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The BHS Bulletin

Editorial

Welcome to our second bulletin for 2020. We hope you are all keeping safe in these unprecedented times and that you are able to keep in contact with family and friends.

This bulletin is our way of keeping in contact with you the members of Burnside Historical Society and we will be sending these out in the middle of each month.

The purpose of the Bulletin is to keep you up to date with what is going on in our society, what we are able to do now, what we plan for the rest of the year (given no-one knows when the restrictions will be eased) and news from both our members and other organisations including Burnside Council.

Our Quarterly newsletter will continue to be published and this will focus on articles of historical interest. The next edition will be published in June.

We cannot talk to each other as we did at our monthly meetings, but if you would like to talk through our Bulletin please email us at 'burnsidehistoricalsoc@gmail.com'.

In this bulletin we have news from your committee on what we are doing at this challenging time, general news on Historical Society activities and news from other organisations.

Finally, have a look at page 6 for news on membership fees, which we have deferred for the year.

Derek Bransbury (Editor) and Margaret Ford (Distribution)

Meetings for the rest of 2020.

April and May meetings are cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions.

At this stage we have no information on the whether or now we can resume meetings in June.

Our next Bulletin will keep you informed on this.

The following dates are for when we planned meetings. However, until restrictions are lifted and we can plan our meetings again, there is no certainty that the meetings will take place and so no further information can be given;

Dates of "maybe" meetings…

Monday 15 June
Monday 20 July
Monday 17 August
Monday 21 September
Monday 19 October
Monday 16t November

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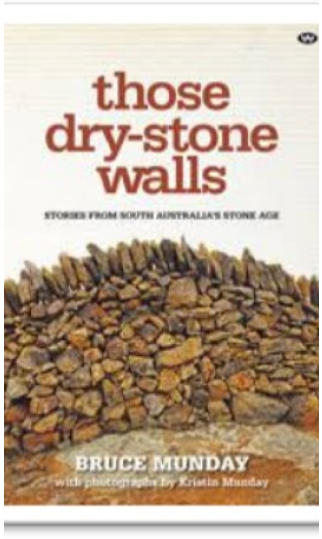
Special points of interest:

- Contribute to Burnside Memories
- Become a writer
- Share your stories
- Help keep an eye on developments
- Enjoy a fee free year of membership

Post Script to our February Meeting by Derek



Those Dry-stone Walls Stories from South Australia's Stone Age Bruce Munday, Kristin Munday Wakefield Press

Bruce Munday gave a very interesting talk about dry stone walls and gave several examples of these that are in and around Burnside.

A number of members bought his book including Cathy and Myself.

One bonus of the current self-isolation is that I now have time to read it thoroughly.

I was surprised to read of the extensive dry stone walling that was built and still exists throughout South Australia.

While in the past I took notice of the heritage buildings that are around, I will now be more aware and therefore, more conscious of the surrounding walls.

Indeed looking at photos of the old stone buildings, many are enhanced by the stone walls around them.

We need to ensure these walls are given the same sort of heritage protection.

Burnside memories - From you!

Michelle Toft is the Historical and Cultural Officer for the City of Burnside.

Michelle is very active in managing and promoting the history of Burnside. Members have already found her to be very helpful in finding and looking up information for them.

The closing of the library and hence History room has prevented members from accessing in person the resources there. However, Michelle is very happy to follow up any queries you may have. (Phone Michelle on 08 8366 4140) In addition to overcome the barrier to local history due to the Covid-19 virus, Michelle is setting up a website page for members of the public and Society to record their memories of Burnside. She says...

“I have been tasked with creating innovative ways to engage our residents with history, without face to face programs. It is quite challenging! If you have any ideas I would love to hear them.

One idea that is about to come to fruition is ‘Burnside Memories’. I have created a webpage on the City of Burnside website that asks visitors to share their memories of Burnside, there is also space to upload photographs. I will send the link to you once it is ready and then it would be wonderful if you could send out an email to BHS members so they can contribute with their Burnside memories. There is also space to upload photographs.

I will later collate the entries and create on an online exhibition and will do a display in the Library once we are open again.

I will send the link to you and then it would be wonderful if you could send out an email to BHS members so they can contribute with their Burnside memory”

An opportunity for you to share your memories of Burnside and here is the link:

https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Community-Recreation/Cultural-Heritage/Burnside-Memories

Open your internet page and copy this into your web browser.

Feel like being a writer?

Professional Historians Australia is preparing the next edition of *Historia*, our well-received email newsletter. *Historia* keeps members up to date with news and events within PHA membership and the wider industry. When appropriate it will also be sent to friends and 'stakeholders' including potential employers so they can see the range of activities professional historians are involved in. For the next edition of *Historia* we especially invite contributions that consider the COVID-19 pandemic in historical context; the effects on our work, as practising historians or people working in museums; advice or discussion about archival collections, for example, gathering ephemera and digital material. These issues are suggestions only and are not exclusive.

