



BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2024**

The Committee of the Burnside Historical Society wishes all members and friends a Happy New Year. May you enjoy good health and have a satisfying and fulfilling 2024. We look forward to your company at our meetings and outings during the year.

Lunch at the “Kensi” on 17 January

Why not start the BHS Year with an enjoyable and sociable lunch at the historic Kensington Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington on Wednesday 17 January from 12noon – 2.30pm? We already have over twenty bookings but have room for more. Bookings must be completed by phoning the BHS number (0422 705 916) by this Wednesday 10 January. You are most welcome to bring a friend.



The discount deal for Seniors for our lunch is \$10 off the price of all main course meals on the menu.

The Historic Village of Kensington

Our Lunch at the Kensi is in the heart of the historic Kensington Village.

Did you know that:

- ❖ The village of Kensington was surveyed in November 1838 by J.H. Hughes, the first settler in the immediate area, and was named after Kensington Palace in London. An unusual design feature was that the streets were laid out diagonally in order to minimise crossings of Second Creek, with the main streets, High Street and Regent Street, running parallel to the creek.
- ❖ The first Anglican Bishop of Adelaide, Augustus Short, lived in Kensington after his arrival in December 1847, on the corner of Bishop's Place and Regent Street.
- ❖ From 1878 Kensington had the first horse-drawn street tramway in Australia. The tramway connected Kensington to the City with a single loop running up Regent Street and back down High Street joining the double tracks that ran down The Parade to Adelaide.



BHS Committee Meeting: Friday 19 January

Members of the BHS committee are reminded that their next meeting is coming up soon **on Friday 19 January** from 10.30am – 12.30pm. (2 days after the Kensi Lunch) As our usual venue in the Corner Room at the City of Burnside is not available on this day, we will be holding the meeting at Victoria Grove on Greenhill Rd. Access is from Gate 3 on the down track of Greenhill Rd with parking immediately in front of the old building.

Please make every effort to attend as it looks like being a busy agenda with some important decisions to be made. Agendas will be emailed by 14 January.

BHS Meeting: Monday 19 February at 7.30pm

Our first monthly meeting for 2024 will be held in the Community Hall on **Monday 19 February** when Carolyn Spooner is our speaker with her topic being *The extraordinary life of Sir Hubert Wilkins*. Some of you will recall that Caroline was scheduled to be our speaker on this topic in March 2023 but a power failure in the Community Hall caused a last minute cancellation of the meeting.



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 and his expeditions took him to the Arctic, Antarctic, Eastern Europe, and tropical Australia. Indeed, his was an “extraordinary life.”

For Your 2024 Diary

March Meeting Our speaker for the March meeting on Monday 18th will be Joeline Hancock who will speak on the topic “A web of stories from South Australia’s Institutes: from Adelaide to Yongala via Campbelltown and Magill.”



Yongala Institute established 1878



Adelaide Institute on North Terrace established 1861

April Meeting: The meeting on Monday 15 April will be our AGM so please reserve this night in your diary so that you can attend and support your Society at this important meeting. As has become a tradition in recent years, our guest speaker will present an Anzac theme.

The BHS 2024 Programme: The full programme of meetings and events will be detailed in the next Bulletin which will be emailed in the first week of February.