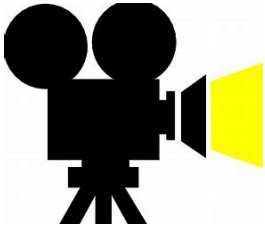
Monday 21 October – Helen Stagg

Harnessing the River Murray: a journey of discovery: archives and voices from the past

Monday 18 November: End-of-year event

A "special" event is to be arranged to celebrate the end of the BHS year.

Ally Preiss and Bob Stace
(BHS Programme Committee for 2019)



New look - we noticed!

Full marks to Bob Stace for his suggestion to present notices at meetings by beaming them onto the hall screen. We are grateful to Margaret Ford for providing the visuals in a clear format and font size that members and visitors can read. This new look is an effective idea, so thank you to both members.

Burnside Primary School
Celebrating 150th Year in 2019

Burnside Primary School invites old scholars, previous teachers and staff with a close interest in the school to share your experiences and stories of your time at the school. Celebrations will occur throughout the year but we invite you to be a part of our Historical Presentation **'Back to School' on Monday 20 May 2019 at the Burnside Community Centre.**

Year seven students will interview past students and staff to capture their oral history. They will share their findings in the public forum on 20 May. Those who register their interest may be invited by a student as a resource. Please register your interest - we'd love to hear from you before **end February 2019** via one of the following options:

1. **Post to: Burnside Primary School Foundation**
   150th Celebration
   11 High St
   Burnside SA 5066
   Name (Maiden Name) Surname
   Best contact details (Phone number or email)
   Approximate dates spent at the school
   Relation to the school (e.g. Student, teacher or other)
   Photos or any memorabilia
   or email: shelley@morton.id.au as above
2. **Burnside Historical Society**
   Contact Ally Preiss: 04 0971 6582

We can also add you to our data base to keep you in touch with other significant activities being developed throughout the year and the ***'Back to School' Open Day,* Friday 7 June 2019.**

City of Burnside, Mayoral Election 2018

Our Society has a strong working relationship with the City of Burnside and members will be interested to know that in the recent Local Government elections Ms Anne Monceaux was elected Mayor over the incumbent Mr David Parkin. The Society congratulates Anne on her success and looks forward to working with her. Anne has a strong interest in heritage and environmental matters and among other things is a member of the National Trust of South Australia and the Burnside Branch of the National Trust. In her time as a Councillor for the Beaumont Ward she was a strong advocate for the reopening of the Wheal Watkins Wine at Glen Osmond and she also lobbied hard for the establishment of the part time Historical and Cultural Officer positon recently created in Council (see opposite page).

At the same time, the Society thanks the outgoing Mayor for his interest and support. David maintained a personal membership of our Society throughout his term as Mayor and was a strong supporter of the long-running historical plaques program and the recent placement of interpretative signage at the Bell Yett and Moorcroft reserves. He was also instrumental in the running of Heritage Awards schemes for Burnside in 2014 and 2015. The Society thanks him and wishes him well.

Historical and Cultural Officer
Welcome Laura Evans

In a letter dated 27 September, Farlie Taylor, Group Manager Community Connections at the City of Burnside, informed our President, John Thomas AM, that Burnside Council had appointed Laura Evans to the position of Historical and Cultural Officer. She commenced on 11 October, working two days a week, Thursday and Friday initially on a one year contract. Farlie explained that Laura has had a variety of experience and developed valuable skills for the role – at the National Motor Museum, Migration Museum and Centre of Democracy. Laura has developed historical and cultural educational programs, undertaken historical research and cataloguing. She has gained useful experience as a curator and worked with significant State collections.

Soon after the Council voted on 10 April for this two day a week position, our Society was asked within a short timeline to provide supporting letters for a National Library of Australia assessment of the significance of the Local History Collection in the Local History Room in the Burnside Library. Farlie stated in her letter that Laura will assist with this assessment as a key priority. Such an examination of this resource will explain the meaning and value of the collection and provide further information for its management and interpretation. The assessment itself will be undertaken by a professional historian, external to Burnside Council. That assessor will define the value of the cultural heritage collection through research and analysis, and by assessing against a standard set of criteria.

