

EAST TORRENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

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EAST TORRENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The committee is able to manage the Covid Safe Plan - Step 3. You will be required to comply with the guidelines.

Committee meetings are held 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month when required , All welcome to attend.

Deadline for Newsletter articles — 3rd week in January, March, May, July and September. Newsletter Committee:- Dr G Bishop, L Richards, J Kerwood.

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2022

Investigating our history

- Feb 9** **This meeting will be held in the Summertown Uniting Church Hall 7.30pm**
Members night— bring the oldest book in your library and a short story of how it came to be in your possession.
- Apr 13** **Annual General Meeting** at 10.30 am, venue to be advised.
Speaker: **Michelle Toft**, Historical Cultural Officer, City of Burnside – A look at a week in the life of a Historical Cultural Officer
- June 8** Meeting at 10.30 am, venue to be advised.
Speaker: **Geoffrey Bishop** – The careers of two remarkable early University of Adelaide women graduates: Dr Laura Fowler and Bessie Threadgill
- Aug 10** Details to follow
- Oct 12** Guest Speaker **Tanya Schroeder** - Maric Control - A Local Family Industry.
- Nov 25** 40th Birthday Celebration.

SOCIETY UPDATE

Our End of Year celebration in November was held amid the uncertainty of Covid restrictions. Our new members were welcomed and the evening proceeded with only 24 participants instead of our usual numbers, Geoffrey Bishop told of the effort as he worked to produce the Uraidla Book. He had to research over 200 titles to make sure of the correct owners of each piece of land in the area of Uraidla that the book covers.



CRAMOND, Helen Mary

Passed away peacefully at home on 11th November 2021. Aged 93 years. Loved wife of Bill (dec). Very much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Alison, Pam, Peter, Leonie, Greg and Amy, Hugh and Wendy, Kate and Russell, Martin, Michael (dec). Nanna to Simeon (dec), Jana, Joel and Jess, Lauren, Erin, Ethan, Oliver, Harley, and Skye. Great Nanna to Saoirse, Miriam, Clara, and Dakota.

From the Advertiser

Helen and Bill members (Bill was a Committee member for three years) of our Society for a number of years and in latter times Helen was keen to receive her copy of our newsletter to keep up with 'news'.

Marian Duerden 19-08 -1933 - 20 - 01-2022

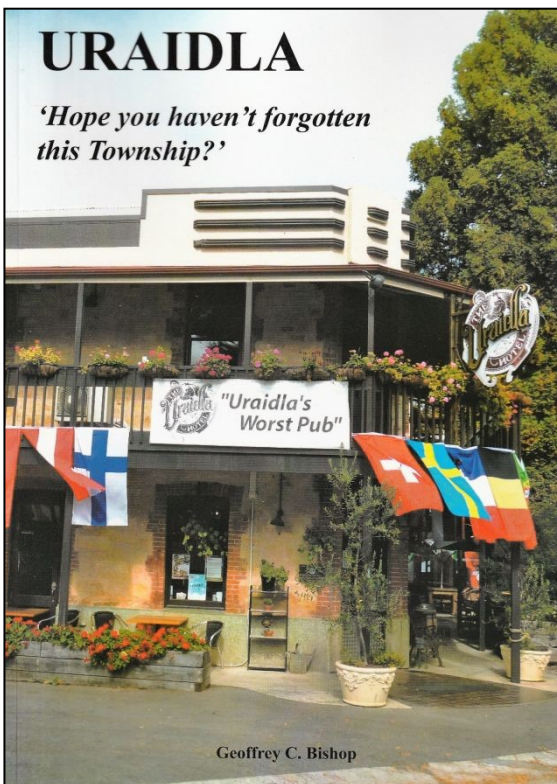
Marian and Graham Duerden were Life Members of our Historical Society, serving on the Committee from 1990 to 2002. They were keen artists and were also members of the Magicians Club! Marian is survived by her 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



SOCIETY UPDATE

Your Committee has met on a few occasions in private homes during the break and are frustrated at the lack of communication between Council and the Society regarding the refurbishing of the Summit Centre at Norton Summit. We are unable to carry out our normal 'work' as we have no place to set up. **Our Collection is closed to the public until further notice.**

One of our committee members, Pam Green, is working with Garry Chapman on the large amount of photographs etc, that Jenice had collected over many years. We all knew of Jenice's love of cemeteries, as, on our field trips, she could always be found walking around them with her camera.



