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IMPORTANT MEETING NEWS

Meetings cannot be held until the City of Burnside Community hall is again made available for use. At the time of going to press the City of Burnside has not opened the community hall for meetings.
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.

Welcome to the June Bulletin.

The resilience of everyone in South Australia in adapting to the Covid-19 restrictions has been a wonderful example of community care and cooperation.
We, in the Historical Society, have kept in touch through the Bulletin. Recent news on the easing of restrictions gives us hope that soon we can re-commence our monthly meetings. We will advise you once the City of Burnside again allows meetings. Meanwhile this Bulletin has some articles that will concern you, inform you and challenge you.

Thank you to Margaret Ford who emails these out to you.

Derek Bransbury. Editor.

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ISSUES AFFECTING HERITAGE PROPERTIES

1 Rosedale Place—Demolished

The City of Burnside received an application to demolish this heritage listed property. As Colin Harris was going to be away, Dr Susan Marsden kindly attended the Council's Assessment Panel meeting on Tuesday 2nd June and reported the following.

The panel universally supported the advice of council staff, including their heritage advisor, to approve demolition on the basis of the engineering report showing the house to be structurally unsound and in the architect's words, "uninhabitable and requiring hundreds of thousands to restore".

Susan made two important suggestions. First, to find an engineer or architect qualified in heritage matters and able to address and assess these issues. Secondly to ask the council how many places were originally on the Heritage register and how many have since been demolished.

Romalo House, Magill - To be sub-divided

Duncan Crouch, when walking past the property, noticed that the grounds were marked with boundary markers for sub-division.

The City of Burnside council was asked what was planned and the following was given.

Romalo House is on the heritage register and was sold in January of this year. The new owners have put in a planning application to subdivide the large double block of land maintaining the house, outbuildings and immediate gardens. The subdivision retains a large number of trees and maintains the spaciousness of the original 2 blocks. The land area is too large for the householder to maintain but the new owners want the sub-division to maintain the green ambience of the surrounds. Given that the size of the 2 blocks are equivalent to about 16 house blocks in the area, the subdivision into 4 blocks seems very reasonable.

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Moorcroft Reserve Sluice abutments –destroyed

In the May Bulletin we published a photograph (below) of the historical sluice gate abutments that were the few tangible reminders of Erindale House and its elaborate gardens.

Since then this heritage structure has been demolished. Colin Harris wrote to the council to express his disappointment. Both Colin and David Monceaux are currently following this up.

On behalf of BHS management committee, Derek Bransbury, President, wrote to Chris Cowley expressing our disappointment at the demolition and that BHS was not consulted despite being involved in the original heritage survey of the area. We asked that we be involved in suggestions for further conservation of Moorcroft Reserve and that in future we be consulted on changes to heritage items in the City of Burnside.

Following this correspondence, your committee members as well as Colin Harris and Susan Marsden, met at Moorcroft Reserve to agree on the future conservation of it. Since the 1890's carriage bridge was in poor condition and overgrown with vegetation, we agreed this should be conserved with information signage. A second letter was written to Chris Cowley suggesting this. While we have had no reply from Chris, Barry Cant has since written apologising for the destruction and offering to meet Colin Harris at Moorcroft Reserve to discuss conservation of the carriage bridge.

We will keep you informed.

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VALE GRAHAM BILLS

Graham Bills, a former Burnside Councillor, was dedicated to planting and conserving trees within Burnside. He was an advocate, highlighting the diminishing canopy and lack of real protection for even significant trees.
A speech he gave on 30 May 2018, at the unveiling of the Moorcroft interpretive panel, can be read in our September 2018 newsletter Vol. 38, No. 3 pp.15-16 (see www.burnsidehistory.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-Vol-38.-No-3-e-version.pub_-1.pdf).
Graham talked about Erindale where he lived during his youth. Later in life he lived nearby.
He enjoyed the natural environment, maintained and enhanced it. Burnside should follow his example and maintain what is naturally occurring without dramatically changing it. Graham wanted others to appreciate the simple joys of nature as he did in his youth.

Meredith Ide Past BHS President (2011-18) BHS Member

Retyping of early BHS newsletters

Thanks Helen and Joy.

Helen Bills and Joy Taplin were quick off the mark to volunteer to retype early newsletters as per the request in the BHS June newsletter. They will soon receive a small bundle each. Their generosity will help everyone accessing these revamped newsletters to read them more easily.
Meredith Ide.

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We welcome new member Michelle Toft

Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration Project.

The restoration of Osmond's grave is now finished apart from completing the production and installation of the information plaque. Congratulations especially to Ross and Anne Both, who were ably helped by Meredith ide and Derek Bransbury.
We are planning a ceremony to celebrate this achievement. Put this probable date and time in your diary: 10.30am on Friday 25th September 2020. Once finalised we will confirm this with all members.

Magill Walk Project

This project has been planned by Meredith Ide and involves developing a self-guided walk for the Magill Wesleyan cemetery and historical sites along the eastern end of Magill road. A grant was sought from the City of Burnside and we are pleased that they have approved the funding of it.

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A QUIZ you to answer.

Prior to South Australia's settlement in 1836:

1. What is the oldest structure or building?
2. Where is it?

After settlement in the State of South Australia in 1836:

1. What is the oldest structure or buildings?
2. Where is it?

After settlement in 1836 in the City of Burnside area:

1. What is the oldest structure or buildings?
2. Where is it?

Where are these plaques and what they are about?

Plaque 1

Plaque 2

Who knows where this house is and the history of it?

Send in your answers to us (email burnsidehistoricalsoc@gmail.com) and we will print them in the next Bulletin.