Burnside Historical Society Inc

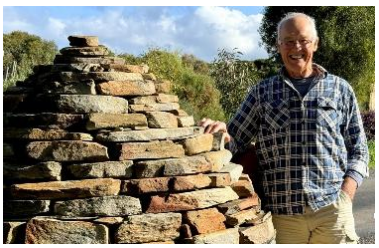
The Monthly BHS Bulletin

February 2026

FIRST MEETING FOR 2026: Monday 16 February at 7.30pm

You are all invited to attend our first meeting of the year when BHS member Ray Dundon will tell us about his great, great grandfather ***The Unassuming Botanist – Friedrich Heinrich Hermann Schultze.*** Ray has undertaken extensive research into the life of his ancestor Friedrich Schultze who immigrated to Australia from Germany in 1850 and amongst many achievements, was the botanist on the George Goyder expedition to survey Darwin in 1869. For further details about what promises to be a most interesting and informative tale, please see the meeting flyer on page 3 of this Bulletin.

MARCH MEETING: Monday 16 March at 7.30pm

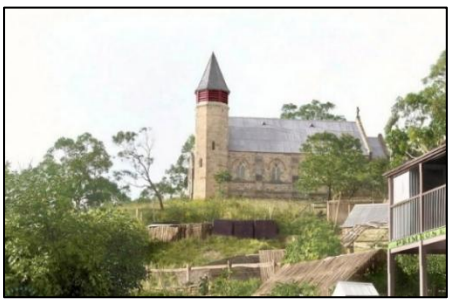


Many of us who heard Bruce Munday's talk about dry stone walls a few years ago are looking forward to his return at our March meeting when his topic will be ***Those dry stone walls revisited.*** Bruce is passionate about those hundreds of kilometres of dry stone walls in South Australia, many of which have survived for over 150 years. They were built for various purposes and in various styles and materials, and all built without mortar. Many are beautiful, most are heroic, and they all tell us about lives lived before ours.

EASTERN REGION HISTORY SEMINAR: Last chance to Register

This seminar is being hosted by the BHS and will be held in the Burnside Town Hall on **Saturday 28 February**. Full details of the Seminar and the Registration Form can be found on the BHS website https://www.burnsidehistory.org.au Registrations close on **Friday 6 February.** Representatives from eight local history groups will be attending. Thanks to the very pleasing number of BHS members who have registered for what promises to be a great day of "Building Bridges", sharing experiences, and enjoying the company of fellow local historians.

THE 2026 BHS PROGRAMME



The BHS Programme for 2026 was introduced in the January Bulletin with this photo to the right which you were invited to identify. Give yourself a pat on the back if you recognised this Norton Summit scene with the veranda of the Scenic Hotel on the right with the historic St John's Anglican Church in full prominence on the hill. Norton Summit will be the venue for our next outing in April; see the article below with full details in the flyer on page 4.

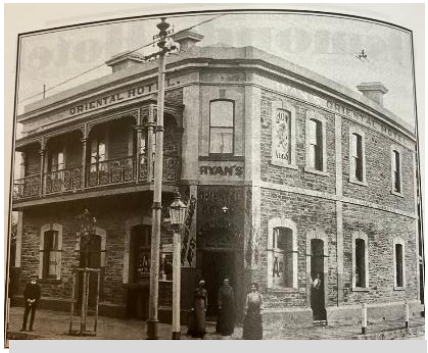
The full **2026 PROGRAMME** is an attachment to the email carrying this Bulletin and covers all the meetings, outings and activities for the BHS year. Please download this document and insert the details into your diary. A hard copy of the programme will be available at the February meeting and in the Local History Room in the Burnside Library. Please note that the date and time of the visit to Parliament House in July cannot be fixed until after the State Elections in March.

BHS OUTING TO NORTON SUMMIT: Thursday 9 April

Our next outing will be to Norton Summit on **Thursday 9 April**. This outing, which is being hosted by the East Torrens Historical Society (ETHS) will feature a visit to St Johns Anglican Church, the original Norton n Summit Council Chambers where the archives of the ETHS are stored, a light lunch provided by the ETHS, followed by a guided tour of the Norton Summit Cemetery. **Cost for the day is $20**, and payment and bookings are required by **Wednesday 1 April**. A flyer advising all details is included on page 4 of this Bulletin. It should be a great day's outing: all members and friends are welcome.

Original Council Chambers at Norton Summit 1903 -1997

LUNCH AT THE REPUBLIC: An enjoyable start to the BHS year



The Oriental Hotel C1910

Sixteen members welcomed in the start of the BHS year by enjoying lunch together at the Republic Hotel at Norwood on Wednesday 14 January. Having our own private room enhanced the conviviality of the luncheon and allowed for more than the usual amount of chatter.

Bob Stace presented a short history of the hotel which for much of its history was known as the Oriental. Most of the current hotels in the suburbs of Kensington, Norwood, and Kent Town were established in the 1850s with the Oriental one of the last to open in 1880. The Oriental had a colourful history of female publicans, out of hours drinking, illicit bookmaking and ever watchful "nit keepers" [an Australian slang term for someone who keeps a lookout for the approach of the police who are investigating illicit activities.

A full account of our lunch and the story of the Republic will be included in the 2026 BHS Journal.

