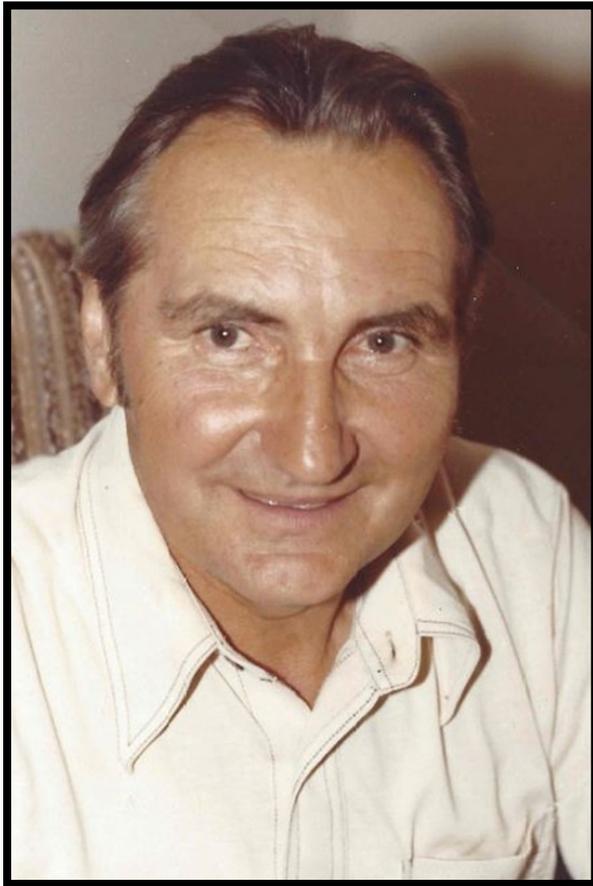


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# From my Desk

Welcome to the March 2020 Newsletter.

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Burnside Historical Society and you will find an article about the early years of the Society in this newsletter. In future issues, Past Presidents will share their memories of the achievements and activities of the Society during their terms of office.

An agenda and nomination form for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society are included in this issue on pages 10 and 11 should you wish to print them.

The deadline for the June 2020 issue is **Friday 17 April**. Contributions should be sent to [jlbrown@internode.on.net](mailto:jlbrown@internode.on.net).

Finally, a very warm welcome goes to three new members of the Society - Heather Watt, Vallipuram Ambikapathy and Simon Martin.

Judy Brown (Newsletter Compiler)

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

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

## President's Message

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. This year promises to be very busy for our Society with some major events, one being the celebration of the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our August meeting.

The Burnside Historical Society was founded in 1980, the year before the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Burnside. Over the last 40 years Burnside Historical Society has achieved much in promoting the history of the City of Burnside. We look forward to seeing many members past and present at our August celebrations.

In addition to the August meeting, we have an excellent range of topics planned for this year. Congratulations to Bob Stace, Meredith Ide and Ally Preiss for all the work they do in planning these and organising the speakers.

If you have been to the Local History room in the Burnside Library lately, then you may have met Michelle Toft, the Historical and Cultural Officer for the City of Burnside. Since her appointment in September last year, Michelle has worked hard to organise the room and its resources. Cathy Bransbury is both our archivist and a volunteer in the Local History room and she says Michelle is excellent to work with.

We also welcome the new Chief Executive Officer of the City of Burnside, Chris Cowley, who commenced work in January this year. We wish him all the best in the role and look forward to meeting him in due course.

Since late 2012 our Society has been investigating the process of and raising funds for the restoration of Osmond Gilles' grave. Thanks to a grant from the History Trust of SA, this work can now commence. Completion is expected by June of this year and once all documentation has been signed off we will be organising, in conjunction with the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, an opening ceremony to which all members will be invited. Ross Both is monitoring the work and we will keep you informed of its progress and the ceremony date.

