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# From my Desk

Welcome to the June 2020 Newsletter.

What strange times we are living in. I hope that you have stayed well and safely negotiated your way through the Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully we will see some semblance of normality return in the not-too-distant future although it will be a new version of normal!

We warmly welcome Susan Marsden as a new BHS member.

Please note that the Committee has agreed that there will be no membership fees charged for the 2020-21 year. Members who have already paid will be considered to have paid fees for the 2021-22 year.

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

Judy Brown (Newsletter Compiler)

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# 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.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

Meetings cannot be held until the Government allows groups to meet inside and the Burnside Civic Centre hall is again made available for use.

You will be advised via the online BHS Bulletin when meetings are to recommence. If you do not receive the Bulletin, please contact Margaret Ford on 0438 838 894 about a week before the scheduled meeting to find out if it will take place.

**Monday 15 June** – Colonel Steven Larkins OAM (retd)

*Bad Night over Lille 10-11 May 1944*

Australia trained around 27,000 air crew during WW2 under the Empire Air Training Scheme for service, with the RAAF under the command of the RAF in Europe and the Mediterranean. Most of the men who went to the United Kingdom flew with Bomber Command. They suffered the highest losses in action of any Australian service cohort in WW2. This is the story of 33 of them, lost on one night raid over the French city of Lille. They fell across the battlefields of WW1 which their fathers had fought on just 26 years earlier. Two Burnside boys were among their number.

Steven Larkins was born and raised in Sydney, but has lived in Tusmore for the past 16 years. He has had an extensive career in the Army, 20 years full time and 18 years in the Reserve at either end of his regular Army career, from Private to Colonel. He is a self-confessed history tragic and regularly conducts small-group battlefield tours to France and Belgium. In 2012 he founded the Virtual War Memorial because of his concern that much of our knowledge of the people involved was passing beyond living memory. He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2019 for service to the community and veterans.

**Monday 20 July 7.30 pm** – Anne and Dr Ross Both

*Osmond Gilles: Colonial Treasurer and businessman, pastoralist and philanthropist*

Osmond Gilles was a notable figure in early colonial South Australia and this talk will provide a brief biography and outline of his contribution to the establishment of South Australia, both as Colonial Treasurer and as a private citizen. It will also summarise the Burnside Historical Society's Osmond Gilles project, culminating in the June 2020 restoration of his grave site in the West Terrace Cemetery.

Anne Both is a foundation member of the BHS who in recent years has served on a number of its committees. Five years ago she initiated the restoration project of Osmond Gilles' grave and is now relieved that the restoration has been completed. Ross Both is also a foundation member of the Society. He is a retired geologist with an interest in mining history. His publications include the history of the Glen Osmond silver-lead mines and an account of a dispute between Osmond Gilles and his brother Lewis over the lease of the Glen Osmond Mine. He was one of the volunteer guides for Wheal Watkins tours until those tours ceased in 2005.

**Monday 17 August 7.30 pm** – BHS 40<sup>th</sup> celebrations, Colin Harris PSM

*Growing up in Burnside*

We all treasure our childhood memories and where we grew up usually looms large in those memories. For Colin Harris it was the Burnside foothills and in revisiting that childhood he can tell us much of how Burnside has changed over the many intervening decades.

Colin is a third generation resident of Burnside and a past President of the BHS. He is currently Co-Editor of the Society's Newsletter. Retired, he spent three decades of his working life in the South Australian Environment Department where he was responsible for the protection of a number of aspects of our natural and cultural heritage.

**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

## SA History Festival cancelled due to COVID-19

The Festival began in 2004 as SA History Week, and has grown each year – becoming a month-long program. This year’s festival would have featured 680 events registered across South Australia, presented by over 400 independent groups. While it was disappointing that the May state-wide festival was cancelled due to COVID-19, there is a possibility that our regular contribution to this festival, **Wheal Watkins 1843 Heritage Mine, Glen Osmond Above-ground Guided Tour**, may be conducted later this year.

## Retyping early Newsletters from 1980 Can you help?



Are there any members who could share retyping early BHS Newsletters where the printing is poor and some page sizes don't match the current ones? Retyping would make these uniform in size with the current Newsletters and with clearer type. They will be uploaded to the Burnside Historical Society website with the later newsletters and benefit all readers.

Please contact Meredith Ide on 0439 478 352.