***Available from the
Society for \$35.00.***

AND

***The Uraidla Pantry
and Matilda's
Bookshop in
Stirling.***



AUSTRALIA DAY

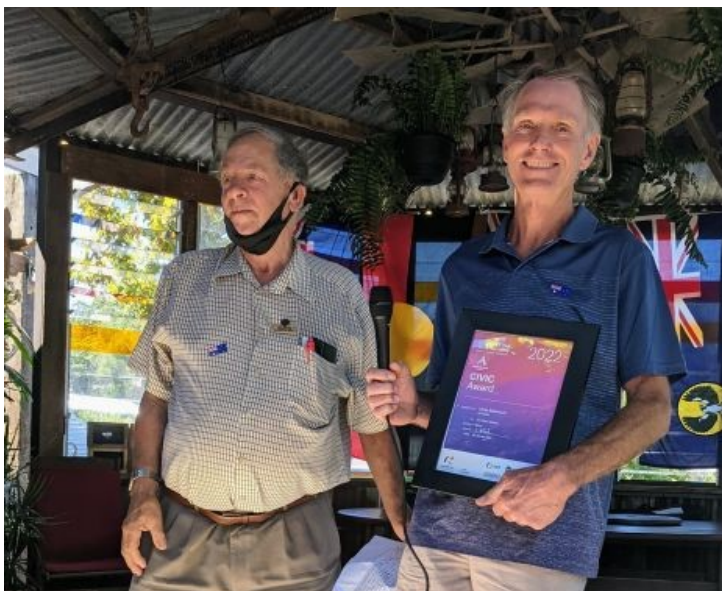
The decision to hold an Australia Day event at the Uraidla Hotel was a hurried one as the other events at Woodside, Gumeracha and Mylor were cancelled. We had a local person receiving an award and wanted to honour that person in our Township. Our numbers were supplemented this year with a contingent of CFS volunteers. Doug Munn (Norton Summit CFS) presented a tribute to the Happy Valley CFS Volunteer Louise Hinks who died in the Coles bushfire in the south east of the state on Friday 21st January 2022. A minutes silence was held to remember her life and service to the CFS.

Geoffrey Bishop spoke about the origins of Australia Day after which Chris Badenoch was the worthy recipient of a Citizens Award for his volunteering work in our community. The presentation was made by Councillor Ian Bailey.

With the help of the volunteers from the Show Society, strawberries and ice cream was served. We thank Julie Peter and Heath and Kat for their continued support and help setting up this event, especially, hanging our flags.



Local CFS volunteers stand together to honour Louise Hinks.



Our Citizens Award Recipient, Chris Badenoch and Cr Ian Bailey



Our flags are well liked and cause much comment.

ETHS President Dr Geoffrey Bishop presented AUSTRALIA DAY – WE ARE ALL PART OF THE STORY

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Peramangk and Kaurna peoples. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging as the custodians of this land. Together, we will care for this country for the generations to come.

We are fortunate to be able to gather here today. Not just because of the ever-changing Covid-19 regulations and requirements but also because we live in a country free from internal dissent, external threats and where public assembly is allowed.

We have much to be thankful for. We complain about lots of things but really few of them are big issues. I would like us today to think about the people of Burkina Faso, Ukraine, Myanmar, Yemen, Syria and Tonga – to name but a few - who face huge issues. We can but imagine how they are affecting day-to-day life of the people of these nations.

I've based much of this address on material from the Australia Day Committee. The words are significant.

This is the story of Australia - the story of an extraordinary nation.

The story begins around 60,000 years ago when this continent was first settled by humans. New chapters are being written every day. On Australia Day, we the people of Australia reflect on our history, its highs and its lows.

We come to respect the stories of others.

And, we celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all, its diverse people.

The flags on display here today reflect this diversity.

We are all part of the story.

How did Australia Day originate?

Australia Day as a public event started in 1838 with the Proclamation of an annual public holiday for **26th January to mark the Jubilee of the British settlement of New South Wales in 1788.**

Changes in the celebration of a ‘national’ day developed slowly over the ensuing century.

In 1888, representatives from the colonial governments of Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and New Zealand joined NSW leaders in Sydney to celebrate the Centenary of British settlement. What had begun as a NSW anniversary was becoming an Australian one. The day was known as Anniversary or Foundation Day.

In researching the history of Uraidla and surrounding districts I’ve found that between 1900 and 1930, Australia Day was celebrated over the years on varying dates (and not on 26th January) and generally involved a district procession followed by a community picnic. The event assumed particular relevance during WWI as a rallying event to raise funds for humanitarian groups, such as the Red Cross, during the war years.

