

SALISBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER



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Salisbury & District Historical Society Inc.
3 Ann St Salisbury

Museum Open— 2pm-4pm on the 1st Sunday of the month

CLOSED

Water Wheel Open— 2pm-4pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

These times may vary due to

school holidays.

The Museum and Water Wheel

are closed at other times,

please contact the President on 0406000000

COVID-19

2020 General Meetings & Activities

Due to COVID –19 restriction, and the uncertainty of future developments, our meetings and activities are cancelled for the remainder of 2020.

“A cup of tea, a Bex and a good lie down”

Baby Boomers will recognise this phrase. Bex was marketed in the 1950-60s and recommended to treat aches and pains, headaches, colds and fever.

Just about every parent and grandparent seemed to always have a Bex for some reason.

When we Baby Boomers had a sore throat, Mum would mix a Bex with a teaspoon of honey. Boy it tasted good!

It became a vicious circle of addiction, the caffeine gave a sudden rush of energy, which eventually triggered a withdrawal headache resulting in the need for another Bex.

Because Bex was made up of aspirin, phenacetin and caffeine, it was found to be responsible for serious kidney disease and was finally pulled from the market in the 1970s.



Report from the President – Des Brown

Greetings, I trust you are all well and coping with all the changes and challenges COVID 19 has and is continuing to have on our lives.

As I advised back in June, due to social distancing regulations and the uncertainty of what the near future holds, the committee agreed to cancel its activities until further notice.

Our AGM was due to be held on 14th October; in lieu of this, a report from the President and Treasurer will be emailed or posted to members and the present position holders will remain until next year when hopefully we meet again.

Our 2020/21 membership sub is now due and forms have been included with this Newsletter.

You may have noticed work being undertaken at our Water Wheel Museum. Ms Liz Sokolovic, Project Manager from the City of Salisbury is overseeing the maintenance and upgrade work and is keeping the committee informed of progress. Liz's last report in late August advised that the painting of the wheel was all that remained to be done; which could take a couple of weeks due to the special paint required and drying time.

Recently our Museum was presented with a 1840s cornet from the Para Hills Brass Band, you can read more on Pg.8.

In the "President's Stop Press" article below its interesting to note what the Salisbury Development Advisory Committee were seeking for Salisbury some 70 years ago.

President's Stop Press — Advertiser 18th Feb 1950—"Housing Plans at Salisbury"

"The first doorway of a group of 17 War Service homes at Salisbury was fixed and plumbed by Mr Wilson MHR at a ceremony yesterday, attended by representatives of the Sate Government, RSL, and the Salisbury District Council.

The homes are being constructed in Brown St., authorities are seeking the erection of a further 51 homes in adjacent blocks.

The president of the Salisbury Development Advisory Committee (Mr T Heidenreich) said that the committee which had concerned itself with the town planning of the district was seeking the electrification of the railway to Salisbury, construction of a high school and installation of deep drainage."



BURTON PIONEER CEMETERY

The Burton Chapel on Bolivar Road in Paralowie was built in 1854 with the foundation for the church being laid by Mary Ann Abbott in September. For many years this building was used for worship on Sunday and as a one-teacher school during the week.



A new church, adjacent to the original chapel, was built in 1915.

Both buildings have long since been demolished; however, the cemetery remains as a monument to the early settlers of the district .

The Rev Ted Curnow in his book "*Burton Pioneer Cemetery – A biographical Index*" gives a good account of the significance of the cemetery and its historical context. Parts of his introduction to this book are reproduced below with his permission.

Inheriting a Treasure

The Burton Pioneer Cemetery has always been more than just another cemetery. It is one of the few remaining relics of the original Para Plains. As the site of an early chapel and school dating back to the 1850s, it was the hub of an early community that touched the lives of many.

Every grave at the cemetery represents the life and story of a pioneer or one of their children, people of an early community who contributed something to the lives of others.

Period of Use

The first recorded burial took place at Burton in 1866, but it is believed that the site was used well prior to this time with many burials being unrecorded. For example, two burials in 1853 and 1861 associated with the Diment family are said to have taken place at Burton. Similarly the burial of Pioneer John Helps (Snr) was never recorded in the Burial Register.



Early burial of infants were also easily overlooked.

People from as far as Balaklava, Redbanks, Mallala, Two Wells and two bodies transported by train from Petersburg (Peterborough) and one from Booleroo Centre were all interred at the Burton site.