## Burnside Council Community Grants 2020/2021

The Magill Heritage Plan has been developed in collaboration with Burnside and Campbelltown Councils around the old Magill (Makgill) Village on both sides of Magill Road. The project submitted for a Community Grant highlights parts of Magill. BHS applied for a Minor Grant of up to \$2,500 for online self-printing brochures walks of a section of points of historic interest in Magill and the Historic Magill Wesleyan Cemetery in Jackson Street. These two walks will be uploaded to our website. The Historic Magill Walk will be the first walk written since Beulah Park, using a Burnside Council Community Grant (2015-16). You can find the other eight historic walk brochures online. Why not drive along the route of some walks if you cannot walk the distance.



# President's Annual Report

April 2019 to March 2020

We have had an enjoyable and productive year despite meetings being cancelled after February 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. My thanks for the wonderful effort by many members that has enabled us to achieve many accomplishments that more than meet the objectives of the Burnside Historical Society.

Our meetings were well attended thanks to the excellent topics and speakers organised by our Program Sub-committee members Ally Preiss, Meredith Ide and Bob Stace. Members, visitors and guests have enjoyed our well-run, friendly and interesting meetings. Many thanks to Ken Lawson who opens and closes the hall and with Jeff Thompson and others, sets up and packs up the chairs and tables; Ally Preiss who organises the name tags and attendance records; Margaret Ford who welcomes visitors and guests; Jeff Thompson and Roger Bills who organise the information table; John Thomas who manages the money and finances; Sharon Northcott who organises the supper and roster as well as being our chief warden; Colin Harris who organises the laptop and projector; Dave Monceaux who manages the sound system and the many other members who help including with the supper.

Our meetings in 2019 started with an interesting talk in April on women in World War 2, which was appropriate for ANZAC day. Then in May we had a very special meeting in the Burnside Ballroom for the presentation of Burnside Primary School year 7 students' work on Burnside history. This outstanding presentation was initiated and supported by Margaret Ford, Bob Stace and Ally Preiss, who spent many hours at the school assisting the students in their work. The meeting received excellent feedback from the many visitors and guests who attended. I was away for two months so in June Colin Harris kindly chaired the meeting, with speaker Kristin Weidenbach giving an interesting talk on making history accessible for children. In July Bob Stace chaired the meeting with Michael Donoghue talking about Burnside's unrecognised Egyptologist.

In August I was chairing the meeting again with Margaret Ford talking about the history of olive oil in Burnside. This was followed by a tasting of different-sourced olive oils and we were surprised how peppery some were. September had Howard Speed talking about South Australian photography in the 19<sup>th</sup> century while in October we had Helen Stagg on building the locks on the River Murray. Finally, we wrapped up the year in grand style with our popular quiz night hosted by Bob Stace, who also developed the questions and format for the evening.

After a year at which meetings had been increasingly well attended, in February our 2020 meetings started with Bruce Munday on dry stone walls in Burnside. This was very well attended by members and many visitors, but then unfortunately Covid-19 restrictions led to the indefinite cancellation of further meetings and the closing down of the Community Centre Hall. As I write this, there is no indication as to when we can resume meetings.

However, our meetings have clearly met the objective of encouraging interest in regional and local history, as they had increasing numbers of members and visitors, some of whom have now joined our Society. As President I believe that meetings should be an enjoyable combination of information and friendliness for those who want to socialise with like-minded people. It is a credit to many of you who help, that our meetings are achieving this.

During the year the Newsletter Sub-committee of Colin Harris and more recently Anne Both, have continued to assist Compiler Judy Brown, who has produced informative and interesting quarterly newsletters. Anne Both replaced Elizabeth Rogers, a past President of the Society, a past Editor of the Newsletter and an active member of the Newsletter Committee for many years. While many of the Newsletters are now emailed through to members, Liz Silz has organised the distribution of hard copies to those without email. To all of those involved, a big thank you.

Our website provides an outstanding digital window of information on our Society and activities to the general public, as well as a source of information for members. I thank Meredith and Amy Ide for a great job monitoring and updating it.

In addition to meetings, publicity, bulletins, newsletters and the website, members are actively involved in several projects that help protect and preserve buildings and sites of historical significance to the City of Burnside. While the Oral History project has concluded, after a mammoth fundraising effort another major project that started eight years ago is now in the final stages of work. This involves the restoration and preservation of Osmond Gilles' grave which should be completed by June. Well done to the Sub-committee of Meredith Ide, Ross Both and Anne Both, with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the past couple of years.

