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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL BULLETIN READERS

The fireworks have exploded brightly, the clocks have ticked over, and numerous short lived resolutions have been made. So, its "goodbye" to 2025 and "hello" 2026. We have reflected with gratitude on the past years and start the new year with positivity and the hope of good health, happiness, and peace.

As members of the BHS, we can look forward to another interesting and enjoyable year of meetings, outings, and events as we continue to **Preserve, Promote, Protect, and Celebrate** Burnside's history.

We can make a good start to the new BHS year by enjoying the company of our fellow members and friends at our January lunch at the Republic Hotel. (details below)

JANUARY LUNCH AT THE *REPUBLIC*: BOOK NOW

Members and friends are most welcome to attend our traditional January Lunch to launch the new year for the BHS. The lunch will be held on **Wednesday 14 January** at the Republic Hotel, 120 Magill Rd, Norwood commencing at 12 noon. New members are particularly welcome; it is an opportunity to make new friendships during what is always a convivial lunch. A Seniors Menu is available, or you can choose from the Main Menu. Ample parking is available with entry from Osmond Terrace. **Bookings are necessary: please phone the BHS number 0422 705 916 by this coming Wednesday 7 January.**

EASTERN REGION HISTORY SEMINAR

Building Bridges

Saturday 28 February, 10am-3.00pm

When this event was first announced last year, it seemed a long way ahead. However, it is now almost upon us and it's **time to register now.** Details of the Seminar, which will be attended by representatives of at least eight local history groups from our Eastern Region, have appeared in previous Bulletins and are also available on our website. All members of the BHS are invited to attend for what promises to be a great celebration of local history in our region.

A highlight of the Seminar will be our keynote speaker **Richard Venus** whose topic ***Building Bridges over the Torrens in the early days of Adelaide*** will very appropriately establish the theme of the Seminar. Richard is a retired electrical engineer who has a deep interest in researching, writing, and speaking about engineering history. He has served on National and State heritage and history organisations at the highest level and is highly regarded for his contribution over many years. His topic will give us further insight into the issues faced by our early colonists.

Because the BHS is organising and hosting this Seminar it is important we give it our strong support with our attendance. This event is part of our annual programme and is sure to be a highlight of 2026.

Please complete and return the attached Registration Form and transfer the Seminar Fee of $30 as soon as possible. **We need final numbers by 6 February** to assist with the catering. **OR** if **you are attending the lunch at the Republic, you can bring your completed form and cash. Registration forms will also be available at the lunch.**

[Roger and Helen Bills and Bob Stace, Seminar convenors]

FIRST BHS MEETING FOR 2026

Our first monthly meeting for 2026 will be on **Monday 16 February at 7.30pm** 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. Ray's topic will be ***The Unassuming Botanist - Friedrich Heinrich Hermann Schultze***. This promises to be a great start to our speaker programme for the year, so make sure it's now in your 2026 diary.

MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS

Our programme of meetings and events for 2026 is in the final checking stages but the following details have already been confirmed.

BHS Monthly Meeting: Monday 16 March

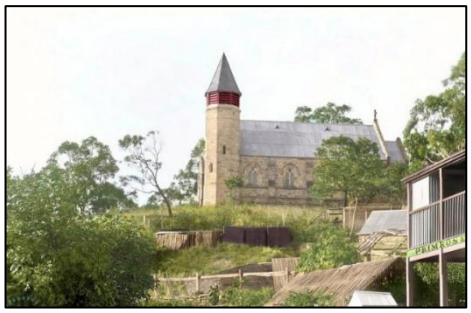
Speaker: Bruce Munday
Topic: Those dry stone walls revisited

BHS Monthly Meeting: Monday 20 April

Speaker: Emily Richardson
Topic: Indigenous Service Men and Women

BHS PROGRAMME FOR 2026

The full programme of our meetings, speakers, outings, and events will be included in the February Bulletin and will also be posted on our website in early February. The image to the right, photographed in 1898, will be the venue of our outing on **Thursday 9 April**. Can you guess where it is?



90 YEARS AGO: HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

In undertaking some research on a completely different topic your editor came upon the following article from the BHS Newsletter of September 1987 which quoted a report from *The Advertiser* of January 30, 1936. How times and attitudes have changed in the past 90 years!

LAW COURTS: FINE FOR WEARING TOPLESS BATHERS
Magistrate's Warning

In the Port Adelaide Police Court yesterday, Mr Sanderson, SM, dealt with cases in which two young men were separately charged with having their bathing suits rolled down to the waist. After having imposed light fines in each case, the magistrate issued a warning that offenders in the future would be dealt with on an ascending scale. He added that he proposed to inflict heavier penalties on the next offenders.

Walter Dean Hutley, of Dudley Rd, Marryatville, was charged with having, on December 7, 1935, while sunbathing on the foreshore at Largs Bay, been clad in a bathing costume composed of trunks, the upper portion of which did not cover the breast. He pleaded guilty by letter.
It was stated for the prosecution that when questioned, the defendant said that he was not aware that he was committing an offence.

Christpher Lennon, of Robin Street, Semaphore, was charged with having committed a similar offence at Semaphore on January 5. The case was heard ex-parte. The defendant was seen by police sitting among a crowd of people on the beach listening to the Salvation Army band. Lennon said that he had removed his shoulder straps because they were tight.

Hutley and Lennon were ordered to pay 5/- with 10/6 costs.

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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 up 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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