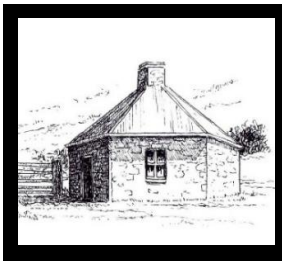

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OCTOBER 2026 Meeting

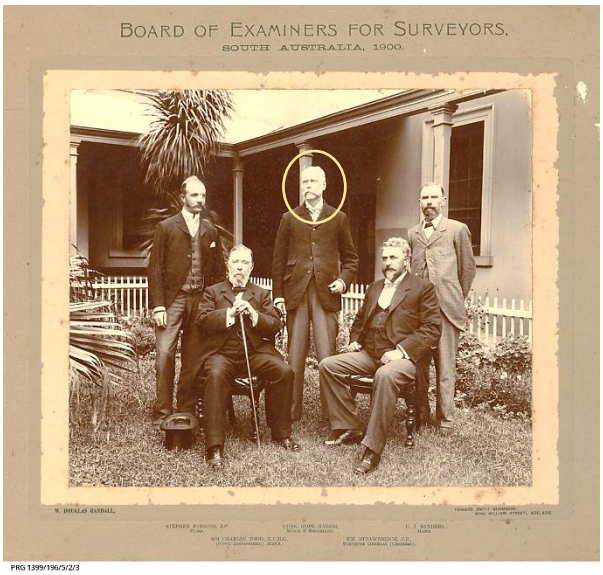
Charles Hope Harris:

Surveyor, Astronomer and Toponymist

Monday 17 October @ 7.30pm

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

TOPIC 'One of the best-known scientists and public men of the State', published the *Daily Herald* in its obituary on Charles Harris (1846-1915). Born in Clare, Suffolk, England, he emigrated with his family to SA at the age of five in the 'Asia', arriving in 1851. He was an all-rounder, making contributions to the colony of SA in many different ways, which included surveying and exploration, astronomy, Aboriginal nomenclature and placenames, researching, presenting and publishing scientific papers, Editor of *The Public Service Review,* and lecturer and Chief Examiner at the School of Mines and Roseworthy. Charles was my paternal great-grandfather.



OUR SPEAKER **Dr Roger Harris** is retired Professor in Adult and Vocational Education, University of South Australia. He has had extensive experience since 1975 in vocational teacher education and research, publishing and presenting widely on adult and vocational education. In retirement, he has now returned to his original discipline of history and is thoroughly enjoying researching and writing in various fields, including family history. Roger is a BHS member and a member of the City of Burnside's Heritage Reference Group.

VISITORS - a $2 cash donation is appreciated

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