BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

The Monthly BHS Bulletin

March 2024

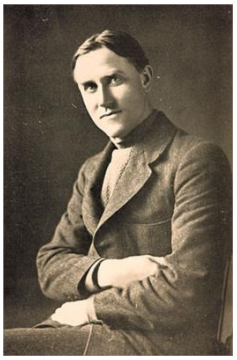
THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Monday 18 March

Joelie Hancock

The speaker for this month's meeting will be Joelie Hancock with her topic being: "**A web of stories from South Australia's Institutes: from Adelaide to Yongala via Campbelltown and Magill."** More details of the speaker and the topic can be found in the attached flyer on page 4. In addition to our speaker, the Mines Subcommittee will be showing the recently produced 5 minute video of Wheal Watkins.

The Magill Institute

Day Visit to Hahndorf: Wednesday 3 April



Members and friends are invited to attend our next outing which is a day visit to Hahndorf on Wednesday 3 April. Highlights of the visit will be a guided Tour of The Cedars, home of Sir Hans Heysen ($20/person), lunch at the historic Hahndorf Old Mill Hotel (at own expense) and time to explore some of the historic elements of Hahndorf's main street. A flyer with all the details of the outing was distributed at the February meeting but a copy has also been included in this Bulletin on page 3.

Please take the opportunity to book and pay for this outing at the March meeting. We will be using our own vehicles but will be organising transport for those who do not wish to drive. Please mention your need for transport when you book.

April Meeting and AGM on Monday 15 April

Our April meeting will feature both the Annual General meeting of the BHS and a guest speaker Gary Petts who will present *Remembering significant Australian Aviators,* especially Rose Park resident John Downing who was shot down with a missile over Vietnam. (See image to the right.)

Our Society is functioning well, its activities are well supported and enjoyed by members, and it is playing an important role in the Burnside community. This is all happening as a result of the commitment and enthusiasm of our Committee and its various subcommittees. Whilst a majority of current Committee members have indicated they will be renominating for 2024/25, there are several members who will not be seeking re-election at the AGM. **This will create 2-3 vacancies, so please give consideration to joining the new Committee** particularly if you are a relatively new member who has joined in the past few years. Nomination Forms will be available at the March meeting.

The 2024 BHS Programme for 2024 available now

The BHS Programme for this year was distributed to all of those who attended the February meeting. A copy is also attached to the email carrying this Bulletin. The programme contains daters, speakers, and topics for all of our monthly meetings for 2024 along with details of 4 BHS outings and the 4 History Festival events we are organising. Full details of the latter will appear in the official History Festival Programme which will be available in late March/early April**. Please put all this information in your diary now.**

Visit to Cummins House, 9 July

Enthralling story told at the February meeting

Carolyn Spooner (L) with Liz Sliz who chaired the February meeting

Sixty six attended our first monthly meeting for 2024 (49 members and 17 visitors) and all were treated to an enthralling presentation by our guest speaker Carolyn Spooner on *The extraordinary life of Sir Hubert Wilkins.*

That the 13th child of a pioneering farming family, born in 1888 and raised on the wrong side of Goyder's Line at Mt Bryan East in South Australia, could achieve so many remarkable feats, and contribute so much to the scientific knowledge of the world in just one lifetime, is truly remarkable. Sir Hubert Wilkins was an adventurer, polar explorer, aviator, sub-mariner, photographer, geographer, and war hero all rolled into one.

Carolyn's presentation, which was accompanied by over 150 slides, vividly portrayed the exploits of Sir Hubert Wilkins. It was a great start to our 2024 speaker programme. A full report of this presentation will appear in the BHS 2024 Journal.

Annual subscriptions can be paid now.

At its recent February meeting, the BHS Committee decided to maintain subscription fees at their current level for 2024/25.

