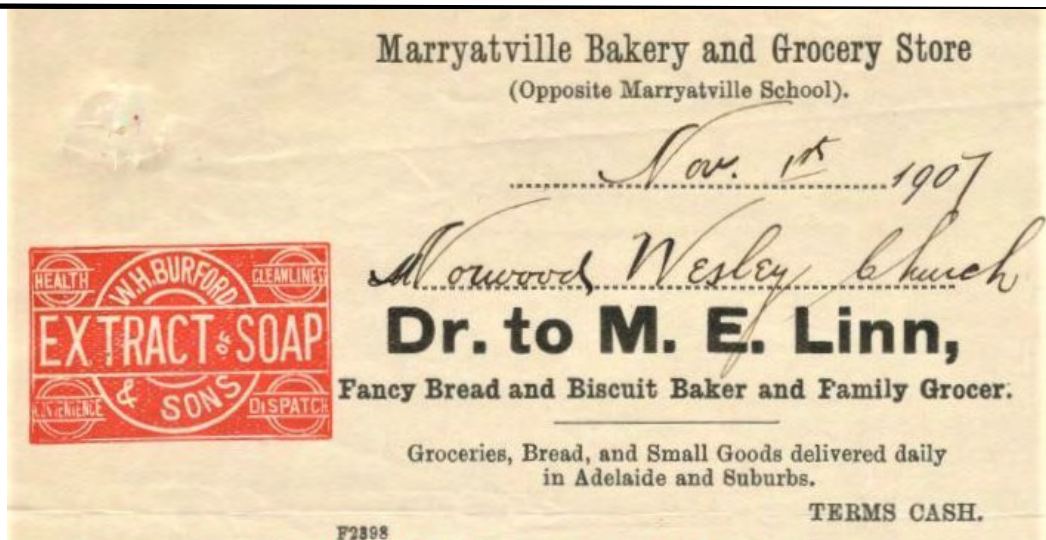


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EAST TORRENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS
Will resume as soon as the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted and the committee is able to comply with the Covid Safe Plan - Step 3.

Committee meetings are generally held 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 9.30am, as required.

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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From the Committee

As the Covid 19 restrictions are gradually lifted in our state your committee has managed to meet on two occasions to discuss the future of the East Torrens Historical Society Inc. The Committee has a 'Covid safe Stage 3 plan' to comply with and from now on should be able to meet on the **1st and 3rd Fridays** of each month until further notice. Please keep in touch with each one another by telephone, email, texting, etc.

A call from a resident of Norton Summit resulted in a trip to the property of Heather Webb and her late husband, Graham, who was a Councillor for East Torrens and an ETHS member. Geoffrey, Jon and Mary went in the ute to look through the items on the property that Heather was wondering if the Society would like to add to our collection. An amount of implements and items of interest were collected. Further notes in the next newsletter.

Our Treasurer would still like to hear from those who have not yet paid the membership for 2020

Please send payments to:-

**The Treasurer
East Torrens Historical Society Inc.
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Or by

Direct transfer payment to:-

**BSB 633 000
Account No 167087535
Account Name: East Torrens Historical Society
Please include your NAME and M-Fees as a reference.**

*A note from Joyce Kerwood to let us know that **Jeff Cook** of Minlaton S A who was the author of a number of poems we have used over the years, has passed away.*

Apologies to Erica Womersley for making her 90 years older than she was when writing from the diaries of Mignonette Eva May Possingham The credit should have read **Erica Womersley 2019**



VALE Keith Wotton 12th June 2020

It is with much regret that we inform our members of the passing of Keith Wotton.

Keith and Pam have been members of our society since 2003. We have enjoyed their company on many of our field trips and meetings over the years.

These notes were taken from the eulogy read by Grant Wotton.

Keith was a member of and held positions in many of the local groups in Uraidla. He played football for Uraidla and made the Hills Association Colts Team in 1954. He was a goal umpire for many years, He joined the Progress Association and was member of the Soldiers Memorial Park and a life member of the Uraidla & Summertown Show Society. He was on the Uraidla and Urrbrae School Councils, and was a director and subsequent Chairman of the Ashton Co-operative Society for 35 years. He was an East Torrens Councillor for 6 years and on the Central Hills Soils Board for 7 years. He was a lay preacher across the Summertown Parish. In later years he was a member of the East Torrens Historical Society and a member at St John's Anglican Church at Norton Summit.

