

# SALISBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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



**DECEMBER 2023**



*Salisbury & District Historical Society Inc.*  
3 Ann St Salisbury

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

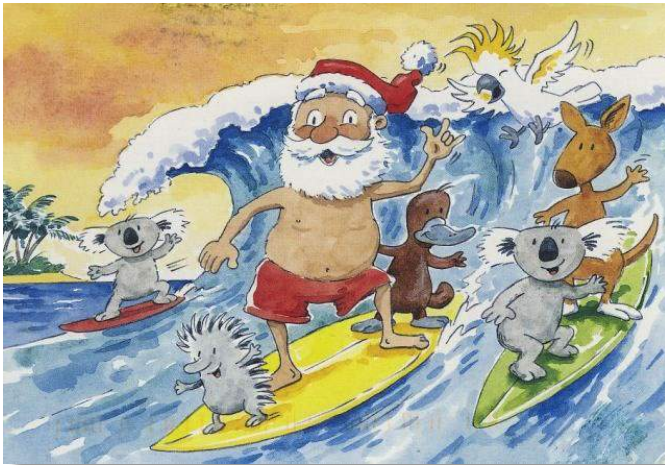
**Water Wheel Open**—2pm-4pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

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 0450191792

*We acknowledging the Kurna people, the Traditional Owners of the land  
on which we live today*

*We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging*



*The SDHS Committee wish you and your families a safe, happy and  
blessed Christmas and we look forward to bringing you more  
interesting Salisbury and District related articles in 2024.*



## **President Annual 22-23 Report—**

Unfortunately, due to health issues I have had to request leave from the role of President for most of the year but was pleased to be able to again take up the role at our August General Meeting.

I am very grateful that Simon Hales, was able to fill in for me along with the support of our committee members.

This year at our general meetings we have been entertained with speakers whose topics included

- Salisbury Football Club
- St Kilda Tram Museum
- Penfield & WRE
- Alice Anderson Story

## **2023 Event Highlights**

- We had 29 people register for our History Walk during the History Festival month. There was positive feedback from those attending regarding the information provided and particularly the excellent homemade afternoon tea. Thanks to Terry who led the tour and everyone who made this such a success.
- In March the Salisbury Rotary Club visited the Water Wheel. They held their meeting there followed by a BBQ. Several of our members attended and Delwyn spoke on the background of the Water Wheel museum. Simon showed the Kidman Park Probus through the WW when they visited in March, also in March Dennis Wright showed the WEA group, led by Dennis Binnon, over our Folk Museum and the Old Court room in particular.
- One of our members Paul Harvey was interviewed by the ABC regarding John Harvey and the establishment of Salisbury. This was aired in May during the Ch 2 ABC 7pm News.
- Thanks to Terry for organising the day trip to the Old Adelaide Goal. This was enjoyed and appreciated by those who attended.
- Earlier this month I had the privilege of bike riding along the Little Para Trails and showing Keith Conlon our Water Wheel in action and its history.

## **Committee Matters**

- Simon organised a tear drop flag for the Water Wheel which emphasises Free Entry and we hope this attracts more passers by on the Sundays its open to the public.
- The installation of a Defibrillator is being investigated by Terry and we currently have a request for a grant to cover the cost of its purchase & installation.
- We continue to get regular historic Salisbury and resident enquires via our Email account.
- We now have over 500 people following our Facebook page where I have tried to post historic photos and info on a regular basis along with when our Water Wheel is open.

- I am pleased that our historic photos which number about 3,000, and available on our flicker account are being well utilised. Since posting them in August 2019 we have had over 644,000 views and in the latest stats for August we had over 2,600 hits. The Salisbury City Council has made use of many in various posts and I have had requests for further information on some photos from people in NSW and Tasmania. Several of our posted historic photos are used in the Council's self-guided "Historic Salisbury Foundation of a City Tour" which can be obtained via "Discover Salisbury" phone app.
- I believe our quarterly Newsletter to be a great asset to our Society and we continue to get compliments regarding the good quality articles and photos that have been included. The Mayor Gillian Aldridge is always mentioning how she enjoys reading every word. Thanks to our Newsletter committee for its ongoing production.
- Since we started producing the Newsletter in its current form, some 7 years ago, our publishing numbers have over doubled from around 30 to 65.
- We are very grateful that our Newsletter continues to be professionally printed courtesy of the office of the Honourable Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Tourism.
- The current financial memberships of our Society for 2022/23 is 50.
- I would like to thank each of our committee members for their support over my time as President and of more recent times I particularly wish to thank Jennifer for her support as Secretary and Tanya for taking on the role of Treasurer and proof reader of our Newsletter.

After 7 years and due to my ongoing concern with my health I will not be standing again as President, I am happy to continue in my role of Newsletter Editor and being responsible for Facebook post and Flicker data.

Simon, our youngest member has had a taste of being President and it is my pleasure in nominating him for the position of President for 2023-24.

