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The BHS Bulletin



*From everybody on the committee we wish you
a safe and happy Christmas and look forward
to seeing you again in the new year*

2020 on Reflection- Derek Bransbury, President

Welcome to the final Bulletin for 2020 and what a year it has been! The February meeting was very successful and well attended. It featured Bruce Munday on dry stone walls in South Australia and the many examples in the Burnside area. I am sure that after the meeting we went away considerably more aware of the stone walls around us.



But how many of us knew what shortly lay ahead?

Then Covid-19 hit us all with restrictions not seen in our life time, resulting in the suspension of all monthly meetings.

This posed a challenge for us in the Society. After considering the impact on BHS of the cancelled meetings, I decided to write a postal letter to every member explaining the effect of these restrictions on our society. I advised that we would keep in contact by producing a monthly Bulletin and requested all members advise us if the email address shown in the letter, needed updating.

Also cancelled was the Kensington Gardens Community Day to be held in March and supported by the Burnside Council. This was disappointing as I had spent time planning a display and interactive stall. It would have been a good opportunity to publicise BHS.

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Meanwhile some heritage issues in the City of Burnside area were brought to our notice .

A member of BHS told us of the destruction of the heritage listed weir in Moorcroft Reserve. Emails flowed back and forth between myself as President of BHS, our valued member Colin Harris and the City of Burnside. While the weir cannot be resurrected, the outcome is that a report has been prepared by a heritage architect to preserve the very old carriage bridge in this reserve. Action is being taken by the council to implement it.



In September the last quarterly newsletter was sent out.

Our wonderful compiler of the newsletter, Judy Brown, has an increased workload at her place of employment and can no longer manage our newsletter role. Also there were no more Burnside Council grants available to help pay for its printing. As a result our September newsletter was the last in that format.

In July restrictions eased and we developed a Covid Safe plan with members trained to implement it, processes for recording attendance and sanitising of the socially distanced seating.

Much to the relief of everyone on the committee, the lifting of restrictions enabled us to have our 40th Anniversary meeting in August. Before we could have the meeting, I had to undertake Covid Safe training and develop a Government approved Covid Safe plan some 9 pages long. We then organised a team of members to implement the plan which included sanitising the seating and tables, provision of hand sanitiser, appropriate signage and registration forms for members on entry, socially spaced chairs and for the 40th celebration, individual cup cakes as shared food was no longer allowed. Afterwards, members commented on how much they had enjoyed the meeting and celebrations.



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Our 40th Anniversary meeting included a special meeting to approve Constitution changes planned earlier for March.

Prior to starting the 40th Anniversary meeting, we had a short meeting which passed the updated Constitution that had been sent to members beforehand.

Geoffrey Bishop, President of the Historical Society of South Australia, congratulated BHS on it's 40th anniversary; Anne Both was deservedly made a life member; excellent



talks were given by Colin Harris and Richard House; past presidents and life members were introduced by Meredith Ide, and the cutting of the cake ceremony was performed by Richard House and Margaret Preiss.

Our April AGM was finally held in September.

In the following month we were able to have our September meeting which started with the AGM. Reports sent to members beforehand were accepted and the committee and president were elected. After this Stuart Symons gave an interesting talk about Modernist Adelaide, architecture from the 1950s to the 1970s. This was very well attended but Secretary Margaret Ford and myself were rather worried as under the Covid safe plan we were only allowed a maximum of 90 in the hall. Luckily we scrapped in with 85.

Our Covid Safe Plan restricted numbers to a maximum of 90.

As a result Amy Ide helped Margaret set up Eventbrite as we needed some way of controlling numbers attending. This was much appreciated. We will be reviewing this system for our meetings in 2021.

Our last two meetings for the year were able to go ahead.



Our October meeting with Geoffrey Bishop talking about Chateau Tanunda was again very well attended. Members and visitors booked through Eventbrite or directly contacted Margaret Ford . We value members advising us so we can keep numbers within government requirements.

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The Osmond Gilles Grave Rededication ceremony

On the 6th November the committee and I were invited to attend the Osmond Gilles Grave Rededication Ceremony in West Terrace cemetery. This concluded a very successful project and much work and perseverance by Anne Both, Ross Both and Meredith Ide.



Anne and Ross will be talking about Osmond Gilles and the project at our February meeting. More details later.

And the Antique road show came to Burnside!



Finally for the year we had our very successful November meeting. Members enjoyed taking an old item up to John for him to talk about it. A report of this interesting meeting written by Helen Bills is in this Bulletin, together with some photos taken by Roger Bills and Liz Silz Thank you Helen, Roger and Liz.

And then Covid-19 Reared its head again.

We only just managed to have the November meeting as an outbreak of Covid-19 on the Tuesday after the meeting, meant that restrictions were increased and no meetings allowed. How lucky were we that our August to November meetings were able to be held, especially given all the extra work your committee and I put in.

