Burnside Historical Society Inc

The Monthly BHS Bulletin

November 2025

NEXT BHS MEETING

Our next meeting on **Monday 17 November** is our final meeting for 2025. As such it will be an opportunity to celebrate another successful year for our Society. The meeting will be a triple treat.

- Guest speaker **Dr Julie Collins** will present the topic **Going to Town, *the History of South Australia's Department Store Buildings*** which is sure to trigger all sorts of memories for many of us.
- The 2025 BHS Journal will be launched.
- There will be a celebratory supper to end the evening.

Further details of what promises to be a most enjoyable evening can be found in the attached flyer on page 4.

2025 BHS JOURNAL

After many months of preparation, the 2025 BHS Journal is in the printer's hands and awaiting the final stage in its production. All will be revealed at its launch at the November meeting. What will be on the front cover of this year's edition? The excitement is mounting!

Please attend the meeting to collect your complimentary member's copy. If you cannot attend, then please arrange for a fellow member to collect it on your behalf on the night.

Back copies of the previous four Journals (2021-24) will be available for sale from the registration desk for $5 each, cash only.

EASTERN REGION HISTORY SEMINAR

Early next year on **Saturday 28 February**, BHS is hosting the 17th Eastern Region History Seminar which will be held in the Burnside Town Hall. Full details of the Seminar are included in the flyer on page 5 of this Bulletin.

BHS is taking its turn to host the Seminar which will be attended by representatives from nearby historical societies. As hosts it is important that we are well represented at the Seminar. It should be an interesting and enjoyable day as we meet with like-minded members of other history groups.

The keynote speaker Richard Venus will set the scene with his presentation ***Building Bridges Over the Torrens in the Early Days of Adelaide*** and each history group will be making a short presentation on their achievements in 2025 how they have been building bridges with their local community.

Cost for the day is $30 which covers attendance , morning tea, and lunch. You can book now by completing the Registration Form (page 6) and paying by bank transfer (details on the form) or conveniently you can register and pay in cash at our November meeting.

NEXT YEAR'S BHS PROGRAMME

Your Programming Subcommittee has been working for several months now to organise the programme of speakers, meetings, and outings for 2026. They are getting close to finalising it, but you can already put the first two events for the year in your diary.

January Lunch

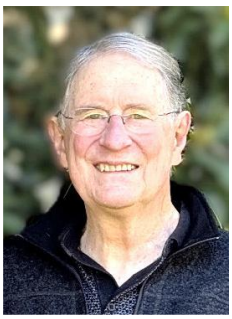
Once again, we will be starting the year with a pub lunch at the **Republic Hotel** at Norwood on **Wednesday 14 January**, commencing at 12 noon. More details to follow, but we have booked a private room at no extra cost and Seniors' meals are available. There will be a booking sheet at the November meeting so make a commitment now for what is always an enjoyable and sociable occasion. Bookings by phone will be available until 5 January.

First Meeting for 2026

Our first meeting for next year will be on **Monday 16 February** when BHS member Ray Dundon will tell the intriguing story of his great-great grandfather Friedrich Schultze, who amongst many deeds, accompanied George Goyder as the naturalist on his 1869 expedition to survey Darwin. Look out for further details in future Bulletins.

OUR PRESIDENT POSES A QUESTION

What is the value of our Historical Society?



A thought that has intrigued me recently is the way in which history seems to change. It is probably fair to reflect that, rather ironically, one of the things history teaches us is that *"the past is not what it used to be."*

For me this helps to put the BHS into perspective, because we, as a body of interested people, are exploring, uncovering, and learning about stories from the past. They are often seen through different eyes, so we are getting the benefit of fresh insights.

We see the past anew because we view it through different lenses. The facts need not change, just the way we see them. We ask different questions and so get different answers. Our judgements change, as some things that were once acceptable are now no longer tolerated. Social issues and values change. In fact, it has been said that "*history doesn't change except every time someone looks at it*". We are continually reinterpreting the past.

So, this is part of the value of societies such as ours. We are not "history tragics". We are just a gathering of interested, informed, curious, open, and honest people, seeking to explore both who we are now and the way the past is now revealed.

I read recently that *history doesn't just tell us who we were, it keeps quietly asking who we are*. When this happens, brick-by-brick, we are building a bridge that leads from where we have come, crosses the river of where we are, and takes us to where we would rather be.

