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**A Burra Public Meeting** is called for 29 March to discuss the development of the Burra Oval and tourist facilities in the district.

**Burra & District St John Ambulance & Lions Club** will conduct a free eye test for glaucoma at Burra Town Hall 26 March.

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**Burra RSL** held its AGM and elected: President, W. Fridd; Vice-Presidents, W.E.D. Young & R.C. Opperman; Secretary, R.J. Steele and Treasurer, B. Kotz.

Mr Steele reported a declining membership due to death and apathy. The annual dinner was attended by 50 members and visitors. Attendance at the Anzac Day Dawn Service is increasing.

**Bowls**

Colin Hobba won the Club Championship.

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**Football.** North-Eastern Football League. Mr Drew Cousins was elected President with R.N. Collins as Patron and Mr J. Wood of Kybunga as Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Obituary.** Mrs M.E. Wahlert died 13 March.

[Born Mary Elsbeth Myra Woodman 2 January 1893 Kooringa. Known as Elsie.]

**Birth.** To Phillip & Bronwyn Treweeke nee McAllister at Clare Hospital 8 March, a daughter, Rachel Olivia.

**Clem Sampson** from Esperance WA says he enjoys reading the 50 years ago column.

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**Burra Kindergarten** Annual Report

The kindergarten benefited from the abolition of fees and enrolments increased as a result. The average attendance was 25. 1977 will see it run full-time as a result. Two play groups were also started. Money raised was $860.30 to improve facilities. This year’s project is to get an air conditioner. Elected were: President, Denise McCabe; Vice-President, Eleanor Nicholls; Secretary, Marie Schwarz; Assistant Secretary, Brenda Villis and Treasurer, Hazel Stockman.

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**Burra Show Society** is planning a number of additional displays because this year’s show will be the 100th\* staged by the society. At the AGM last week Mr Ron Shipard was elected President. Following the resignation of Mr Daniel Field as Secretary the position was filled at special meeting on the Monday following and Mrs Bob Jamieson is the new secretary.

[\*This is wildly inaccurate.The first Show was held in 1877, but there were no shows from 1886 to 1893, apparently due to apathy, which provoked considerable comment in the local paper at the time. The 1897 Show was cancelled due to the appallingly bad season and the 1914 Show was cancelled due to the combined effects of the outbreak of World War I and a devastating drought. (The event returned in 1915.) Twenty-five years of Shows from 1915-39 ended in 1940 when the Show was cancelled due to World War II. The Show remained suspended until 1946, since when it has been an annual event. This makes the 1977 show the 85th.]

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**The Upper North Rural Youth Swimming Carnival** was won by Burra at the Burra Pool on 20 March.

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**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 26 March

Sidney James & Barbara Windsor in *Carry on Behind*

Leslie Phillips & Terry Thomas in *Spanish Fly*

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**[Photo** of Bob & Dianna Radford of ‘Little Hills’ Burra at Collinsville Field Day.]

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**BCS.** Another Community School Week is seeing a busy range of activities at the school.

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**Dr Derek Whitelock & Mr Ian Auhl** will visit Burra on 30 March to discuss arrangements for a possible seminar on tourism.

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**Burra School Crossing Lights.** The Highways Department is making enquiries about school lights on the main road near the Town Hall. It seems likely they will be installed.

**The Burra Show** in 1977 will be opened by 5AD Radio personality Neil Humphrys. Neil was born in Burra and is a grandson of Mr Roy Humphrys, who is a life member of the Show Society.

**Mr Dick Cuttle,** President of the Burra Apex Club, presented a $120 cheque to Community School Co-ordinator Mrs Edith Carpenter to assist in establishing a toy library. [Photo.]

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**Burra Burra DC** has been advised that grant-in-aid funds will cease as from 1977-78, but it is understood equal amounts will come through the Resident District Engineer for recommended road works. It could mean the end of Council contributions to the various grants.

**Burra National Trust Junior Group** held its AGM and elected: President, Michael Ford; Vice-President, Paul Culbertson; Secretary, Steve Angle [sic: Angel?] and Treasurer, Philip Clode. The group will continue restoration work at the Bon Accord Mine Building. [Though the paper says wine building.] It is the only junior group in SA and possibly in Australia.

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**Burra Tennis Club.** Champions for this season are:

Women’s ‘A’ Di Day defeated Marg. Lloyd 4-9

Women’s ‘B’ Lyn Kelly

Junior Girls Judy Higgins

Men’s ‘A’ Russell Nicholls defeated Don Lloyd 6-4, 6-2

Men’s ‘B’ Barry Hall defeated Graham Spafford 6-4, 5-6, 6-5

[The winners are pictured.]

Junior Boys Roger Mason defeated Dennis Thamm 6-3. [No photo.]

