BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

The Monthly BHS Bulletin

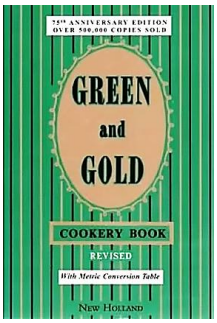
July 2025

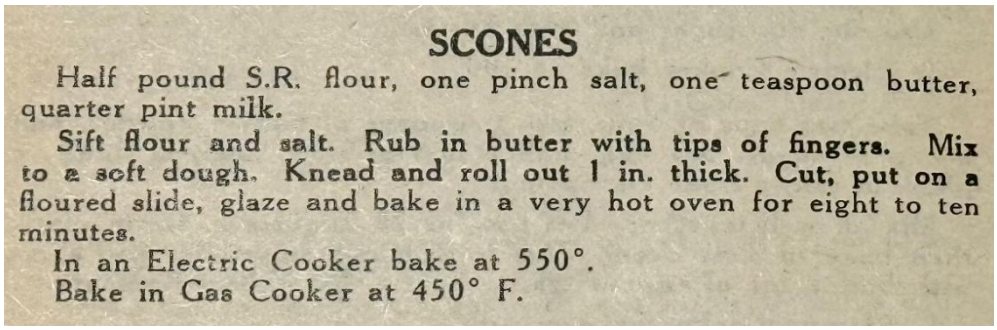
NEXT BHS MEETING

The next meeting of the Burnside Historical Society will be held on **Monday 21 July at 7.30pm** in the Burnside Community Centre Hall, 401 Greenhill Rd., Tusmore.
The topic is: ***Show and Tell with a bell: Historic items with a Burnside connection.***

Put this meeting in your diary now; it's a meeting not to be missed! Eight of our members will each make a short, illustrated presentation in which they will tell the story of an item they have which has a connection with Burnside's history.

One of the items will be the iconic South Australian Green and Gold Cookery Book which has been an essential home cooking reference since 1923.





SCONES

Half pound S.R. flour, one pinch salt, one teaspoon butter, quarter pint milk.

Sift flour and salt. Rub in butter with tips of fingers. Mix to a soft dough. Knead and roll out 1 in. thick. Cut, put on a floured slide, glaze and bake in a very hot oven for eight to ten minutes.

In an Electric Cooker bake at 550°.
Bake in Gas Cooker at 450° F.

To add to the "flavour" of the night, the Green and Gold scones will be served for supper. There will also be a door prize of an historic BHS item.

This promises to be a night full of interest and enjoyment, so come along and support your fellow members as they tell their personal and important stories.

Further information on this meeting can be found in the flyer on page 3 of this Bulletin

FINAL FOUR BHS MONTHLY MEETNGS

Due to the changing needs of one of our speakers, we have made a slight adjustment to the order of the Programme for the final four months of the year. The September and October meeting speakers have now been swapped so that the programme for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Monday 18 August: Speaker Jan Milham. Topic, *No Mean Destiny: Janet Vasey's efforts to gain recognition for Australian War Widows*

Monday 15 September: Speakers Steve Virgo and Anne Monceaux. Topic, *The Regal Theatre, celebrating 100 years*

Monday 20 October: Speaker Michelle Toft. Topic, *What's behind the names? The stories of Burnside's suburbs*.

Monday 17 November: Speaker Dr Julie Collins. Topic, *The History of South Australia's Department Stores* and the launch of the 2025 BHS JOURNAL.

Bulletin Editor: Bob Stace, Editorial Support: Helen Bills, Email Distribution: Roger Bills

VISIT TO THE BURNSIDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD & NEW

Information for those attending on Tuesday 8 July

Our next outing is the visit to Burnside's Old and New Council Chambers on Tuesday 8 July. Those attending should meet in the southern end of the foyer of the Burnside Council building (where you pay Council Raters and make enquiries) at **9.55 am** in time to meet Mayor Anne Monceaux at 10am. Please give yourself time to find a park in the Council car park which is often quite full. Anne will be guiding us through the Mayor's Parlour, the Council Chamber, and other historical parts of the Council Building.

Lunch is booked at the Marryatville Hotel for 12noon and there is plenty of parking available there.

The afternoon session will commence in St David's Anglican Church at 2.00pm. From there we will walk to the adjacent old Council Chambers (1869) , the original Church (1887) and then back to the new Church . The programme should finish by 3.30pm.

Bookings have closed for this event but if you would still like to attend then phone 0417 988 775 by 6 July.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: BHS Constitution Now Finalised

It is with great pleasure – and just a little relief – that I can confirm that the Change of Rules application to amend the BHS Constitution has now been approved.

The Corporate Affairs Commission is satisfied that the amended Constitution conforms to the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA), and the Constitution was registered with Consumer and Business Services on 24 June 2025.

The BHS now holds a sealed copy of the registered Constitution, a copy of which will soon be loaded on the BHS website, https://www.burnsidehistory.org.au/, under the heading **About** on the home page.

My thanks to all who assisted with this necessary set of amendments.

Roger Bills, President BHS

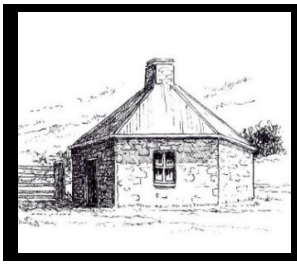
AN ENTERTAINING AND ENGROSSING FILM

Madge seated, with Bibs standing

At our June meeting we were treated to the documentary film "Madge and Bibs and the Advancing Girls" which told the story of Madeline Rees George ("Madge") and her younger sister Marian ("Bibs") and Adelaide's Advanced School for Girls. Madge dominated girl's education in South Australia for almost half a century as the long serving Headmistress of the very progressive Advanced School for Girls, the first secondary school for girls in Adelaide. Such was her educational influence that most of the early female graduates of the Adelaide University in the late 19th century were former students at the School. Former students of the School also played a significant role in women in SA gaining the right to vote in 1894.

We were fortunate to have the film's writer, producer, and director Rob George present to give us a personal insight into this well-crafted film; Madge and Bibs were Rob's great, great, aunts.

Rob George with Dianne Wilson from the BHS Programme subcommittee



Burnside Historical Society

Active in the Burnside Community for 45 years

JULY Meeting

Show and Tell with a Bell:
Historic Items with a Burnside Connection

Monday 21 July @ 7.30pm

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

TOPIC The Burnside Historical Society's aim is to **preserve, protect, promote** and **celebrate** the history of Burnside. It's wonderful to know that many items of historical significance are in safe keeping.

These items will be on display at this meeting. The owners will each give a 4 minute talk about the object outlining

- how it was acquired
- the significance to the owner
- the significance to Burnside
- the significance to the State

Each talk will be enhanced with up to 4 photos to be shown on a PowerPoint during the presentation. When the time is up, an historic bell, from a now demolished Burnside home, will be rung.

OUR SPEAKERS

BHS members Margaret Ford, Helen Bills, Judy Fander, Bob Stace, Roger Bills, Richard House and Colin Harris as well as long time Burnside resident Barb Paton are the custodians of the items. To whet your appetite, but not give away too much, the treasures to be shown include art works, fabric, implements, books and kitchen essentials.

If you are downsizing and have items significant to Burnside which the family no longer treasures, please offer them to the Local History Room where they may find a new permanent home

VISITORS - a $2 donation is appreciated

Further information

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