These reflections alone are good reasons to linger after every BHS meeting with a cup of tea and a biccie, to chat amongst ourselves about what we have just heard. Exploring and expanding any insights.

As a final thought, it helps others if you wear your name badge. If you don't have one, it can be arranged either by adding you name to a list at the meeting, or sending me an email now at burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com

Roger

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

I am sure Michelle Toft's excellent presentation at the October Meeting has whetted your appetite to discover more about the origin of the name of your suburb and maybe the name of your street

The MENU on the BHS website has a link to PROJECTS
https://www.burnsidehistory.org.au/projects

Scroll down to

5. **Burnside Street Names and their Origins**

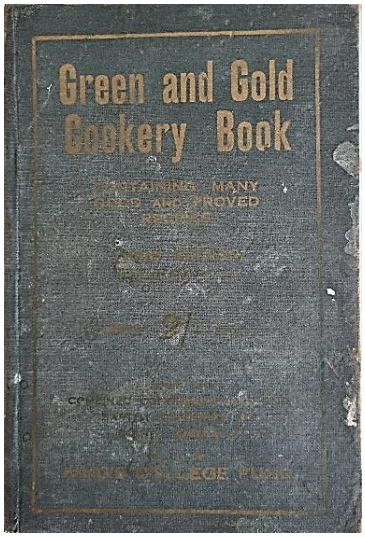
As a contribution to the State's Jubilee Celebrations in 1986, 23 members of the Burnside Historical Society researched the origins and meanings of the six hundred street names in the Burnside Council area. This major task was completed in 1989. Richard House was instrumental in producing the third edition in 1915.

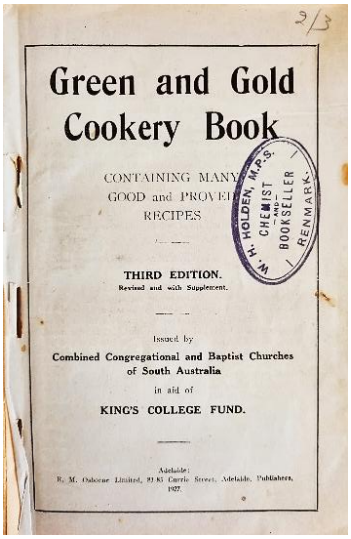
7. **Suburb Names in Burnside**

As a follow-on from the research work done by the Burnside Historical Society into the origin of local Street Names, research into suburb names within the boundaries of the City of Burnside was undertaken. It includes the origin and derivation of the suburb name, names of previous subdivisions in the suburb and any notable farms or large properties of historic interest in the suburb. It was updated April 2020.

[Spotlight on the Website is a semi-regular feature supplied by Helen Bills]

GREEN AND GOLD COOKERY BOOK





As a result of the BHS July meeting, *Show and Tell with a Bell,* another treasure pertaining to Burnside has been gifted to the Burnside Historical Society – a Third Edition of the *Green and Gold Cookery Book* printed in 1927. This book, which belonged to a grandmother of two sisters Helen Bills recently met, would almost certainly have ended up in a skip had she not talked to them about the meeting. Their rubbish became our gold.

Twenty-year-old Anne Sharman, a trained domestic science teacher, had no money to give to the fundraising appeal for the newly established King's College (now King's Campus, Pembroke School), however, she did have a skill. In 1923 she offered to collate submitted recipes and compile a recipe book. 5000 copies of the First Edition were printed which sold out within 12 months and raised £250 for the King's College Fund. 500,000+ have now been sold.

DINNER TONIGHT?

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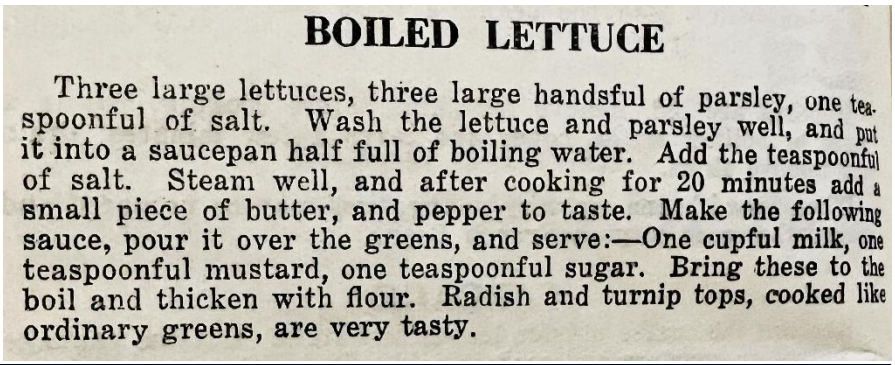

