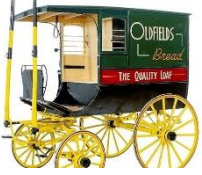




The Monthly BHS Bulletin

September 2023



Next BHS Meeting: Horse Drawn Vehicles

Our speaker at the meeting on 18 September at 7.30pm is Peter Foster OAM and his topic will be ***The State Horse Drawn Vehicle Collection, a hidden gem.*** A flyer on page 3 of this Bulletin gives full details of the meeting, the speaker, and the topic.

Guided Surface Walk of Wheal Watkins: A New Event

The BHS Mines Subcommittee invites ALL members to join a guided surface walk of the Wheal Watkins site on Tuesday 26 September from 1.30 – 3.00pm. On this walk you will see the Mine site and hear about the project being advanced by our Society, in cooperation with the City of Burnside, to better conserve the Mine site and to tell the Mine’s story. Bookings are essential by phone (0422 705 916), or in person at the BHS September meeting. There is no charge for this walk, but **bookings must be finalised by Friday 22 September.** Park and meet at the end of Allandale Ave, Glen Osmond at 1.30pm. A reasonable degree of agility and fitness is required.



BHS Visit to Grange and Henley: Thursday 19 October

Join us for a visit to Captain Charles Sturt’s Cottage, the *Grange*, for a guided walk along the historic Grange foreshore, and lunch at the Henley Hotel. Full details including booking, cost, and transport arrangements can be found in the flyer on page 4 of this Bulletin. **Bookings required by 9 October.**

FOR YOUR DIARY. Our October and November Meetings.



Don’t miss these meetings. Make sure they are in your diary.

Monday 16 October: Our speaker will be Anne McCutcheon with her topic being: *William Wyatt Protector of Aborigines and the Wyatt family connection with Burnside.*

Monday 20 November: Don’t miss our final meeting of the year when Anne Daniell will tell *The story of Chiverton – Past and Present.* This meeting will also include the distribution of the 2023 Journal and feature a special supper to celebrate another year in the life of our Society.

Two matters of interest from the BHS August Committee meeting:



1. BHS Membership Numbers

As of the end of August we had 100 financial members, including Life Members. This growth in financial members over the past few months has been very positive but it would be great if we could reach 120 by the end of the year.

Extra members will help better cover the annual costs of running the Society, which then gives us better financial security at a time of increasing costs. Membership is great value at \$30 for singles and \$45 per

family. One of the means of increasing membership is to turn “visitors” into “members.” You can play your part in 2 ways:

- 1) You can invite neighbours and friends to come to our varied and enjoyable meetings and outings. You could even offer to drive them to a meeting. Let them get a feel for things and then encourage them to join.
- 2) You can be welcoming of all visitors at our meetings and encourage them to come again. Ensure they have copies of our programme and flyers about our outings which are available from our reception desk. Share your positivity about our Society with these potential members.

Remember that the stronger and larger our membership, then the greater our ability to advocate on heritage and history matters in Burnside and to work productively with the City of Burnside.

2. Magill Stone Mine: a heritage issue.

BHS member Colin Harris was invited to the August Committee meeting to report on the findings into a review of the Magill Stone Mine and its Reserve. Colin is a member of the City of Burnside’s Heritage Reference Group. The City of Burnside recently organised an independent review of the Stone Mine to ascertain whether it needed a stand-alone Management Plan. The Report recommended that no plan was needed.



Colin presented the case that the key features of the Stone Mine Reserve including the heritage listed stone mine itself, the remaining remnants of one of Crompton’s olive plantations (1870’s), and the presence of remnant native vegetation together, warranted a management Plan for the Reserve. The Committee resolved to write to the City of Burnside to express its strong concerns about the recommendation of the Review and its belief that a management plan was warranted.

Sir Henry Ayers: Much more than a politician and businessperson



Our August meeting was again well attended with 42 BHS members and 11 guests there to listen to Grant Morgan present the *Life of Sir Henry Ayers*. Grant traced Ayers’ life from his birth in 1821 and his humble origins in Portsea, England, to his migration to South Australia at the age of 19 with his wife Anne (nee Potts), through to his rise and rise, to become one of the most dominant and powerful political and business figures in South Australia in the second half of the 19th Century. We learnt of Ayers, involvement with the Burra Mine in the 1840s which brought him prominence and wealth, and his lengthy service and leadership in the Legislative Council with 5 short stints as Premier of South Australia.