Your Committee now meets in the Local History room at the Burnside Library and we appreciate library staff facilitating this. Your Society is in good financial shape thanks to the financial management of our Treasurer John Thomas. This has enabled us to cover the cost of meetings, insurance and general administration expenses.

Our website's email is now directed to our Secretary Margaret Ford, who can respond quickly to enquiries. In March we will be meeting to review and, if necessary, update our Constitution. Any changes will need to be approved by Society members at a general meeting.

Between the quarterly issues of the Newsletter we will continue to email you our Bulletin of current news and events. We understand that some members do not have email so copies of these will be available at the general meetings. We also have a very good website that Colin Harris and Meredith Ide are currently reviewing. It provides excellent information on all aspects of our Society.

Among my roles, including that of President, I am also managing publicity. Your Committee approved my purchase of Publisher software, which I have used to produce a new brochure. This will be professionally printed and distributed, along with a list of this year's meetings, to other organisations throughout the City of Burnside area. The brochure will be available in the Burnside Library's Local History room and at our meetings. I would appreciate it if you could help in handing them out to people who may be interested in our society.

For 40 years our Society has flourished and it has been due to your support as members. From all of us on the current Committee – thank you and let us keep up the good work.

Derek Bransbury  
President

### Guidelines for Projects and Sub-committees

Your managing Committee welcomes and supports projects that advance the objectives of the Society (see page 19).

If you wish to undertake a project, please discuss it with the managing Committee before commencement. Once started, please keep records of the project and keep your managing Committee up to date on the progress.

### Corrections from December 2019 issue

An image on page 3 of this newsletter was identified as being that of Osmond Gilles. It was, in fact, his brother Lewis!

Apologies to new members Jen and Tim Tolley, whose surname was misspelt in the December issue.

Judy Brown

# 2020 Program of Meetings and Events

*Celebrating 40 years  
of promoting and recording history in Burnside*

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 16 March 7.30 pm** – Melissa Ballantyne and Dr Darren Peacock

*Planning and heritage protection*

Like many councils, Burnside has in its current Development Plan a listing of contributory items, buildings which collectively add to a historic area's character. A new Planning and Design Code is proposed to take effect from 1 July 2020 and there is a high level of community concern about whether historic conservation zones and contributory items will retain their current level of protection.

Melissa Ballantyne works for both the Environmental Defender's Office and the National Trust and has a keen interest in the preservation of our natural and built heritage through law and legal policy reform. She has been closely following the planning reform process and is an active commentator on the issues that are arising. Darren Peacock is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Trust of South Australia, a role he has held since 2015. Prior to his role with the Trust, Darren worked for a range of heritage, cultural and environmental organisations in management and consulting roles in Australia, Europe and North America.

**Monday 20 April 7.30 pm** – Helen Chadwick

*Burnside in the Archives: researching local government at State Records*

State Records of South Australia holds the archive of official records created by state and local government, covering almost every facet of state and local administration in South Australia from 1836 onwards. This talk will explore the local stories found in different government records, including those of the original District Council of Burnside and later councils. Useful tips and tricks for researching local and family history at State Records will also be given.

Helen Chadwick is State Records' Programs and Engagement Officer and in this role is responsible for telling as many people as possible about the wonders in the archive. In her previous role as Archivist Helen spent many years in the State Records Research Centre helping researchers to uncover stories and answering all sorts of questions about the archive.

**Monday 18 May 7.30 pm** – Ash Wright

*The Lewis Family: from Burra to Benacre and Beyond*

When James Lewis arrived in the newly formed colony of South Australia on the *Rapid* in 1838, he could have had little inkling of the family legacy that would be established in the colony and eventually the Commonwealth of Australia. In this address BHS member Ash Wright will look at the Lewis family and its achievements on both the national and international stage.