In 1930, The Australian Natives' Association in Victoria began a campaign to have 26th January celebrated throughout Australia as Australia Day on a Monday, **as long weekend holiday**. The Victorian Government agreed with the proposal in 1931, and the other states and territories following by 1935.

In 1938, the State Premiers celebrated the Sesquicentenary together in Sydney. Aboriginal leaders met there for a Day of Mourning to protest at their mistreatment by white Australians and to seek **full citizenship rights**.

In 1954, the Australian blue ensign was designated the Australian national flag and was given precedence over the Union Jack.

Twenty-five years later, in 1979, the Commonwealth Government established a National Australia Day Committee in Canberra to make future celebrations ‘truly national and Australia-wide’. It took over the coordinating role of the Federal Australia Day Council. In 1984 it became the **National Australia Day Council**, based in Sydney, with a primary role to promote the meaning of Australia Day and what it means to be an Australian.

In 1984, Australians ceased to be British subjects and *Advance Australia Fair* replaced *God Save the Queen* as the national anthem.

As recently as 1988, the States and Territories agreed to celebrate Australia Day on 26th January, rather than with a long weekend. Aboriginal representatives renamed Australia Day as ‘Invasion Day’.

During the 2000s, Australia Day became an established and significant day in the national calendar with some 80% of Australians seeing it as ‘more than a day off’ and over 16,000 people choosing it to become new citizens each year. Australia Day today is driven by hundreds of community events across our nation, generating immense community spirit and bringing people together.

The Australia Day Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Acknowledgment project began in 2020 and is designed to encourage local governments nationally to proactively engage with local indigenous groups to hold inclusive events on Australia Day and to foster constructive, respectful discussions about the contributions of all Australians past, present and future of our nation.

IT IS MORE THAN JUST INCLUSION

The question, I think, goes beyond that of **inclusion**. Certainly it is important but this focus by our governments is only part of the issue facing our nation, and the world today.

In recent years, economists in the USA have been asking their first year students one question on the first day of classes: ‘What is the most pressing problems economists should be addressing?’

Among responses such as globalisation, digitalisation, and unemployment, two concerns dwarf the rest: these are inequality and climate change.

There is a general sense that the standard economics curriculum at universities is not adequately preparing students to address these issues. To quote Professor Megan Way of Babson College, Massachusetts: ‘Modern economics has not incorporated nearly enough of the reality of climate change and sustainability or issues of inequality, diversity and inclusion. Some of our models are really wrong and really problematic’.

‘The basic models assume more is always better and however natural the quest for efficiency, is society ignoring those who are losing more than winning in the process’.

I would venture to say that Australia has seen this over the past year in our nation's response on the global stage in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change. Our delivery at COP-26 and our attitude to our so-called Pacific friends has been less than honourable. Our nation must do better than this.

Our collective advancing as a united nation will only occur successfully if we all - and that includes our political leaders - recognise that we are all part of the story and have responsibilities to our national and world community.

Seeking social equality is pointless if at the same we do not seek to protect our planet. The drive for action on climate change is inspiring coming from our youth.

I will conclude by quoting one of them, Swedish student activist Greta Thunberg: 'You must not spend all your time dreaming, or see this as some political fight to win. Instead, you must unite behind the science. You must take action. You must do the seemingly impossible. Because giving up can never ever be an option'.

**I conclude with this simple but meaningful statement:
We are all part of the story.**

Dr Geoffrey Bishop, Australia Day 2022

From a Book of Quotations

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find out.

Frank A Clark

Good listeners, like precious gems, are to be treasured.

Walter Anderson

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.

If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house.

If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation.

If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

Chinese Proverb



Trebilcock's property at Montacute, c. 1910. The photograph is from a collection on the John C. Tolley Collection at the State Library of South Australia.

HOW NOVEMBER TINTS METROPOLIS: MONTACUTE IN GLORY OF FOLIAGE

November is a delightful time to visit the city, when all the trees are in full leaf and there is a profusion of flowers.

Although the parkland are yellowing, the trees round them and in the avenues are a blaze of emerald, and parks and gardens are gay with flowers.

A motoring drive to Montacute was a treat, indeed. Turning off Payneham Road, we drove past 'Elythorpe' Mr. T. R. Robson's famous garden [at Campbelltown], round that great Black Hill where a gurgling creek [Fifth Creek] meanders alongside the road and blackberry bushes, wild roses and arum lilies adorn its sides.

