

June 2024

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Monday 17 June, 7.30pm



The speaker at our next meeting on 17 June will be Elaine Bensted, who is the Chief Executive of Zoos South Australia. Elaine, who has been CEO since 2012, will present the topic: **Zoos SA: History, present and future.**



Adelaide Zoo is the second oldest Zoo in Australia and has seen many changes over that time. Monarto Safari Park has just celebrated its 40th anniversary. Elaine's talk will give an overview of the interesting history of the Zoo, some current projects, and also discuss future plans for both Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Safari Park.



VISIT TO CUMMINS HOUSE: Tuesday 9 July



Our next outing is to Cummins House on the morning of Tuesday 9 July and afterwards for lunch at the nearby Highway Hotel on the Anzac Highway. A copy of the flyer for this event was handed out at the May meeting and has been included on page 4 of this Bulletin. **This flyer provides full details of the arrangements for the day.**

It is important to note the following:

- ❖ We must have 20 bookings to ensure this outing goes ahead. As of 1 June, we had 12 bookings so there is still a real need for further bookings.
- ❖ The cost of \$15 covers the guided tour of Cummins House and a Devonshire morning tea on arrival. (both are particularly good value we are told!). Bookings and payment must be finalised by 24 June.

Help swell the numbers for this outing by inviting a friend to share the day with you.

CAN YOU HELP?

Setting up chairs before a meeting: Extra help needed

Our monthly meetings generally run smoothly because around a dozen members are regularly involved in a range of supportive tasks like setting up the hall, welcoming members and guests, organising the supper, and packing up at the end.



However, we are currently shorthanded with volunteers able to put out the chairs and set up the hall before the meeting. No heavy lifting is required as a special trolley is used, but it does mean arriving by 6.45pm so that the Hall is set up in good time. If you can help with this task, please phone the BHS number 0422 705 916 or just arrive early at our next meeting.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

We have become aware that some members' contact details on our data base are incorrect and out of date. If in the past 5 years you have made a change to your home address or phone number, can you please advise this by emailing your current details to the BHS email address: burnsidehistorysoc@gmail.com

Annual Subscriptions Now Due



As of the end of May just over half of the Annual Fees had been paid; thanks for your support. All members will have received their individualised invoices by now, and it would be great if **ALL** subs can be finalised by the end of June. Payments can be made in cash at the June meeting or conveniently by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account to:

Burnside Historical Society, BSB: 105086, Ac No: 330298840 (include your name as reference)

[Subscriptions for 2024/25 are: Single \$30 and Family \$45]

COMING UP AT THE JULY MEETING



Our speaker at the July meeting on Monday 15th will be Bill Prior who is President of the SA Police Historical Society. Bill's topic is ***The History of the SA Police Historical Society***, and this will include the history of the South Australia Police and the role of the South Australian Police Historical Society. Bill's talk will be quite topical as he will cover the planning and development of a new Museum which is now required as a result of the demolition of the Thebarton Barracks to facilitate construction of the new Woman's and Children's Hospital.



Once again, we can look forward to a top quality speaker on a topic of considerable interest. Don't be put off if it's a cold wintry night; the Hall will be quite snug and warm!

KITCHENER BUNS, PIES, AND FRITZ SANDWICHES



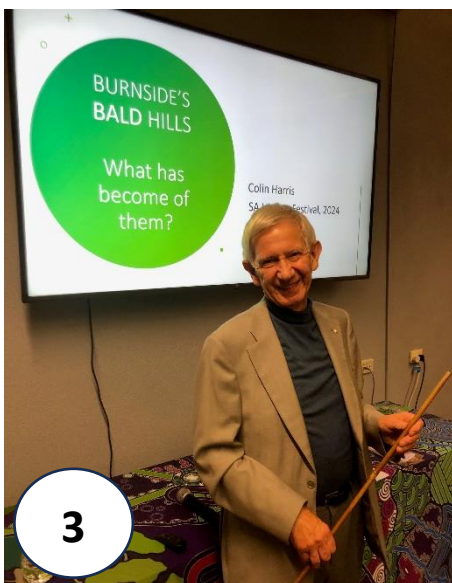
Forty seven members and visitors attended a most interesting and enjoyable trip down memory lane at our May meeting when our speaker Dr Kerrie Davies spoke on the topic of ***Food Glorious Food at Rose Park Primary School and its local community from 1893***. Kerrie took us on a decade by decade journey from 1893 outlining the changes that took place in the types of food eaten, the role of the school tuck shop or corner store, lunches at school, and changes to kitchens and home cooking. Even though much of this was closely related to the Rose Park

school and its community it triggered some half-forgotten school and food memories with all those present. Most of us could remember drip safes, ice chests, the coming of the electric stove and fridges, and the development of kitchen appliances. Tales of the post WW11 free bottled milk at school raised both positive and negative feelings, and school lunches from the corner store of Kitchener buns, pies, and fish 'n chips aroused half-forgotten memories. Kerrie's presentation had something for everyone, and this writer went home reflecting on his standard primary school lunch in the early fifties of a fritz and sauce sandwich. (Homemade sauce of course!)