Ash Wright is a relatively new (and young) member of our Society. He is a serving senior officer in the Royal Australian Air Force and is current head of Air Traffic Control at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Ash has a passion for all things history and is actively researching the Lewis family (including the role of Essington Lewis in BHP) and *Benacre Estate* in Glen Osmond. His research has featured in the December 2018 edition of the Society's Newsletter where he detailed the origin of a street name (Ashley Avenue) within the former grounds of *Benacre*.

**Monday 15 June** – Stephen Larkins OAM (Colonel ret.)

*The Virtual War Memorial – the Burnside connection*

**Monday 20 July** – Anne and Ross Both

*Osmond Gilles: Colonial Treasurer and Businessman, Pastoralist and Philanthropist*

**Monday 17 August - BHS 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration** - Colin Harris

*Growing up in Burnside – memories, stories and anecdotes*

**Monday 21 September** – Stuart Symons

*Modernist Adelaide: Hip and happening architecture 1950s-70s, including Burnside*

**Monday 19 October** – Geoffrey Bishop

*Icon of the Barossa - Chateau Tanunda: the Origin of a grand winery*

**Monday 16 November** – John Foumakis

*“The Antiques Road Show” comes to Burnside*

Ally Preiss, Bob Stace and Meredith Ide

BHS Program Committee for 2020

## Burnside Historical Society SA History Festival Events

### **Wheal Watkins tours**

**Saturday 9 and Sunday 24 May, 2 pm and 3.30 pm**

Follow the temporary signs along the track through the reserve near the end of **Allandale Avenue, Glen Osmond**. Wear sturdy shoes. Moderate fitness is required to walk along the track and climb up and down steps to the adits (tunnels).

**Payment of \$5 per adult** (children free) will be collected at the start of the track (correct money please). Bookings: [meredithide@gmail.com](mailto:meredithide@gmail.com).

### **Monday 18 May, 7.30 pm BHS meeting**

One of our newer members, Ash Wright, will present his research about ***The Lewis Family: from Burra to Benacre and Beyond***. You can read the description of this meeting on page 6 of this issue. Come and support Ash and join visitors intrigued by the topic. Entry by donation. Supper included.

## Heritage Reference Group

Society members will be aware that for some time now there has been a lively community discussion taking place about the State Government's planning reforms. At the centre of much of the discussion has been a concern about the perceived weakening of heritage conservation controls, particularly in relation to current contributory items of local heritage.

Local Government shares a number of the community concerns and – perhaps as a response – the City of Burnside has decided to set up a Heritage Reference Group, with the first meeting of the Group held on 29 January of this year. At the same time, the Group has not been set up by resolution of Council and is not, therefore, a committee of Council: reflecting this, it has no power to forward recommendations to Council.

I represent our Society on the Group as one of three community members, the others being Dr Susan Marsden and Justin Chadwick. The balance of the Group (eight members) is made up of City of Burnside Councillors and Administration staff. Although not formal members of the Group, the Council's new Chief Executive and Mayor Anne Monceaux attended the inaugural meeting as observers.

The first meeting was given a briefing on the planning reforms and on a proposal by Council to introduce oval blue heritage markers of the kind used on heritage places in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, including the City of Adelaide. The meeting supported the latter and the hope is that Council will approve their introduction on a trial basis along the route of the old Burnside Village heritage walk (Lockwood Road, High Street and surrounds).

A concern I raised is that the Group is scheduled to have only quarterly meetings of one hour duration for this calendar year, after which Council will consider whether it wishes to continue with the Group. I pointed out that four hours in total for a full year is hardly a basis for deciding whether a reference group is proving useful or not and in response to that Mayor Monceaux advised after the meeting that if the Group needed more meetings they would be scheduled by Council staff.

Colin Harris

## Walter Silzer

Members of the Burnside Historical Society were delighted to congratulate our member Walter Silzer on the occasion of his centenary – 20 November 2019. Walter has been an enthusiastic member of the BHS since he joined about ten years ago. He has attended most of our meetings, participated in excursions and explored other areas of the diverse history of our State. Walter's enthusiasm for our Society and all it offers is such that he has been responsible for encouraging other friends to join and experience all it has to offer.

