

SALISBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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



DECEMBER 2024



Salisbury & District Historical Society Inc.
3 Ann St Salisbury

***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

IMPORTANT

***The Strategy Committee are calling a General Meeting on
Thursday 23rd of January 2025 at 7:00pm, 3 Ann St Salisbury
to present it's recommendation for the SDHS going forward.***

We encourage your participation

More detail will follow early next year



***The SDHS wish you and your families a safe,
happy and blessed Christmas***



2024 AGM held on 16th Oct 2024

In the absence of the President Simon Hales who had previously advised the Committee of his resignation, Dennis Wright chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the 22/23 AGM were tabled and approved.

The Audited Financial Report for 23/24 was presented by Dennis Wright, Acting Treasurer and approved.

Highlights of the 23/24 year were presented by Delwyn Ayling and included;

General Meeting Speakers

- Robert Styling - History of Fire Brigades in Salisbury
- Roger Frisby - Central District Football Club
- Bob Samson - The National Railway Museum
- Don Loffler - Early Days of Holden which was a daytime meeting and followed by lunch at the Salisbury Hotel
- Alan Starks - Story of Chocolate

In April we went to the St Kilda Hotel for lunch and then went for a tour of the St Kilda tram museum.

The Society participated in History Month by conducting two "Walk around old Salisbury" events on 5th and 19th May. In total there were 42 participants. Many thanked Terry for his insightful commentary. Another great afternoon tea.

Unfortunately due to the weather the picnic was held indoors. We were entertained by Gail Brown playing the old Burton pedal organ.

At the General Meeting on August 28 Justin Carmody presented the Society with a Salisbury Football Guernsey with the names of all Anzacs who had played.

Delwyn also thanked all those who had volunteered for the open days during the year.

Delwyn closed by thanking the Newsletter subcommittee for the interesting articles throughout the year. The Newsletter is a great link with many of our members who can't attend meetings.

Election of Officers;

All positions were declared vacant and Dennis handed the meeting over to Cr Shiralee Reardon, the Salisbury Council nominee to our Society.

Unfortunately there were no nominations to fill the key role of President.

In light of no nominations for the position of President, Shiralee Reardon, led the members in a discussion about options for the Society.

As a result, it was agreed ***the Society would go into recess while a duly elected Strategy Committee, was tasked with the responsibility of examining options and reporting back to Members of the Society at the earliest possible opportunity.***

The following people agreed to form a Strategy Committee: Dennis Wright (Convenor), Des Brown, Chris Ferrell, Delwyn Ayling, Lynette Potter Jennifer Paine and Terry Sloan

TAFE Lease;

It was reported that the lease from TAFE for our Heritage Museum was due for its normal 5 year renewal. As the Society contemplates its future TAFE have agreed to an annual renewal arrangement with the right of renewal. The new lease would also include clarification for the Society ability to share the premises with other groups eg Adelaide North Family History Soc., at an agreed fee. This has still to be arranged, therefore, we are currently in a holding over period with TAFE.

Other Business;

Our participation in the Christmas Parade was confirmed. Jim is happy to use his Model T Ford with the possibility of the Milk Float from Terry.

Alan advised that the Christmas lunch is booked for December the 1st 12.30 at the Salisbury Hotel.



**Salisbury Football Club
representatives
presenting SDHS
with their
Anzac Day Guernsey**

Note from the Editor; *After 8 years of producing this quarterly Newsletter I have decided to retire from this role. I wish to acknowledge and thank the Newsletter Team of Jennifer Paine, Lynette Potter, Alice Foster, Tanya Paine and Raelene Brown helping to keep alive the history of Salisbury.*

Des Brown

The Strict Baptist Church.



The church was built on the N.E side of what is now Bridge Street. Building was commenced in 1876, built by Fischer Bros, and finished in 1877. The structure was of stone from the local quarry with brick quoins from local bricks. The land was purchased 7th Dec 1876 for £25. The trustees were John Helps, Thomas Helps, Jeremiah Helps and Stephen Helps. Most of these lived in the Burton area.

The first minister was Pastor Althorp who had only arrived from England a couple of years before. The interior was very austere. It had a simple pulpit on a raised dais which also accommodated a chair. It had an organ and simple pews made from split timber. A small kitchen or vestry was at the rear. A well was dug in the back yard and a toilet of stone construction near the side fence.

It was known as ‘the Helps Church’. Services were held once a month throughout the life of the church. Most worshippers travelled some distance by horse and trap.

Some of the worshippers were: Mr & Mrs Charles Verco from Upper Hermitage, Mrs. Wesley, Mr & Mrs George Dew. As there were no trains on a Sunday, the minister would come out on a Saturday and stay the weekend with the Dews and return to the city on Monday.

Pastor Althorp died 1925 at the age of 68 and from then on the services were conducted mostly by lay people. Arnold Higgins, a nephew of Mr & Mrs George Dew, became the main stay of the church and conducted services until his death 12th April 1973.



The property was sold in 1977 for \$44,000 to Ralph Cufone who modified it, added to it and used it as a restaurant. It was then called “The John Harvey Gallery Restaurant”.

Provided by Lynette Potter from Jim Potter records

Salisbury Australia Day & Christmas Parades



1918



1958



1977



1978



1983



1993



2014

2023



2004



2022



2011



2022

Bickford's Celebrates 150 years 1874-2024

Bickford's is an Australian brand now manufacturing in Salisbury South that is known for its cordial products and distinctive bottle shape. The company celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2024. The Bickford & Sons success story is one that dates back over 140 years to 1874 and is rich in history with its roots as an apothecary.

