

BHS April 2021 Meeting – BURNSIDE IN THE ARCHIVES: RESEARCHING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT STATE RECORDS

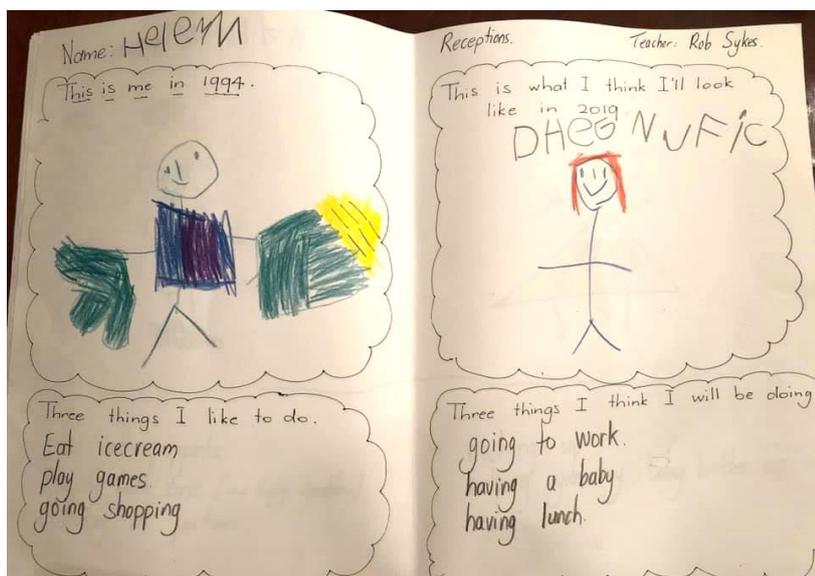
Helen Chadwick, Programs and Engagement Officer at State Records of SA, enlightened and entertained us with a wealth of information and stories about what is held in the Archives collection. Original documents, photos and tangible items dating from 1836 to 30 years ago can be viewed and copied at the Research Centre, 115 Cavan Road, Gepps Cross, by appointment Tuesday to Thursday 9:30-4:30. However, a great deal can be accessed on the website archives.sa.gov.au including Fact Sheets, Special lists, Indexes and Passenger Lists. Social media is also an excellent resource.



Helen Chadwick

Records cover every facet of life and public administration including a door knocker believed to have come from Colonel Light's home and a lock of hair from a man who died in the Destitute Asylum in 1891, rates books, minutes of council meetings, crown leases, maps, health board records, soldier settlements, teacher history sheets, and school admission registers. There are 3000 photos of WW1 soldiers, sailors and nurses and a list of where the WW2 trenches were in Burnside

Helen illustrated her fascinating talk with extracts and photos from the Archives including an item she contributed to the Rose Park Primary School 1994-time capsule. The capsule was opened in 2019. She accurately predicted 2 things she would be doing in 2019 – work and lunch!



We were also treated to copies of correspondence and plans relating to the establishment of Magill School in 1855-56, as well as early plans for the school room and teacher's house at Burnside Primary School. Overcrowding was an issue. Helen's PowerPoint included an amazing early photo of Parkside Lunatic Asylum c.1900 and plans for the criminal ward, early maps of the Hundred of Adelaide which is now Burnside, newspaper clippings, the Conduct Table from the Magill Boys Reformatory and School, Civil Defence correspondence from 1944 and so much more.

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