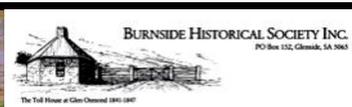
Thankyou Amy Ide

Finally congratulations to Amy Ide for her new job but unfortunately for us, she no longer has the time to maintain our Website. We would welcome this role being taken over by a member.

Any offers?



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Your Committee and BHS Priorities for 2021

We had an interesting and challenging year. We met in early February and March in the History room of the Burnside library. Then the Covid 19 restrictions came in. Your committee showed innovation and technical skills by holding very successful Zoom meetings through to September. In November and December, we met in at VP's café rewarding ourselves with coffee and cake!



I thank committee members John Thomas our treasurer, Margaret Ford our secretary and Anne and Ross Both, David Monceaux, Bob Stace and Liz Silz who have been so supportive during this challenging year.

At the November meeting we listed priorities for 2021. These are Monthly meetings and speakers planned by our sub-committee of Cathy Bransbury, Bob Stace and Liz Silz; A regular Bulletin compiled by Derek Bransbury, edited by Ross Both, emailed by Margaret Ford and copies posted by Liz Silz; An annual publication based on recommendations from our sub-committee of Anne Both, Bob Stace, Liz Silz and Helen Bills and updating of the website and Facebook. Involvement in other activities during 2021, such as History Month, will be managed as it arises.

The next Bulletin will be early February 2021

In January your committee will meet again. There will be a short Bulletin out to remind you of the February general meeting. It will also include the programme for the year.

2020 will go down in history as a year of challenges and changes that have affected us all. As I write this the State borders have finally opened up and families and friends can be together again. Hopefully Christmas will be a time of greater freedom to enjoy family and friends. I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again at our 2021 meetings.



Derek Bransbury, President



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The November 2020 Meeting by Helen Bills

Who'd have guessed when the Burnside Historical Society held it's final meeting for 2020 that just 48 hours later the whole State would be constrained by a 6-day complete lockdown?

We were treated to an entertaining evening with JOHN FOUMAKIS, a local antique collector and dealer for 41 years. John's father housed Australian soldiers at his home on the island of Crete during WW2. After the war he migrated to Australia. His life story is one of great fortitude and resilience as are so many migration stories. When John's father had enough money from his first job in a tannery in Bowdon, he paid for the rest of his family to join him in Adelaide. So, John began life in Australia living next door to the Salvos Op Shop in Whitmore Square which is where his love of *'all things old'* began. He squirreled away absolutely everything he found which then became the stock for his first shop on Goodwood Road. However, he'd become very attached to his collection and hoped nothing would sell!

BHS members and visitors brought their treasures to the meeting for John to inspect. He gave us amazing insight into the history of each object then a rough valuation.



There were two 1987 Walkerville Brewery beer bottles and a pair of lady's side saddle riding boots;



a damask tablecloth with the name Agnes H Linden woven into it. This came from the Linden family home (now demolished) with the driveway between the Morton Bay fig trees on Greenhill road and where the suburb name Linden Park came from. This same family had connections to Mount Breckan at Victor Harbor. A handwritten story of how Mt Breckan came into being was also displayed.

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Then two silver plated meat skewers, a pair of exquisite 1880s ruby glass bowls from Bohemia, an early Adelaide Business Directory equivalent to the current day Yellow Pages, an early 18th century folding camera, an 1850s boar tusk brooch, an early 1900s English cameo brooch, an elephant ornament from South Africa made from zylonite, continued to hold our attention.



But wait there's more.



A small early 1900s oak barrel soap dish,

an 1840s painting,



a superior quality 18 carat working order,

gold pocket watch in excellent

a James Ashton oil seascape, a Royal Doulton porcelain figurine of Mr Pickwick, a very fine Wahl Eversharp Sterling Silver Mechanical Pencil, an 1860s mourning brooch and finally, in 18th position, a whale oil Davy miner's safety lamp. The valuations ranged from \$15-\$3,500.

What a fun filled night John provided and a wonderful way to end the year after all the challenges of 2020.

Ed. I thank Helen Bills for the report, Roger Bills & Liz Silz for the Photos.

The 2021 Meeting Programme

The full 2021 programme will be published in the Bulletin early February.

Meetings will be February to November inclusive on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Unless advised otherwise they will be in the Community Centre Hall, adjacent Burnside library, 401 Greenhill road, Tasmore.

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Facebook page 'Marsden Szwarcbord Foundation - Make history'

Susan Marsden BA (Hons) PhD MPHA has set up this Facebook page for



Marsden Szwarcbord Foundation - Make history ...

20 November at 12:58 · 🌐

Gabriella Princi, masked but still serving at the family's fruit and veg shop on Thursday 19 November 2020, day 1 of SA's new lockdown. The picture tells a complex story about herself, the business (also shown in our video of Rocky Princi, on YouTube in session 4), and local history - including the historical photos of their shop and the shopping centre, placed on the high shelf behind Gabriella. So, here's to the Princi family and other essential workers, and to MSzF's Make history at home series continuing through lockdown and beyond.