We drove down side lanes between orchards filled with cherry trees whose branches were laden with the pink and red luscious fruits. We visited old friends there, Mrs and Miss Trebilcock. The latter, attired in slacks, when we arrived was picking strawberries on the hillside. From the balcony of the fine old two-storeyed home a glorious view of the valley was obtained, and the church [St Paul's Church of England] on the hilltop dominated the scene.

In brilliant colours

The terraced garden was filled with beautiful flowers and sweetly scented stocks and carnations, tall watsonias, dainty heuchera, glorious Sturt Peas,; and fine pelargoniums—in brilliant colourings, a large bunch of which we carried away.

In the orchard adjoining, trees bore a heavy crop of oranges and lemons and on the adjoining hill strawberries gleamed from beneath the dark green leaves. Those, thickly covered with real clotted cream - a palatable confection—we sampled later.

Leaving that garden of Eden we climbed to the top of the Mount Lofty range glimpsing glorious views of the plains beyond the city and the blue waters of Thorndon Park and Hope Valley reservoirs.

We passed Marble Hill, the Governor's summer residence, and saw orchards with delicate new season's growth and young green fruit, acres of vegetables tilled with meticulous care, ready for hordes of customers in the city below, and plots of gay blooms which gave splashes of colour to the countryside.

Over Norton Summit. and down densely timbered valleys we went, where the tips of the gumtrees shone like tarnished gold as they caught the last rays of the afternoon sun.

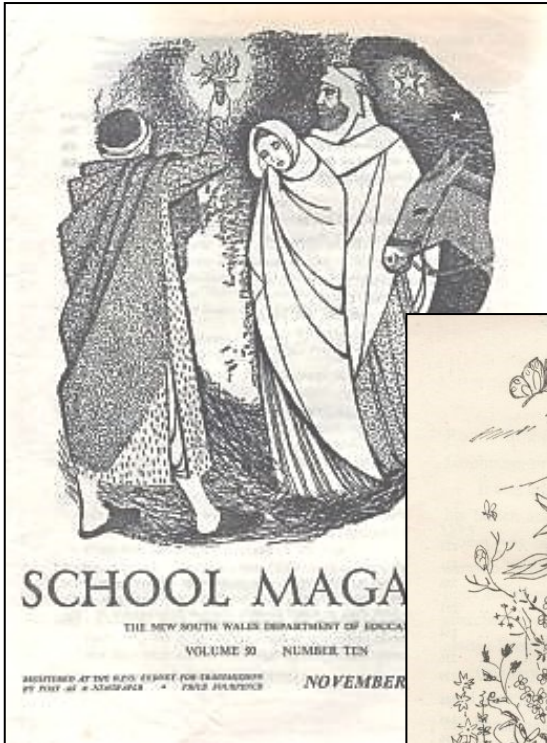
Past the rocky grandeur of Morialta, we saw one of the most wonderful panoramas in the world - Adelaide and its suburbs spread out before us, with the shimmering sea beyond and the sun disappearing below the horizon.

That afternoon's drive will long stand as one of the pleasantest memories of a November visit to Adelaide.

By I.V.Y., The Chronicle November 1937

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Our most recent acquisition has come from Greg Driver, son of the late David and Joan Driver, of Summertown. I have scanned some of the covers and items in the School Magazine. They may bring back memories for some members.



November 1965



September 1963

THE BILLY-GOAT OVERLAND

Come all ye lads of the droving days, ye gentlemen unafraid,
I'll tell you all of the greatest trip that ever a drover made,
For we rolled our swags, and we packed our bags, and taking our
lives in hand,
We started away with a thousand goats on the billy-goat
overland.

There wasn't a fence that'd hold the mob or keep 'em from their
desires;

They skipped along the top of the posts and cake-walked on
the wires.

And where the lanes had been stripped of grass and the paddocks
were nice and green,

The goats they travelled outside the lanes and we rode in between.

The squatters started to drive them back, but that was no good
at all,

Their horses ran for the lick of their lives from the scent that
was like a wall:

And never a dog had pluck or gall in front of the mob to stand
And face the charge of a thousand goats on the billy-goat
overland.

We found we were hundreds over strength when we counted out
the mob,

And they put us in jail for a crowd of thieves that travelled to
steal and rob:

For every goat between here and Bourke, when he scented our
spicy band,

Had left his home and his work to join in the billy-goat overland.

