BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

The Monthly BHS Bulletin

March 2025

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the BHS will be held on **Monday 17 March at 7.30pm**. The meeting will feature BHS member Anne Martin who will present the topic "Colonel William Light's cabin boy Hiram Telemachus Mildred, the youngest person on the surveying brig, *Rapid*, 1836". Full details of this meeting can be found in the flyer on page 4 of this Bulletin

Hiram Mildred 1890 [SLSA B 18516]

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Romalo House Update

Considering the interest of many of our members in the quest to preserve the barns at Romalo House, I think it is appropriate to outline recent developments.

Councillor Kerry Hallett has taken a particular interest in this project, a spin-off from which is a comprehensive history record of the house, barns and wine personnel, a copy of which is now in the Library Local History Room. Thank you, Kerry, for sharing your research.

Going forward, the Council has engaged an expert heritage advisor to undertake a heritage assessment of the house property against relevant State and/or Local History listing criteria.

Thanks to all who have shown interest in this project. Our strong show of community attendance at the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) meeting in December has been noted and appreciated.

Continuing to preserve, protect, promote, and celebrate local Burnside history.

Cheers Roger

OUTING TO PORT ADELAIDE: Wednesday 9 April

Members and friends are invited to take part in our outing to Port Adelaide and two of its Museums on Wednesday 9 April. Participants will have the choice of visiting the SA Aviation Museum or the National Railway Museum. These morning visits will be followed by lunch at the nearby Birkenhead Tavern. Transport will be in your own vehicle, but we can arrange ride share for those without a vehicle. Full details of this excursion were made available in a flyer which was distributed at the February meeting. A copy of this flyer is attached to the email bearing this Bulletin**. Bookings can be made at the coming March meeting or by phoning the BHS number, 0422 705 916. Bookings close on 31 March.**

OTHER PROGRAMMING NEWS

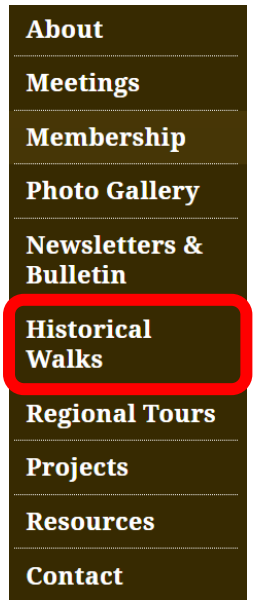
The full BHS Programme of meetings events and outings was distributed to members at the recent February meeting. **A digital copy of the 2025 Programme is attached to the email bearing this Bulletin.** Copies will also be available at future meetings and can be viewed on the BHS website.

Please note that there will be **NO meeting in APRIL** as our regular date of the third Monday in the month clashes with Easter Monday.

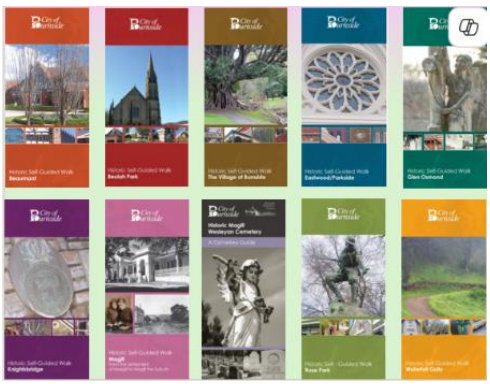
SPOTLIGHT ON THE BHS WEBSITE - https://www.burnsidehistory.org.au/

The Burnside Historical Society website is a treasure trove of information and resources

The MENU has a link to HISTORICAL WALKS.
https://www.burnsidehistory.org.au/historical-walks/



There you will find **10 SELF-GUIDED WALKS** which cover Beaumont, Beulah Park, The Village of Burnside, Eastwood/Parkside, Glen Osmond, Knightsbridge, Magill, Historic Magill/Wesleyan Cemetery, Rose Park, and Waterfall Gully. These were written by BHS members and have been revised over the years. The City of Burnside printed copies but today they can only be looked at in the Local History Room and downloaded from the BHS website.



There are 10 months remaining in 2025, why not take a walk a month.

BHS CONSTITUTION CHANGED AT SGM

There was unanimous support from the fifty-five members present at the Special General meeting on 17 February for the proposed change to our Constitution. The change will mean that we can now conduct Annual General Meetings of the Society during the period 1 April to 30 June, rather than be effectively limited to the last 2 weeks of April which has been the situation in the past. This greater flexibility means that we can avoid potential clashes in April with Easter, as was the case this year. It also gives the Committee more time to effectively manage end of year financial tasks like the audit of our annual financial statements in time for the AGM.

