

SALISBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 40 years of "keeping alive the history of Salisbury"



JUNE 2021



Salisbury & District Historical Society Inc.
3 Ann St Salisbury

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

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

These times may vary due to long weekends and school holidays.

The Museum and Water Wheel visits can be arranged at other times,
please contact the President on 0408086545

General Meetings and Activities

February 28th Sunday 12:30pm

AGM and Luncheon

March 20th Saturday 9:30am

Clean up and Sausage Sizzle

April 21st Wednesday 7:00pm

Alice Foster "Life on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal"

May 16th Sunday 1:30pm

History Month Salisbury walk

June 16th Wednesday 7:00pm

Keith Ellison "Ferry Sound Industry"

August 18th Wednesday 7:00pm*

Paul Harvey "John Harvey"

October 20th Wednesday 7:00pm AGM

"Show & Tell"

December 5th Sunday 12:30pm

Christmas Luncheon (details to be advised)

***Please note - the General Meetings on August 18th will be held
at the Salisbury Institute, Wiltshire St.**

Committee Meetings 7pm on

*January 20th, April 15th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th
and November 18th*

Report from the President – Des Brown

Greetings

It's been great to be able meet again and open up our Folk and Waterwheel Museums particularly as 2021 is the 40th year of our Society "keeping alive the history of Salisbury".

At our meeting in April we had the pleasure of hearing from one of our members, Alice Foster, describing the construction of and the life on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Our annual History Month Festival 'Historic Walk around Salisbury' was fully booked. Participants were informed on the origins of Salisbury some 173 years ago and then visited and heard about the history behind 8 different historic sites within the centre of Salisbury. This was followed by a well appreciated homemade afternoon tea.



One of the historical places of interest is the old St Johns Anglican Church. Here, Alice Foster who as a member of the SDHS and the Anglican Church explained the history behind St Johns Anglican Church from the 1850s.



Our March Newsletter advised that our meetings would be relocated to the Salisbury Institute due to Covid restrictions. Restriction have since been eased and we will resume our next meeting on June the 16th at the normal place in our Folk Museum in the old Police Station.

A special meeting is planned on August 18th to celebrate 40 year of our Society. This will be held in the Salisbury Institute and our guest speaker will be Paul Harvey who is a descendant of John Harvey, the founder of Salisbury. More details to follow.

President's Stop Press — Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies visits Salisbury News Tuesday 15 Dec 1953

".....Mr Menzies' afternoon program included lunch with Mayor of Enfield Mr Shutter.. This was followed by a visit to the Long-Range Weapons Establishment at Salisbury and at 4:30 a ceremony at Salisbury North Primary School where the Prime Minister will present prizes won during the year. Mr Menzies who is being accompanied throughout by his daughter Heather Menzies will be given a civic welcome by the Chairman of the Salisbury Council Mr McIntyre followed by dinner as the guest of Salisbury CWA, There will be a public meeting in the Salisbury Institute tonight."

(Refer to the photo on page 8.)

Opening of Edinburgh Airfield

Duke's speech lasts 6 sec, " I have much pleasure in declaring this airfield open, and naming it Edinburgh Airfield"

A crowd of 4,000 saw the Duke of Edinburgh open the new airfield at the Salisbury Long Range Weapons Establishment (LRWE) on 22/3/1954. Its main strip was built to accommodate the world's latest development in jet planes.

The Duke was met at the aerodrome by the Minister of Supply (Mr Beale) and members of parliament. LRWE executives and representatives of the ministry of supply and the Salisbury District Council were presented to him. Those presented to the Duke included, Mr K Wilson MHR, Mr Goldney, MP, Mr L P McIntyre, Chairman of the Salisbury council, Mr E. Potter President of Salisbury RSL, Mr R Doyle, Controller General of munitions and Group-Captain J Alexander, Senior Airforce Officer in SA.

Mr Beale said that he was sorry that the Duke could not see the workshops and laboratories at Salisbury but time prevented this. He said that it was appropriate that the Duke should open the new airfield and that it should be named after him. The Duke then drew the blue velvet curtain from a commemorative plaque and said: "I have much pleasure in declaring the airfield open and naming it the Edinburgh Airfield". The plaque was inscribed:

"This plaque commemorates the naming of Edinburgh Airfield and its opening on
22nd March 1954, by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh."

Evidently surprised by the brevity of the speech (six seconds) the crowd momentarily forgot to cheer.



The purpose of the new airfield was to transport missiles, equipment and personnel between Salisbury and Woomera. It was at Salisbury that the guided missiles were assembled and tested before being taken to Woomera for flying tests.

