



# The Monthly BHS Bulletin

August 2023

## NEXT MEETING: Monday 21 August at 7.30pm



Our August meeting will feature **Grant Morgan who will speak on the "Life of Sir Henry Ayers"** who was the dominant figure in South Australia in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He was Premier of SA five times between 1863-1873 and his influence touched so many areas of life in South Australia over a prolonged period, in such areas as mining, agriculture, politics, and much more.

Our speaker Grant Morgan 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.

For full details of our August meeting please refer to the Flyer sent with this Bulletin.

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

After a particularly good response with the payment of membership fees over the past month, and as at the end of July, we have 98 financial and Life members (74 at the end of June). Let's get our membership well over 100 by the next report. At only \$30 single and \$45 for family membership it's a real steal!



## FOR YOUR DIARY: BHS September Meeting

Our speaker at the meeting on 18 September is Peter Foster OAM and his topic will be ***The State Horse Drawn Collection, a hidden gem***. The State's collection of horse drawn vehicles is housed within the Millicent Museum in the State's South East and is considered the best of its kind in Australia. Peter has had hands-on involvement in the Millicent workshop restoring many vehicles in this collection over the past 35 years.

## MICHELLE IS BACK

### Historical and Cultural Officer Role

Michelle Toft is back from parental leave and will be job sharing with Karen Muller in the role of Historical and Cultural Officer for the City of Burnside. Michelle is working Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Karen is working Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Call for Volunteers in the Local History Room

In 2021, Burnside Library introduced 'Local History Enquiry Hours' every Monday from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the Local History Room. This is a dedicated time for the Historical and Cultural Officer and volunteers to research history enquiries that have been received during the week and is also an opportunity for



customers to come in and receive in-person support. The Burnside Historical Society has been supporting this program with several members volunteering their time to assist the Historical and Cultural Officer in researching enquiries.

The Local History team are seeking more willing volunteers to assist in this program. You do not need to be an expert on Burnside History but have a passion for history and an interest in helping others. The Historical and Cultural Officer will train you in finding resources in the Local History Room. It is also a good opportunity to promote the Burnside Historical Society. It is typically a once-a-month commitment on a Monday afternoon.

If you are interested in being part of the roster, please contact Michelle at [mtoft@burnside.sa.gov.au](mailto:mtoft@burnside.sa.gov.au)

## JULY MEETING REPORT

We were treated to an entertaining evening on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Although the chilly evening could have deterred attendees from venturing outdoors, 46 members and visitors enjoyed an engaging and well-researched presentation by Alison Hicks on the topic, *Telling tales about School*.

Alison's enthusiasm for early schooling in SA was apparent as she explored interesting records of early schools across the state with a focus on the eastern suburbs. We saw original plans of early

educational structures and many early photographs of pioneering teachers, students and school buildings including the outdoor dunnies.

The evening concluded with conversations with Alison over supper as attendees, many of whom were former teachers, enjoyed reminiscing. We thank Alison for sharing her extensive research with us. A full, illustrated report will be included in this year's Journal.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**(More facts from the annual BHS Information Handbook produced by Richard House OAM)**

Did you know that since our foundation in 1982, BHS has had a diverse programme of regular monthly meetings, speakers, and outings including:

- Over 470 meetings with a guest speaker.
- Around 80 day trips and outings.
- 24 overnight weekend visits to many regions in South Australia. The last of these was in September 2018 when Colin Harris led the visit to "The Margins of the Good Earth" in the State's mid north.

At Right: BHS members board the Pichi Richi Railway at the Quorn Station as part of the Margins of the Good Earth tour.



## PROGRAMMING SUBCOMMITTEE: PLANNING FOR 2024

The BHS Programme Subcommittee of Neville Lawrence, Dianne Wilson, Liz Silz, Gill Nield, and Bob Stace will soon continue the BHS tradition of interesting meetings and outings by commencing the planning for the 2024 Programme. Thanks to all of you who completed the Programme Survey. Your ideas will be used to develop next year's programme. However, if you missed out on completing the Survey or you have had another "brainwave", then you can still email this information to [burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com) and mark it "Attention Programme Subcommittee". Please submit your ideas by 7 August.