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**Advt.** Burra Pictures 2 April

Charles Bronson & Jill Ireland *From Noon ‘till Three*

Bruce Dern & Barbara Feldon in *Smile*

**Booborowie Centenary** will be celebrated on 30 April and 1 May to coincide with the proclamation of the town on 29 March 1877. Development of the district went back to 1843 when two brothers, M.J. & J.H. Browne, both doctors, played an important part in opening up the Northern Flinders Ranges. It is believed that in the early days much of the Booborowie land was swampy, but pumping and farming has changed the nature of the land. There will be a back-to-school and roll call of the South and North Booborowie Schools at 2.30 p.m. and tea in the Hall at 5 p.m. On Sunday there will be a combined church service in the Hall and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, followed by a barbecue at the oval.

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**Ms Anne Levy MLC** will address the Burra ALP Sub-Branch at its forthcoming AGM.

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**Cricket.** Mokota Association Cricketer of the Year is Frank Cousins with 109 points from Philip Byles 108 points.

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**Burra Powder Magazine.** At long last the lintel stone on top of the magazine gate has been lifted into position. The restoration is now virtually complete except for a few finishing touches and a plaque.

**Burra National Trust** has collected a number of old farm implements and machinery at the Bon Accord Mine building. Some came from the recent Rooke’s clearing sale and others from Clemm’s at Porter’s Lagoon and Hentschke’s at World’s End. [Could this be Klemm’s?]

**Burra show Society.** In his annual report President Ron Shipard said the main improvement this year had been the extension of the show ring. He thanked the District Council and Roocke Bros. [sic: Roche Bros?] for their assistance. The last show had been a great success, but a misunderstanding about admission prices had cost them about $400 on the day.

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**Burra Tourism.** A small group met to discuss improvements to the oval and to tourist facilities. The sports clubs using the site were represented and a sub-committee was formed to look at possible projects. Plans will be drawn up for a clubroom including change rooms, bar facilities and an entertainment area. Improved toilet facilities would enable the oval to take an overflow from the caravan park.

**Obituary.** Mr J.G. (Johnson) Carpenter died on Thursday afternoon. [24 March 1977.]

[Johnson Carpenter born 5 February 1902 Redruth.]

**Birth.** To Dianne & Steve Hill at Clare on Monday, a son, Richard Steve. Dianne is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Bert Wise of Burra.

**Bill Burnett & Dick Ludlow** of the Kooringa Hotel will be leaving shortly. The new licensee comes from Victoria.

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**Burra Burra DD** Acting District Clerk Mr R.W. Fullgrabe said yesterday the first steps in providing an efficient drainage scheme were under way. Purchase of land for a holding basin is expected soon. Approval of the Director of Planning is expected shortly.

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**Burra Pictures.** The operator of the Burra Pictures Mr Guy Dollman has resigned. The Council has accepted his resignation with regret and will send a letter of appreciation for his years of service.

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**Ron Goold** of Booborowie, who has been foreman of the Highways Department at Burra since its installation 13 years ago, will retire on 11 April. He has been with the Department for 22 years and was at Crystal Brook before Burra.

**Vandals** have attacked the road sign at the Black Springs turn-off (at Cactus Farm).

**Debbie Bolt,** eldest daughter of Pat and Colin Brereton of Hanson, has won the award for Most Outstanding Female Apprentice at the Adelaide School of Hairdressing.

**Obituary.** Mrs Bill Bown, formerly of Burra (nee Mary Johnson) and lately of Whyalla, died last week.

**Obituary.** Oscar Bauer of Goodwood and formerly of Burra died suddenly last week.

**Ryan’s Country & Western Store,** catering for horse riding enthusiasts will open soon in Burra North.

**Messrs A.L. Clode & Sons** new premises at Burra North have opened for business.

**The Cornwell Kitchen [sic]** is also in operation at Burra North.

**Mrs Maxine van der Does** will manage a new sports store at Burra North in Clode’s Building from next Tuesday.

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**Oscar & Christina Frahm** have been married for 70 years. Mr Frahm is 91 and Mrs Frahm is 92. They were married in Burra 1 April 1907 and were among the first people to settle in the Adelaide suburb of Greenacres 55 years ago. [Photo.]

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**Bikies.** Several reports of troubles caused by bikies were received over the weekend, but Mr Dick Ludlow of the Kooringa Hotel said about 30 of the ‘Reapers’ had arrived at the hotel on Thursday night and he had had no trouble and he thought that during their stay at Redbanks they had probably been better behaved than some locals.

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**Proposed listing on the National Estate from Burra**

* Miners Dugouts
* Old Kooringa Post Office
* Paxton Square
* Princess Royal
* Redruth Bridge
* Redruth Gaol
* St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church
* Brewery Cellars
* St Mary’s Anglican Church
* Burra School
* All buildings in the Burra Burra Mine area: Powder Magazine, unnamed draft engine house, Welsh Chimney, Cornish Chimney, relocated Peacock’s Chimney & Storeman’s Residence.