He will be remembered for his dedication to family and the community. Our love and sympathy to Pam, and her extended family.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions on attendance at Keith's funeral the service was 'live streamed' and if you would like to watch it the link is <https://vimeo.com/429154769>

Rosenbauer's dairy at Greenhill

Mr G.W. Rosenbauer, dairy farmer of Burnside, bought 11 acres from the Wilcox family in 1952 and built a house and dairy on the property. His father, Gustav (Gus) ran dairy cows on his property on the corner of Greenhill and Hallett Roads, and from 1927 until 1970 the Rosenbauers leased land at Green Hill from the Government. (This land was gazetted as a National Pleasure Resort under the Crown Lands Act in 1940 and in 1972 became the Greenhill Recreation Park.)

G.W. Rosenbauer (known as Rosey or Sony) ran about 26 dairy cows at Greenhill, relying largely on dry feed. They tried unsuccessfully to find water on the property and had to cart water from Burnside for the cows. Rosey did construct a small dam (near the present site of the CFS shed). They used the original line of the road to access their land, particularly in Winter when the steep road through the 40 acre paddock (now Yarrabee Road) was impassable. Rosey's son Reg lived in the house at Greenhill. The property was sold in the early 1980s.

The 'Two Dirt Quarries' (as they were known locally) on the Greenhill Road to the east of the wine shop were operated by Jack Driver from Burnside, a cousin to the Drivers at Summertown. The quarries were worked for brick-making clay which was carted to the Adelaide Brick Company's kilns on Waterfall Gully Road at Burnside. This kiln closed in 1970.

The former Brewer and Woodcock land on Greenhill was purchased in the 1950s by Edward Hayward, later Sir Edward, (Managing Director of John Martins) and was run in conjunction with his grazing property Silverton Park near Delamere. Hayward cleared a large proportion of the property to establish pastures for running beef cattle. The property manager lived in the former wine shop which was extended.



Edward Hayward

Excerpt from **Glimpses of East Torrens**
G C Bishop

WHAT WERE YOU READING IN 1972
from the Advertiser, March 25th

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THE MOUNTAIN THAT WENT TO THE SEA: Lucy Walker. Another fine romantic novel set in the Australian out-back **\$4.95**

CRY OF THE MORNING: Brian Cleeve. This is a novel about the real Ireland, behind the legends, behind the headlines, behind the Tourist Board advertisements for empty roads. This is the Republic of Ireland today **\$6.20**

THE HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM: Zoe Oldenbourg. This is fiction of the highest order. An unforgettable evocation of the Middle Ages. The author overlooks no detail in presenting her own exciting vision of the crusade **\$6.95**

GOOD FOOD ON A BUDGET — BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS. Contains appetising low-cost menus and tasty recipes to save time and money **\$2.95**

ROSES IN AUSTRALIA: Jessie Boyd. Uniquely Australian. A beautifully illustrated practical guide **\$3.95**

MACRAME: Sunset Books. Creative knot-tying. Gives techniques and projects **\$2.45**

AUSTRALIA SINCE THE CAMERA: Seven outstanding authors cover the development of Australia dramatically and visually in seven beautifully presented paper cover volumes. **\$1.95 each.**

LIFE IN AUSTRALIA: Craig McGregor. The Australian way of life. Over 150 photographs, 70 of which are in full colors. Available Monday **\$4.95**



**BOOK DEPARTMENT
GROUND FLOOR**

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

A BELL CALLED URAIDLA

Over the past year or so I have been researching a history for Seymour College which marks its centenary in February 2022. The property *Wootton Lea* at Glen Osmond was home to the Faulding and Fowler families from 1860 until 9 ha of the property were purchased by the Presbyterian Church of Australia for a school for girls in 1922. Presbyterian Girls' College (PGC) was renamed Seymour College in 1977 when the Uniting Church in Australia was formed and commemorates one of its founders, Rev. Dr John Alfred Seymour, the minister at what is now Scots Church, North Terrace.



***Joanna Gosse aged 10 ringing the Junior School bell for the first time on 26 August 1943. In more recent times, Joanna's own granddaughter, Samantha Burns, has also rung the bell.
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Seymour College encompasses Reception to Year 12 and currently has around 800 students. There are two campuses, namely Barr Smith Campus (Senior School) and McGregor Campus (Junior School). Both campuses have a school bell – both are still in use - and this is the story of one of them.

In 1928 a former church bell was presented to Senior School and it was not until 1943 that Junior School obtained its own bell. The bell was presented to the college by Mr and Mrs J.H. Gosse and the P.G.C. Parents' and Friends' Association provided half the cost for the construction of its red-brick belfry. The bell was dedicated on 26th August 1943 and was rung for first time by the Gosses' 10-year old grand-daughter Joanna Christie Gosse. A fitting celebratory verse was written for the occasion by Form VIB student Ainslie Anderson: 'To the future it rings a challenge, and a proud salute to the past.'