Apart from all the local best wishes, Walter was also very happy to receive signed photos and letters from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; the Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, AC, DSC and Mrs Hurley; and the President of Austria, Alexander Van der Bellen (where Walter was born).

Last year, at the request of some friends, Walter wrote a short paper: *My Fortunate Life: From the Vienna Woods of Austria via the Mountains of Switzerland to the Pastures of South Australia*. There have been many requests for copies of this article which details the happy life in Vienna of Walter and his two siblings, with their musical and artistic parents.

That fortunate life changed completely when Hitler invaded Austria in 1938 and it became part of the German Reich. Walter and his fellow school friends expected to be called up into the German Army, but with a Jewish grandfather, Dr Karl Silzer, a lawyer, Walter found that prospect inconceivable. So he escaped to neutral Switzerland as a refugee under the care of the International Refugee Organisation (IRO), where he was employed by Swiss farmers for the duration of the war. In 1947 Walter and his wife, also a refugee, came to Australia through the assistance of the IRO. During the long sea voyage, the enterprising Walter took the opportunity to improve his English by writing out words and meanings from successive pages of the English dictionary.

When he first arrived in Australia, Walter lived near the corner of Sturt Avenue and Greenhill Road, Tasmore, with his elder sister Erika and her husband Fred, an architect, and their two children. Eventually Walter went back to his agricultural training and returned to farming – at Woodside, Bolivar and eventually his own property at Tooperang near Mount Compass, where he, his wife and their children established a very happy and fortunate life until his retirement in 2002.

Walter now lives at Kensington Park where he continues to have a fortunate life. Until his recent stroke, he was busy with Meals on Wheels for many years. He was also a winner of the Pride of Australia Medal 2015

(Community Service category) for his years of service with the above organisation.

In addition, Walter was interviewed by *The Advertiser*, together with five other people in South Australia, on the occasion of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. *The Advertiser* also included him in their list of Enterprising South Australians of All Ages in 2016.

Elizabeth Rogers



*Walter at the celebration of his 100th birthday*

# Burnside Historical Society AGM

For the 39th Annual General Meeting - in the 40th year - of the Burnside Historical Society Inc. held in the Burnside Community Centre on Monday 20 April 2020 at 7.30 pm.

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

1. Welcome by the President
  - a. Reminder to advise of any Apologies after the meeting
  - b. Read Minutes of the previous AGM held on 15/4/19 and any comments.
    - i. Proposed and seconded
2. Reports
  - a. President's Report spoken to...
  - b. Treasurer's Report spoken to...
  - c. Determination of Subscription Fees for 2020-21
3. Election of the Committee for 2020-21
4. President
  - a. Any other business
  - b. Close of meeting

The 2019/20 Committee consisted of Derek Bransbury (President), John Thomas (Treasurer), Margaret Ford (Secretary) and Committee members Bob Stace, David Monceaux, Ross Both and Anne Both.

Nominations may be received for:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Other members (up to six)

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.  
2020 NOMINATION FORM

The following member is nominated to serve on the Committee:

Nominee .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Committee position .....

For the term of office between ..... and .....  
(\* e.g. between 2020 and 2021)

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I agree to accept nomination for the above position:

*Signature of nominee* .....

Proposed by .....

Seconded by .....

