

May 2024

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Monday 20 May, 7.30pm



Ye olde school tuck shop

Our next meeting will feature Dr Kerrie Davies and her topic:

Food Glorious Food at Rose Park Primary School and its local community from 1893.

This local topic will be a most intriguing presentation and should bring back memories of almost forgotten school days and the culinary "delights" of school tuck shops, even if you don't have a connection with Rose Park Primary School. This meeting is an official History Festival event, and we are expecting extra visitors, so it's important that BHS members are well represented.

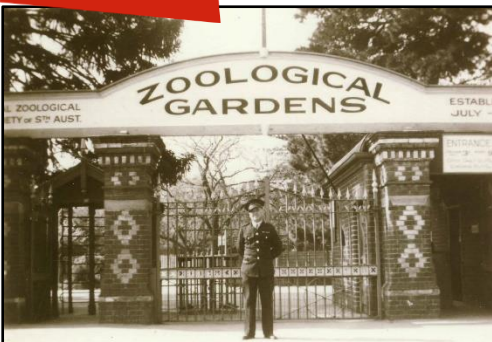
It will also be the first meeting to be chaired by our new President, Roger Bills, so make him feel welcome with your attendance on the night.

Further details of the meeting can be found in the attached flyer on page 4 of this Bulletin.

June Meeting: The story of Zoos SA



The speaker at our meeting on 17 June will be Elaine Bensted, who is the Chief Executive of Zoos South Australia. Elaine, who has been CEO since 2012, will present the topic: *Zoos SA: History, present and future.*



Adelaide Zoo is the second oldest Zoo in Australia and has seen many changes over that time. Monarto Safari Park has just celebrated its 40th anniversary. Elaine's talk will give an overview of the interesting history of the Zoo, some current projects and also discuss future plans for both Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Safari Park. This is another meeting to look forward to.

Annual Subscriptions: Now Due



The recent AGM supported the Committee's recommendation that the subs for 2024-25 remain at their current level of **\$30 for single and \$45 for couples/families**. Personalised Invoices for the Annual Subs can be collected from the Welcoming Desk just inside the Hall at the monthly May meeting. Subs are now due and can be paid in cash at meetings, or quite conveniently by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account:

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

Our Treasurer Dave Monceaux will welcome your prompt payment.



It's the Merry Month of May and the SA History Festival is on!

It's nearly too late to book into one of the 500 plus events being held across South Australia during this month's History Festival. We have organised five of these events with **three already fully booked**. You can still book into an evening event in the Burnside Library with BHS member Colin Harris speaking (See details in box below)

BHS History Festival Events

1. Guided Walk of Dulwich: "Revealing the Secrets of Dulwich" with Polly Dundon (Sat 4 May, 10 -12noon)

FULLY BOOKED

2. Guided Walk: "Eastwood: Burnside's smallest suburb" with Ally Preiss (Tues 7 May, 10am – 12noon)

FULLY BOOKED

3. Talk in the Burnside Library "The Bald Hills of Burnside", speaker Colin Harris (Thurs 9 May, 6.30-8pm)

VACANCIES: See boxed details below.

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. (Mon 13 May, 10-12.30pm) **FULLY BOOKED**

5. BHS May Monthly meeting on Monday 20 May. See details on page 1. **BHS members do not need to book and visitors are most welcome.**

The Bald Hills of Burnside: What has become of them?

Join our own Colin Harris as he details how the once bald hills of Burnside have dramatically transformed over the past century. Colin's talk will be held in the Burnside Library on Thursday 9 May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Enjoy a night out and support Colin!

Book this event through the Library on **8366 4280**. Cost is \$5.00, supper included.

There are still vacancies available, so book soon to avoid disappointment



April Meeting: Brave Aviators

As has been a BHS tradition our April meeting took on a military theme. We welcomed Gary Petts, military aviation history researcher (on left) and Wing Commander John Downing (retired) DFC, DFC (US), a local Rose Park resident (on right)

Garry spoke of several Australian aviators who played key roles in the aerial conflict over Europe during WW11 and then John, who is now 90, spoke of his career in the RAAF during the 1960s and 70s. Of particular note were his personal stories of air combat over Vietnam, including being shot down in March 1971 by a surface to air missile. This incident is recorded in the painting at right.

