



Next BHS Meeting: Monday 16 October at 7.30pm

The speaker at our October meeting is Anne McCutcheon who will speak on the topic, *The life of William Wyatt, his family connections with Burnside, and the Wyatt Trust*. A flyer on page 3 of this Bulletin gives full details of the meeting, the speaker, and the topic.

BHS November Meeting: not to be missed!

Our November meeting is the final meeting for the year and will include:

- ❖ Guest speaker Anne Daniell will tell *The story of Chiverton – Past and Present*. Chiverton (at right) is the historic home at the heart of St Peters Girls' School at Stonyfell.
- ❖ The launch and distribution of the 2023 BHS Journal.
- ❖ A celebratory supper to mark the end of the BHS year.



Grange and Henley Visit: Last chance to book and pay.

Bookings and payment for the day outing to Grange and Henley on Thursday 19 October close next Monday 9 October. If you haven't booked, then you can still do so by phoning the BHS number 0422 705 916. Remember that friends and visitors are most welcome to join us, and that transport can be arranged for those without a vehicle. (Just mention this at the time of booking)



This outing includes a visit to "The Grange", the cottage home of Captain Charles Sturt, a guided walk along the historic foreshore of Grange Beach, and lunch at the Henley Beach Hotel. (At your own expense). Payment of \$12 per person is required at time of booking to cover entry to Sturt's Cottage and morning tea. Full details of this outing can be found in a flyer which was included with the September Bulletin.

For those who are attending: Details of transport arrangements and directions to "The Grange" will be available at the BHS October meeting.

Horse Drawn Vehicles: transport from the past A report on the September meeting by Cathy Bransbury

The 34 members and 4 visitors who attended the September meeting were entertained by a most interesting, illustrated talk presented by Peter Foster on the State Horse Drawn Vehicle Collection which is based at the National Trust Museum in Millicent.

Peter is the Honorary Curator of the Museum and over a period of 40 years his hands on skills of coach painting, trimming, sign writing, and wheelwrighting have contributed much towards the restoration of many vehicles in the collection. He coordinated a work for the dole program in

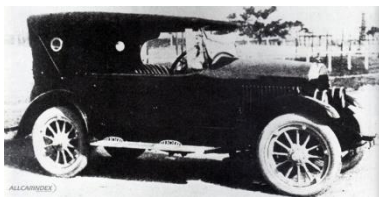


2006 which restored 26 vehicles. These were originally housed in Adelaide but after they were restored they were transported to Millicent in 2010.

The collection of over 90 vehicles has a diverse range of vehicles from a horse drawn vehicle, which came out on the *Buffalo* in 1836, to a wagonette which was still used in 1944 due to petrol rationing. Some of the horse drawn vehicles were made by local coach builders in South Australia whilst others were imported from the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. The range of horse drawn vehicles in the collection includes sulkies, buggies, wagonettes, and coaches.



Peter concluded his talk with a quiz and then asked for comments or questions from those attending. This led to members recounting stories of horse drawn vehicles they remembered from their childhood. Some members said that now that they were aware of the Museum, they plan to visit next time they pass through Millicent.



Motor Versus Horse

The following article appeared recently on the BHS Facebook page. It is a quote from the *Adelaide News* of Wednesday 31 October 1923, page 7, and describes the debate 100 years ago in



the Burnside Council Chambers. It is a timely connection to the topic of our September meeting (see above)

Discussion at Burnside whether a motor was not cheaper than a horse and trap to run was a topic which occupied the attention of the Burnside Council at its last meeting. An application was received from the overseer asking for an increase in the allowance he at present receives for the upkeep of his horse and trap. Cr. Vaughan -We are paying £50 a year for the upkeep of a horse. It is a question whether petrol would not be cheaper. I understand that the overseer travels round a good deal, and if his time is valuable the cost of petrol will make up for it. No business firm would tolerate a man going about in a trap. Cr. Parker-As he does his work satisfactorily with a horse and trap, why spend more on a car? Mr. E. J. Harper (Chairman) - The time book is the thing that counts. If he can get around quicker, it will be of value. Cr. Savage--The car would have to be bought by the council, and its upkeep would cost £2 a week. Mr. E. JT. Bert (engineer) was asked to furnish a report to the council on the matter of purchasing a car for the overseer.

Guided Walk in Wheal Watkins Reserve

Report from Liz Silz

On Tuesday afternoon 26 September the BHS Mines Subcommittee arranged a guided walk in the Wheal Watkins Reserve so that members could view the historic mine area and learn about our plans for conserving it and telling its story. Disappointingly only 4 members took up this opportunity along with our guide Dave Monceaux.

The warm sunny weather provided us the opportunity to climb to the entrances of both the upper and lower audits of the mine where we viewed the interpretive boards previously organised by the BHS. We also noted the extensive pathways and hand railings provided by the Burnside Council. BHS has had a long association with this mine, initially conducting underground tours and then surface tours when it was deemed unsafe to continue underground visits.

Dave showed us the areas requiring maintenance and spoke about the plans currently being discussed with the Council by our Mines Subcommittee. Should you wish to learn more about this project then please speak to the members of our Mines Subcommittee of Dave Monceaux, Ross Both, Bryan Harris, and Bob Stace.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



You are invited to attend our meeting on
Monday 16 October 2023 at 7.30pm

Speaker: Anne McCutcheon

**Topic: The life of William Wyatt, his
family connections with Burnside,
and the Wyatt Trust.**



Background to the Speaker:

Anne McCutcheon is a Governor at The Wyatt Trust. After a career in community development (including at Burnside Council during Coralie Soward's time) and more latterly in small business development and advice, Anne's retirement has been dominated by community service. As well as involvement in various club boating activities with her husband (who she met at Burnside Council!) Anne is a Trustee at the Charles Sturt Memorial Museum and a keen gardener at the Heritage Garden.



About the Topic: Dr William Wyatt – Protector of Aborigines in the Colony (1837-1839), apothecary Surgeon, medical administrator, JP, land dealer, property developer, civic polymath - director of many of the early institutions in SA (schools, hospitals, societies, gardens, museums and so on) and undertook



many public appointments in his lifetime. A man whose migration story created considerable rise in his fortunes and social status.

On his death in 1886 and after making provision for his wife and relatives, William Wyatt left the residue of his assets to form the basis of the Wyatt Trust valued at £50,000. The Trust is a perpetual foundation which 136 years later continues to partner with not-for-profit and community organisations to reduce poverty and inequality in South Australia. The Trust provides financial assistance and seeks to amplify the voices of those most impacted by poverty and inequality in our society.

**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 [@burnside history](https://www.facebook.com/burnsidehistory) or by telephoning **0422 705 916**