The Duke was then driven to the Royal Dakota to fly to Woomera. From Woomera village the Duke motored 24 miles to Koolymilka, headquarters of Woomera's long – distance range. He asked the driver "Butch" Gawley whether he minded moving over and then drove along the straight, 25-mile bitumen track at high speed.

Here he first inspected the no.1. rocket launching site, the control post, testing shops and various recording devices. He then witnessed the launching of a rocket which he watched from the rooftop of a steel and concrete building only a few hundred yards from the launching platform.



The Duke later went across to nearby Evetts field where the pilotless Jindivik was demonstrated. Controlled from the ground the Jindivik was sent aloft from a wheeled carriage and handed over to two officers flying an accompanying Meteor twin-jet aircraft. Control was then passed to the ground and the Duke who had spent some time studying the technique, took charge of the control panel and moved the small red pilotless craft about the sky.

The Duke lunched with senior LRWE executives in the canteen at Koolymilka advance base. The lunch menu included Kangaroo Tale Soup, Roxby Downs roast beef and Arcoona roast lamb. The silk-papared menu card featured wild-life, Aboriginal people throwing spears and a drawing of a kangaroo minus its tail, the Duke laughed heartily at the novel idea.

After returning to the Woomera village, he informally met schoolchildren and residents near the 300-pupil school. He then planted a WA gum tree in an area where before range work started, nothing but stunted scrub and saltbush survived.

Before flying back to Adelaide, the Duke was presented with a souvenir Woomera (the native spear thrower) made by local Aboriginal people who lived around the rocket range. He was shown how to operate it and made a few tentative throws, without the spear, before he climbed into his plane, firmly clutching the weapon.

Submitted by L. Potter





The Birth of Tyndale Christian School

The Para Community (now known as Tyndale) Christian School commenced in 1983 with 134 students in classes spread over 3 locations in Salisbury; it has now grown to over 2000 students across 3 campuses at Salisbury East, Strathalbyn and Murray Bridge. This article provides a brief insight into how the school came to be.

During public seminars organised by Mr Michael Hewitson, the Director of the Salisbury Education Centre in the early 1980s, it became evident that the local community strongly supported the establishment of Christian Community Schools in the North and North Eastern suburbs. As a result, a steering committee was established by Pastor David Penny of the Salisbury Baptist Centre which incorporated 8 members who represented different church denominations.

A public meeting was held in October 1981, chaired by Mr Colin Beaton with the Education Department Director-General Mr John Steinle, Mr Michael Hewitson and Mr Michael Bormann as guest speakers. This event provided an opportunity for parents to discuss and express their interest in the possibility of establishing Christian Community Schools within the SA Education Department, noting that at the time, the Director-General did not support such an establishment.

Following a review of the outcomes of the public meeting, it was determined that local MPs and the Minister of Education and Shadow Minister would be approached by members to canvas support for the establishment of Christian schools. Key tasks were allocated to members to ensure progress continued in the interim, this included land and location, government funding, fees/ fundraising, the education program, incorporation of the association and publicity. Members provided an update on these tasks at the December 1981 general meeting with an interim Council established as a result to ensure tasks were progressed accordingly. In early 1982, the Shadow Minister for Education and Member for Salisbury (Lyn Arnold) were updated by Mr Bormann on progress, as was the community at the further public meeting.

A submission was made to the Education Department in March 1982 and further discussed in July at a meeting between Mr Bormann, Mr Penny and the Minister for Education and Member for Newland regarding the freehold purchase or land lease at Salisbury East adjacent the Salisbury College of Advanced Education (CAE) and Salisbury East High School.

In September 1982 a comprehensive application for the registration of a Para Community Christian School, to cater for students from Reception to Year 8, was submitted to the Registrar of the Non-Government Schools Registration Board. The submission stated that it had settled on the Education Department land adjacent to the Salisbury CAE, and that the Salisbury Baptist Centre on Park Terrace would be used during the interim period until sufficient classrooms could be provided at the Salisbury East site to accommodate the whole school. It was proposed that the school would progress from R-8 classes in 1983 to R-12 classes in 1987. At the time of the registration application, 20 teacher applicants had been interviewed, yet a principal had not yet been appointed, however Ms Edna Hunter would act as Principal with authorisation to complete the registration application on behalf of the school.

In October 1982, the Minister for Education advised the 2.87ha Salisbury East site could be purchased for \$76,000, with an initial deposit of \$20,000 required. As this arrangement meant four CAE buildings would be on school land, it was proposed by the CAE Director that a perpetual lease for the land on which their four buildings stood be negotiated, and in return, CAE would offer the school use of any of their facilities.

