

August 2025

NEXT BHS MEETING

The next meeting of the Burnside Historical Society will be held on **Monday 18 August at 7.30pm** in the Burnside Community Centre Hall, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore. Our guest speaker is Jan Milham, the State President of the SA Branch of the Australian War Widows Inc who will speak on the topic *No Mean Destiny: Jessie Vasey's efforts to gain recognition for Australian War Widows*. Full details of the speaker and topic can be found in the Flyer on page 4 of this Bulletin.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our meeting on **Monday 15 September** will feature the Regal Theatre at Marryatville which is celebrating 100 years 1925-2025. Originally known as the Princess Theatre it was constructed in 1925 for silent movies. It was adapted for "talkies" when they became available in 1929 and was 'updated' from a late Edwardian design to an Art Deco design in 1940. In 1928 the Princess Theatre became the Marryatville Ozone, then in 1963 the Burnside Council purchased the Cinema and in 1971 it was renamed the Chelsea Cinema. In 2012 it was renamed the Regal Cinema. In 1983, the Cinema was entered on the State Heritage register, and it is the Art Deco character and quality which is the main basis of the history and significance of the cinema today.

The celebratory story of the Cinema will be told jointly by its current Manager Steve Virgo and Burnside's Mayor Anne Monceaux.

THE BELL RANG AT OUR JULY MEETING



Those who braved the wintery night and attended our July meeting were well rewarded with an outstanding presentation by eight speakers on the topic *Show and Tell with a Bell, historic items with a Burnside connection*. The eight speakers were BHS members Colin Harris, Margaret Ford, Helen Bills, Judy Fander, Bob Stace, Roger Bills, and Richard House along with guest presenter Dr Barbara Paton. The speakers were backed up by a well-illustrated Power Point presentation and they all told very personal stories about their historic item which kept the audience interested and entertained. A comprehensive summary of each presentation will be included in the 2025 BHS Journal which will be available at our November meeting.

The meeting included some other highlights. A presentation was made to Foundation and Life Member Richard House for his invaluable 45 years of service to the Society. During this time Richard held the office of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and produced extended indexes to key books about the history of



Burnside. An incredibly valuable contribution. Recently he donated copies of the extended index to the *Paddocks Beneath* to the BHS.

There was a Lucky Door prize and chocolates for some quick answers to quiz questions relating to the eight speaker topics. To cap off a great night, the meeting concluded with homemade scones, with jam and cream to honor the scone recipe in the *Green and Gold Cookery Book*, which was the historic item presented by Helen Bills.

Thanks to all those involved in the presentation of such a memorable meeting.

**Colin Harris demonstrating expertise
with his historic family scythe**



HISTORIC ITEMS WITH A BURNSIDE CONNECTION: THE HÜBBE KEY

Following our "Show and Tell with a Bell" event, the Society has been presented with the antique key to the residence of a renowned local figure.

Edith Agnes Hübbe is recognised beyond Burnside for her work as an educator and her contribution to women's education. She succeeded Jane Stanes as Principal of the Advanced School for Girls at the end of 1880. From her home at 28 Statenborough Street, she operated her well-known co-ed school while raising her family. A brass Heritage plaque was placed there in 1995 by BHS, celebrating her life and work.



The key was inherited by Marjorie Caw, a great-granddaughter of Mrs Hübbe, who sent it from her home in the UK after learning about our Show and Tell event online. The key was in use from 1887 to 1967 and was later a memento to her from her grandmother Harriet Marjorie Caw (nee Hubbe).

The key will soon be on display in the Local History Room's Treasures of Burnside cabinet at Burnside Library, joining other historical treasures.

(Report from Judy Fander who facilitated the donation of the key)

FINAL BHS OUTING FOR 2025: BOOK NOW

Our final outing for this year will be held on **Wednesday 24 September**. It is a morning guided tour of the historically significant **North Road Cemetery at Nailsworth**. The tour will commence at 10am and conclude at 11.30am and will be followed by lunch at the nearby Walkers Arms Hotel. Our guide will be Helen Stein, who is an authority on the many stories of the Cemetery. Helen will walk us through the grounds which include the century-old chapel and the beautiful gardens. We will see significant and unusual headstones and view the resting place of many South Australian pioneers, explorers, leaders, and sporting greats. There is no cost for the tour, but lunch at the Walkers Arms will be at your own expense.



