

# BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



You are invited to our meeting on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm



## “The Life of Sir Henry Ayers”

**Speaker: Grant Morgan**

Grant has been a guide at Ayers House for 26 years and during this time has conducted extensive research into the life of Sir Henry Ayers and the history of the period.

Sir Henry Ayers (1821 – 1897) emigrated to South Australia as a carpenter with free passage with his wife Anne in 1840. He rose from early work as a law clerk, then secretary of the SA Mining Association's highly successful Burra Mines, to be one of the most significant and influential political and commercial figures in South Australia during the second half of the nineteenth century. He was a member of the Legislative Council continuously for 36 years, its President for 12 years, and Premier on 5 occasions. Apart from politics, he was an astute businessman with interests and influence in exploration, mining, agriculture, and finance. He is best known today for his ownership and occupation of Ayers House on North Terrace, Adelaide from 1855-1897.



*Burra Burra Mine 1850 ST Gill*



Ayers House

**Venue: the Burnside Community Centre Hall, (adjacent to Burnside Library)  
401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore. Enter car park from Fisher Street off Portrush Road.  
Non- members - a Gold Coin donation is appreciated.**

**Burnside Historical Society is a voluntary Society that researches the many historical aspects of the City of Burnside. We have monthly meetings which feature interesting presentations covering the history of the City of Burnside and South Australia. Further information may be found on our website [www.burnsidehistory.org.au](http://www.burnsidehistory.org.au) and on our Facebook page [@burnside history](https://www.facebook.com/burnsidehistory) or by telephoning **0422 705 916****