It is fortunate that the selection of this position was relatively fast and in the end a well-qualified applicant was appointed. Several Burnside Historical Society members have worked as volunteers in the Local History Room since 2013 after Andrew Ward's retirement from the Library. There was some direction from Council staff. Several other members have indicated they will volunteer and liaise with Laura as directed. If you are in the library, why not see if Laura is in the Local History Room and say hello. We want to develop a strong relationship with her while respecting that she has tasks to work on in two days.

Meredith Ide

Laura has been updating the history-related aspects of the Burnside Council website. Everything relating to history is now here:
burnside.sa.gov.au/About-Council/About-Us/Our-History

The Local History Room, including some collection highlights:
burnside.sa.gov.au/About-Council/About-Us/Our-History/Local-History-Room

There is now a History Corner where Laura will be posting short pieces about different aspects of Burnside History. See the first piece on the Alexandra Avenue memorials here:
burnside.sa.gov.au/Community-Recreation/Community-Connections/Community-Venues/Burnside-Library/Resources/Local-History-Room/History-Corner

The Margins of the Good Earth
Burnside Historical Society Regional Tour
7-9 September 2018

Thirty-four enthusiastic devotees of South Australian history arrived promptly at 8.30 am on Friday 7 September 2018 at the Burnside Council car park to board our luxurious Explorer Coachlines bus. We were eagerly anticipating three days of learning, entertainment, fellowship and conviviality. All those elements were provided for us under the expert leadership of our member Colin Harris, whose professionalism ensured an excursion of excellent quality.

Friday 7 September
Our first stop was Burra where we had a welcome morning tea (breakfast for some), before travelling to Terowie, via Hallett. We heard of Burra's fabulous copper mining wealth from the time of the discovery of the copper deposits in 1845 until the mine's closure in 1877, but the town now thrives as a major tourism destination owing to its rich copper mining heritage.

Moving on we passed through the small town of Hallett and even smaller settlement of Terowie until we reached our luncheon destination at Peterborough. We learnt something of the complex railway history of the region and how Peterborough became a major hub of the narrow gauge network. But so much of the railway technology and operations changed with the passing years, the result being that these changes saw the town enter into a gradual decline.

But Peterborough was also astute enough to see the decline coming and did some advance planning including establishing a Steamtown Preservation Society, which accumulated a number of locomotives and rolling stock, augmented by the opening in 2009 of the Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre. It was to this Centre that we returned, after dinner at the Roundhouse Motel, to view an impressive Sound and Light Display.

Saturday 8 September
Following breakfast at our motel, we departed at 9 am to travel south-west to Mannanarie via Yongala (familiar to many of us for its record low temperatures in winter), and then over the Narien Range to Appila and then on to Pekina for another welcome morning tea. Here we met local historian John Mannion who enlarged our knowledge of the area with his talk and guided tour from the bus.

Lunch at the Orroroo Hotel provided an interesting and welcome break before setting off for Hammond, often referred to as a 'ghost town', but was a bustling centre, like so many towns of the north, in earlier days.

Other towns through which we passed included the once-thriving little wheat towns of Morchard and Willowie. Then arrival at our luxurious overnight accommodation, the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn at Port Augusta.

Dinner that night in the impressive dining room also provided a suitable setting for the appreciation from all of us to Colin for his sharing of so much knowledge, preparation and material regarding the richness of the historical areas of this particular region of our State.

Sunday 9 September

After breakfast surrounded by the artistic décor of the Standpipe Dining Room, we embarked on a treat for all of us **–** a train ride from Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return on the famous Pichi Richi Railway. The early spring scenery and the historic significance of the railway provided a journey full of interest. Much praise to the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society (all staffed by volunteers) for their professional work and care in safe-guarding and maintaining this vital piece of South Australian history.)

Tour participants enjoyed a train ride on the Pichi Richi railway (Image: Derek Bransbury)

Arriving back in Quorn, we gathered for lunch at Emily's Bistro, formerly the Great Northern Emporium (established in Quorn in 1878). As Emily's still retains many of the original shop fittings, it was an appropriate historic site for our last meal together on our safari. Then, suitably refreshed, we commenced our return trip to Adelaide, fortified with the contents of Colin's renowned chocolate tin as we passed through small but attractive towns

including Melrose, Wirrabara, Laura, and Gladstone. We noted that Clare, the largest of all the towns en route, has a significant historic link with the Burnside area. Clare was established by EB Gleeson in 1842 after the failure of his *Gleeville* farm on the slopes of Beaumont. He went on to play a prominent role in Clare's civic and economic affairs.