Mr Bormann and Ms Hunter met with representatives of the Registration Board in December 1982 to discuss the proposed education program and in the same week, an application was submitted to the City of Salisbury Council for its approval for the school to use the Salisbury Baptist Centre facilities during 1983 for two junior primary classes and to install a systems-built 14.4m x 15.6m four classroom unit on the Salisbury East site to cater for Year 4-8 students.

During December 1982, Mr Roy Magor was officially appointed as Principal and teaching staff appointments were subsequently finalised.



On 21 February 1983, the Para Community Christian School was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mr Lyn Arnold with 134 Reception to Year 8 students.

Two composite classes of R/1 and 2/3 were conducted in the Salisbury Baptist Centre facilities with R/1 (and the school office) located in the vacant house belonging to the church and the 2/3 classroom in the church building.

The three composite classes of 4/5, 6/7 and 7/8 were temporarily located in the Salisbury Uniting Church for the first 4 weeks of term 1, before being relocated on 21 March to the school site at London Drive to occupy the new transportable building with its four classrooms. Electricity supply to the building was finally connected in early June – the week before the first Registration Board visit!!



Two transportables adjacent to the new building (one a toilet block and the other a storeroom), completed the buildings for 1983. During the course of the year, the storeroom was divided into two, one for the Principal's office and the other for change rooms and sports equipment. The excellent facilities of the Salisbury CAE were available for use by the school which included the auditorium and theaterette, the gymnasium/ basketball court, ovals, tennis courts and swimming pool.

The name of the school, Para Community Christian School, followed from the incorporated name, Para Christian Community Schools Inc. but during 1983 the practicality of such a long name was questioned. Pastor Penny, inspired by the story of Mr William Tyndale, who translated the Bible into early modern English, gave the book 'God's Outlaw' to the Principal to read; this led to a motion at the general meeting on 15 August to change the name of the school to Tyndale Christian School from 1984 onwards. The school's logo was originally designed by Mr Peter Ruch with the school's motto 'God's Truth Prevails' (as suggested by the Principal) then included with the logo following its name change.

Submitted by Roy Magor
Foundation Principal 1983-1999





Salisbury Primary School Yard 1935



Salisbury Primary School, from Wiltshire St

If you wish to see more historical photographs, please refer to our Flickr account www.flickr.com/photos/sdhsphotos and select the "Album" option

*Check out the City of Salisbury web page "Discovery Salisbury" which has included many of our photos under the section "History"
<https://discoversalisbury.com.au/>*





Guests of Salisbury CWA at St John Anglican Hall Salisbury 15th December 1953
Heather Menzies, Les McIntyre, WRE rep, Mr and Mrs K Wilson (rear), Prime Minister Menzies, unknown
(Refer to the News article on Page 1)



TROWEL
(on display at the SDHS Folk Museum)
*Used to lay the Foundation Stone
for the Salisbury Council Offices additions
and New Fire Station
Presented to L P McIntyre
Chairman of District Council of Salisbury
27th October 1954*

Salisbury Past Resident



Leslie Paul McIntyre

- Born in North Adelaide in 1906 and died September 1961 at age 54
- Educated in Thebarton
- Moved to Salisbury in 1920 and lived with his Uncle Mr H Hoffman who taught him the baking trade
- He married Constance Mugford in July 1931, they had 2 daughters Jeannette and Rosemary
- In 1944 following his uncle's death he took over the bakery and bread distribution. The business was located on the corner of Wiltshire St and Church St, in partnership with his son-in-law Mr E Paschke
- He was secretary of the Salisbury Football Club (including Salisbury Rovers Football Club) for 13 years and was also secretary of the Salisbury School Committee for a number of years
- Mr McIntyre was elected councillor for Salisbury Ward in 1949 and was Chairman of the Salisbury Council from 1953 to 1955, when he withdrew due to ill health. He had the distinction of welcoming Prime Minister Menzies to the district in 1953 (refer photo opposite page), was present at the opening of Edinburgh Airfield by the Duke of Edinburgh (refer article Page 2) and was the civic leader when the Housing Trust asked the Salisbury Council to administer the new town of Elizabeth
- He was presented a silver trowel (shown on the opposite page) in October 1954 to lay the foundation stone for the new Salisbury Council Chamber extension and Fire Station on John St (currently now the location of BankSA)
- In 1955 Mr McIntyre was quoted as saying "Salisbury will have a great future" and was confident that the council was taking the measures necessary to provide services to the district.



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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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