A.B. PATERSON



car

cart

star

start

tart

arm

farm

dark

park

yard

*Joan Driver kept all of
Greg's school books.
These are pages from
the very first ones.*

*Do you still have any of
yours?*

she She



Pam has a pet cat.
She fed it.
The cat saw a dog.

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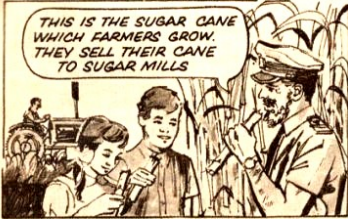
A

is for Activity
You're busy all day through.
SUGAR IS AN ENERGY FOOD
For boys and girls like you.

UNCLE STEVEN
HAS TAKEN PAUL
AND JENNY ON
A TRIP TO ONE OF
THE SUGAR PORTS.



THIS IS THE SUGAR CANE
WHICH FARMERS GROW.
THEY SELL THEIR CANE
TO SUGAR MILLS



AT THE MILLS THE
SWEET JUICE IS
CRUSHED FROM THE
SUGAR CANE AND
IS MADE INTO
RAW SUGAR CRYSTALS



THAT TRAIN IS TAKING
SUGAR TO MY SHIP



SHIPS TAKE RAW SUGAR
TO REFINERIES OVERSEAS
AND IN AUSTRALIA
TO BE MADE INTO
SPARKLING WHITE SUGAR



MUMMY DID YOU KNOW
THIS SUGAR WAS ONCE JUICE
IN THE SUGAR CANE PLANT?



Note to teachers:

C.S.R. will send teachers the following aids on request: "Australian Sugar 1967"—one copy for each student.

Colour chart of how the sugar industry works.

Wall map of the Australian sugar industry.

'Notes on the Australian sugar industry'.

A 16 mm. documentary colour film on the Australian sugar industry, on loan.



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(Tasmanians please write to Sydney)

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C.S.R. Company,
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Sydney.

N.S.W.

Vic.

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C.S.R. Company,
P.O. Box 5014,
Elizabeth Street,
Melbourne.

Australian Sugar 1967,
C.S.R. Company,
121 Eagle Street,
Brisbane.

Qld.

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Australian Sugar 1967,
C.S.R. Company,
Box 1610, G.P.O.,
Adelaide.

Australian Sugar 1967,
C.S.R. Company,
Box 908M, G.P.O.,
Perth.

W.A.

*From a Commonwealth Trades Alphabet 1967 edition.
Current nutritionists may disagree!*



2021 Uraidla & Summertown Country Show

East Torrens Historical



13 December 2021

Mr. Jon Richards
East Torrens Historical Society
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NORTON SUMMIT SA 5136

Dear Jon

The Management Committee wishes to send you our personal thanks for your valued and generous support of the 2021 Uraidla & Summertown Country Show.

We are so proud of our volunteers and their infectious passion to get the Show off the ground this year. Their hard work paid off and woohoo, together we did it! Working within a COVID Management Plan was new and we adapted our approach with flexibility and rigour to ensure everyone who enjoyed the Show day with us was safe. With nearly 7,000 visitors in attendance reflects how well the news of the Uraidla Show travels throughout the Adelaide Hills and Plains as visitors seek what we are well known for, a uniquely diverse Country Show where you can relax and soak up all the atmosphere.

You believed in us and hung in there during all the uncertainty and we are grateful for all the wonderful support we received. With your help, the reality of a Show day transitioned from a maybe to yes we can!

We are truly blown away by the generous support from everyone, it is humbling and reminds us what a fabulous community we have. Thank you for your help and support of this year's Show and we hope you will be part of the 2022 Uraidla Show, on 6 November (save the date!).

We wish you, your family and teams a Merry and Safe Christmas and a festive New Year!

All the best,

Yours faithfully

The Uraidla Show Management Committee
Uraidla & Summertown H & F Society Inc.



**It's our 40th Birthday
this month
1982—2022**

The Society was formed at a meeting held at the East Torrens Council Chambers at Norton Summit on 9th February 1982. The meeting elected officeholders and committee members: President – Geoffrey Bishop, Vice President – Bill Cramond, Secretary – Roz McGowan, Treasurer – Gill Cowling, and a Committee comprising Peter Bungay, John Cowling, Pam Green and Kevin Rutt.

Throughout this year 2022 we will work on
'Something Special' to mark this milestone of our Society,
at our End of Year Celebration