More recently Meredith Ide has submitted a grant application for the development of a historical guide to the Magill Road precinct and we await the outcome of this application. We are also monitoring development within the City of Burnside and bringing information regarding threats to historical sites to the attention of members, City of Burnside councillors and the public.

Our mine tours have also been very popular - thanks to David Monceaux and Meredith Ide for organising these. Unfortunately these, along with several activities we had planned for History Month have been cancelled for 2020. We look forward to re-starting tours and planning activities again for 2021.

In 2019 Laura Evans was appointed as Historical and Cultural officer for two days a week at the City of Burnside. Although there for only a few months, she was able to start organising and cataloguing the materials in the history room. In August she resigned but shortly afterwards Michelle Toft was appointed for three days a week. She has collaborated with us and our archivist Cathy Bransbury to continue collecting, sorting, recording, classifying and storing the many documents and other materials in the collection. The temporary closure of the library due to the Covid-19 restrictions has seen Michelle set up a webpage on the City of Burnside website called "Burnside Memories" and she has invited BHS members to contribute articles.

Our cooperation with the Burnside Library staff has allowed us to hold our Committee and any special meetings in the history room again. In addition, we have an area in it to publicise our Society, meetings and activities. Last year we were also asked to give a two-hour talk in the Library on the history of Burnside which myself, Ken Lawson and Cathy Bransbury presented. This was well-received and we were invited to give another talk in May this year as well as us participating in the Burnside Community Day. Unfortunately, neither activity could go ahead this year, but we remain optimistic for 2021.

In January of this year I, as President, attended a Committee meeting of the National Trust Burnside branch at Beaumont house. We agreed to jointly promote each organisation and take turns attending some of the Committee meetings.

Behind all this organisation I thank the members of our Committee. Chaired by myself we have John Thomas expertly managing the finances and Margaret Ford capably managing records of meetings, correspondence and general administration. Supporting us all with ideas and help are our Committee members David Monceaux, Ross Both, Bob Stace and Anne Both. As a Committee we have been very productive and forward thinking. To develop and sustain activities that are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the objectives of BHS, we need to promote our Society, meetings and our many activities. To this end we now have flyers for each meeting displayed in public places; members actively welcome guests and visitors to meetings; a new brochure which has generated considerable interest in BHS; a monthly bulletin originally to promote our next meetings and more recently, a new banner for display at events in which we are involved.

The cancellation of the April meeting and AGM has presented us with another challenge. This Newsletter gives us the opportunity to present the 2019-20 President's and Treasurer's reports normally presented at the AGM. Minor changes we have made to update our Constitution will now be presented in the May Bulletin. The current Committee will continue until August by which time we have to finalise the AGM process by asking for the acceptance of our reports, election of a new Committee (which will then run until April 2022), acceptance of membership fees and election of the Auditor. If we cannot have a meeting by then we will organise a postal ballot and the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration of BHS originally planned for August, will be celebrated at a later date.

Whatever happens, like those past generations who experienced World War 1, the Spanish flu pandemic, the Great Depression and World War 2, we will rise to the challenges of this unusual time to continue the fine traditions of the Burnside Historical Society.

Derek Bransbury  
President 2019-20



## Treasurer's Annual Report

It is my pleasure to report the results for the 2019/2020 financial year. This year we had an overall surplus of \$2,486.24 derived from a number of activities. At the end of the year the surplus was disbursed as follows:

\$8,608.00 to the Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Fund made up from a donation of \$5,000.00 from the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, \$3,448.00 from the History Trust of South Australia, \$50.00 each from Prospect Local History Group, Mr Glen Cowley, Mrs Kerry Durant and \$10.00 from Mr Neville Harris. A deposit of \$7,000.00 was paid to SD Tillett Memorials Pty Ltd making the net disbursement to the fund \$1,608.00.

\$1,565.89 made up from term deposit bank interest of \$780.89 and \$785.00 income from Glen Osmond Mines tours.

A deficit of \$687.65 was allocated to the General Accumulated Fund.

The efforts to gain the support of the City of Burnside for the restoration of the Glen Osmond Mines is ongoing and the Mines Subcommittee led by David Monceaux is hopeful of a better outcome in the coming year.

The Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Fund has created some interest this year with some sizable donations described above. The Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Subcommittee led by Ross Both advises that the restoration is well underway and due for completion in the near future.

We are grateful to the City of Burnside for a grant of \$600.00 towards the cost of producing the Newsletter.

Membership numbers have continued to decline and now stand at 116 down from last year's total of 124. This issue is high on the agenda for our President, Derek Bransbury, and the Committee. We look forward to arresting and reversing this decline in the coming year.

John D Thomas AM  
Treasurer

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

## Some comments from the present

April 1984 to April 1985

Mr John Clark was elected President at the 1984 AGM with Mrs Margaret Black as Vice President. The presentation at the June meeting was titled *The Prescotts of Prescott Farm* by Mrs Audrey Maschmedt, great granddaughter of William Prescott – architect to the South Australian Company, farmer, ex-Mayor of Dover and a leading citizen of early Adelaide. In 1989 a plaque for Prescott Farm was installed in Prescott Terrace, Toorak Gardens. *Reminiscences of Bell Yett* (since demolished) by Mrs Helen Finlayson (nee Black, born 1897) are on page 4 of the June newsletter. The proactive approach of the BHS Committee is retold on page 20. After two years BHS lobbyists achieved their goal of having the Stonyfell Road park named *Bell Yett*. In 2012 an interpretive sign was installed in Bell Yett Reserve Wattle Park and a plaque was placed nearby.

The Society opposed the destruction and sale of a portion of the Penfolds vineyard land for housing on The Parade at Rosslyn Park and the Friends of the Grange Vineyards Association donated \$150 to BHS towards the cost of creating a full photographic record.

For the September 1984 Newsletter (Vol 4 No 3) President John Clark wrote an interesting history of his forebears creating the Hazelwood Boys' School at Birmingham (1817-32). Francis and Caroline Clark and their seven children migrated to Adelaide in 1850 aboard the *Fatima*. They purchased an existing house and large property of 45 acres and named it *Hazelwood*. It is certainly a pleasure to look back through our Newsletters and value the effort people have made to retell the past of their families and other figures who have added to Burnside's History. In January 2010 John Clark spoke at Hazelwood Park about *Hazelwood* and his proud family connections.

In this September edition is the second part of an article (the first in June) from the *Register* (20 January 1927) - *Mr Lionel Gee's Walk about Burnside*. Have a read and see how the features of the area have changed. BHS member Judy Fander has been writing about Gee's life. In these early editions there was a series *Rambling Round the Gardens*. This Newsletter featured a description of *Wooton Lea* from the *Adelaide Observer*. It concluded in the December 1984 edition. Mrs Pat Collett and Mrs Jean Jeffries talked about Seymour College (formerly Presbyterian Girls' College on the *Wooton Lea* property) and St Peters Collegiate School (now St Peter's Girls' School). Members enjoyed visits to each school on later occasions. You can hear a recording of this meeting (and many others), Burnside Library now housing an audio record of all BHS meetings that have had a topic related to Burnside's history.

Sometimes there were book reviews in Newsletters. In September 1984 Alison Dolling reviewed Geoffrey Bishop's publication *From Stringybarks to Orchards* (page 22) and praised it as "meticulously researched and a well-balanced documentary of the Forest Range Lenswood area". Those who have heard Geoffrey address BHS will agree.

Two BHS members were highlighted in the December 1984 (Vol 4 No 4) Newsletter. Eric Warland was well-known around Burnside. He frequently talked to Burnside Primary students about his knowledge of the area and in January 1985 he spoke to BHS on his *Burnside Reminiscences* (recorded). His grandfather owned the original Burnside Inn on High Street Burnside (now demolished) from where he controlled the original Burnside to Adelaide passenger and mail service before public transport was established. He also had the blacksmith's forge opposite the Inn. On 18 February, after a tour of the *Beaumont House*, garden and outbuildings, members heard from Tony Gilbert and Elizabeth Simpson about its history and diverse owners. Elizabeth was a loyal supporter of the National Trust and a BHS member. At the time she was researching Sir Samuel Davenport, one of the former owners of Beaumont House. A list of possible BHS Jubilee 150 Projects for 1986 was being compiled such as the History of Street Names in Burnside (see the BHS website under Projects for information on this project).

