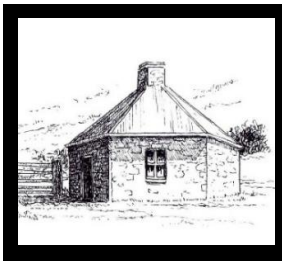

Burnside Historical Society

Active in the Burnside Community for 46 years

MAY 2026 Meeting

Henry Eoin Sydney Melbourne,

Surveyor and Engineer Extraordinaire

Monday 18 May @ 7.30pm

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

Located, northwest corner of the Burnside Civic Centre carpark

TOPIC Sydney Melbourne was a man ahead of his time who arrived at just the right time. A revolution, prompted in part by the passage of the Town Planning Act in 1920 and the subsequent Building Act in 1923, had begun to transform local government and the management and appearance of local government areas across South Australia. Surveyor, engineer, university lecturer, inventor and veteran of two world wars, Sydney brought a leadership style and vision that quickly established him as a respected leader in his field and left a legacy whose impact can still be seen today and not just in the City of Burnside.

OUR SPEAKER **Andrew Buxton** is a history honours graduate of the University of Adelaide. He has taught at school and university level and held many roles in the wider History community, President of the History Teachers' Associations of South Australia and Australia, Chief Examiner in Modern History for the SACE Board, President of the Historical Society of South Australia and Vice-President and Social Media Manager of the History Council of SA. He became a resident of Burnside in early 1966 and was a member of the inaugural Burnside Junior Council on which he served as Junior Engineer, a role that gave him a special insight into his talk's subject, his Uncle Sydney Melbourne.

The AGM of the Burnside Historical will follow the Speaker

VISITORS - a $2 cash donation is appreciated

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