(At right) Australian War Memorial Director 2012 – 2019, Dr Brendan Nelson AO with John Downing unveiling the painting of *RAAF Magpie A84-228 Takes a Fatal Hit*.





Meet the new President of the Burnside Historical Society: Roger Bills

Roger introduced himself to members attending the AGM with the following words:

I am a long term resident of Burnside, having grown up in Erindale and lived in the Burnside Council area for all but 7 years of my life. My parents were also members of the BHS, so in a sense I am continuing a family tradition.

Both Helen and I are also volunteers in the Local History Room in the Burnside Library where, due to our combined long association with the Burnside area, we have on occasions, even been able to answer questions from personal background knowledge.

As the new President I look forward to the teamwork that I have experienced in the past and look forward to being an active part of it in the future.

Most importantly it is my quest that the Society will continue to present a wide range of wonderful programs, full of interest and historical value, which will be a highlight of every meeting.



The BHS Committee for 2024-25

(L-R) Roger Bills, Christine Kelly, Cathy Bransbury, Liz Silz, Helen Bills, Bob Stace, Judy Fander

Absent from photo: Anne Jarrett and Dave Monceaux

For your Diary: Save this date in September

This year's Eastern Historical Society Seminar will be hosted by the Campbelltown Historical Society on **Saturday 21 September** from 10am -2.00pm. The past two seminars conducted by the East Torrens HS at Marble Hill have been well supported by BHS, so please keep this day free. More details and Seminar Registration forms will be available soon.

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Monday 20 May at 7.30pm



This is a History Festival Event

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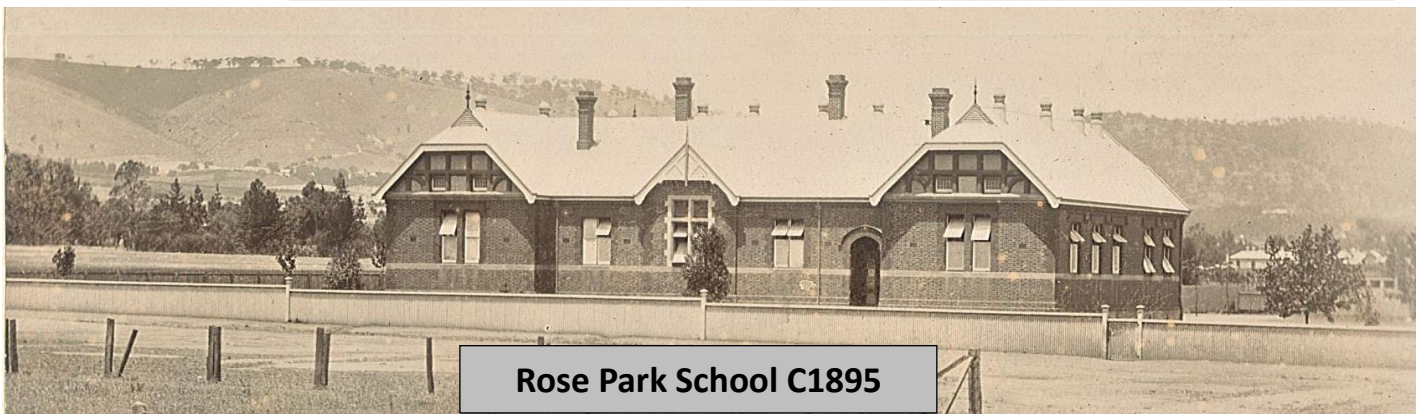
Topic: Food Glorious Food at Rose Park Primary School and its local community from 1893.



Dr Kerrie Davies

About the Topic

Types of food and forms of domestic food preparation have changed dramatically since 1893, the year Rose Park Primary School was established. This talk will examine changes in the sorts of food eaten by the Rose Park Primary School students over time; in home cooking; and in food available from the school canteen. The changes will be presented in the context of local community and societal changes.



**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 \$2 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](https://www.facebook.com/burnsidehistory) or by telephoning [0422 705 916](tel:0422705916)