#marsdenszwarcbordfoundation
 #mszfmakehistoryathome
 #mszfmakehistoryathome1
 #mszfmakehistoryathome4 See less

people to comment on current history. Look at the variety of posts on the Facebook page, videos on YouTube & photos on Instagram. Check out the website, mszfhistory.org.au for other history projects supported.

Michelle Toft has provided the following description of the old photographs on the rear wall of Gabriela and Rocco's fruit and vegetable shop in the Leabrook shopping centre.

Go and visit their shop to see these and enjoy the fresh produce too. Historic photograph descriptions (thanks to the Burnside Local History Collection and the Preiss Family)

From Left to Right:

1. Convenience Store, corner of Glynburn and Knightsbridge Roads c1920s. Looking South West.
2. Outside 62 Knightsbridge Road. St David's Hall (later Rivoli Hall) being demolished in the Background. Preiss Family in front of car. 1964
3. Trolley bus on corner showing St David's Hall, c 1960 (looking north west).
4. Holloways Shop Knightsbridge, c 1964



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Christmas at Mortlock in the State Library of SA

This year the magic of Christmas can be seen and enjoyed in the Mortlock library.



There is the largest indoor Christmas tree in Adelaide, fascinating and fun displays of all things Christmassy from the collections of the State Library of South Australia. The Christmas display takes you back to how Christmas has been celebrated through the generations of South Australians. Hear the sound of carols and songs

by Patsy Biscoe, Kamahi and Jimmy Barnes. The Mortlock library display is on until the 4th January 2021, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm (Closed Sundays and Public

Burnside History Room News from Michelle Toft

Earlier this year, Historical and Cultural Officer, Michelle Toft, took the opportunity to revamp the Local History Room during the Burnside Library COVID closure.

The beautiful wooden display case was often missed by visitors, so the Library team moved it to a more prominent position in the room. Michelle also installed lighting and wrote object labels to encourage further engagement with the display. It has already fostered a lot of interest. Next time you visit the Library, have a peek at the display and discover something new about our history.

Here is before...



And after....



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A New Publication: An Annual Journal for the BHS

Since our foundation in 1980 our Society has been well served by its quarterly newsletter. In recent times we have successfully added this *Burnside Bulletin* to our means of communication, and this has provided members with more frequent and up-to-date information. Due to the lack of volunteers to produce the quarterly newsletter and no more grants from Burnside Council, the Committee has decided to rationalise our communication and replace the newsletter with an annual journal; a subcommittee has been established to organise this.

The purpose of this new annual journal will be to document “the year that was” for the Society. The journal will have a strong Burnside “flavour” and is likely to include the President’s Annual Report, reports and photos of events and activities of the Society and resumes of speakers at our meetings. Research articles on Burnside’s history will also be featured.

The first Annual Journal of the Burnside Historical Society is likely to be published towards the end of 2021 in time for emailing or hard copy distribution at the November meeting. We are confident that the combination of the regular Bulletin and the Annual Journal will serve our members well.

If you have skills which might help with the organisation and production of the Annual Journal then please contact us using the BHS email.

From our sub-committee of Anne Both, Bob Stace, Liz Silz and Helen Bills

New Planning Laws can be perused on https://plan.sa.gov.au/have_your_say/events

Phase Three Code consultation - community information session
COVID-19 safety and wellbeing require you to register (segmented into half an hour intervals). Held on the 9 December 2020, 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Margaret Bond Room, Glenunga Hub, 70 Conyngham Street, Glenunga

Registration: You must register via Eventbrite (go to the website shown above)

Open to members of the public, council staff and elected members

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Photographic Reflections of 2020



Moorcroft Reserve Sluice was demolished



Council organised home deliveries during lockdown



These popped up during the year

September meeting



Burnside shopping centre part demolished



Our 40th



Osmond Gilles Grave Rededication ceremony - Find out more at the February meeting



October meeting



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I am sure that on behalf of all members I can extend a special thankyou to Chairman Derek Bransbury, Secretary Margaret Ford OAM, Treasurer John Thomas AM and all members of the Committee, for the way that they have managed the Burnside Historical Society during this period of the COVID-19 crisis. There has been an extraordinary and most unusual amount of extra work involved even when the society went into lockdown. Now we almost only live from day to day when there may be further difficulties around the corner. The November meeting only just scraped in before the more recent lockdown, and we never know what will hit us next.

Thank you all for what you have done to keep the society alive and active. We have just completed 40 years of activity and your work is the basis for the next 40. Many thanks.

Richard House OAM

OUR NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 2021 Monday 15th 7.30pm

Topic: Osmond Gilles: Colonial Treasurer and Businessman,
Pastoralist and Philanthropist.

Speakers: Anne and Ross Both



This presentation will also include a summary of the Osmond Gilles Grave Restoration project which was led by the Burnside Historical Society and resulted in the rededication ceremony at the West Terrace Cemetery on Friday 6 November 2020.

The Program for 2021 will be published in the February Bulletin.