The March 1985 (Vol 5 No 1) Newsletter highlighted speakers for April and May. Following the AGM, member Elsie Ahrens spoke about *Learning History through Family History*. In May Mr Rob Roy Charlton gave a talk about *The History of Kapunda*, the site of the first discovery of copper in South Australia, which played a significant role in the development of local mining wealth. Although the mines are now closed they have become a centre of historical interest, leading to the writing of a history of Kapunda by Mr Charlton who is an acknowledged expert on the area. BHS had a bus trip to Kapunda in May 1985.

**Wine Glasses:** The Society bought wine glasses for resale in 1985. They are painted in gold, with the name of the Society on one side in a Gothic letter style that was used by the Society for many years. Two glasses were given to speakers but members could purchase them at the time for \$3 each (they are no longer available and might now be approaching collector item status!



## Two items reprinted from the June 1984 newsletter

**“Tape Recordings:** We are most grateful to Ted Bayfield for recording our meetings, and believe that this is an excellent way of preserving the wealth of information and interest generated at our meetings. These recordings are available for sale and a number of copies have been sold to interested members.

**Donation of Library display case:** The Society has contributed half the cost to a glass display case that is now in the historical section of the Burnside Public Library. We believe that this is an excellent example of Community cooperation that can be used most advantageously and are confident that our member, Wendy Bromell, who works in the Library, will assemble displays in it that will interest our members and the public for many years.”

Meredith Ide



**Margaret Black**

President April 1985 - March 1987

I was actively involved in the Burnside Historical Society from its formation in June 1980 and was honoured five years later to be elected President of, by then, a thriving Society of 121 members.

Among its successful celebrations of 125 years of the municipality in 1981, the Burnside Council commissioned Elizabeth Warburton’s scholarly publication *The Paddocks Beneath*. The community was excited to learn so much about the history all around them. Many members of the new Society found that their special interests could be increasingly informed through Mrs Warburton’s research material, housed in the Burnside Library, and were keen to contribute to a number of projects developed by the Committee. These included research for three historical walks, interpreted by brochures written and illustrated by members, and first used for guided walks during the Burnside celebrations in 1981. They were named after the separate areas covered, *The Village of Burnside*, *Knightsbridge* and *Rose Park*. More historical walks were developed in later years.

Most importantly, the research material was the basis of the Burnside Heritage Study commissioned by the Council and carried out by John Dallwitz and Sandy Marsden of the consultancy firm *Heritage Investigations*. This study remains a most valuable resource, and has been especially relevant during negotiations with Local and State Government over heritage items in city planning and development.

A more unusual result of Burnside History Research was the creation of a textile wall-hanging in the form of a quilt to celebrate the SA Jubilee 150 in 1986. Margaret Preiss and I designed and organised production of the quilt with professional advice from Peg Saddler and a group of Historical Society members performed the handwork. The quilt uses applique and embroidery techniques to depict 21 historic buildings or natural features in Burnside, and now hangs in the Community Centre.

The Program and Newsletter Subcommittees have also used Mrs Warburton's research and publication to plan topics for meetings and Newsletters. At many meetings guests spoke about forebears who had lived or worked in Burnside just two or three generations back, for example the Clark, Jarvis and Thorpe families. The Newsletters were always full of interesting stories, many provided by Mrs Warburton herself, such as the biography of Mr James Rodger, who played an important role in the establishment and early years of the Burnside Christian Church in Lockwood Road, an offshoot from the Zion Chapel in Pulteney Street and the subject of an earlier meeting in June 1985.

The SA Jubilee 150 was celebrated in Burnside with guided historical walks on several Sundays, completion of the Burnside Quilt, the launch of the street names project and most importantly, the Wheal Watkins Mines at Glen Osmond were opened to the public. The BHS played a major role in establishing the historical importance of these mines and trained guides for public tours of the mines.

I found my years on the Committee of the Historical Society, including those as President, were enjoyable and exciting. At the same time, like many others, I began with enthusiasm to research my own family history and was able to contribute entries to the Genealogy Society publication *Biographical Index of South Australians 1836 to 1885*, another Jubilee 150 project.

The Burnside Historical Society still has an important role in the community in all areas set down in the constitution. I imagine that much of the information from meetings and Newsletters of the early days will be unfamiliar to many young or more recent Burnside residents and so could be reproduced with benefit.

I thank all those who have led the Society so strongly through recent years and wish the Society strength and success into the future.