LESSER KNOWN BURNSIDE TALK FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Lesser Known Burnside

Do you belong to a community group that meets in the City of Burnside and has a speaker at its meeting? Helen Bills is the BHS Committee member who manages marketing. She has prepared a 30 – 45-minute PowerPoint presentation about many of the lesser-known facts and aspects of Burnside. In 2025 she spoke to 7 retirement villages, community groups and clubs and she has more bookings for 2026.

The first section of her talk briefly covers the history of Burnside and the Council, Historical & Cultural Officers, Local History Room, BHS Society, BHS' searchable website and the 10 self-guided historic walks.

The second part, ***Lesser Known Burnside Gems***, is tailor made to suit the group. Hellen asks questions like, did you know there are 64 State heritage listed places in Burnside? Then she talks about a range of interesting people and places pertaining to where the meeting is held and the time allocated. If your group would like to hear this informative talk, then speak to Helen or send a request to **burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com**

Lesser Known Burnside Gems

[Editor's note: Helen is to be congratulated for presenting these talks on our behalf and for raising interest in both the BHS and Burnside's history]

HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR 2025 BHS JOURNAL YET?

There are still a few members who haven't collected their copy of the 2025 BHS Journal. These will be available at the February meeting. If this is not possible, please arrange for a for friend to collect it on your behalf. Due to the prohibitive cost of postage, we are unable to post Journals to members. Email BHS burnside **historysoc@gmail.com** if neither option is possible.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

You may have seen the L*ove Where You Live* postcards around Council and at recent events. The CoB is aiming to get 5000 responses – reflecting what people love about Burnside, and how it could be even better. A key part of *Love where you Live* is the development of an inclusive, all-encompassing artwork that will highlight our diverse community and the many wonderful features of our city, all based on the feedback you share with us.

PLEASE register your thoughts via the link **https://engage.burnside.sa.gov.au/love-where-you-live** **OR** on a post card which can be collected from the Civic Centre front desk, Volunteers desk, CoB Community Centres, Library, Pepper Street Arts Centre or the Swimming Centre.

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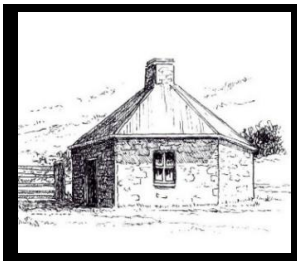

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FEBRUARY 2026 Meeting

The Unassuming Botanist

Friedrich Heinrich Hermann Schultze

Monday 16 February @ 7.30pm

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

TOPIC **Friedrich Heinrich Hermann Schultze** was an apothecarist who immigrated to Australia from Germany in 1850. He immediately showed an interest in natural history, and became an avid collector of animal, bird, fish and plant specimens of his new home. He was nominated by Dr Richard Schomburgk (Director of the Botanic Gardens) and Frederick George Waterhouse (the first Curator of the SA Museum) as Naturalist to accompany George Goyder on his 1869 expedition to survey Darwin, where he was a prodigious collector of specimens – many of which were sent to collections overseas (such as to Kew Gardens).

Fort Point, Port Darwin, illustrates the main camp of the Northern Territory Survey Expedition (1868-1870). SLSA [B 1048] 1869

OUR SPEAKER: **Ray Dundon** is a retired forester by profession. He has extensively researched the life of Friedrich Schultze – his great-great-grandfather – and has compiled a number of records of his collections and photographs of his Darwin Expedition. In 2019, Ray went to Darwin for the commemoration of the sesquicentenary of the Goyder Expedition and the foundation of Darwin.

VISITORS - a $2 donation is appreciated

Further information

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BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DAY OUTING TO NORTON SUMMIT

Thursday 9 April from10.30am – 2.00pm

WELCOME: All members and their friends are invited to take part in this outing which is being hosted by our friends from the East Torrens Historical Society (ETHS).

PROGRAMME

10.20 am **Arrival at Norton Summit:** Car parking in St John Road on the way to the Church. ETHS members will direct us to parking spaces.

10.30am **Meet at St John's Anglican Church** – "The Church on the Hill"

- Tea and coffee
- Welcome and introduction
- The history of the Church (the Priest or a parishioner)

11.15am The **Old Norton Summit Council Chambers** and the **archives of the ETHS**. (Directly opposite the Scenic Hotel on the summit crossroads)

12 noon **Lunch** and chat at the Norton Summit Community Centre. (Another very short walk, diagonally opposite the old Council Chambers at the Summit crossroads)

1pm Guided tour of the **Norton Summit Cemetery** (less than one km from the Summit on the Lobethal Road)

2pm Outing ends. Why not take a scenic drive in the Hills on your way home?

TRANSPORT: Own vehicles. Transport can easily be arranged for those without a vehicle.

DIRECTIONS: Norton Summit can be reached via either the Old Norton Summit Rd or the (newer) Norton Summit/Lobethal Road both of which commence at the top of Magill Rd.

LUNCH: A light lunch will be provided by members of the ETHS.

COST: **$20 to cover guided tours and lunch**.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT can be made

- at the February and March meetings with cash **OR**
- via BHS phone **0422 705 916** with EFT payment to BSB: 105086 and Ac No: 0422705916. **REF: your name**

BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 1 April