Then arrival back at Burnside. We all agreed we had achieved the aims of our trip – learning, entertainment, conviviality and friendship. We saw the landscape in its most picturesque Spring attire, but we also were aware of the immense struggles by the early pioneers trying to create settlements in areas when other seasons are so harsh. And we admired and were inspired by the various groups of volunteers whose efforts keep out history alive.

Our gratitude to Colin, and deputy Elaine, for making us aware of the intrigue and interest of yet another rich area of South Australian history.

Elizabeth Rogers

Postscript: The Society only ever sets out to recover its costs from the regional tours, but on this occasion the number of members participating resulted in a modest surplus. The Society's Committee subsequently decided to donate from the surplus $500 each to Peterborough Steamtown and the Pichi Richi Railway. An appreciative letter of thanks has been received recently from Peterborough Steamtown.

Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Appeal

Following the launch of the appeal in conjunction with the National Trust of SA for funds for restoration of the grave of Osmond Gilles, brochures were distributed to BHS members with the September Newsletter. The response by members has been encouraging. At the same time, letters and brochures were sent out to a wide range of organisations and groups who had an historical connection with Osmond Gilles and/or who had benefited from his generosity. The response to that approach has been patchy but some very generous donations have been received, notably City of Holdfast Bay, Pioneers Association, Historical Society of South Australia and the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia. The total raised to date is a little over $10,000. While this is an excellent beginning, there is a long way to go to reach our goal of $30,000 for restoration of the grave.

The State Government budget has recently announced the establishment of a Heritage Grants Fund for "vital conservation works for State Heritage-listed places" and it is anticipated that applications will be called for early 2019. We are seeking information on the criteria for eligibility for grants and, if our project meets those criteria, we will submit an application.

Ross and Anne Both, Meredith Ide

Burnside Street Names and their Origins – another revealed

Even before new member Ash Wright joined the Society in September, he was researching the origin of a street name (coincidentally called Ashley Avenue) at Glen Osmond. He provided the information he found via the Society's website Contact Page. Ash has had some help from members of the Lewis family, former long term owners of the (previously named) Benacre Estate. He has indicated he is planning to investigate the background for the naming of two more streets in that suburb. Thank you for your contribution Ash.

We hope others reading this article will delve into the origin of streets listed as still unknown under Projects on our website at: burnsidehistory.org.au or burnside.sa.gov.au/Home and search Streets Names & Origins.

You can read on page 14 of the September 2015 Newsletter (Volume 35, No 3) about the progress of the street names project since it was initiated by the Society as its contribution to the 2006 Jubilee 150 celebrations.

Meredith Ide

Major Lancelot Ashley Lewis was the son of John Lewis CMG, MLC and purchased the property (house located between Ashley Ave and Benacre Close in Glen Osmond) upon his father's death in 1923. Lance died in 1938 and his widow Gretta Margaret (Grace) Lewis lived at Benacre until her death in 1968. Lance Lewis was a member of a prominent South Australian family, the brother of Essington Lewis (former Chairman of BHP and Director of Munitions during WWII), father of Tom Lancelot (former NSW Premier) and Alexander Ashley "Sandy" (pastoralist and former WA member of Parliament). It is fitting that his contribution to Australia's military (WWI), pastoral industry (Bagot, Shakes and Lewis/Mort and Co) and sporting life (follower-half-forward for Norwood) is recognised by linking him to Ashley Avenue, Glen Osmond.

This researcher gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Lewis family members Bronwyn Lewis (Granddaughter of Lance) and Carolyn Munckton (Granddaughter of Essington) for their assistance in this research project thus far, along with his very understanding and supportive wife!

Ash Wright

Recollections of Magill – Part 1

Alan Rendell

ABC broadcast, 19 June 1957

In September 2014 (then) President Meredith Ide interviewed Mr David Queale of Beaumont as part of the Society's Oral History Project. Subsequently, Mr Queale's son Michael passed on to Meredith a handwritten manuscript about the history of Magill which appears to be the text of a broadcast given by Mr Alan Rendell on ABC radio 19 June 1957. Little else is known about the document.