Margaret Black  
April 2020

## VALE

James Crompton 29/2/1924 - 12/11/2019  
and Barbara Crompton 30/5/1929 – 23/2/2020

James (Jim) was a BHS Committee member from 1986 to 1988. In his Secretary/Treasurer Report of April 1987, Richard House stated: *This year I should particularly like to extend deep thanks to Jim Crompton who has assisted me greatly with the secretarial work when I have been on leave or unable to attend the Committee meetings. Many of these duties are measured in hours, not minutes, and his willing and efficient service has been invaluable.* At the 17 March 2008 meeting Jim talked about *SS Great Britain: a story of a great ship, a great engineer and a great grandmother* – his. He was interviewed as part of the Oral History Project. He had a dry sense of humour. You will note that Jim did not celebrate many birthdays on 29 February. The recording of his interview is available in the Local History Room at the Burnside Library.

Barbara Crompton was a Committee member from 1992 to 1994 and on the Newsletter Subcommittee from 1994 to 2005, making contributions with write-ups of meetings and events. At the September 1999 meeting Barbara presented *The History of Attunga*. Barbara served as a Burnside Councillor 1995–2003. She wrote a booklet as a celebration of one hundred and forty years of the City called *Burnside ... then and now* (1996). It highlights places in the city showing change over time – most places are still standing! The foreword was written by then Mayor Alan Taylor.

In the September 1996 issue of the BHS Newsletter, which can be found on the BHS website, Barbara wrote a summary of Council's 140<sup>th</sup> celebrations. The issue also features a review of Barbara's booklet written by then member Elizabeth Simpson.

We should be grateful to Barbara for her foresight in compiling this snapshot of history. Since 1996 there have been many changes across Burnside in both built and natural forms. Most have not been photographed before they disappeared. Trees have been removed for urban development.

Jim and Barbara's son Andrew was for some years a leading figure in biodiversity work within the City of Burnside and although he has moved on from that he remains a volunteer coordinator in habitat restoration in a project along Waterfall Gully Road. Along with John Clark, Andrew spoke to the Society about Hazelwood Park at an outdoor meeting in the Park in January 2010.

Meredith Ide

# Burnside Historical Society Website

www.burnsidehistory.org.au

Meredith Ide announced in the December 2012 Newsletter that: *our website is now available to the public. I hope you will have a look at the thirty year history of our Society recorded on the site – our past meetings, activities and projects we have been involved in, some with the Burnside Council, as well as future events.* Colin Harris and I worked with website designer/manager Jeremy Carter to organise the framework to create the website which encompasses the many aspects that Burnside Historical Society now presents to the World Wide Web. Jeremy managed the website and Judy Brown has been a great support, uploading information and the monthly meetings. Colin and I have recently reviewed the website and Jeremy has made the updates. In particular he has uploaded the Burnside Suburbs Names document, retyped by Amy Ide. All the scanned Newsletters of 40 years are included and it is interesting to delve into them to learn more about Burnside's rich heritage.

The information is published in good faith. If any of the details are incorrect or outdated please contact the Society through our Contact page. In particular if you can supply verified information about what is currently *Unknown* in *Burnside Street Names* and their Origins and *Suburb Names in Burnside* listed under Projects we would welcome your contribution.

BHS member Pamela Tiller made the following comments about the website:

*It is a fantastic website compared to other websites I have used; well designed, attractive, colourful, interesting, engaging, user-friendly and logically-interconnected so you can go back and forth.*

## **Newsletter Compiler – Judy Brown**

In the June 2015 newsletter Judy wrote in *From my Desk*:

*Thank you to BHS President Meredith Ide for her warm welcome to my new role and to Elaine Smyth for all the work she has put into the Society's Newsletter over the past years. Her wonderful organisational skills have made the transition quite smooth and I hope to maintain her high standards! Please feel free to email any articles or information for future newsletters directly to me at [jlbrown@internode.on.net](mailto:jlbrown@internode.on.net).*

As you will have seen over the past five years Judy has excelled in producing not only high quality, hard copy newsletters but has initiated an electronic version with additional material, including photographs. If you now want to receive the electronic version, please contact Judy by email. You will be saving deliverers' legs and in some cases postage costs.

## The Burnside Historical Society Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/burnsidehistory](http://www.facebook.com/burnsidehistory)

**Amy Ide** conceived and developed the Facebook page early 2015 with links to the website and local related news. She was thanked for her initiative in the June 2015 Newsletter. She maintains it and adds to it regularly and gets interested followers from outside BHS as well as members.