*\* Each year the following are elected for a one year term:  
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer*

*\* Three Committee members are elected each alternate year  
for a two-year term.*

# Burnside Historical Society's 40<sup>th</sup> year

## Some comments from the present

The Beginnings: 1980 to April 1984

Meredith Ide

In the wake of many town and district centenary celebrations and the forthcoming 150<sup>th</sup> for South Australia, there was an upsurge of interest in local history in the 1970s and early 1980s. In Burnside, residents were encouraged to participate in and celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Burnside in August 1981. The Council had commissioned Elizabeth Warburton to build on the earlier centenary history of Burnside (1956) and considerable interest was generated by her research, culminating in her substantial and important history *The Paddocks Beneath, A History of Burnside from the Beginning*. Around this time Burnside Library librarian Wendy Bromell suggested to (then) Mayor Coralie Soward that there might be enough community interest to form a local history society. Accordingly, a public meeting was called in the Mayor's Parlour at the Council Chambers on 19 June 1980 to discuss the formation of a local group. The outcome was the establishment of a Steering Committee consisting of Mrs Margaret Black\*, William Mason, Mrs Margaret Preiss\*, Mr Peter Lane, Mrs Anne Both\* and Mr John Love\*.<sup>1</sup>

By August 1980 a constitution was adopted and a Committee elected. The Burnside Historical Society was established. Ninety five people attended one or both meetings and 75 membership applications were received by the end of October that year.

The first elected committee was:

*President: Dr. Roger G. Angove;*  
*Vice President: Geoff. A Eastick;*  
*Secretary: William V Mason*  
*and Treasurer Ross A Kelly.*

Other Members: \*Margaret (Mrs A.B.) Black, David R. Dickson , Mrs Beverley Golding, Sheena (Mrs. MC.) Grant, Elizabeth (Mrs.) Kwan, \*Margaret (Mrs. K.A.) Preiss (\*current members 2020).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Names shown with an asterisk are current members 2020

<sup>2</sup>The names are as reported at the time

We owe much to the inaugural Steering Committee and the initiative of the early committee under Dr Angove's strong leadership. Early meetings of the Society were held at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of each month in the Burnside Town Hall. The membership fee (subscription) was set at Individual \$5, Family \$7. Two early general meetings were well attended: in September 1980 Police Sergeant Malcolm Schluter from the Police Historical Society spoke in part about the murder of Foot-Constable Hyde in 1909 and in October Ken Preiss spoke about the landscape and flora of the foothills and southern Adelaide plains. Both topics have since been revisited by other speakers and Anne Both's research on Hyde appeared over three Newsletters in 2014-15.

A Newsletter Subcommittee was established at that time and members were asked for items of interest – family, local or property. Articles were mainly of local history with articles on people and places from the past. This would build on what Elizabeth Warburton and others had collected for *The Paddocks Beneath*. Some members were willing to research a topic and submit it to for the Newsletter. The secretary Bill Mason did much research for Newsletter articles. For example he wrote about *Burnside the Beautiful*, the title of a painting by W. Follen Bishop, still hanging in the Burnside Mayor's Parlour. Read Bill's article in the December 1980 issue to discover just how the term *Burnside the Beautiful* originated. The March 1981 Newsletter contained 11 pages of *Reminiscences about Edwardian Burnside* by member Mrs. C.M. Lambert and in the September Newsletter of that year Ken Preiss, who lived opposite Ferguson Conservation Park and acted as volunteer custodian, wrote about the Park's history. Later that month Geoffrey Bishop, also a Park volunteer, conducted a walk in Ferguson Park for members. With ongoing support from the City of Burnside the Newsletters continue to the present.

A full programme of activities was listed in the June 1981 Newsletter and in the June 1982 issue Dr Angove's President's Report for 1981-82 appeared. Reflecting the interest of the time in local history, a two day Seminar was held on *The History of Burnside* in conjunction with the University of Adelaide's Department of Continuing Education 31 July-1 August 1981. During the month-long celebration of Council's 125 anniversary (August 1981) there was a parade along Greenhill Road east to Hazelwood Park where there were numerous stalls, including a display from the Society. The first anniversary of BHS, held in August 1981, was a Members' Night where 15 members participated in showing and explaining the function of old items of historical interest. The popularity of these show and tells has seen them repeated on a number of occasions since and there will be another later this year at the 16 November meeting.