There are 143 recorded burials at Burton, the last being that of my Grandmother, Lydia Wright, in 1971

Accuracy of Records

Caution is needed when it comes to dates and ages that are recorded in the *Cemetery Register*. In some cases, the 'date of death' has been recorded as the 'date of burial.' This may have occurred because burials needed to take place quickly and also because of the itinerant nature of ministry. Access to ordained ministers was not always possible in the early days. Between 1866 and 1971 there were no less than thirty different Methodist Ministers who conducted burials and it was also common for lay people to perform this duty. Five Methodist laymen including William Diment, Francis Diment, Marshall Robinson George Barton and Joseph James are known to have been involved in this way,

Wide Ranging Use

The original plot map of the cemetery shows that free ground was provided on the northern boundary for those who could not pay the lease-hold purchase. During renovations of the cemetery a number of anonymous graves were noted in this area and these perhaps are the sites of very early burials.



Apparently in the early years the Council vetoed a proposed cemetery to be located behind the Strict Baptist Chapel in Salisbury and this, along with the influence of the Helps Family who lived at Burton, accounts for the regular use of the Cemetery by the Strict Baptists Friends and marriages linked to the Helps Family and Baptist cause include Thompson, Higgins, Dew, Cope, Smith Althorpe, Duck and Verrall.

Pioneer Settlers

The *Burton Primitive Methodist Cemetery* is now widely known as *the Burton Pioneer Cemetery*. The so called 'pioneers' buried in the cemetery refers to people who were born overseas (usually the UK) and who arrived in early years to establish a new homeland. It also refers to a person who was born in the early period before 1860. 71 of the 155 persons known to be buried at Burton fall into this category and, from these ancestral roots, came generations of people that made their livelihood and their homes in and around the District. Listed in alphabetical order these 'pioneers' are

Barton (x 4)	Goodier (x 2)	Menadue (x 3)
Bradshaw	Hart	Norris
Chivell	Helps (x 9)	Potter
Cope (x 2)	Hodby (x 2)	Reedy
Dew	Jeffries (x 2)	Riley
Diment (x 3)	Julyan	Smith ((x 10)
Dorling (x 2)	Kennedy (x 2)	Verrall
Drage	Lewis	White (x 4)
Duck	McGrath	Wright (x 4)
Gilbertson (x 2)	McNicol (x 2)	Wyatt (x 3)

Sobering Statistics

Many children are buried at Burton; sadly, six babies that were less than one week old. Three of these babies were the children of *John Hammond White* and *Ethel Emma White* (nee Menadue). We can only imagine their grief and that of the small and close community. (Plot 59)

The oldest person to be buried at Burton is *Priscilla Jeffries* (nee Laxton) who died at the age of 93 years. Priscilla married Johnson Jeffries in 1861 and was interred on the same site as her husband. (Plot 28)

Mary Smith (nee Chamberlain) was the first person to be born of those who are buried at Burton. She was born in 1802 and died on 2 December 1887 at the age of 85 years.

The Cemetery Now

Following the union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches, the ownership of the cemetery was held by *The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)* but cared for by the

Burton Property Committee (an extension of the original Primitive Methodist Church Trust) With rapid residential development in the 1990s interest in restoration and preservation of the cemetery grew. Upgrading and personal contact with relatives of the deceased occurred and this culminated on 24 October 1999 when the Mayor of Salisbury unveiled a Monument to Pioneers.



In 2003 the cemetery was transferred into the ownership of the *Corporation of the City of Salisbury* and since that time the Council has been faithful in keeping the grounds of the cemetery neat and tidy. An offshoot committee from the Burton Property Committee called the *Friends of Burton* was formed with a charter to watch over the cemetery. A grant from the *SA Government Heritage Department* enabled each grave site to be identified with a small plaque and this in turn has helped children from surrounding schools who visit the site, to learn about their local history.