**Michelle Toft**, Historical and Cultural Officer for Burnside Council, says BHS Facebook is worth following. She states that the photographs and stories shared are reminders of the past, provoking memories and nostalgia. The regular features on significant figures or buildings offer interesting pieces of information about Burnside's history. The page also shares updates and events from other South Australian history institutions, keeping the followers connected. It is also a great platform to share your own stories and memories and 'meet' with others online. As someone still relatively new to the history of Burnside, the Facebook page has been incredibly helpful, introducing me to quick facts about the past.

Meredith Ide

### Heritage Protection

If you would like to read articles about the importance of heritage protection in our community, you will find these in earlier Newsletters:

*The History and Protection of Housing in Burnside*

December 2012 Vol 32 No 4

*Burnside's Heritage – one lost and one retained*

March 2013 Vol 33 No 1

## Margaret Sando - volunteer extraordinaire

Margaret Sando joined Burnside Historical Society in September 1980 as a Foundation Member. She served as a Committee member 1989 - 2002, just over a quarter of BHS's history. She was a contributor at many meetings, making constructive comments and suggestions - for example about the wording of plaques. Margaret assisted with the planning for the 1992 overnight weekend visit to the Riverland. In an Oral History interview in 2016 Margaret was very modest about her considerable involvement with other organisations. She stated that "she's been a committee person". Her interview is available in the Burnside Library Local History Room.

Margaret was very active in the National Trust of South Australia, a Vice President, a member of the Council and Executive and made a Life Member in 1978. With Necia Gilbert she provided key support for the Trust's Early Buildings Committee. For more than thirty years with Necia and Mary Grose, Margaret helped add to the Register of Historic Buildings by looking through Parliamentary papers at State Archives and Colonial Architects Art Letter Books. This long and valuable service received special mention in *Challenging Times: National Trust of South Australia, 1955-2005*. Interested in the natural environment, Margaret was involved on the Trust's Nature Conservation Committee as well as the Conservation Council of SA Committee.

Margaret was also an early member of the South Australian Heritage Committee, a key advisory group that had been established under the provision of the *South Australian Heritage Act 1978*, the first legislative framework for systematically protecting the State's heritage. She was a foundation member of the Historical Society of South Australia (1974), on the SA Museum Committee and the SA Medical Heritage Society Committee which tried to establish a museum of early medical equipment on the Glenside Hospital site. Margaret has been a Friend of Carrick Hill, SA President for nine years of the Australian Garden History Society and a member of the Botanic Gardens Board, sharing the organising of a tour to parts of the UK to visit notable buildings and gardens.

We thank Margaret for her contribution to our Society. She is an excellent example of an active and productive volunteer. She has decided to resign as a member from various organisations including Burnside Historical Society. Margaret has made a donation to the Society which will go towards the plaque for the Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration.

From Vol. 5 No. 1 March 1985 p.12

## A welcoming invitation to visit the Burnside Library Local History Room

It is a bright colourful space, with chairs and tables and a collection of material interesting to all local historians. There are delightful displays of photographs, keeping the walls alive with scenes from the past.

Three four-drawer cabinets contain biographical and other written or printed material relating to the growth and character of Burnside. You know some of it from *The Paddocks Beneath*, but by no means all. The book was the top of an iceberg and more has been added to the collection since the time it was written.

We also have five shelves of publications on local history in South Australia, which can be read here, and a dozen old street directories which have a fascination of their own.

Maps and subdivisional plans are kept in a cabinet with some of the larger photographs which we are lucky enough to have. Of course we would like more material for this record of old Burnside, but even what we have would surprise many of you. As Angela says, "Come in and see!"

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Burnside Library Local History Officer



Of course, there have been many changes in the Local History Room since 1985 but Michelle Toft, Burnside Council's Historical and Cultural Officer, will warmly welcome you when Covid-19 restrictions have been sufficiently lifted. Michelle works Monday to Wednesday. You can contact Michelle for any history-related enquiries via the City of Burnside website.

Go to [www.burnside.sa.gov.au](http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au)

Go to *Menu*. Click on **Community and Recreation**

Scroll down to the last heading - **Cultural Heritage**

Click **on Local History Enquiry** and you are there!

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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.

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