## Implementing activities and innovative ideas for projects

Plans to engage members and the community were discussed by the early Committee and an enthusiastic group of members participated in historic walks during Council's anniversary month. Booklets were prepared and walks conducted. Margaret Black coordinated the Burnside walk, Peter Lane Rose Park and Margaret Preiss Knightsbridge where she grew up. Since that time eight walks have been developed. Originally available as full colour hard copy brochures they are currently available only online from the BHS and Council websites. The walks have gone through many revisions and updates over the years, with the Burnside, Eastwood and Knightsbridge walks the most recent to be revised.

An early project of the Society involved looking at the origin of street names in Burnside. There was a call to members to research their streets and discover the reasons for the names (September 1981). Wendy Bromell in the Burnside Library collected contributions and the names of people wanting to assist in the project. A lot of good work was done and the report is on the Society's website, but there are still streets where the origins are not known. There is research remaining for current members.

Geoff Eastick was President 1982-84 and on March 15 1982 Mr Dennis Cummins spoke about industrial archaeology. Mayor Soward's article about *The Conservation of Adelaide's Hills Face Mines* appeared in the June 1982 Newsletter. She explained that in early 1981 Council had received a report outlining the history of the Glen Osmond Mines and established a *Burnside Historic Mines Conservation Committee* was formed. The Mayor indicated that a submission had been forwarded to South Australia's Jubilee 150 Board identifying the mines as a project for the sesqui-centenary. Mines, and Glen Osmond in particular, have continued to attract a great deal of attention over subsequent years and the BHS has been campaigning for many years to have Wheal Watkins at Glen Osmond re-opened for underground tours.

Also in 1982, Society members travelled through the Adelaide Hills to Lobethal and after the AGM Ms Mary Hutchinson addressed members on *The Life and Work of Edith Hubbe*, an innovative educator at her Knightsbridge School.

Meeting times changed to 8 pm in 1983 and the venue became the new Burnside Community Centre. The proposed sale of part of Penfolds Wine land for housing was a contentious issue at the time and a Society Committee which was formed to address it included Dr Angove (December 1982, pp. 7-9). At the 15 August 1983 meeting three panelists addressed members in relation to the conservation of Burnside's built and natural environment. The interest and concern continues to the present with more than a little concern about proposed changes to the planning system.

Newsletters produced were becoming larger. The March 1983 Newsletter shows Bill Mason still contributing on the Committee and to the Newsletter with a descriptive account of *The Burning of Glen Osmond*: in 2020 the smell of smoke remains familiar to us. Elizabeth Kwan explained plans to involve children in the Jubilee 150 of 1986 and there were two visits – to the Art Gallery of South Australia and Glenside Hospital. The latter has remained topical, with a controversial redevelopment of the grounds currently under way. Royce Wells addressed the 1983 January meeting on *The Mines in Burnside* which was written up in the Newsletter, a helpful practice for those unable to attend. Member Alan Cross said how beneficial it would be to have regular tape recordings of meetings, the Committee agreed and for Burnside topics the practice continues to the present. A request was made in the September 1983 Newsletter for volunteers to meet for two hours on a Wednesday to look for items of historical items in newspapers and in a reprise of that volunteer support member and BHS archivist Cathy Bransbury currently provides regular help in the Burnside Library's Local History Room.

In 1984 Elizabeth Warburton spoke in March about the history of St Peter's. A well respected researcher and writer, she produced important works of local history about Mitcham, Campbelltown and, of course, Burnside. The third President, John Clark was elected at the April AGM 1984 and Mr Bill Cooper addressed members about *The History of Cooper's Brewery - readings of early Cooper family letters*.