Further details of arrangements including directions, parking and lunch details will be available in a flyer at our August meeting. The numbers for the Cemetery tour are limited to 20, so to avoid disappointment, please phone **0422 705 916** to reserve your place.

NEWS FROM PRESIDENT ROGER BILLS

At the City of Burnside (CoB) Council Meeting on 15 July, two items relevant to the Burnside Historical Society (BHS) were approved:

1. Heritage Reference Group (HRG)

New operating guidelines for the Heritage Reference Group were endorsed.

Established in 2020, the HRG is not a formal Council committee but plays an important advisory role. Its purpose is to discuss and recommend strategies and projects that identify, preserve, promote, and enhance the City's built and cultural heritage. It also provides feedback and advice to Council on related matters.

The group meets twice a year, and BHS continues to be well represented by community members Susan Marsden and Derek Bransbury and now by the President.

Our thanks go to Colin Harris, who has served as the BHS representative since 2020.

2. Community Grants Funding – 2025/26

I'm pleased to announce that BHS has been awarded a \$500 grant through the City of Burnside's 2025/26 Community Grants Program.

The funding will support the running of the **Eastern Region History Seminar**, with details as follows:

- **What:** Eastern Region History Seminar
- **When:** Saturday 28 February – Please save the date (morning and early afternoon)
- **Where:** State Heritage-listed Burnside Town Hall (note: not the Ballroom)
- **Why:** To preserve, protect, promote, and celebrate the history of Burnside and the broader eastern region of Adelaide
- **Who:** Everyone is welcome!

Further information will be shared in due course.

My thanks to the CoB Council and Councillors for their support.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE BHS FACEBOOK PAGE

Facebook address - Burnside Historical Society, South Australia

In 2015, during the Presidency of Meredith Ide, **Amy Ide** set up a Facebook page for the Burnside Historical Society. For 10 years this has been a valuable resource and an effective medium to advertise the BHS meetings and to share information about Burnside.

Margaret Ford now manages the page. She posts our meeting flyer every month and regularly re-posts all kinds of information pertaining to Burnside and historical events and occasions.

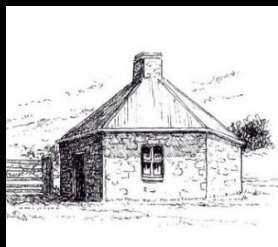


There are 1,158 BHS Facebook followers and in the last 28 days there were 969 likes recorded and there were 310 comments made. which indicates that Margaret's posts are being looked at and are reaching the community.

Thanks, Margaret, for your dedication and vigilance in keeping the BHS in the spotlight.

(Thanks to Helen Bills for shining the spotlight on our Facebook page)

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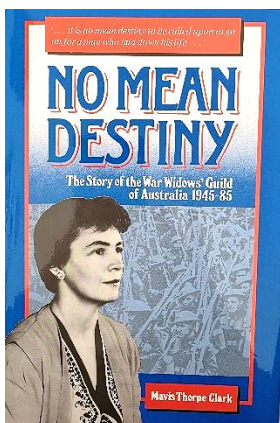
AUGUST Meeting

‘NO MEAN DESTINY’

Jessie Vasey’s Efforts to Gain Recognition for Australian War Widows

Monday 18 August @ 7.30pm

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



TOPIC The Australian War Widows (SA) Inc. is a non-profit organisation which is dedicated to the well-being of widows/widowers whose partners have died as a result of their war service for Australia. Mrs. Jessie Mary Vasey, OBE, CBE (1897 – 1966) founded the organisation in 1946 in response to a lack of government support and recognition of widows and families following World War I and World War II. The organisation has continued to support and give a voice to war widows at State and National level, as well as providing companionship and a supportive community for war widows.



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Vasey House, Hewitt Avenue, Rose Park

OUR SPEAKER Jan Milham, returned to the role of SA State President in October 2023. Her husband served in Korea and she was widowed at the age of 45.



VISITORS - a \$2 donation is appreciated

Further information



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