Drawings are printed of Redruth Gaol, St Mary’s Anglican Church, Old Kooringa Post Office [though this is wrongly labelled as the Town Hall] and Burra Railway Station [though this is not named in the printed list: which admittedly says they are ‘among the proposed buildings…’]

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**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 16 April

Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood & Jean Seberg in *Paint Your Wagon*

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**Len & Muriel Bence** report a busy weekend at their Paxton Square Gallery with nearly 400 visitors and a number of sales.

**Market Square Rotunda** is being painted.

**Obituary.**  Lindsay McWaters of Booborowie died suddenly last week.

[Born 2 January 1917 Kooringa: died 6 April 1977.]

**Obituary.** Gil Moxham died recently. He was well known in both the Burra and Morgan areas.

[Gilbert Edgar Moxham born 6 March 1906 Third Creek near Magill.]

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**Burra Easter Tennis Tournament Winners:**

Men’s Championship Singles Russell Nicholls [Photo]

Women’s Championship Singles Anne Higgins [Photo]

Men’s Handicap Singles L. Higgins

Women’s Handicap Singles Judy Higgins

Men’s Plate A. Barker

Men’s Plate [sic: women’s?] L. Taylor

U17 Girls’ Singles A. Berryman

Doubles K. Webster & S. Clode

U14 Boys’ Singles N. Mosey

U17 Boys’ Singles C. Drew

Handicap Mixed Doubles Cheryl Angel [Photo] & K. McPherson

Championship Mixed Doubles Judy Higgins & Ashley Nicholls [Photo]

Men’s Championship Doubles B. Eberhard & Don Lloyd [Photo]

**Burra Easter Bowls Tournament** was very successful.

Winners:

Friday Pairs B. Kotz & T. Mosey

Saturday Men’s Fours Hallett rink of B. Richards, H. Kelly, E. Nayda & E. Jeffery.

Monday Mixed Rinks M. Hentschke, B. Hentschke, W. Sires & J. Sires from Balaklava.

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**Burra Youth Club** was successfully inaugurated by Mr Bednall and an average attendance of 45 young people enjoyed a varied program. This year a student committee has been elected and the Apex Club has offered support. The main need of the group is a place to call home. The group has raised enough to buy a double kayak and has donated $100 to the Buy-a-Brick campaign for the hew Gymnasium [Hall].

Photos:

1. Mr Richard Bednall, Claire Robinson, Andrew Moore, Mrs Jenny Bednall and Robyn Spackman.
2. Shauna O’Connor, Stephen Angel and Jenny Woodford [sic: though four people are pictured.]
3. Jenny McLennan and Andrea Fennell.
4. Tony Gisi, Kim Keane and Michael Gill.
5. Lorraine Meintjes.

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**Burra Burra DC** will adopt a by-law limiting people to keeping two dogs in the town without written consent of Council and dogs must be kept on a leash in the town.

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**Burra Burra DC** will meet the Minister of Lands next week to consider the possibility of reducing the stock route in the eastern district. This is presently a large wide area, which poses noxious weed control problems.

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**Sturt CAE** will bring 200 members on a one day visit to Burra, arriving by special train on 11 May. The party will be mainly staff interested in historic, social, economic and geographic factors affecting life in the community. The day will and with a barbecue at the Redruth Gaol.

**BCS.** On 27 April the Community School Advisors Group will visit Snowtown Area School to see an open space school in operation. [Members of the group are listed.]

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**Marriage.** Adelaide last Saturday

Peter Broderick of the SA Police was married.

**Dick & Bill of the Kooringa Hotel** [Dick Ludlow & Bill Burnett] finish up on Saturday exactly two years after starting. They are moving to the Semaphore Hotel. The new proprietors are the Wraight and Seaton Families.

**Fr Kevin Matthews** of the Burra Catholic Parish leaves on 5 May for a position at Whyalla. He will have a farewell tea in the Parish Centre next Wednesday following 7 p.m. Mass. Fr Eugene Kelly will take over the Burra-Spalding Parish.

**Obituary.** Mrs Florence Broad nee Przibilla died recently. She was the widow of the late Samuel Broad and lived most of her life at Bright. [Born Florence Maria Louisa Przibilla 17 July 1892 Farrell’s Flat.]

**Burra North Red Cross** raised c, $287 in the March Appeal.

**Leighton School** is holding a Monster Family Beer-Wine-Dine-Dance this Saturday night.

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**Burra Hockey Club** held its AGM and elected Kath Millard President with Karina Cuttle as Secretary.

**34, 7, 28 Apr. 1977, page 1**

**Burra Town Hall.** Two officers from the Premiers Department visited the Town Hall this week to see about the possibility of upgrading it to enable travelling art shows to visit the town.

**Redbanks Area** is being considered for a trail bike track and has been visited by a representative from the Department of the Environment.

