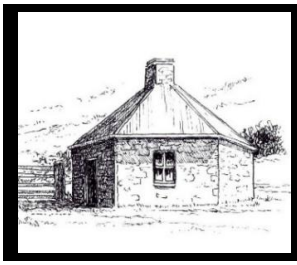

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JUNE Meeting

FILM

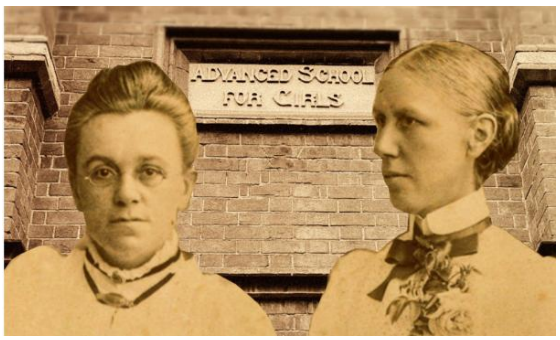
Madge and Bibs and the Advancing Girls

Monday 16 June @ 7.30pm

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

FILM SYNOPSIS Madeline Rees George ("Madge") dominated girl's education in South Australia for almost half a century. She was the long-serving Headmistress at the revolutionary Advanced School for Girls and an indomitable figure in the colony and always with her, but in the shadows, was her younger sister, Marian ("Bibs"). Most of the female graduates of Adelaide University in the 19th century were former students of the Advanced School for Girls and the success of the school played a significant role in women gaining the right to vote in 1894.

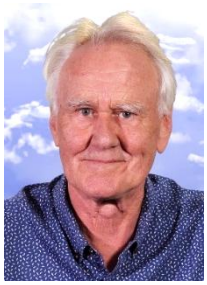
Moving between re-enactments and interviews with leading historians, "Madge & Bibs and the Advancing Girls" paints an entertaining, engaging, and extraordinary picture of a radical colony that uses education to transform the status of women in society, politics and their own hearts and minds.



A composite image showing Marian and Madeline Rees George and the Advanced School for Girls building on Grote Street

OUR SPEAKER **Rob George** is a graduate of Adelaide University with a diverse body of work in film, television, and the stage. For 45 years he has been a writer, director and producer at Prospect Productions and has a keen interest in Adelaide's past. He has premiered two documentaries at past SA History Festivals.

When Rob was growing up, his father was a bank manager, so the family moved around a lot. They always took with them an old box which had a pile of family letters from around 1870-1875 and some diaries. Madge and Bibs were Rob's great, great aunts, and he used this rich family archive to write his film.



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