The Committee thanks members for their strong support of this change. **This year's AGM will now be held at the conclusion of our general meeting on Monday 19 May.**

A PASSIONATE & PRINCIPLED POLITICIAN

Dr Jenny Tilby Stock (at right) with Judy Fander

Our monthly meetings for 2025 got off to an outstanding start when 55 members and 15 visitors attended our February meeting to hear Dr Jenny Tilby Stock present the topic "The passionate and principled political career of Jennifer Cashmore MHA".

At the outset, Jenny reminded us that in 1895 South Australia became the first state in Australia, and one of the first in the World, to grant women the right to vote and stand for election to parliament. However, it took over 60 years after the Suffrage Movement before Jessie Cooper (Legislative Council) and Joyce Steele (House of Assembly) were elected to the Parliament in 1959.

Jennifer Adamson (she reverted to her maiden name of Cashmore after divorce in 1986) was first elected to Parliament in 1977 as the Member for Coles (now Morialta) in the House of Assembly. She was only the fifth woman to be elected to the SA Parliament. Jennifer was born in 1937, the fifth child of six children. Her father was a successful baker at Lockleys. Jennifer had an early career in journalism and public relations before working for Ian Wilson and helping him to win his seat of Sturt in the Federal Parliament.

This experience whetted her political appetite and after being unsuccessful in an attempt to win a Senate seat, Jennifer won preselection for the State seat of Coles which at that time was held by Labour. After a very energetic campaign which included knocking on 7000 doors she was elected. She remained as one of the very few women in the South Australian Parliament until her retirement in 1993. In her first two years on the backbench, she quickly gained a reputation for her outspoken and passionate debating and her willingness to cross the floor on matters of principle. From 1979-82 she served successfully as the Minister of Health and Minister of Tourism in the Tonkin Liberal Government.

Jennifer Cashmore held several shadow portfolios in the period between 1982 and 1989, including Environment and Planning, the Arts, and the Economy. She strongly opposed the Wilpena Station Resort development proposal which resulted in her threatening to stand in front of the bulldozers. As Shadow Treasurer Jennifer was the first to raise questions in Parliament about the State Bank. She then sat on the back bench until retiring from politics in 1993.

At the conclusion of Dr Tilby Stock's presentation, we were left in no doubt that Jennifer Cashmore had indeed been a highly respected, passionate and principled member of our SA Parliament.

Amongst our visitors for the evening, we welcomed three local members of the SA Parliament, Jack Batty (Bragg and BHS member), John Gardner (Morialta, formerly Coles) and Cressida O'Hanlon (Dunstan), all of whom had expressed an interest in our speaker's topic for the night. On his return to Parliament the next day John Gardner took the opportunity to formally speak about his attendance at our BHS meeting and highlighted some of his additional learnings about the political life of Jennifer Cashmore. You can view his speech in the House of Assembly by clicking on the YouTube link below:

House of Assembly - 18 February 2025 - Jennifer Cashmore at Health Ministers' Council

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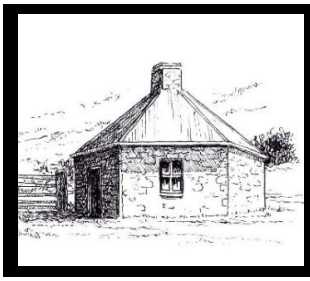

Burnside Historical Society

Active in the Burnside Community for 45 years

MARCH Meeting

Colonel William Light's cabin boy, Hiram Mildred,

the youngest person aboard the surveying brig, *Rapid*, 1836

Monday 17 March @ 7.30pm

Burnside Community Centre Hall, (adjacent to Burnside Library)
401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore, enter off Fisher Street

'Rapid' in Rapid Bay AGSA

The talk will begin with Anne Martin's poem: *Ships, Ships and more Ships* which explores the adventures of a young schoolboy Hiram having left his family in 1836 to travel to South Australia as Colonel Light's cabin boy and his time as a young surveyor for Boyle Travers Finniss. Hiram in his adult years, travelled to the Victorian goldfields returning to SA where he occupied many important positions in public service at Goolwa/Encounter Bay and Port Augusta. Mildred Road, Port Augusta is named after Hiram Mildred.

Hiram Mildred
1890 [B 18516]

Our speaker, BHS member **Anne Martin**, was born in Adelaide. She is a retired Gerontic Nurse Practitioner, nurse educator, nursing researcher and nursing lecturer. Anne first published her nursing experience and teaching resource book; '*A Jug Full of Caring.*' Her interest in *everything* history began during her school years at Girton Girls' School [now Pembroke School] and led her along the path of exploring her family history of which various ancestors made significant contributions to the new colony. Some of these are featured in her self-published book written in 2024; '*Pioneer Lost! Was he forgotten?*'

Non-members - a $2 donation is appreciated

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