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**Burra Bowling Club Presentations.** President Mick Broderick welcomed visitors. Trophy winners:

Club Singles Champion C. Hobba

Handicap Singles Champion R. Jamieson

Consistency H. Griffin

Champion Pairs J. Calnan & W. Brown

Night Handicap Singles K. van der Does

Night Pairs S. Kellaway & C. Edwards

Night Mixed Pairs B. Hogan & Z. Brown

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**Tennis.** Burra District Association Finals

‘A’ Grade Spalding 11-100 defeated Burra Black 9-80

‘A2’ Grade Hallett Red 13-107 defeated Hallett White 7-87

‘B’ Grade Spalding 12-99 defeated Booborowie Black 8-85

‘C’ Grade Booborowie 8-54 defeated Burra Red 4-42

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**Burra Scouts** held its AGM and elected: President, Murray Tiver; Vice-President, Ron Shipard; Secretary, Pam Shipard and Treasurer, Carmel O’Connor. Group leader is Ken Phillips with Jim Smith as Scout Leader and Geoff Randall as Cub Leader.

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**Mr & Mrs Les White** (nee Brandon) will celebrate their Golden Wedding on 11 May.

**The Leighton School** Wine-Dine-Dance was a happy affair and organisers hope to clear c. $400. Door takings were c. $900.

**Birth.** To Robert & Margaret McBride (nee Allen) at Burra Hospital on 22 April, a son, Kelvin Maxwell.

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**Booborowie Centenary.** Photographs:

1. Opening of the Booborowie Institute in 1920
2. General Store of A. & L. Pearce
3. General Store of A. & L. Pearce
4. General Store of A. & L. Pearce including A.V. Pearce & Myrtle Pearce in the photo along with Les. Pearce, Doddy Kelly, Ron Dewhirst, Kath McIvoy, Frank Kelly, George Brandon, Keith Parker, Cyril Baynes and Harold Ramge.

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**Booborowie History**

Booborowie was first opened for pastoral settlement in 1843, but not until 1846 did two brothers William J. & John H. Browne apply for an occupation licence. Later in 1848 a further licence was applied for the area north of the Broughton adjoining the run granted to Messrs Browne in 1847 to the westward. These two areas are now Booborowie. The name is an Aboriginal word for round water hole. The head station was located on Section 1000 and consists of an area of around 80 acres. It was purchased at auction by James Brown for £80. In 1851 waste lands of the Crown leases were issued in lieu of occupation licences and lease 130 (Booborowie) was granted to William and John Browne. This originally comprised 153 square miles. Two square miles were added in 1860 and on 17 December 1863 the Hundred of Ayers was proclaimed, within which Booborowie is located. It was subdivided into sections and land was first offered for sale in 1864. Most sites were bought by the Browne Brothers. The south portion was re-subdivided and sold by Arthur Scott Browne of Buckland Filleigh Co. Devon England in c. 1910. The northern part was sold by Percival John Browne and Arthur Scott Browne as executors of W.J. Browne who died in 1894. It was bought in 1897 by Henry Dutton of Anlaby and George Melrose of Ulooloo. In 1910 the land was offered for sale by Messrs Dutton and Melrose to the Government. The offer was accepted and the land subdivided as North Booborowie Estate and sold under close settlement agreements.

The township was proclaimed 29 March 1877 and surveyed in the same year by W.H. Cornish. The first building was the Methodist Church erected in 1891 at a cost of £194. It was leased by the Government for use as a school for 27 years. A prosperous town developed as the climate and soil favoured sheep and cattle.

[Photo of the Big Store, Booborowie.]

**BCS.** The annual sports day last Thursday was held in ideal conditions. Steele House won the shield.

Cup Winners:

U13 Girls Carrie Woodgate

U13 Boys Shaun Seigert

U14 Girls Helen Shattock

U14 Boys Philip Clode

Open Girls Roxanne Hall

Open Boys Peter Shattock & Dennis Thamm (tie)

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**The Honan Family Reunion** at Hallett is reported in ¾ column.

**34, 7, 28 Apr. 1977, page 12**

**Burra Oval.** Plans have been prepared for the proposed amenities block. Acting District Clerk Mr R.W. Fullgrabe said applications would be made to the various Government Departments in an effort to attract subsidies. The estimated cost of the building is $70,000.

**34, 8, 5 May 1977, page 2**

**Burra Golf Club.** Mr Ern Zanker was presented with Life Membership by President of the Club Mr Tony Gebhardt on Saturday in recognition of the work he has done in planting and caring for some 900 trees on the golf course.

**34, 8, 5 May 1977, page 4**

**A Holiday Bible Club** will be held at the Burra Lutheran Sunday School Room and the Methodist Camping Centre in the first week of the May Holidays. Seven classes of eight per class are planned.

**Burra Pony Club** held a mock hunt on the property of Mr Stanley Hawker at East Bungaree Mt Bryan. Sixteen hunters and riders participated under Mr Harry Jaquet as Hunt Master for the day.