Content may include a variety of news and events, articles, websites, etc.

Written pieces should be a maximum of 500 words in length (but may be shorter) and submitted in a word document. Images in a jpeg format are welcome and should be forwarded as separate attachments to an email. Bullet points and hyperlinks can also be included in an article.

The closing date for submissions is **15 May 2020**. Please forward items or send any questions you might have to newsletter@historians.org.au

Best regards,
Sandra Kearney
Secretary

Memorial to those who served by Anne Both

As we come up to ANZAC day once more it provides opportunity for a virtual visit to some of the memorials erected in honour of the servicemen who did not return. Many of these memorials took the form of tree plantings, avenues of these being planted nationwide being

Visitors to National Park Belair may recall the avenue of sequoias commemorating Australian and American servicemen of WW2 and Korea. This avenue leads to the adjacent Cherry Walk, a plantation of Japanese Cherry trees planted to commemorate WW1.

At Clarendon there is another planting of trees this time adjacent to the local War Memorial a number of these trees show plaques at the base which t carry the name of a local soldier and members who joined the visit last year to Mylor may recall the memorial there with its hedges of rosemary.

But a tree planted at Cresswell Gardens (in front of Adelaide Oval entrance) bears the honour of being the first in the world planted as a memorial to WW1. When this English oak (Quercus robur) was planted in August 1914 by SAs Governor Sir Henry Galway it was surrounded by 8 wattles representing the States and Territories. These have since disappeared but the magnificent tree remains as a potent reminder of the sacrifice made by many.

Other reminders are Anzac Highway established 1917-1921 with which most of us are familiar and nearer to home the splendid Alexandra Avenue at Rose Park established in 1918/19 with trees which included 52 English elms and oaks.

Further information can be had at the following:
https://treenet.org/resources/treenet-avenues-of-honour

The Journal Sat. 29 Aug 1914 p.33 tree planters at work an historic oak

This article provides a description of the ceremony, who participated etc

South Australian Police News

The South Australia Police have a useful booklet you can download from their website. In this time of social distancing, many members are using computers and the internet to keep in contact. There is a wealth of information in this booklet which includes...

- Home security
- Garages and sheds
- Going on holiday
- Protect your valuables
- Identity theft
- Uninvited callers
- APOL Home Assist Program
- Reporting a crime
- Victim support
- Property record
- SAPOL home security
- Assessment
- Suggested treatments
- Neighbourhood Watch SA

For further assistance please contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

National Trust South Australia—News

Message from The President

I hope that you are all keeping well in these very uncertain and extraordinary times. Parts of South Australia continue to suffer from severe drought, other parts are recovering from bushfires and many of you will also be seriously impacted by the significant economic downturn that Covid-19 has caused.

Our federal and state governments have imposed restrictions on us all to try and keep us safe from Covid-19 and to stop it spreading. As a consequence, all our museums and related buildings are closed to the public and all community events scheduled for the foreseeable future have been cancelled or postponed.

The Trust's main concern at this stage is protecting the health of everyone, so we strongly advise you all to stay at home as much as possible.

On an ecstatically happy note, I want to share with you the absolutely wonderful news that the Baptist Church in North Adelaide recently gifted their church and surrounding buildings in Tynte Street to the Trust. This majestic church, built in 1870, contains one of Adelaide's finest pipe organs and has excellent acoustics – two "live streaming" concerts have already taken place in the church hall. (see more details of the program below).

However, restoration work on the Church is urgently needed and I ask you to please consider donating to our appeal for that purpose. If you are able to make a donation please send an email to appeals@nationaltrustsa.org.au or telephone the office at Beaumont House on 8202 9200. Donations can also be made online at www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa/

I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continuing interest in and support of the Trust. Although the Trust is experiencing difficulties arising from Covid1-9, I feel confident that we will see this period through with a more united and stronger NTSA when the virus eventually comes to an end.

With my very best wishes for Easter and stay safe.

Deborah Morgan
President

'Shopping for' Service—A City of Burnside service

Our 'shopping for' service is extended to ALL residents over 65 years.

We want to ensure our older residents stay safe and supported. 'Shopping for' is a service where Council will undertake a weekly shop for residents, delivering goods to their doors.

Tony and Jill Bransbury are the first to take advantage of this service. The Glenunga couple are both in their 80s. "I am having trouble with my mobility," says Tony. "I'm worried about everything that is going on out there (coronavirus)." His wife agrees saying, "Our daughter told us to stay at home so this service is excellent."

Council worker Sam, a swimming pool casual, picked up their shopping list and bags and did their shopping at Burnside Village then hand delivered to their door. Sam was redeployed when the pool season was cut short so she still receives her wage. "It is good to get out and about," says Sam. "The only thing I couldn't get for them was toilet paper."

For help with your shopping call 8366 4200.