Single Membership $30, Family Membership $45

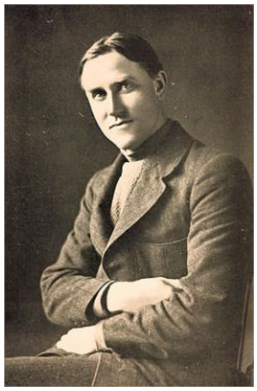
Not everything is increasing in price! Members will receive an individualised invoice for their annual fees shortly. These can be paid in cash at meetings or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the BHS by using the following details, BSB:105086, Ac No: 330 298 840. If you are contemplating becoming a member then NOW is the time to join.

Help needed with setting up and packing up the Hall

At our February meeting we were a little short on volunteers to set up the Hall and to put away chairs and tables at the end. If you can help at the March meeting, then please arrive by 7.00pm to help with the set up. The packing up takes about 20 minutes at the end of the meeting. Your help will be much appreciated.

Don't miss this outing
Book and Pay at the March Meeting

Burnside Historical Society
Day Visit to Hahndorf
Wednesday 3 April



THE MORNING

10.15am: Arrive at The Cedars, home of Sir Hans Heysen, 68 Heysen Rd, Hahndorf.

10.30-11.30am: Guided tour of The Cedars including the Heysen home and studio. **Cost of tour $20** (payable at time of booking with BHS)

LUNCH

12-2.00pm: Lunch at the Hahndorf Old Mill Hotel

Seniors' meals at $18, plus a la carte menu available.

Lunch at own expense

AFTERNOON IN HAHNDORF

- Visit Hahndorf's Pioneer Memorial Gardens
- Free time to explore the main street

TRANSPORT: Own vehicles. **If you need transport, please arrange this at time of booking**. Cars assisting with transport will depart from the car park on the northern side of Hazelwood Park near the junction of Davenport Terrace and The Parkway at 9.30am.

BOOKINGS are required by 27 March and can be made at the March meeting or by phoning 0422 705 916.

PAYMENT of $20/person for the Guided Tour of The Cedars **must be made at the time of booking** by paying cash at one of the Society meetings or by transfer of funds (EFT) to:

Burnside Historical Society, BSB: 105086, Ac No: 330298840

Why not invite a friend or neighbour to join you on this outing?

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

You are invited to our meeting on

Monday 18 March at 7.30pm

Speaker: Joelie Hancock

Topic: ***A web of stories from South Australia's Institutes from Adelaide to Yongala via Campbelltown and Magill.***

About Joelie

Before retirement Joelie was a Senior Lecturer in Literacy Education at Flinders University. Through her work she discovered the history of Institutes in South Australia and decided she wanted to document the story of each Institute, all 352 of them! Now that she is retired, she has continued this research project which she shares with her husband Ken, and still finds time to indulge in two book clubs, a U3A Play Reading Group, a choir, a tennis group, a garden, and time with family and friends.

Adelaide Institute C 1880

Magill Institute

About the Topic

In the period 1860-1920s Institute buildings sprung up throughout South Australia. They were a cultural and educational necessity for any town or suburb with aspirations. They were the centre for social and sporting activities, the meeting hall, the picture theatre and even the seat of local government. While outlining some of the differences in Institutes around the State and over time, this talk will focus on the Institutes that were established in Adelaide's eastern suburbs.

Venue: the Burnside Community Centre Hall, (adjacent to Burnside Library)
401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore. Enter car park from Fisher Street off Portrush Road.
Non- members - a Gold Coin donation is appreciated.

Burnside Historical Society actively promotes the history and heritage of the City of Burnside. We conduct 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 or by telephoning 0422 705 916

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programme for Meetings and Outings 2024

MEETINGS

Meeting Venue and Times: All meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month and held in the Hall of the Burnside Community Centre, corner of Portrush and Greenhill Roads, Tusmore, commencing at 7.30pm.