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 7 May

Marlon Brando & Jack Nicholson in *Missouri Breaks*

Plus *It’s Showtime*

**34, 8, 5 May 1977, page 6**

**Booborowie Centenary Celebrations** are reported. There is a long list of those attending and four group photos.

**34, 8, 5 May 1977, page 8**

**Birth.** To Rosemary & Peter Opperman on 28 April, a son, Matthew Peter.

**Birth.** To Ros & Mike Jones at Burra Hospital on 29 April, a daughter, Tamara Jane.

**Obituary.** Theresa Hatchard nee Hogan died on Monday.

[Theresa Joan Hogan born 20 May 1925 Kooringa.]

**34, 9, 12 May 1977, page 1**

**Advt.** From 15 May the Burra Hotel will be under new management. The new proprietors are Wayne & Mandi Adams.

**34, 9, 12 May 1977, page 2**

**Leonard Bence** has recently opened the Paxton Square Gallery, situated on Bridge Terrace in one of the old cottages. As well as oils and water colours there will be functional pottery and leather craft produced by Jeff and Polly Sterling.

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**BCS.** Four photographs from the recent sports day are printed.

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**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 14 May

Jan-Michael & Kay Lenz in *White Line Fever*

Plus *The Night Caller*

**Obituary.** Ted Landorf of Booborowie died in the past week aged 66.

[Not traced on SA Births CD.]

**Mr & Mrs Alf Trebilcock** left Burra on Tuesday to take up residence at Osborne.

**Heinz & Maggie Christensen** cease trading as licensees of the Burra Hotel on Saturday night and hand over to Wayne and Mandi Adams.

**Alan Grantham** is the new Police Officer in Burra, replacing John Newton. He comes with his wife Pauline and young son and daughter.

**Birth.** To Pat & Ian Campbell at Central Gippsland Hospital on Tuesday, a son, David James. A grandson for Mr & Mrs Don Campbell of Booborowie.

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**BCS.** Photo of a reading practice session at BCS showing Mark Lloyd, Ian Alderson, Darren Burnett and Craig McBride with Mrs J. Bednall.

**Mr & Mrs John M. Gordon** of ‘Wahroonga’ auctioned their complete farming equipment and sundries on 5 May. About 700 people attended to bid on 870 lots offered in a sale conducted by Elder-GM of Burra.

**34, 9, 12 May 1977, page 9**

**Notice.** Tenders for the mail service in Burra reveal that in 1977 there were six letter receiving boxes in the town, located in:

Commercial Street

Kingston Street

Chapel Street

Railway Terrace

[Barkers of] Baldina Aged Homes

Young Street

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**Burra Traders Association** is taking steps to obtain a dental service for Burra since Dr Phillips gave up his practice. They are urging the Burra Hospital Board to see whether a clinic could be established there, if not on a permanent basis, at least with a dentist calling regularly.

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**Obituary.** Theresa Joan Hatchard died 2 May. She was the second daughter of Pat & Gill Hogan and a sister to Irene Hirschausen, Jack, Tom, Maureen Robinson, Colin and Don.

**34, 10, 19 May 1977, page 1**

**BCS** students in Year 11 Biology are undertaking a tagging operation in the Burra creek in conjunction with the Department of Fisheries and Agriculture. They hope to gather information on growth, migration and territorial behaviour.

**Burra Burra DC** is calling tenders for a common effluent drainage scheme for Burra.

Nominations have been received for the Council Elections:

Burra Town Ward R.B. Jennison & F.R. Ford

Baldina Ward A.A. Barker

Booborowie Ward J.S. Hawker

Hanson Ward D.L. Lloyd

Kingston Ward A.J. Gebhardt

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**BCS.** A Vacation Recreation Centre will operate at the school in the second week of the school holidays.

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**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 21 May

Geraldine Chaplin, Julie Christie, Rod Steiger & Omar Sharif in *Doctor Zhivago*

**34, 10, 19 May 1977, page 5**

**Burra Burra DC** will support the School Council for the retention of a double transportable building after the new school is completed, as a home for the Youth Club. A site at the Memorial Oval would be made available if the building could be retained.

Maintenance work will be done on the Town Hall and the front retaining wall. Information will be sought from the Dean of the Adelaide University on what action could be taken to obtain a resident dentist for Burra.

**34, 10, 19 May 1977, page 6**

**Obituary.** Mrs Banks, sister of the ANZ Bank manager, Laurie Higgins, died last week as the result of a road accident at Kingston S.E.

**Marriage.** At St Michael’s Church, Clare, next Saturday

Michelle Cousins, daughter of Mr & Mrs Frank Cousins will marry Peter Allen

**Kay & Bevan Richards,** formerly of Burra, went to Laverton WA some 15 months ago where Bevan started as pit foreman with Roche Bros. The family are now moving on, possibly to Mackay, as Roche Bros. are leaving Laverton.