Eastwood Community Centre's History Project

EASTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Share your story with Eastwood Community Centre's History Project

Your story is of value to us at Eastwood Community Centre, for its history project. One hundred and forty years ago the building came to life as a church, yet in the last 42 years it's provided services as the heart of the community.
Peter Combe performed his first released album and Judith Barr drew the raffle prize at our open day in 1980.
Over the years, many people have engaged with Eastwood Community Centre and we are keen to hear your story of:

- Experience of your engagement with Eastwood Community Centre.
- Growing up in the area.
- Living in the area for a time and noticing changes.
- Historical photos.
- Your story that may have historical relevance.

Five creeks ran across the land through the wheat farms and orchards, now known as Eastwood.
The perimeter of the Victoria Park Racecourse (1847), Parkside Lunatic Asylum, now Glenside Hospital (1870), several hotels along Glen Osmond Road, blacksmith, coachbuilder, Post Office (1865), bakery, Parkside Primary School (1886), the Parkside / Eastwood Institute (1900) and the Methodist Church (1880), now known since 1978, as Eastwood Community Centre, framed the Eastwood community village.
Here is what some of the stories reveal so far about our history:

'Eastwood Community Centre was the heart of the community village' (Diana).

'Matilda Dixon had a diary in Eastwood, she would take her cow to graze in the parkland, as did other diary owners' (Ally).

'I was part of a small group of knitters at the C Day Club that met at Eastwood Community Centre. We knitted beanies that we donated to the Cancer Care Centre. We also knitted tiny outfits for premature babies and donated those to the Women's and Children's Hospital. I knitted several hundred sets for babies. I made lifelong friends' (Fran).

'On Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood, in the 1950's and 1960's, where Hookers Real Estate Agent is now, it used to be a picture theatre. When that closed it turned into a bowling alley and then a roller -skating rink. We went there to watch pictures on Saturdays' (Louis).

What is your story?

Eastwood Community Centre, 95 Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood, is the heart of our diverse community. A place to engage, laugh, learn and connect. It promotes, initiates and supports community-orientated programs-projects directed towards strengthening, establishing and developing social networks; and supports systems that encourage self-reliance for individuals in the community.

We welcome your participation by either contacting Jewels at:

- Jewels: Share your story History Project
- Find us on Facebook: Eastwood Community Centre
- Eastwood Community Centre Inc, 95 Glen Osmond Road Eastwood SA 5063
- Tel: 8373 2225
- Email - admin@eastwood.asn.au

Yet another heritage listed house may hit the dust

'Development Act, 1993 City of Burnside Category 3
Notice of Application for Development Plan Consent pursuant to Regulation 33 Development Regulations 2008 Development Number 180\0202\20 Notice is hereby given that an application has been made by Bb Architects 217 Gilbert Street ADELAIDE SA 5000 for consent of Demolition of a Local Heritage Place (house) The land proposed to be used is situated at 1 Rosedale Place MAGILL SA 5072 legally described as 5664 642 42 285 and is located in a RPA3 Residential - Magill (Chapel)'

The deadline for submissions on this demolition was today, Tuesday 14th April. However, Colin Harris quickly developed a submission opposing demolition which was emailed in with 3 hours to go.
Many thanks Colin.

This reminds us that BHS needs members to look out for the destruction of our heritage and importantly, a member who can develop a submission opposing it. Are you or do you know of members who could do this?

At meetings we are fortunate to have many members who help with opening up the hall; setting up tables and chairs; welcoming members and visitors; managing the finances, records of attendees and name badges; displaying information; organising the microphones, laptop and projector and providing supper. This is support by so many members is wonderful and makes running meetings a pleasure

Over several years the management of Burnside Historical Society was carried by small committee with a heavy workload, although your current committee has people in all the essential administration roles thus making the workload more manageable.

In this world of today with so many competing interests taking up people's time, I believe that for the society to continue responsibility for administration and historical issues responsibilities need to be shared among a wide number of people. The next bulletin will focus on the AGM and the people we need to successfully manage the society into the foreseeable future. **One such person needs to be a member to monitor any development in the City of Burnside and write submissions so as to ensure our recorded heritage is preserved.**

Your Committee

On the 4th April your committee met over the internet for our management meeting. It was our first attempt using Zoom, a program where you can see and talk to others over the internet and it was very successful. We discussed:

- The treasurer's report— as we are in a strong financial position and with no meetings so far, we decided to defer membership fees for the year (see box below).
- Our monthly meetings which are cancelled until restrictions allow groups to gather again.
- The deferred Annual General Meeting covering reports and election of committee. We will discuss this further in May as the situation regarding restrictions, becomes clearer.
- The letter sent to all members has enabled us to update our membership details. We will continue to Keep members informed by producing the monthly bulletin and newsletter.
- Osmond Gilles grave restoration progress (report next bulletin)

While the Annual General Meeting has had to be deferred, in the next issue of the Bulletin there will be the President's and Treasurer's reports as well as other documentation relating to the AGM. Presenting these beforehand, should expediate the AGM procedure.

The committee have 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.