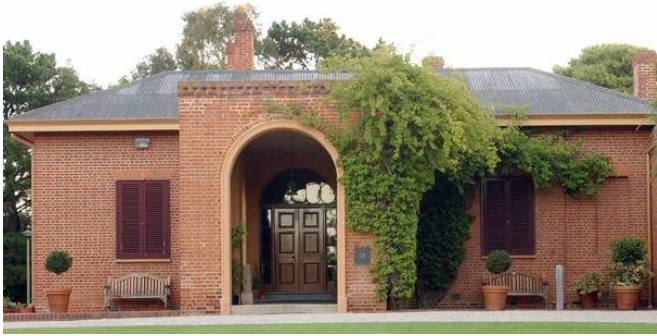
BHS History Festival events

During May the BHS presented five official events during the SA History Festival all of which showcased an aspect of Burnside's history. The three guided walks of Dulwich, Eastwood and Wheel Watkins were each fully booked, the talk by Colin Harris on the Bald Hills of Burnside had 35 in attendance and our May meeting (see page 2 of this Bulletin) had 47 attending. All events ran successfully and were well received by participants. A **BIG THANKS** goes to BHS members Polly Dundon, Ally Preiss, Colin Harris, Ross Both and Dave Monceaux for their leadership of these events which certainly showed our Society and the Burnside district in a very positive light.



1. Polly Dundon with her group in Gurney Rd, Dulwich.
2. Ally Preiss leading the way in Eastwood.
3. Colin Harris solving the question as to what has happened to the Bald Hills of Burnside.
- 4 Ross Both telling the story of the Glen Osmond Mines.
5. Dave Monceaux pointing the way to the upper adit of Wheel Watkins.





Burnside Historical Society


Morning guided tour of Cummins House and lunch afterwards at The Highway Hotel.

Tuesday 9 July 2024, 10.20am – 2.30pm


Cummins House is located at 23 Sheoak Ave, Novar Gardens, 5040 and is an important State Heritage Place in the South Australian Heritage Register. It was the residence of South Australian pioneer and politician John Morphett and his wife Elizabeth and family. Cummins House was designed by George Kingston and purpose built in 1842 for the family. Five generations of the Morphett family lived there until sold to the State Government in the 1970s. There are very few residences in South Australia occupied by one family for such a lengthy period. John Morphett (1809-1892) was of considerable significance to the establishment and development of the Colony of South Australia, having arrived on the *Cygnets* as a very early colonist in 1836.



PROGRAMME

- 10.20am Arrive at Cummins House, 23 Sheoak Ave, Novar Gdns (about 40 mins drive from Burnside)
- 10.30am Devonshire Morning Tea and Guided Tour of Cummins House by members of the Cummins Society. Cost \$15, see below 
- 12.15pm Depart and travel to the Highway Hotel for lunch at own expense (5 min drive)
- 12.30pm Lunch at the Highway Hotel, 290 Anzac Highway, Plympton, SA 5038. Corner of Anzac Hwy and Marion Road. Seniors Menu available at \$19, plus main menu also available.



 This tour of Cummins House and the morning tea have been especially organised for us. **We must guarantee a minimum of 20 people for the tour to take place.** So please book and pay early. Why not invite a friend to help swell the numbers!

TRANSPORT: Own vehicles. If you need transport, please arrange this at time of booking. Cars assisting with transport will depart from the car park on the northern side of Hazelwood Park near the junction of Davenport Terrace and The Parkway at 9.30am sharp.

BOOKINGS are required by 24 June and can be made at the June meeting or by phoning 0422 705 916. Please Book and Pay as soon as possible.

PAYMENT of \$15/person for the Guided Tour and Devonshire morning tea at Cummins House **must be made at the time of booking** by paying cash at the June meeting or by transfer of funds (EFT) to:

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