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**A.L. Clode’s** official opening will be next Friday. A short ceremony will be held at 2.30 when the DC Chairman Mr Ray Jennison will declare the new complex open. Clode’s have a long association with Burra. Late in 1929 Eric Clode’s father, Mr Arthur (Laurie) Clode, decided to open a hardware shop to compliment his building business. At that time the emphasis was on general building materials. In 1949 Eric joined as an apprentice carpenter, a trade he continued until 1959 when he began to spend more time in the shop. He saw the opportunity for a larger shopping complex and purchased the site for the new premises. Work began on the new premises last June and it is designed to be a one stop shop for the handyman. As well as hardware there is a small music centre, the Burra Sports Centre and the Cornwall Kitchen, which specialises in take-away food and there is also a Laundromat. The old shop has been retained for heavier hardware lines. Photos:

1. The Old Store
2. The new complex
3. Interior of the new hardware premises
4. Mrs Maxine van der Does (Manageress) in the Sports Store
5. Eric Clode, General Manager
6. Eugene Madigan, Store Manager
7. Norm Mason, Storeman
8. Terry Hopkins, Crane Driver
9. Allan Gibbons, Building Foreman
10. Cornwall Kitchen Staff: Heather Hirschausen, Marilyn Brandt & Jo Rule.

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**BCS.** Inter-School Sports Carnival was held at Kapunda H.S. recently. Burra won the day. [However, no scores are given and it is not clear whether the report is speaking of the open or handicap shield – if in 1977 there were both.]

**34, 10, 19 May 1977, page 13**

**A Weekend Farriery Workshop** will be held at the Bon Accord Mine Buildings 4 & 5 June. Instructor Mr W. Rose. Clare College of Further Education.

**Burra Burra DC Election Results**

Burra Town Ward Raymond Barraclough Jennison & Francis Robert Ford

Baldina Ward Anthony Alfred Barker

Booborowie Ward James Seymour Hawker

Hanson Ward David Llewellyn Lloyd

Kingston Ward Andrew John Gebhardt

There is no need for elections as all were elected unopposed for a term of two years from 2 July 1977.

**35, 1, 26 May 1977, page 5**

**Burra Pony Club** hosted the Northern Zone Pony Clubs’ Annual Camp last weekend. About 130 horses and their riders took part. There was a trail ride on Graham Kellock’s property on Saturday. On Sunday morning there was a church service and then a tour of the town’s tourist attractions. In the afternoon there were gymkhana events and in the evening Mr O’Connor gave a talk on Burra’s history. On Monday there was another trail ride on Mr Murray Tiver’s Abberton Park property. Broken Hill will host next year’s camp.

[This report was essentially reprinted in the paper of 2 June on page 12.]

**35, 1, 26 May 1977, page 6**

**Obituary.** Fred (Woo) Voumard, formerly of Burra died last week aged 70.

[Frederick William Voumard born 18 March 1907 Kooringa.]

**Obituary.** Mr Nick Dollard died at Burra Hospital over the weekend.

[Nicholas Dollard born 31 December 1892 Carrieton. Married as Nicholas Augustine Dollard in 1925. Died 20 May 1977.]

**Vandalism.** Youngsters on motor cycles or mini-bikes have been ripping around the 18th hole at the Burra Golf Course.

**35, 1, 26 May 1977, page 16**

**Clode’s opening** drew a good crowd.

**35, 2, 2 June 1977, page 1**

**Terowie Water Supply** will have some further upgrading. This time there is a little indication of what was done. The first steps had evidently been to clean the railway tanks at the town and to remove silt from the Gumbowie Reservoir. Further work will now be done to fix the fence around the dam and clean up the reservoir area. Maintenance will be carried out on the valves in the main and the tank overflow discharge point will be modified. Rhe mains will be cleaned and repaired and some 2,000 feet of pipe will be replaced.

**35, 2, 2 June 1977, page 4**

**Burra Common Effluent Drainage Scheme.** The Premier Mr Dunstan has announced a $4,000 preliminary subsidy to buy land for the scheme.

**35, 2, 2 June 1977, page 7**

**Obituary.** Mrs Alice Seaford died at the Burra Hospital on Friday aged 94.

[Born Alice Maud Eig 20 February 1883 Coonabarabran, NSW: died 27 May 1977 Burra.]

**Obituary.** Miss Doss Kellock died suddenly at the RAH over the weekend.

**35, 3, 9 June 1977, page 14**

**The Farriery Workshop** at the Bon Accord Buildings drew 16 people.

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**Mr Lance Dosser** will give a piano recital in the Catholic Parrish Hall at 8 p.m. on 18 June.

**35, 4, 16 June 1977, page 1**

**BCS.** The first stage of the building project for the new school is on schedule and the building should be ready to be occupied by the beginning of term 3 this year. Renovations to the old building will then begin and it should be ready for use for the start of 1978 with the remainder of the project completed by the end of 1978.