A student of the time, Patricia Pike, recalled: *The bell was commissioning on 26th August 1943. I was in Year 6. It was an old ship's bell and was given to the Junior School by Joanna Gosse's family. Ainslie Anderson wrote a poem for the day and it included the wise line 'Bells have wide mouths and tongues yet cannot speak.'*

As an aside to the main story, here is a bit of family history. James Hay Gosse (later Sir James) was the managing director of the Adelaide merchant and shipping company George Wills & Company and his wife was Joanna Lang Barr Smith. The bell-ringer Joanna was the eldest daughter of their son Robert and Betty Gosse and for a local connection, Robert's youngest sister, Mary Isobel Gosse, married Alexander (later Sir) Downer. Mary Gosse also attended P.G.C. and due to the large age difference between her and her brother Robert some of her years at P.G.C. overlapped with those of her young niece Joanna.



***Junior School bell, Seymour College, July 2020.
The name 'Uraidla 1902' is on the left side of the bell.***

Early articles that were written about the bell state that it came from the *Kapara*. I am unsure where this story comes from but it is not correct as the bell tells its own story - 'URAILLA 1902' is embossed on the lovely old bell.

So, how did it come to be in the possession of James Gosse? I've not been able to answer that question (as yet) but I do know the story of the *Uraidla*. The S.S. *Uraidla* was built (actually rebuilt) in 1902 in Sydney. It was formerly the *Rob Roy* (built in 1867) which was purchased by The Adelaide Steamship Company (A.S.C.) in 1902 and recommissioned on 10th May 1902 at A.S.C. works at Balmain, Sydney, as the *Uraidla*. No explanation is given for the choice of the name but the A.S.C. eventually had five boats whose names began with the letter 'U' of which the *Uraidla* was the first. A.S.C. had many boats which carried the same first letter for their name.

The SS *Uraidla* was a steam tugboat built with colonial hardwood timber with a length of 110 ft, beam of 22 ft and depth (moulded) of 12 ft. She was fitted with two watertight bulkheads, one at the fore end of the boiler and the other at the after end of the engine room. The tug was built under the supervision of shipwright Mr Owen Hughes and was christened by his daughter, Mabel. After briefly working in Sydney was moved to the port of Fremantle, Western Australia, in about 1905. It achieved fame in February 1908 when it salvaged the S.S. *Windsor* which was wrecked on 1 February at Wreck Point near Pelsaert Island.



SS Uraidla c.1930 (SLSA B-41216)

In 1927 the *Uraidla* was sold to The Adelaide Steam Tug Company and was relocated to Port Adelaide where it remained until it was scrapped in 1949. This also begs the question as to how the bell was removed at least six years prior the boat being scrapped. It has been suggested that the manual bell may have been replaced by an electric sound device. Given that George Wills & Company had branches in other States of Australia and as shipping agents it is highly likely that James Gosse would have been in a position to acquire an unwanted ship's bell. Whatever the story, the bell found itself a good home and is still doing its job of telling the hour.

Geoffrey Bishop

Reference: *Register* 15/5/1902



URAILLA PROJECT COMMENCES

After some years of consideration the Society's Committee has committed to producing a short history of the township of Uraidla as a companion piece to its earlier history and heritage walk booklet on Summertown. We aim to have the booklet ready for launching at the Uraidla Show in November which we all hope will be able to be held!

Following the success of the revitalisation of Uraidla through the efforts of Imagine Uraidla and a number of private and community projects that have injected new life and purpose into the township, the ETHS Committee has decided to respond to a number of requests for more information to be made available on the history of the area.

Some work has already occurred in past years for the production of the Uraidla Walks brochure but we have now greatly increased the number of buildings and sites to be included in the new booklet. This will entail considerable time and effort to research the history of these places.

How can you assist? If you know the story of any notable buildings or sites please contact our Secretary. Also, if your family has photographs of the township, please let us know. The extensive ETHS photograph collection has relatively few images of the township. There must be photographs 'out there' waiting to be aired. We would love to see images and scan them for our collection.

The ETHS project is being supported by a generous financial donation from the East Torrens Lion's Club for which we are most appreciative.

For further information contact Lesley Richards PH 83903390 or
Email ronda.richards@bigpond.com



St Stephen's Anglican Church, Uraidla, c. 1907

Question – when was the Sunday School building constructed and when was it demolished? Did you or any of your family attend church or Sunday School there?

Photograph: SLSA B-26511

My Suffering Country – 2020

My sunburnt country is in trouble
The land of sweeping plains
Of majestic towering gum trees
Is going up in flames.
The heatwave is relentless
The rains are staying away
The skies are bloody sunsets
At the end of every day.

