

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

You are invited to our meeting on
Monday 19 February at 7.30pm

Speaker: Carolyn Spooner

Topic: The Extraordinary Life of Sir Hubert Wilkins



George Hubert Wilkins ((1888-1958) was born and raised at Mount Bryan East in South Australia at the fringe of viable agricultural land and beyond the Goyder Line. He went on to become a cinematographer, naturalist, explorer, aviator, and submariner. His abiding interest was in researching the climate, especially at the Poles, to improve forecasting for farmers. His expeditions took him to the Arctic, Antarctic, Eastern Europe, and tropical Australia. Carolyn will lead us to understand why Sir Hubert was ahead of his time, was once a household name , especially in the USA where he spent most of his life and why his was indeed such an “extraordinary life”.

Carolyn Spooner has recently retired as Engagement Librarian at the State Library of South Australia where she worked for some 40 years. She enjoyed the mix of working with heritage collections, information technologies and South Australian researchers. In her role she gave presentations on the Library’s collections, wrote stories for the website, took Library tours, and assisted the community in their research requests.



**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.**

The Burnside Historical Society has been an active and enthusiastic participant in the Burnside community for the past 44 years. 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](tel:0422705916)