**Burra Burra DC.** 17 properties will be sold for unpaid rates. This includes the two storey café in Market Square, Burra, account of the Estate of Punjabi.

**35, 4, 16 June 1977, page 6**

**Burra Bowling Club** held its AGM and M. Broderick was re-elected President. Others elected were: Vice-Presidents, W. Brown & B.H. Stockman; Secretary, T.B. Lynch; Treasurer, C.W. Neill and Patron, D. Jacka.

Mr R. Moreland will take over as bar manager from Clive Neill. The club has a very successful year socially, but had not done well in the pennant competitions.

**35, 4, 16 June 1977, page 7**

**Lentara Central Mission Homes for Children** will conduct a badge day in Burra, Riverton and Saddleworth next Friday.

**35, 4, 16 June 1977, page 9**

**Adelaide Gliding Club** had a weekend at Mr D.C. Ross’s property at Apoinga. About 60 camped there and there were five or more gliders in the air most of the time. Many locals from Robertstown came to watch.

**Burra Women’s Branch of the Liberal Party** will have Mr John Olsen, President of the Party in SA, as guest speaker at their AGM in Burra Town Hall next Monday at 2 p.m.

**Peter Johnston** of Elders-GM was farewelled from Burra on Friday. He has been transferred to Warooka after six years in Burra.

**The Modern Meat Store** will open its Burra North Shop on Monday to Thursday each week, beginning this week.

**35, 5, 23 June 1977, page 3**

**Birth.** To Rhonda & John Eyers at Clare Hospital, a son.

**Birth.** To Christine & Robert Bruce at Jamestown Hospital, a daughter.

**Birth.** To Cheryl & Ken May of Clare, a son. A grandson for Jack & Vera Stephenson.

**Obituary.** Roy W. Humphrys has died aged 88. He was a life member of the Burra Show Society and until comparatively recently took a keen interest in the maintenance of the showgrounds and surroundings of the CWA and M&BHA buildings. [Roy Wilfred Humphrys born 3 March 1889 Kooringa: died 19 June 1977.]

**Obituary.** Sonya Lee Loffler of Burra North, child of Sue and David Loffler of Burra North, died aged 5 years 7 months.

**Obituary.** Mr Joseph Alfred (Joe) Bruce of Spalding died at the Clare Hospital on Sunday.

[Born 22 May 1899 Baldina: died 19 June 1977 Clare.]

**Clem & Olive Sampson** (nee Wardle) of Esperance WA will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their wedding at the old Methodist Church Mt Bryan next Sunday.

**Burra Apex Club** has given $400 to the Zone 8 Service Scheme to purchase a larger aircraft for the RFDS. They have also given $100 to the Burra Youth Club.

**Burra Football Club** held a Mock Debutante Ball on Saturday night and it was an outstanding success.

**BCS.** In the past few weeks the framework for the full-sized gymnasium has taken shape. It will have a hardwood floor for sport and social functions. The School Council has a Buy-a-Brick Campaign to fund its commitment to the enlargement of the hall. $10,000 needs to be raised.

**35, 5, 23 June 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 25 June

*Grizzly*

*The Curse of the Mummy’s Tomb*

**35, 5, 23 June 1977, page 8**

**Jenny Bishop.** Photo at the Mock Debutante Ball for the Burra Football Club.

**35, 5, 23 June 1977, page 11**

**Burra Football Club.** Photographs from the Mock Deb. Ball

1. Elly Nicholls with Richard Riggs; Jill Jones with John Tiver; Leslie Phillips with Russell Nicholls and Margy Tiver with Robin Eberhard.
2. Andy Phillips, Robin Eberhard, Richard Riggs, Pat Brown and Russell Nicholls.

**35, 5, 23 June 1977, page 12**

**The Uniting Church in Australia** will be inaugurated in the Burra Parish in a service of worship at Burra Church at 10 a.m. on 26 June. Many people including children have made banners for the occasion and after the service there will be a procession along the main street. The procession will enter St Joseph’s Church where the Catholic Priest Fr Kenny and his congregation will be asked to join the pilgrimage and share lunch at the Uniting Church Hall. The company will meet the Lutheran Pastor on the way and proceed to St Mary’s Church to invite Fr B. May and the Anglican congregation to join in the celebrations.