Our Society is based on the value of history and this has been evident with the activities of our Society over the past 42 years.

In the coming year I am sure the new committee looks forward to your ongoing support to help keep alive the history of Salisbury.

**Des Brown**

**President 2022-23**



## SDHS 2023-24 AGM Election of Officers

*Chaired by Councillor Shiralee Raerdon*

President ; Simon Hales

Vice President; to be filled

Treasurer; Tanya Paine

Secretary; Jennifer Paine

Committee Members ; Terry Sloan, Delwyn Ayling, Dennis Wright, Alice Foster, Lyn Brooks and Alan Polkinghorne

Auditor; Anna Gordon

The Financial Report, awaiting Auditor's confirmation, was tabled by the Treasurer Tanya Paine and approved.



*Our outgoing President Desmond Brown receiving a South Australian Volunteers certificate of appreciation.*

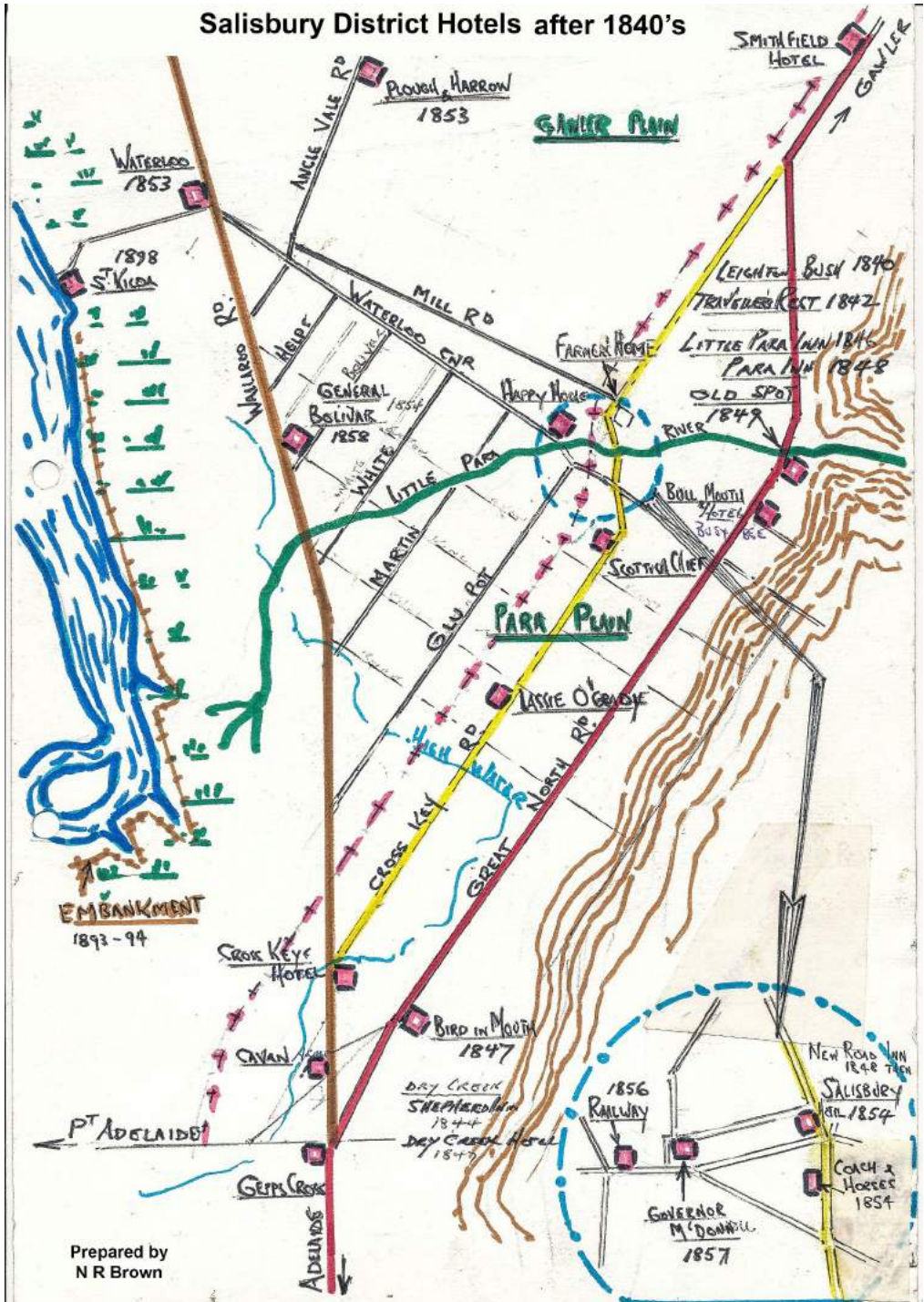
*It was presented at Parliament House by Zoe Bettison MP for Ramsay and Minister for Tourism.*

*Des appreciated the recognition for the ongoing work of the Salisbury History Soc as it continues to keep alive the history of Salisbury & District*





# Salisbury District Hotels after 1840's



Prepared by  
N R Brown

## District Hotels from 1840's

The first records of someone obtaining a beer & wine licence in the Para Plains area was a John Wilkin who in 1840 opened a very basic establishment called Leighton Bush hotel on track north adjacent to the Little Para. Then in 1842 licence was owned by Travellers Rest and in 1845 John Harvey held the licence and renamed the hotel Little Para Inn and later Para Inn in 1948.