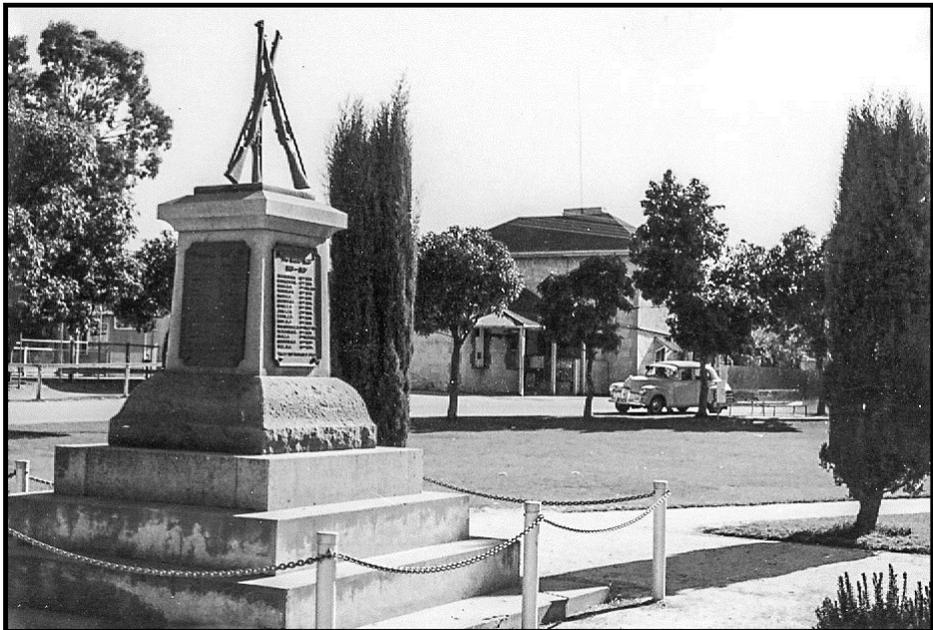
Article submitted by Dennis Wright

Salisbury Heritage Survey 1991 Department of Environment and Planning. Some sources, (including John Lewis, Salisbury South Australia a History of Town and District, 1980), indicate that the chapel was built in 1858 and so this remains a point of conjecture.

Some parts omitted and rephrased for the sake of brevity. The sections of this report headed 'Pioneer Settlers,' 'Sobering Statistics' and 'The Cemetery Now' do not form part of 'Rev. Cumow's book.



*Hooper house "Hillview" 1930s
Located where Parabanks now is at the northern end of Ann St*



*War Memorial 1950-60
Located adjacent to the Railway Station and North St*



Public Salisbury School Band 1930s



*Red Cross Day 1942 Mrs A Clifton in action
Salisbury School Playground, looking east with the Institute building in the background*

Para Hills Brass Band

The Para Hills Brass band was formed in 1970 by the Para Hills Progress Association and headed up by John Cannon.

They purchased instruments from the Tanunda Band.

The band began as a junior band but in the late 1970s it expanded to a senior band and became an incorporated body in 1972.

In the 1970s and 90s the band won 10 D Grade South Australian championships, one D Grade Tanunda Contest and the Tanunda open street march contest. In the 70s they also won two B Grade South Australian Junior Championships.

The band has not contested for many years but continues to provide musical entertainment in and around the Salisbury area.

The Para Hills Band has presented the SDHS with a Cornet produced by Besson, London in 1941, originally owned by the Tanunda Town Band.



Adelaide Band Festival 1991

Para Hills Brass Band

Salisbury Past Resident

Edward Tate



*Edward
about 1885*



*Edward
1969
92nd Birthday*

Edward Tate

Born 12/9/1877

Edward's father Professor Ralf Tate and mother Mary (nee Williams) arrived from Cambridge in 1875 for Ralf to take up the role of Professor of Natural History at University of Adelaide

Edward studied at Roseworthy College before his father bought him the property known as "Cleveland" on the banks of the Para River.

Edward built a 8 room stone home on Porter St where he lived with his family and became a very successful orange orchardist, supplying New Zealand and Tasmania.

Edward had a huge trolley that seated 30 people and was drawn by 4 horses. He used it to transport Salisbury footballers to meet neighbouring teams.

The original home has now been incorporated into firstly, the Marron Nursing Home, and now Olive Grove Aged Care.

Edward married Annie Urlwin on 19/2/1901 and they had several children. Annie died 10/1/1937 and is buried in St John's Cemetery.

Edward remarried Ellen Simpson from Sydney, who died 10/7/1952 and is buried in West Tce Cemetery.

Edward lived until he was 95 and died on 31/10/1972



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The Salisbury & District Historical Society was established in 1981. The Society was formed to promote the discussion and study of South Australian and Australian history, particularly within The District of Salisbury.

Other tasks include the collection, recording and classification of works, source material of all kinds relating to the history of the District of Salisbury and to facilitate access to the collection by the community.

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