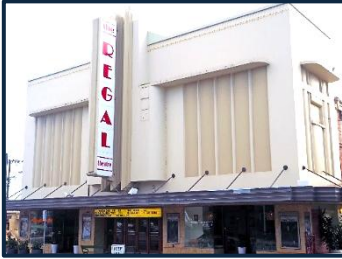


September 2025

NEXT BHS MEETING



Our next meeting is on **Monday 15 September** and will feature the Regal Theatre at Marryatville. This well-known landmark and community facility in Burnside is celebrating its 100th Birthday this year. Our joint speakers will be the theatre's current manager Steve Virgo and Burnside's Mayor, Anne Monceaux. The meeting is sure to revive personal memories for many of us who attended the theatre matinees 60-70 years ago when it was known as the Ozone. Full details of the meeting can be found in the flyer on page 3 of this Bulletin.

FINAL BHS OUTING FOR 2025

Full details of our final outing for 2025 to the historic North Road Cemetery on **Wednesday 24 September** can be found in the flyer on page 4 of this Bulletin. **BOOK NOW** or at the September meeting.



OCTOBER MEETING MONDAY 20 OCTOBER



The speaker at our October meeting will be Michelle Toft and her topic will be:

What's Behind the Name? The Stories of Burnside's Suburbs

In her presentation, Michelle will look at the stories behind the names of Burnside's suburbs. She will explore how people, local events, and different cultures have influenced these names over time, and outline what the names really mean and the interesting tales behind them. This will give us a new way to think about the places we live.

Michelle is a BHS member and is well known to us as one of the Historical and Cultural Officers at the City of Burnside.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Spring is Here at Last!

With it comes the promise of warmer weather — especially, I hope, on the third Monday of the month.

Over winter the BHS has been busy planning for 2026:



- **The Program Committee has been busy planning next year's meetings and outings.**
- **The BHS will host the Eastern Region History Seminar — Saturday 28 February 2026:** Planning is well underway for a wonderful opportunity to discover more about historic Adelaide and to share time with members of other historical societies. Please plan to be there. Details to follow.
- **Member name tags:** If you don't have a name tag, please check in at the front desk to add your name to the list. Wearing name tags really helps with our after-meeting socialising — especially now that we have over 100 financial members!

And one for your diary in November:

- **Regal Theatre Centenary Celebration** — Sunday 9 November, 2.00 pm. Known to many of us ‘old timers’ as the Ozone, the Regal will be celebrating 100 years of movies in Burnside. For details, and to book tickets, see [Regal Theatre 100 Year Celebration](#). To discover even more about the Regal please come to our meeting this month.

Cheers,
Roger Bills - President, BHS



VALE

It is sad to advise of the passing of two of our longstanding members during the past month.

Margaret Preiss (1929-2025)



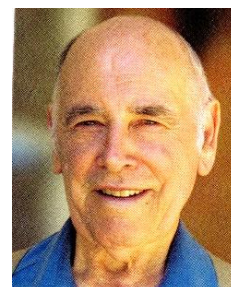
Margaret and her husband Ken's shared love of local history, heritage and the environment saw them join the BHS as Foundation members in 1980. Margaret spent her whole life in Burnside; she grew up in Knightsbridge and developed a remarkable knowledge of that suburb along with the nearby "real" Burnside Village (Lockwood Rd and High St area). Her favorite places were Hazelwood and Ferguson Parks. In her lifetime she collected and maintained an extensive range of photos, newspaper cuttings and associated resources of this area which have been of tremendous value to the BHS and other researchers.

Her story of growing up in Knightsbridge in the 1930's, and told by her daughter Ally, was featured in the first edition of the BHS Journal in 2021. Margaret's photo standing outside her childhood home was featured on the front cover.

Margaret was a Life member and Committee member of BHS and remained an active member well into her nineties.