Since then in 1849 it became known as **"The Old Spot Hotel"** and over time it has had many building changes .



John Harvey, while running the Old Spot hotel, subdivided a section of land further west along the Little Para into housing blocks that became the town of Salisbury. One of the first buildings erected by him, about 1848 was a hotel which originally was called the "New Road Inn" and about 1854 it became known as **"The Salisbury Hotel"**.



An Assembly Room was added in 1856 and this served as the public meeting place for the citizens of Salisbury until the Institute was built in 1884.



Initially what we now know as Commercial Rd soon became the main business area of the new town. In 1854 another hotel called **"The Coach & Horses Hotel"** was opened, but only had a short life. Particularly when the railway line arrived in 1856.

The railway line from Adelaide reached Salisbury at the end of 1856.

**"The Railway Hotel"** was opened in 1856 adjacent to the western side of the railway line opposite the crossing. It traded as the Railway Hotel when in 1964 it was demolished and rebuilt as the Peter Jackson Hotel. In 1986 it became the McMahon's Tavern and later the Eureka Tavern.



In 1854 Joseph Broadstock purchased a piece of land between John Harvey's village and the railway line and began subdividing it and selling allotments, continuing the streets in Harvey's plan. He was quick to commence building a hotel and began to construct **"The Governor MacDonnell"** in 1857. The Governor MacDonnell was demolished in 1996.



Built in 1851 became **"The Happy Home Hotel"** in 1859. It closed in 1861 and became the home of the Urlwin family.





**“The Waterloo Inn”** at the corner of St Kilda and Pt. Wakefield roads was built in 1853 and became a hotel in 1857. Demolished in 1973.



H Walpole built **“The Bolivar Hotel”** in 1854 on the intersection of Bolivar & Kings Rd. Originally it was 2 stories, with stables at the rear. In early 1900’s it was converted to accommodation and demolished in 1990’s

Around 1895 a new **“Bolivar Hotel”** was built on the corner of Pt Wakefield and Bolivar roads . Fire destroyed this hotel in 1920.



**“The St Kilda Hotel”** build 1898 by Mr M Lusca. Photo in 1950’s



**“The Bird in the Hand Hotel”** locate on the corner of the Main North and Montague Roads Dry Creek 1847

In the 1850’s, due to the slow means of transport there were numerous hotels & Inns built, many very basic constructions. These included, Old Spot, Lass O’Gowrie, Farmers, Salisbury, Bull & Mouth, Coach & Horse, Scottish Chief, Busy Bee, Bird in Hand, Waterloo Cnr, Railway, Governor MacDonnell, Happy Home. Refer the map on Pg 4 for location etc.



### ***Salisbury Paternoster Industry workers***

#### ***late 1890's***

Edwin Paternoster and his family moved from Gawler to Salisbury in 1878 where he set up an agriculture manufacturing business, located on East Terrace on the corner of Union Street. East Terrace later became known as Paternoster Row adjacent to the west side of the railway line.

In 1884 he applied for a patent relating to the feather of windmill blades; they manufactured windmills know as 'Little Gem' which were used throughout Australia. The photo opposite is one of their "Little Gem" windmills located at their manufacturing site, note the old Railway Station building on the bottom right and the Governor MacDonnell Hotel on the bottom left of photograph.

***Our History Soc volunteers roster to open the Folk Museum and the Water Wheel Museum on a monthly and bi monthly basis respectively.***

***If any one would like to become involved in this activity we invite you to contact us on "salisburyhistory706@gmail.com " or the President on 0450191792***



***Paternoster's "Little Gem" windmill  
Located west of Salisbury Railway Station***

*If you wish to see more historical photographs, please refer to our  
Flicker account [www.flickr.com/photos/sdhsphotos](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sdhsphotos) and select the "Album" option*



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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.*

### **SDHS Committee 2022-23**

President: Simon Hales 0450191792

Vice President:

Secretary: Jennifer Paine

Treasurer: Tanya Paine

Salisbury Council Rep: Shiralee Reardon

*Committee Members:* Terry Sloan, Delwyn Ayling, Dennis Wright, Alice Foster,  
Lyn Brooks and Alan Polkinghorne

*Editing Team:* Jennifer Paine, Lynette Potter, Alice Foster, Tanya Paine, Raelene  
and Des Brown

*Web-site Mangers:* David Murren

*Auditor:* Anna Gordon

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*We recognise the Kurna Aboriginal People as the Traditional Owners of the Adelaide Plains in South Australia*