The fires are exhausted
The army is drafted in
The battle rages on each day
Pray to God they win.
Above the flames and swelling
smoke
Are the pitiless blue skies
Not a drop of blessed rain
More tears fall from our eyes.

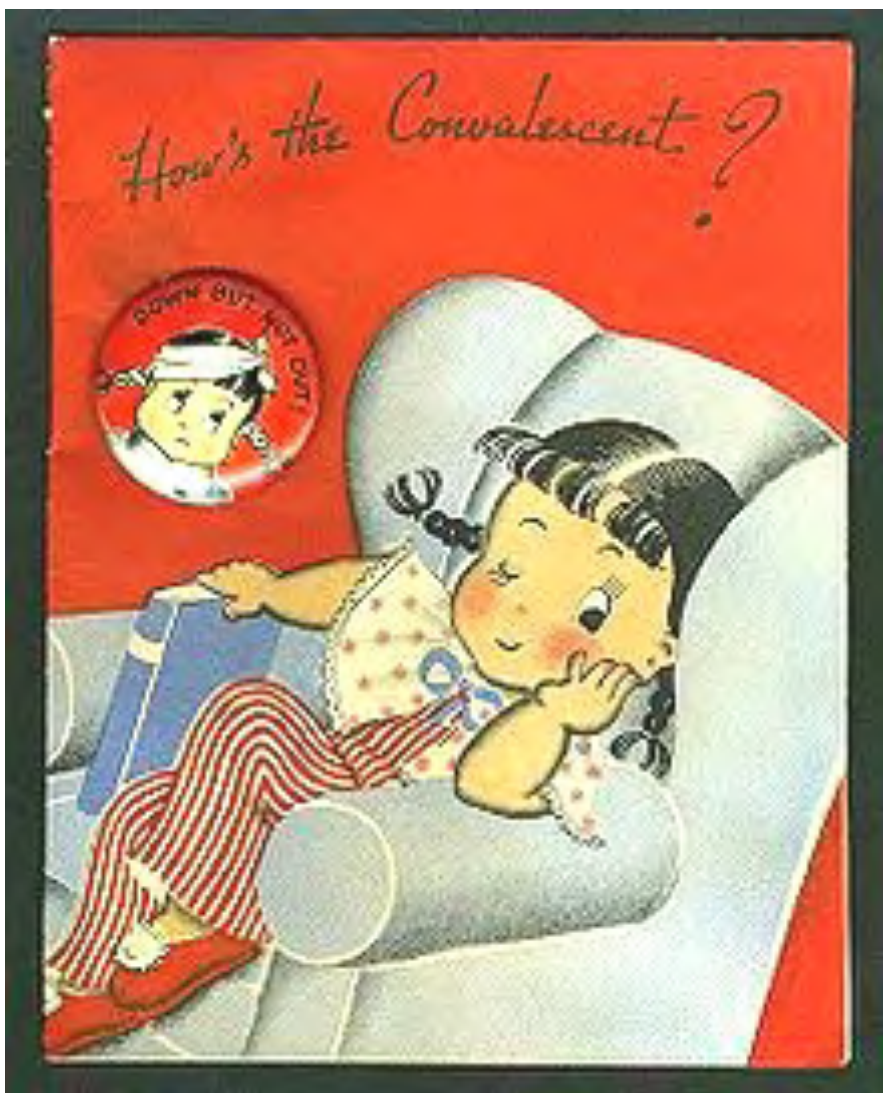
Fire is not a stranger here
Nature needs it to unfold
But not on this matchless scale
Causing loss and death untold.
Lives are lost and homes destroyed
“Someone” must be to blame
Let’s all abuse a politician
They are usually “fair game”.

The tragic blackened forests
Silhouetted in constant sun,
The smoking shrouded mountains
Relief? There comes none.
This wilful, lavish land of ours
This opal hearted land
Is on its knees in misery
How much more can she stand?

The rains, of course, will come again
There will be an end to drought
Fire and flames will all be quenched
Of that there is no doubt.
Homes and towns will be rebuilt,
That is the Aussie way,
Albeit with broken aching hearts
Will they mend? Who can say?

But there is another heavy toll
My very soul weeps at the cost
Our unique and precious wildlife
Destroyed, and burned and lost.
Our bushland will recover
There will be that haze of green
But our unique and precious wildlife,
Will it ever more be seen?

Robyn Cormack
2nd January 2020



We send best wishes to Graham Henley and Maurice Cranwell who have been on the sick list and any others of our membership who have been unwell in these uncertain times.