Glen Cowley (1931 – 2025)

Glen Cowley joined BHS in 2003 when he and his wife Jo moved from Keith to live in Burnside. He became keenly interested in the history of Burnside. In 2013/14, Glen and his grandson Cameron worked with Richard House on the *Survey of Plaques Project in the City of Burnside*. He served on the BHS Committee and played his part at general meetings by unlocking and helping to set up the hall.



Glen and his wife were keen participants in BHS outings and the overnight trips to regional SA locations.

WAR WIDOWS, A PERSONAL & PASSIONATE STORY

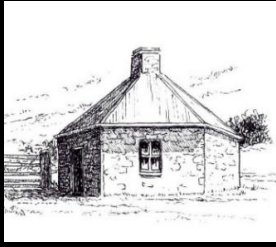


At our recent August meeting we were treated to a very personal and passionate story of the history and future of the Australian War Widows Inc by Diane Carr a former President of the SA Branch.

Diane told of her own family's connection to the War Widows and the armed forces, of the role played by Jessie Vasey CBE in founding the organisation at the end of WW2, and its strong and persistent advocacy for war widows.

A full report of Diane's informative presentation will be featured in the BHS 2025 Journal which will be distributed to all members in November.

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Burnside Historical Society

Active in the Burnside Community for 45 years

SEPTEMBER Meeting

The Regal Theatre: celebrating 100 years

Monday 15 September @ 7.30pm

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

TOPIC The rich history and vibrant future of the iconic Regal



Theatre will be explored. Hear about Adelaide's oldest continuously operating purpose-built cinema and the city's last remaining silent-era theatre still in operation. Discover the theatre's remarkable past, gain insight into the rewards and challenges of managing it today and hear about the exciting redevelopment plans on the horizon.



OUR SPEAKERS Steve Virgo and Anne Monceaux.



Steve has been the manager of the Regal Theatre since December 2016. He has more than 21 years working in the cinema industry including a long stint working as a projectionist and manager at Hoyts Cinemas back when film was physical film.

Anne has been a lifelong supporter and advocate of the Regal Theatre. She has been Mayor of Burnside since November 2018 and prior to that was a councillor representing the Beaumont Ward.



VISITORS - a \$2 donation is appreciated

Further information



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Burnside Historical Society Outing

GUIDED TOUR OF THE HERITAGE LISTED NORTH ROAD CEMETERY,

Wednesday 24 September 2025

And afterwards for lunch at the Walkers Arms Hotel



About the Cemetery

The North Road Cemetery at Nailsworth is one of Adelaide's oldest and most historically significant cemeteries.

Our Guide will be Helen Stein, an authority on the Cemetery and she will walk us through the grounds which include the century old Chapel and beautiful memorial gardens. We will see significant and unusual headstones and view the resting place of many South Australian pioneers, explorers, leaders, and sporting greats. Famous names include Daisy

Bates, Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith, Dr Helen Mayo, Sir Charles Todd, and Clem Hill.

Tour Arrangements

Parking is available in the Cemetery. Enter from D'Erlanger Ave, Nailsworth, which runs along the eastern side of the cemetery grounds. Parking is to the west of the Chapel. **Meet at the Chapel by 9.50am.** The tour will commence at 10am and conclude at 11.30am. There is no cost for the tour.

If you need help with transport, please advise at the time of booking.

BOOKINGS are essential and can be made at the BHS September meetings or by phone on **0422 705 916.**

Bookings close at our meeting on 15 September.
Please note that this outing is limited to 20 attendees.

LUNCH is at 12 noon at the Walkers Arms Hotel.

A lunch "bundle" costing \$28.90, provides a main course of fish, squid, chicken schnitzel, pizza, Caesar salad, linguine, or grilled chicken BLT, plus a glass of ale, wine, or soft drink.

OR you may order from the main menu.

Lunch is at your own expense



**Walkers Arms Hotel, 36 Main North East Road,
Walkerville**

BOOK NOW and join us for our final outing of 2025.