BOILED LETTUCE

Three large lettuces, three large handsful of parsley, one teaspoonful of salt. Wash the lettuce and parsley well, and put it into a saucepan half full of boiling water. Add the teaspoonful of salt. Steam well, and after cooking for 20 minutes add a small piece of butter, and pepper to taste. Make the following sauce, pour it over the greens, and serve:—One cupful milk, one teaspoonful mustard, one teaspoonful sugar. Bring these to the boil and thicken with flour. Radish and turnip tops, cooked like ordinary greens, are very tasty.

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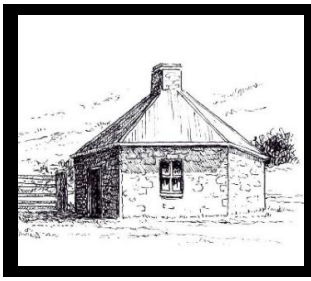

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NOVEMBER Meeting

GOING TO TOWN

The History of South Australia's Department Store Buildings

Monday 17 November @ 7.30pm

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

Department Stores flourished during the twentieth century. This illustrated talk will explore the history of some of these buildings in Adelaide city and the suburbs. While department stores were popular because they offered a wide range of stock, fixed pricing, and the opportunity to browse, there were additional services which made them destinations including facilities for dining, entertainment, exhibitions, and events, all of which made them more than just places to shop. Well-known retailers like Myers, Harris Scarfe, and David Jones, as well as those no longer with us including John Martins, Demasius, Charles Moore's, Peoplestores, Cravens and Cox Foys will be featured.

Dr Julie Collins is Curator and Research Fellow at the University of South Australia's Architecture Museum. With a background in architectural history, Julie's work has focussed on histories of health-related buildings, with her book, *The Architecture and Landscape of Health: A Historical Perspective on Therapeutic Places 1790-1940*, released in 2020. She is also interested in the history of designed environments for children, architect designed modern houses in South Australia, and the work of South Australian women architects.

Followed by the launch of the **2025 BHS Journal** and an end of year **Celebration**

VISITORS - a $2 donation is appreciated

Further information

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17th EASTERN REGION HISTORY SEMINAR

Saturday 28 February 2026

10am – 3pm

Burnside Town Hall

401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore
(Accessibility friendly)

Hosted by the Burnside Historical Society

THEME: BUILDING BRIDGES

The seminar is designed to foster inspiration and collaboration, facilitate the exchange of information and ideas, and build bridges between local history groups.

Keynote Address, Richard Venus

Building Bridges Over the Torrens in the Early Days of Adelaide

COST $30 includes lunch

PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION & MORNING TEA
SEMINAR LAUNCH – by Anne Monceaux, Mayor of Burnside
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
SHORT PRESENTATIONS - by Historical Societies
LUNCH
SHORT PRESENTATIONS continued
TOUR OF THE BURNSIDE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HISTORY is welcome to register to attend. A registration form is on BHS website https://www.burnsidehistory.org.au or in the Burnside Library Local History Room

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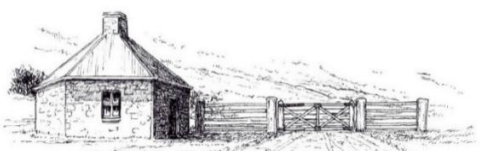
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THE EASTERN REGION HISTORY SEMINAR

Date: **Saturday 28 February 2026**
Time: 10.00am Registration & Morning Tea for a 10.30am start
Location: Burnside Town Hall, 401, Greenhill Road, Tusmore SA 5065
(access friendly - ramp to the building, lift to the Town Hall)

REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to book to attend the 17th Eastern Regional History Seminar .

Name: .....

Email Address .....
..
Mobile Number: .....

Historical Society Group (if applicable): .

Any special dietary requirements (please specify): .....

Cost: $30 per person
Registration Fee *covers morning tea, seminar, lunch, and tour of Local History Room*

Payment via direct debit to:
Burnside Historical Society
BSB: 105-086
Account: 330 298 840
Reference: (*Your full name and ERHS)*

Return your completed form with confirmation of payment
EMAIL: burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com
POST: PO Box 1759, Burnside SA 5066

Registration deadline: **Friday, 6 February 2026**

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