It is a lively and well-written account and reads as though it was one of a documentary series. If anyone can shed any light on either Mr Rendell, or the ABC series that it seems to have been part of, the Society would be most interested.

In respect for the idioms of the time and the way the presenter put his talk together, this article is reproduced unchanged.

'Good Evening

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the recent burst of building activity around Adelaide is the way in which streets and houses are creeping up the foothills. For decades the only settlement here was a row of villages separated from Adelaide by miles of farmlands, gardens or orchards. From the south there were Mitcham, Glen Osmond, Beaumont, Burnside, Magill and the people there often lived very much lives of their own. As recently as twenty years ago there were families who had never been as far as the seaside. Mrs Pridmore has told us of the early days at Glen Osmond and tonight we'll move further north to the Magill end of the foothills.

The first reference to this area was an advertisement of Sept. 8 1838.

"Individuals are respectfully requested not to go to or from the Norton Summit Stringy Bark Forest through the Makgill Estate; persons trespassing after this notice will be liable to prosecution, but may obtain permission by applying to Robt. Cock or Wm. Ferguson." (Cock and Ferguson were merchants just off Hindley St. and they had bought the land which extended from Magill Rd. southwards to Stoneyfell.)

Don't you like the tone of that notice? You are "respectfully requested" and though there is a reference to a liability to prosecution this is immediately softened by the information that permission would be granted to those who had the good manners to ask for it! There's nothing peremptory but everything well mannered, showing in the new colony some of the graces held in esteem by those merchant settlers whom our Dr. Pike calls "the middling classes".[1] But Cock and Ferguson also had an eye to the main chance; land values had risen and only a month later another advertisement

[1]Douglas Pike, Adelaide historian and author of the well-known *Paradise of Dissent.*

appeared, headed “Makgill Village”.

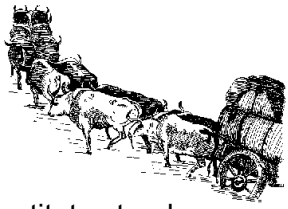
“This village is situated about 4 miles from Adelaide in one of the most beautiful and fertile locations in the district about a quarter of a mile on this side of the Third Stream[2] and near the foot of the mountains. One of the best roads from the Stringy Bark Forest is through the same property, which makes this location most desirable for woodmen and carriers in their timber trade. A plan of the village may be seen by applying to Robert Cock, and blocks of from 2 acres and upwards may be had on reasonable terms.”

Well, a modern land agent has nothing on that, has he?

So the land was subdivided and our merchant partners doubtless did very well out of the land boom of the time. What did the new settlers do? Well, the advertisement has given us one suggestion – the mention of woodsmen. These men would go up the hills, or the tiers as they were called and cut the tall stringy bark trees.

Then the teamsters would bring the dray and the team of bullocks and start on the rough journey down. Some of the old tracks are still visible - there’s one up and over the hill behind the present brickworks at Magill. As the forests were cut or settlement extended the roads were made past Norton Summit to Lobethal and one advertisement refers to “the shortest road to the River Murray” this being doubtless in opposition to the turnpike road that had been built through Glen Osmond.[3]

Has the great part played by bullocks in the opening up Australia been kept in our memory?



Henry Lawson of course recognises it:

> “The bullocks are pulling as bullocks must;
> And the shining tyres might almost rust
> While the spokes are turning slow.”

The reference to the wheels reminds us that the Magill Institute stands on part of the 8 acres of land which were exchanged for one pair of wheels for a bullock dray. An Illustration of the plentitude of land and the scarcity of bullock drays. And the use of bullocks continued for a very long time. In our Centenary Year 1936 a grand procession was held through Adelaide and one of the most important features was a real bullock team wagon. Now that team was not got together especially for the occasion, for in that year it was still a daily sight near Magill to see Mr Austin with his team and dray bringing down heavy logs from the hills.

This transport industry made the village a staging post for many years for there the slow journey would often be broken for the night. The Tower Hotel

[2]The Third Creek of today

[3]The Mt Barker Road past the Toll Gate as it was known then, now the South Eastern Freeway.

is on the site of what was the Great Eastern Hotel and what is now a café was the World's End Inn. Its extensive stabling is a witness to the traffic that once halted there for the night. But what of the people who stayed on their recently purchased blocks? Well, one of them across the road in the adjoining village of Woodforde was a still earlier settler John Hallett. As early as December 1837 from his flock he was able to send four bales of wool to London, South Australia's first exporter. It was remarkable how quickly the flocks in the colony were built up. By 1841 down the road at Brookside, Tranmere, Capt. Scott had 2,000 sheep (in addition to his 16 cattle and 1 horse).