## **Donations**

There was close cooperation with the Burnside Library from the beginning of the Society with donations to the Historical Collection Library from the early 1980s. In 1981 the \$500 the Society received as a Local Government Department grant was donated to the Library for the purchase in 1982 of a facsimile edition of *Wildflowers of South Australia* by Fanny de Mole at a cost of \$284. Fanny de Mole lived at *The Waldrons* (later *Erindale*). She was in poor health with tuberculosis, but became a very competent botanical artist. In 1983 a donation of \$250 was made towards the cost of a glass display cabinet (made locally by Burnside glass firm Symons and Symons) as well as \$216 for a four-drawer filing cabinet and other minor items. Other donations were made in later years.

Information sourced from BHS Newsletters online at [burnsidehistory.org.au](http://burnsidehistory.org.au) June editions contain the President's Report, summarising the year's activities.

Booklet - A short summary of Burnside Historical Society's activities 1980-2013 (R. House)

Over the next four issues there will be more accounts of activities and achievements from BHS Presidents. We hope you enjoy reading these summaries: go online and discover more about your Society by reading the Newsletters.

## Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration

Osmond Gilles, South Australia's first Colonial Treasurer, was one of the earliest residents of the City of Burnside. His importation of sheep led to Merino sheep breeding in South Australia and the discovery of exploitable ore deposits on his Glen Osmond property established one of Australia's first metalliferous mines. This, in turn, provided the impetus for further exploration and the development of mining as a major contributor to the Colony's early economy. Vines were also planted on his land, these vineyards eventually morphing into Woodley Winery. Through his past association and business ventures in Germany he encouraged the settlement of many German immigrant families.

In 2012 it was reported to a meeting of Burnside Historical Society (BHS) Committee that Gilles' grave in West Terrace Cemetery was in urgent need of restoration. Following discussion with the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority (ACA) and a report by the ACA's Heritage Advisor, the Committee adopted the restoration as a project and a subcommittee was formed comprised of (then) President Meredith Ide, Anne Both and Ross Both.

To commence the fundraising necessary for the project more than thirty letters were sent in 2013 to individuals and organisations with links to Osmond Gilles. Responses to these letters were somewhat disappointing: several substantial donations were forthcoming, but most of the letters were ignored. However, seed funding of \$2,500 was provided by the ACA, to which the BHS added a further \$500.

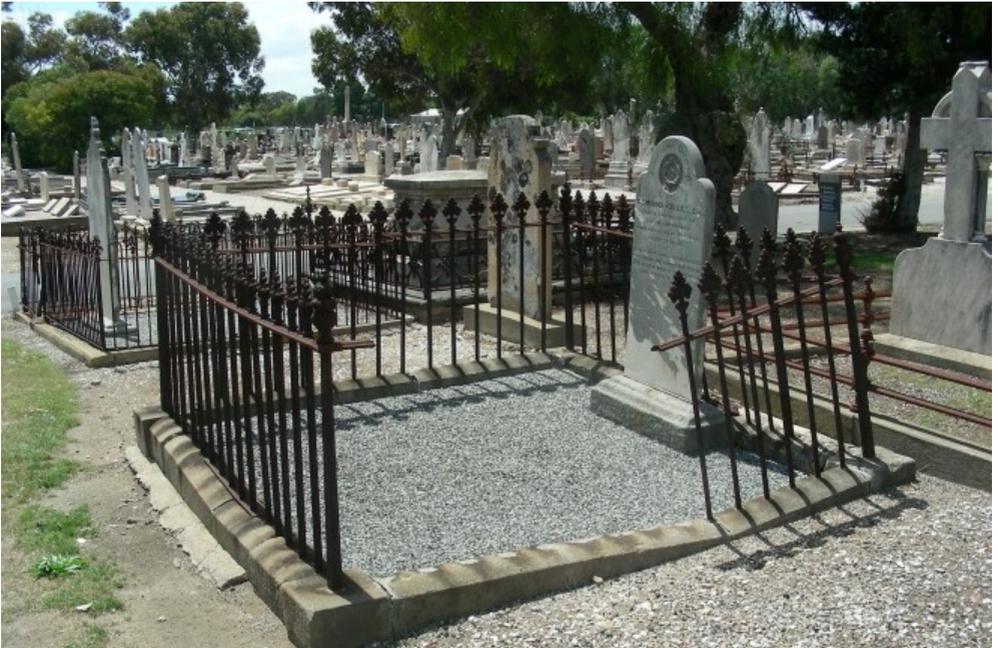
A total of \$24,000 was required before work could begin and with this in mind a meeting was convened with the National Trust of SA, the outcome of which was the provision of tax deductibility status for donors. Brochure preparation and distribution followed and quotes were sought for restoration that would meet appropriate heritage standards and specifications. S D Tillet was the only stonemason available to meet these requirements.

