

Dear members and friends,

It is with much regret that after considerable discussion with members, our general meeting for

Monday 21st February is cancelled

We are committed to keeping everyone safe. With students returning to school, nobody knows what the virus will do during February. This is creating considerable uncertainty in the community and in members who help run or attend the meetings.

We on the committee give priority to the safety and well-being of members and visitors attending the indoor meeting. As we could not satisfactorily control those risks for visitors and members, the February meeting is cancelled.

The forecast for Covid-19 virus infections suggest that by March, the risk of catching the virus will be reduced. Nevertheless, we have developed Covid-safe protocols applicable to everyone attending meetings from March onwards. These will be sent to all members in March and will be published on flyers, the BHS website www.burnsidehistory.org.au and Facebook 'burnside history'

March 21st General Meeting

Judy Fander will present...

Discovering Laura Gee: An early South Australian watercolourist and Burnside resident, with examples of her work from private and public collections.

Born in 1860 Annie Laura Vernon Herford was the wife of Lionel Gee, a senior public servant in the Department of Mines. She was also a

mother. Her painting, 'Princess Alexandra Parakeets,' hung in the Art Gallery of South Australia from 1904 until 1959. Two of her watercolour portraits, one of Catherine Helen Spence, are currently in their collection.



Looking Back

In 2021 despite the threat of Covid-19 restrictions we managed two day trips and nine meetings with only one cancelled.

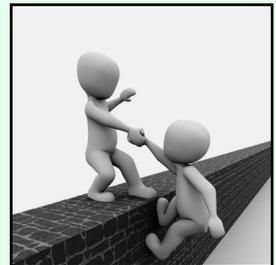
Fortunately, the November meeting finished the year on a high. An interesting and well received talk titled '*In the steps of Elder, Barr Smith and Waite, 1860s – 1940s*' was given by Pamela Rajkowski. This was followed by the launch of the 2021 BHS Journal and the official handover of copies to the Mayor of Burnside, Anne Monceaux. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a light supper, drinks and a chance to talk to others. Each member attending the meeting was then able to collect their copy of the 2021 Journal. The Journal Sub-committee members posted or hand delivered copies to members unable to attend.

Managing the Society's activities

In April we have our Annual General meeting at which the Managing Committee for the 2022/23 year will be elected.

While members of the Managing Committee are happy to continue in the various roles for the year, **some will be retiring in 2023. These include the President Derek Bransbury, Secretary Margaret Ford and Treasurer John Thomas.** For the Society to continue in 2023, members will be needed on the Committee. The success of the Society now and in the future depends on your support.

We would like those of you not presently on this committee, to consider becoming involved. **We would welcome you to attend committee meetings and shadow the retiring members.** They will help you to familiarise yourselves with the management of the Society. This will make it easier for those of you interested in nominating in 2023 to take over the positions and ensure the continuation of the Society.



To help you understand what the positions involve, attached to the March Bulletin will be a 'Members Handbook'. Inside you will find information on the management of the Society and the role and responsibilities for each position.

General Meetings.

The BHS Planning Sub-committee is busy organising the speakers for the General meetings as well as some day trips for 2022. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, changes to the original programme have had to be made. Hopefully during the year everything will settle down and plans can become more certain. In the March Bulletin we will include the updated programme of meetings and day trips for the year.

The BHS Journal

After the success of the inaugural Journal last year, the members of the Journal Sub-committee Bob Stace, Helen Bills, Liz Silz and Anne Both are keen to produce another publication this year. They would appreciate it if other members could help but they need not sit on the sub-committee. Please email or phone BHS for further information.

History Enquiry Volunteers

On Monday afternoons some of our members assist Michelle Toft, City of Burnside History and Cultural Officer, with enquiries and research in the Burnside Library History room.

Those already helping on Mondays are Helen Bills, Roger Bills, Bob Stace, Judy Fander, Graham Maguire and Cathy Bransbury.



Members of the public can visit the Burnside Library History room on a Monday afternoon to get help with any research enquiry or they may email it to Michelle.

BHS members Peter Hartley and Colin Harris also help Michelle with research enquiries but in their own time.

If any other members wish to join in the Monday afternoon Enquiry roster, please contact Michelle, email MToft@burnside.sa.gov.au

Magill Stone mine Reserve

The stone from this reserve was used in many early colonial buildings. We have requested a City of Burnside Management plan be developed to protect this important historic reserve from incursions by development. Mike Daws and Jenny Turnbull are supporting this request. Currently they are seeking costing of such a plan for presentation at this years Council Budget planning meeting.

Welcome to New Members

We welcome Dr Ken and Glenys Obrien to the Society. We look forward to meeting you at our meetings.

Protect Our Heritage Alliance (POHA)

The new POHA Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/POHASA2022>

There will be information on the page re. Heritage and Planning issues. A particular emphasis will be on resisting and reversing the Government's plan to appropriate and commercialise Ayers House and Martindale Hall with the erosion of their heritage importance and accessibility to the public.

Signatures for Petitions for these two heritage buildings are still being collected. Please look at the [Facebook](#) page regularly. Make comments. Have your say. Please forward the new POHA Facebook address to family and friends so they know what's happening.

Thank you for your support. Meredith Ide

Meredith is resigning from the General Committee of HCSA. She is in her 4th year and asks if any BHS member would like to fill the position until the AGM on the 1st October this year. The first of the bi-monthly meetings for 2022 will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 5.30 -7.30 pm in Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide. Meredith can talk about HCSA to whoever is interested.

Moorcroft Reserve Carriage Bridge restoration.



Following the destruction of the heritage listed sluice gate abutments in May 2020 by the City of Burnside Council, they agreed to restore the Carriage Bridge. Despite 25+ emails and reports, no action on the bridge has yet been taken.

Our Next Managing Committee meeting

This will be on Friday 25th February at 10am in the Burnside Council Chamber's Corner room. If you would like to attend, please email us as shown below.

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