World's End Inn, circa 1884
(Image: SLSA B+9717)

Later on around Stonyfell and Beaumont olive plantations were started and what rejoicing there was when the news arrived that in the Great Exhibition of 1851 the sample of olive oil from the faraway young colony was awarded *Hon. Mention*.

Meanwhile further to the north at Payneham, Justice Gwynne was planting one of the first orangeries and much of the cleared land was being put under wheat.

"The shape of things to come." Here is a paragraph from *The Observer* for Aug 3rd 1844.

"Mackgill, 500 acres has been sold to Dr Penfold for 1,200 pounds. It cost its late proprietors several thousands."

Ah! Echoes of the land boom! The same paper 12 months later has another item.

"Dr Penfold at Magill is growing asparagus and vines." Others followed his example with vines if not with asparagus and before long thousands of acres of the gently sloping foothills were covered with vineyards. "Then" there were other industries at Stonyfell there were quarries, while at Magill Wm. Bennett started pottery.

Here the whole history of the development of power has been illustrated in the grinding of the clay, for the power used has been successively that provided by hand, then the horse, then oil and now electricity.

Another aspect of the growth of settlement is shown by a reference in the first Atlas of S.A. published in 1876. It reads –

“Embossed in orchards, vineyards and gardens, Magill is a favourite place of residence for gentlemen having business in the city.” Quite true, the gentlemen were building their homes there. Thus Woodforde House was built by William Uren a merchant of Rundle Street. Rostrevor was the home of Ross Reid. John Baker built right up at Morialta. His son was to become Sir Richard Baker, First President of the Senate.

On Penfold Road was the home of S.W. Wright, architect of the Adelaide Town Hall. Murray Park was the estate of A.B. Murray, Chief Justice and Chancellor of the University and its generous benefactor.

It was just as well these people could afford their houses and carriages, for we mustn’t forget that these were the owners only means of transport, nor must we forget how rough the roads must have been compared with these of today. Think of John Baker with his fine house, Morialta, now the Protestant Children’s Home. Its name was a pretty one, meaning Running Water, referring to the waterfall below, but the present road had not been surveyed and the climb up the old track must have been difficult indeed.

Yet once again he had the home of an English gentleman, having in front what is described as “a great lawn of daffodils” and on the top of a neighbouring hill he laid out a race track on which he could exercise his horses.

I once had the privilege of hearing some accounts of these early days at first hand. I met Joseph Kempster, a white bearded patriarch whose memories went back almost to the foundation of the State. His father had been coachman to one of the early governors but moved out to his own block of land at the foothills, where young Joseph grew up. He remembered seeing Dr Penfold on his horse going on visits to his patients in their widely scattered homes. The lad on one of his infrequent visits to the city saw a bullock wagon stuck deep in the mud in Rundle Street. On the other hand in the dry season he had difficulty in getting enough water to cart from the nearby creek.

And there was another picture that had stayed in his memory. Two men, settlers from one of the neighbouring gullies, on their way to the city halting their wagon at the cemetery, bringing in their shovels, digging, then bringing in a box not very large, putting it down and filling in the hole again, standing still for a few seconds and then blowing their noses loudly, as men will, going back to resume their journey.

Ah, yes difficult days.”

Read part two of this fascinating narrative in the next issue of this Newsletter - March 2019.

A beam on SunBEEm Honey

In our December 2017 Newsletter *(Vol. 37 No. 4) we published a 1940 Leaving Honours geography project about the SunBEEm Honey laboratory on Glen Osmond Road. The project was undertaken by Dr Geoffrey Bishop's mother (then) Jean Robinson. Subsequently, Dr Bishop has garnered the following additional information on SunBEEm Honey.*

When the article on SunBEEm Honey appeared in the December 2017 Newsletter the Editor asked who owned the business. I did not follow this up at the time but recently a cookery book – *Cooking the Electric Way* - came into my possession and in it is an advertisement for SunBEEm Honey. This opened up a new avenue of research as it gives the name of the operators of the business.