Applications for various grants were made to the History Trust of SA, Heritage SA in the State Environment Department and the City of Burnside. Further approaches to the SA Government resulted in the provision of an additional \$5000 from the ACA. When some of the additional grant applications were successful and further donations from a number of BHS members were received it was decided that the project could proceed, an important achievement after quite some years of lobbying and fund raising.

Subject to ACA and SD Tillett availability, work on the restoration will commence early this year and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2020.

*The generosity of BHS members and those outside of the organisation who have helped make this project possible is gratefully acknowledged.*

Anne Both



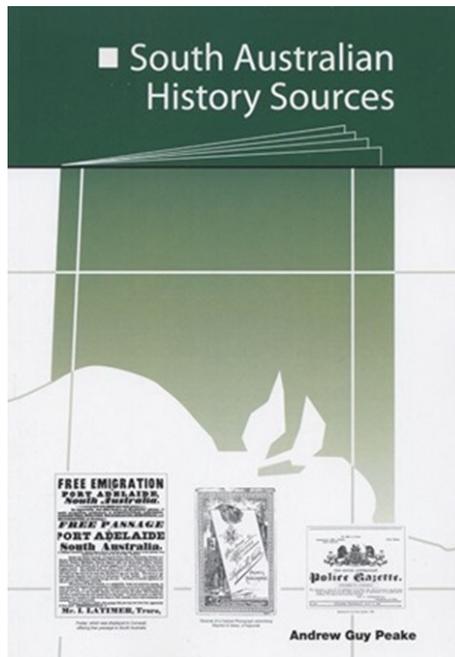
*Osmond Gilles' gravesite in its current condition*

*Image: [saheritagefoundation.com.au/appeals/osmond-gilles-grave-restoration/](http://saheritagefoundation.com.au/appeals/osmond-gilles-grave-restoration/)*

## Australia Day Honours – Andrew Peake

Congratulations to long-standing BHS member Andrew Peake on being awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours 2020 for his outstanding service to community history.

Andrew joined our Society at the time of its foundation in 1980 and as recently as last year addressed the Society on the inland explorations of Samuel Grau Hübbe. He has had a long interest in history and published his first family history in 1972. Since then he has published widely in the fields of local and family history. In 1973 he worked with the (then) Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide (Dr TT Reed) to found the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society. His best known (and recently republished) book is *South Australian History Sources*.



### SUBS RENEWALS FOR 2020/21

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 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.

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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 2019-20

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**Secretary:** Margaret Ford OAM fsquared@bigpond.com

**Treasurer:** John Thomas AM john@johnthomas.com.au

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on 0409 716 582

or email aapreiss@live.com.au

**Newsletter Subcommittee** Judy Brown (compiler), Colin Harris PSM  
(Editor)

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

**Distribution Organiser** Liz Silz 8364 0855

**Program Subcommittee:** Ally Preiss, Bob Stace, Meredith Ide

**Plaques Subcommittee:** Colin Harris PSM (Chair), Ken Lawson,  
Dave Monceaux (co-opted)

**Mines Subcommittee:** Meredith Ide, Dave Monceaux

**Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Subcommittee:** Anne Both,  
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