Interestingly, Grant chose not to detail all of Ayers’ lifetime achievements, but to zero in on 1870 when he and his family had a sabbatical year in England and Europe. Through Grant’s judicious use of entertaining, illuminating, and often humorous quotes from Ayers’ personal letters of 1870, we learnt much about his thoughts and experiences as he travelled. He lived life to the full, revelled in the many social and cultural experiences of the year and “flourished in the joyful air” (apart for Suez and Aden where he found both to be “unsavoury, smelly and dirty”!)



Changes to your email address?

The TPG group, which includes Internode, Chariot, AAPT, ozemail, iiNet and Adam, will divest themselves of email services from mid-September 2023. This will not affect your internet service, just emails. All affected members of BHS will have received an email about this from A/Pres Margaret Ford. To continue receiving emails from the Society, please either action a transfer to The Messaging Company, or if you now have a new email address, please let BHS know.

This Bulletin is an important part of the Burnside Historical Society’s communication with members. It is emailed monthly, generally in the first week of each month. Hard copies are available at each meeting.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



You are invited to attend our meeting on
Monday 18 September 2023, at 7.30pm.



Speaker: Peter Foster OAM
Topic: The State Horse Drawn
Vehicle Collection, a
hidden gem.

The Millicent National Trust Museum, formed in 1965, houses what is regarded as Australia's finest horse-drawn vehicle (HDV) collection - holding some 90+ restored and conserved items. The collection has its roots in 1955 due to 3 visionary collectors determined to save the final vestiges of the previous all-encompassing transport system. Joining the Millicent NT branch in 1987, Peter Foster became the Honorary Curator in 1990, due to his love of HDVs and his accumulated 'hands on' restoration skills, including coach painting, trimming, period painting, sign writing and wheelwrighting.

For over 40 years, Peter has dedicated his life and labours to researching, and authentically restoring and conserving a broad range of HDV types and associated items. He published the book 'Coaches, Carriages and Carts, HDV in Australia' in 2011. He was awarded an OAM in 2020 for his services to community history. His presentation will highlight some of the finest and interesting vehicles in the Millicent Collection and the stories behind them.



**FINEST COLLECTION IN
AUSTRALIA**



**Venue: the Burnside Community Centre Hall, (adjacent to Burnside Library)
401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore. 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 and on our Facebook page [@burnsidehistory](https://www.facebook.com/burnsidehistory) or by telephoning 0422 705 916

Burnside Historical Society

A visit to Grange and Henley, Thursday October 19



Sturt's Cottage "The Grange"
Museum visit



The Marine Terraces (1882)
Historic Grange foreshore tour



Henley Beach Hotel for lunch

OUTING DETAILS AND ARRANGEMENTS

9.50am: Arrive at "The Grange", 39D, Jetty St, Grange.

10am – 11.15am: **Visit Sturt's Cottage:** Morning tea and Museum Tour

"The Grange" was the cottage home of Captain Charles Sturt from 1840-1853. Set in an idyllic setting this State Heritage listed home is as it would have appeared in those early days of settlement. Its museum will expose you, via displays of relics and interpretive and multimedia displays, to the story of Sturt and his expeditions along the River Murray and to the north and the centre of Australia.

11.15am: Depart "The Grange" and travel to the Grange foreshore in own car. (3 mins)

11.30am -12.15pm: **Short Guided Walk of the historic Grange foreshore.**

This brief walk will be led by a member of the Henley and Grange Historical Society. It will tell the story of the establishment of the seaside resort of Grange from the 1880s.

12.15pm: Travel to the Henley Beach Hotel, 157 Esplanade, Henley Beach (5mins)

12.30pm -2.30pm: **Lunch (at own expense) at the Henley Beach Hotel.** Seniors' discount of 20% off main meals.

BOOKINGS: Must be completed by 9 October by either phoning the BHS number 0422705916 or in person at the August or September meetings.

PAYMENT of \$12 per person for "The Grange" entry and morning tea must be made **at the time of booking** by paying cash at a Society meeting or by transfer of funds (EFT) to:

Burnside Historical Society, BSB: 105 086, Ac No: 330 298 840

If paying by EFT, please also confirm this payment and your booking by phoning the BHS number.

NB Lunch at the Henley Beach Hotel is at your own expense.

TRANSPORT: Transport will be by own vehicle. It will take about 45mins by car from the Burnside area to reach "The Grange". Members who would like support with transport should specify this at the time of booking. Arrangements will then be made to link you with transport.

Friends are most welcome.

This is another opportunity to introduce friends to the conviviality of BHS functions.