The producer was the Australian Honey Producers' Co-operative Society Limited [AHPCS]. When the Presbyterian Girls' School students visited their premises in April 1940, AHPCS was barely a year old. The producers' organisation appears to have been formed by apiarists in the South East of South Australia and when the company was registered on 17 July 1939 it had 54 apiarists as shareholders and paid up capital of £900. The proponents of the company were Messrs D.G. Weidenhofer and A.A Weir. Mr Les C. Harding of Naracoorte was elected Chairman of the Board, Mr Weir as Secretary and Mr Weidenhofer was appointed as Company Manager.

A public meeting was held at Bordertown in July 1939 to enable apiarists to examine the refined honey being produced by AHPCS and to encourage more producers to become members. The company was processing low-grade honey (generally worthless to producers) to bring it to a marketable standard.

Its processing works was established at Glen Osmond in 1939 but by 1942 operations had expanded to such an extent that it relocated to premises in Hanson Street, Adelaide (Nos 31 and 32) in January of that year. As with all primary producers, the Society experienced financial problems caused by the cessation of exports to the United Kingdom during World War II and the domestic market was still limited. However, the confidence of its members enabled it to survive. Sales increased rapidly from 1946 onwards and in 1947 the Society recorded sales of £104,826 and a nett profit of £4597. Export sales were aided by an increase in the price of honey from 65/- per cwt to 72/6 per cwt.

The Society also actively promoted the expansion of honey production in South Australia. In 1941, it provided additional hives to The Ligurian Stud Farm at Blue Gum Gully, Kangaroo Island, to enable increased production from this region.

In 1948, the Society built a new factory at Reese Avenue, Richmond. The foundation stone was laid in December 1948 by Les Harding. By June of that year, the membership had grown to 244 members and the Society had paid up capital of £13,000. At the event, Mr Harding commended Mr Weidenhofer for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the Society. During the War he established a merchandise arm of the Society which sourced materials (including fuel) for its apiarist members to enable them to continue to operate their businesses. Mr Harding said that apiarists were keenly awaiting the expected introduction of the Honey Marketing Act which would provide for an equalization scheme for the State and this would further protect their operations.

That is as far as the trail has been followed to date, but further research on the Co-operative would be interesting. Any additional information from readers would be most welcome.

Geoffrey Bishop

The advertisement for SunBEEm Honey as it appears in *Cooking the Electric Way*

History Council of SA (HCSA)
historycouncilsa.org.au

Meredith Ide joined the General Committee of the History Council of SA (HCSA) at its Annual General Meeting on 12 September. During her two years serving on this Committee Meredith will also take the opportunity to source information and support that will benefit Burnside Historical Society. The History Council is a strong voice that advocates for History.

As stated in its website: “The History Council speaks for history in this state. It is the peak History body in South Australia, providing a representative voice on historical issues, celebrating and raising the profile of history in South Australia. Incorporated in 2003, HCSA evolved from an informal 'History Alliance' initiated by the History Teachers Association of SA in the mid-1990s. Our organisation members include the main bodies concerned with history in this state and many regional historical societies; there is also provision for individual membership. “

Burnside Walks Brochures - Revisions

Society members will be pleased to know that the very popular self-guided walks brochures are being progressively revised and re-issued.

The Burnside walk was revised and re-issued in May 2017 and Knighstbridge and Eastwood/Parkside will be next. The Burnside revision was carried out by Colin Harris and Colin has coordinated the process for Knighstbridge and Eastwood/ Parkside. Ally and Margaret Preiss provided their expert local knowledge for Knightsbridge and Ally also checked and revised Eastwood/Parkside, with some additional assistance from Diana Chessell.

As part of a long-standing partnership with the walks program, the City of Burnside will publish the revised brochures and the Society thanks the Council for its continuing involvement.

SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2018/2019

All subscriptions fall due on **1 April each year**: Subscriptions may be paid at our monthly meetings or by direct bank transfer.

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.

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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: Vacant
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Meredith Ide – Immediate Past President
More help welcomed

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Publicity: Meredith Ide

Recordings of Burnside topics: Help wanted

Audio: Dave Monceaux

Front cover: Penfolds Winery in 1907-1912. Established 1844, just eight years after the foundation of South Australia.

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