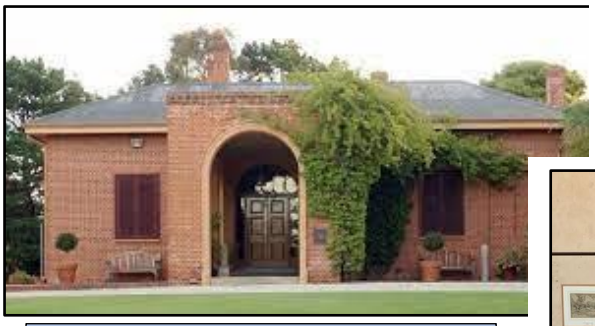
Friends and visitors are most welcome to attend meetings. A $2 donation is much appreciated.

Date	Speaker and Topic
19 February	Topic: The extraordinary Life of Sir Hubert Wilkins. Speaker: Carolyn Spooner
18 March	Topic: A web of stories from South Australia's Institutes from Adelaide to Yongala via Campbelltown and Magill. Speaker: Joelie Hancock
15 April	AGM of the Burnside Historical Society which will follow the speaker. Topic: Remembering significant Australian Aviators especially Rose Park resident John Downing Speaker: Gary Petts
20 May	A SA History Festival Event Topic: Food Glorious Food at Rose Park Primary School and its local community from 1893 Speaker: Dr Kerrie Davies
17 June	Topic: The Story of the Adelaide Zoo: Past, Present and Future. Speaker: Elaine Bested
15 July	Topic: History of The South Australian Police Historical Society, the Police Museum, the Thebarton Barracks, and their re-location. Speaker: Bill Prior
19 August	Topic: Mistresses of Beaumont House Speaker: Sandy Whitelaw
16 September	Topic: Theatre Life in Adelaide 1836-1856 Speaker: Ian Sellick
21 October	Topic: Stories of three historic Burnside buildings: One gone but not forgotten and two remaining. Speakers: Dianne Wilson, Liz Silz and Bob Stace
18 November	Topic: The Canning Stock Route, the story of Alfred Canning and personal experiences of traversing the route in the 1970's." Speaker: David Lyne Distribution of the BHS 2024 Journal End of year celebration

BHS OUTINGS AND EVENTS 2024

Full details of these events will be provided in the BHS monthly Bulletins with bookings to be made at meetings or by phoning the BHS number: 0422 705 916

Wed 17 January 12noon-3.00pm	**Lunch at the Kensington Hotel**
Wednesday 3 April 9.30am – 3.00pm	**Visit to Handorf** 10.30am Guided tour of *The Cedars*, home of Sir Hans Heysen ($20) Lunch at the Hahndorf Old Mill Hotel and afternoon "free" time in Hahndorf.
May History Festival Events Saturday 4 May 10-12noon Tuesday 7 May 10-12noon Thursday 9 May 6.30– 7.30pm Monday 13 May 10-12.30pm Monday 20 May 7.30-9.00pm	Full details of these five SA History Festival events have been included in the SA History Festival programme. Please check for all arrangements. BHS Members need to book events 1,2,3,and 4 on 0422 705 916 1. Guided Walk of Dulwich: "Revealing the Secrets of Dulwich" with Polly Dundon 2. Guided Walk: "Eastwood: Burnside's smallest suburb" with Ally Preiss 3. Talk in the Burnside Library "The Bald Hills of Burnside" with speaker: Colin Harris 4. Talk and Walk: "The Glen Osmond Mines with a focus on Wheal Watkins" Commencing with a talk in the Burnside Library and then a walk at the Mine. 5. "Food Glorious Food at Rose Park Primary School and its local community from 1893" at the BHS Monthly meeting in the Community Hall Speaker: Dr Kerrie Davies
Tuesday 9 July	**Visit to Cummins House** 10.30am Devonshire morning tea and guided tour Lunch at the Highway Hotel, Anzac Hwy (optional and own expense)
Wednesday 25 September 9.30am -3.30pm	**A day in historic Strathalbyn** 10.30am *Glenbarr* Homestead for morning tea and Guided Tour ($15) Lunch at a Strath Pub (TBA and at own expense) Afternoon guided history walk and "free" time for visiting antique shops.



Cummins House

Hans Heysen's Studio at The Cedars

Glenbarr Homestead at Strathalbyn