The Bickford's web page tells us "William Bickford's background as a chemist created a focus for producing products with inherent health benefits when he arrived in Adelaide, South Australia and became one of Adelaide's first chemists."



1815—1850



1810-1877

In September 1838, aged 23, William Bickford the chemist's assistant left England from Plymouth, rounded the Cape of Good Hope in December, and arrived in Port Adelaide on 15 February 1839 on the barque *Platina*. He married Ann Margaret Garrett, whom he had met on the trip from Portsmouth

The following is an article in the Adelaide Evening Journal for 29th Jan 1875, addressed to A. M. Bickford & Sons 19 Hindley St Adelaide.

"Gentlemen- For years I suffered from a harsh racking cough, and tried several preparations without benefit; was advised to use your Cough Elixir; purchased a bottle of it for two shillings and am thankful to say, after taking a small quantity, the cough has left me. I wish it was more extensively known, as I consider it an invaluable preparation signed J Coulls"

The web page continues "In 1872, the South Australian Cordial Factory was built which produced a range of beverages based on William Bickford's apothecary recipes."



The Adelaide Evening Journal in Oct 1876 reported "Representatives of the press paid a visit to the premises of Messrs A. M. Bickford and Sons situated in Waymouth St, where Matthew's coach factory once stood.... Twenty hands are employed and the manufacturing capabilities of the establishment are about 8000 cases per annum. When the industry was first started some nine to ten years ago 6 to 7 dozen bottles per day satisfied all requirements."

In 1874, operations expanded to include aerated beverage production with the latest machinery shipped from England, this was when Ann Margaret Bickford (William's wife) stepped in as a successful businesswoman in her own right

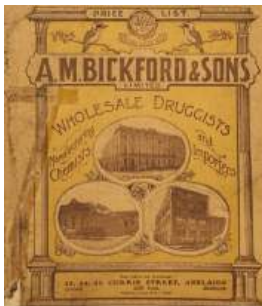
and was the driving force behind the company's entry into carbonation and cordials. Ann Margaret maintained a bold vision for the brand to continue as a family business for their sons.

Through the implementation of the new machinery, soda water and ginger ale were born and lay the foundation for the range today – with recipes continuing to be crafted by hand just as they were in the apothecary all those years ago.

From an apothecary on Hindley Street and then the manufacturing on Waymouth Street and Currie Street – Bickford & Sons is still proudly South Australian and independently owned and now being manufactured in Salisbury South since 2005.

In 1930, they amalgamated with half a dozen other similar Australian companies to form "Drug Houses of Australia" (DHA), which continued to produce "A. M. Bickford and Sons" products: "drugs" and "chemicals" under the DHA brand; and cordials and soft drinks under the "A. M. Bickford and Sons" brand.

In 1999 the soft drink business and company names were purchased by the Kotses family. "Bickford's" remains a South Australian family-owned business, known for its range of cordials and flavourings. These are made today by Bickford's Australia.



In 2021, the company switched from a glass 275ml bottle with a range including: Indian tonic, dry tonic, bitter lemon, soda water and ginger ale, to 250ml bottles and a range including; dry tonic, sugar free dry tonic, sugar free citrus tonic, soda water and ginger ale.

The Bickford & Sons logo typeface seen on their cans today is actually re-drawn from an original hand drawn logo on a price list from 1924. refer the picture opposite.



Bickford's include a Secret Message on each of its bottles since 1990's that many are unaware of
The words printed on the bottom of Bickford's bottles are positive affirmations, using the words
"thank you, love, hope or peace".

Sourced by Des Brown

Salisbury Athletic Club



On November 13th 1869 the first meeting of the Salisbury Athletics Club was held in the paddock of Mr Harvey .

According to a report in the Advertiser on Dec 8th “The day was everything that could be wished for and everything was carried out with great success.

There was not a large crowd on the ground owing to the busy time of the year.

Mr J Harvey’s son acted as Judge, Mr D Nash as Starter, and Messrs T Wiggins , W Davy and Dr Fisher as Stewards.

The first race commenced at 1pm

“Races included; Champion Flat Race (100yards), Standing Hop, Step and Jump, Standing Long Jump, Handicap Flat Race (300 yards), Throwing the Cricket Ball, Throwing the Hammer, Putting the Stone (17.5 lbs), Three Legged Race and One Mile Race.

It was recorded that the One Mile Race had “entries—W Davy, W Harvey, W Lichfield, R Jackson, A Short & M Lyons. They got off well together, Jackson taking the lead, Lyons second and the rest jogging along in the rear until going round the third time, when Harvey went to the fore with a rush and came in an easy winner, Short was second.”



Today Salisbury & Districts Athletes have state of the art facilities at the new Bridgestone Athletics Centre

Bridgestone's former tyre manufacturing site has been given an injection of colour and new life with the launch of the multi-million dollar Bridgestone Athletics Centre.

This was opened in 2021 and is shared by Salisbury Little Athletics Club, Northern Districts Athletics Club & Ingle Farm Athletics Club.

All a little different to the paddocks of J Harvey back in 1869.

Sourced by Des Brown





Sate Library SA Photo

Parafield Airport about 1938 showing pilots of 4 Gipsy Moths, a Miles Hawk and a Hillston Praga, the latter was owned by Royal Aero Club.

The building in the background became the Fire Station, and is currently the Parafield Heritage Centre

Parafield was Adelaide's main Airport from 1927-1955

Parafield Airport is now mainly a training centre and records around 200,000 movements per year.



Parafield Airport Buildings
Mid 1930's
Fire Station building
as seen above is in the
bottom left corner

Sourced by Des Brown



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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 2024-25

Unfortunately at the 24/25 Annual General Meeting there were no nominations to fill the key role of President.

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