**Burra Burra DC.** Notice of intention to sell land for the non-payment of rates.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Registered  Proprietors | Default since | Council Rates  Owing | Owing to  The Crown | Specified land |
| Peter Jeremy W. Davies | 13 Sep. 1971 | 158.87 | Nil | Millerton lots 173, 175, 179,  181, 183, 185 |
| Lawrence Gebhardt | 1 Oct. 1970 | 185.61 | 0.04  Land Tax | Millerton lots 47 & 48 |
| B.M. Morrison | 1 Oct. 1970 | 218.31 | 152.00  E & WS | Millerton lots 6 & 7 |
| Daniel O’Brien | 1 Oct. 1970 | 182.06 | 125.00  E & WS | Millerton lots 16 & 17 |
| J.R. Gray | 13 Sep. 1971 | 163.55 | 95.00  E & WS | Crowan Street lot 70 |
| M.J. Est. Panjabi | 23 Mar. 1973 | 357-43 | 222.04  E & WS | Market Square Pt lot 80 |
| Estate R.A.J. Muller (Dec.) | 1 Oct. 1970 | 107.92 | Nil | Douglas lots 53 & 59 |
| Miss L.W. Bartholomaeus | 1 Oct. 1970 | 107.02 | Nil | Douglas lots 6 & 11 |
| John Rogers | 1 Oct. 1970 | 107.92 | Nil | Douglas lot 45 |
| H.C.J. & F.H. R. Collins | 1 Oct. 1970 | 93.71 | Nil | Old Mt Bryan Council  Chambers Pt section 91 |
| Ronald Burrows Virgin | 7 Aug. 1972 | 139.32 | 0.04  Land Tax | Mt Bryan East Township  Lot 30 |

There are other places too listed from Farrell Flat, Torreston and Wetherston.]

**35, 5, 23 June 1977, page 13**

**The Austcare Appeal** has been finalised and $884 was sent in from the district:

Burra $581

Booborowie $156

Mt Bryan $137

**35, 6, 30 June 1977, page 1**

**Obituary.** Mr Bill Brown died at his home ‘The Grove’ in Burra on 23 June aged 56. He was a past President of the SA Merino Stock Breeders Association and a committee member since the early 1960s. He was well known as a judge of Merinos at Royal Shows in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth as well as at country shows. He was President of the SA Stud Merino Breeders Association 1968-70. He was born on the family property at Elliston in 1921 and he registered his Merino Stud there in 1949. In 1956 he transferred it to Burra, retaining ‘The Grove’ as the stud name. At the Perth Royal Show ram sales last year ‘The Grove’ sold an outstanding ram to an East Wickepin WA buyer for $26,000 (by a sire from Ashrose, Hallett; a bloodline originating from Collinsville and used by ‘The Grove’ since its inception.) In 1960 Mr Brown pioneered the Arubiddy Station on the Nullarbor Plain, which now carries 16,000 Merinos and is run by his sons Peter and Dean. Mr Brown had been Chairman of the Burra Burra DC 1972-76, a member of the Burra Bowling Club for ten years and in his early days played cricket in Burra. As well as his sons Mr Brown is survived by his widow, Zita Brown and daughter, Rosemary, now living in Queensland. The funeral on Monday at St Joseph’s Burra was one of the largest seen in the area.

[William Brown born 10 May 1921 Elliston.]

**35, 6, 30 June 1977, page 2**

**Burra Burra DC** Road Grants 1977-78

Andrews – Burra $25,500

Burra-Morgan $6,000

Booborowie-Black Springs $5,000

Burra-Eudunda $4,000

Redruth Bridge $1,000

Copperhouse Detour $5,000

Farrell Flat Railway Crossing $72,000

**Mr & Mrs Wilf Nankivell** will celebrate the 55th anniversary of their marriage on Friday.

**Birth.** To Raelene & Graham Waters at Burra Hospital recently, a son, Christopher John. [Photo page 5.]

**Birth.** To Jenny & Garry Hirschausen, a daughter, Bianca Lee. [Photo 21 July 1977 page 7.]

**35, 6, 30 June 1977, page 3**

**BCS.** In response to a request from the Principal Mr Chris McCabe the Minister for the Environment has sent 225 trees and shrubs to assist in the development of the 42 acres of ground around the new school.

**35, 6, 30 June 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 2 July

John Wayne & Katharine Hepburn in *Rooster Cogburn*

Plus *The Challengers*

**35, 6, 30 June 1977, page 11**

**Burra Burra DC.** Nominations are called by 15 July for the extraordinary vacancy in Kingston Ward for the term ending the first Saturday in July 1978.

**35, 6, 30 June 1977, page 12**

**Burra Burra DC.** Two representatives from Publicity and Design Services in the Premier’s Department visited Burra recently to take photographs and help with the design of the updated Burra Tourist brochure to be released shortly. Mr Bill St Clair-Johnson took photos of the Burra Mines, the old Chimney and canoes on the Burra Lake, to be used in the new brochure.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 1**

**Burra Copper Festival** this year focuses on the centenary of the Burra Show Society, the Hospital and the School. On 8 October ‘Cowboy’ Neil Humphrys, a grandson of the late Roy Humphrys, will open the show. The school centenary will feature a Back-to-School on the Sunday and the launching of a Centenary Book by well known SA Author, Ian Auhl.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 2**

**BCS.** A staff meeting on 23 June passed a series of resolutions expressing objections to Government interference in how the Schools Commission directed funding and calling on the Federal Government to honour its promise to sustain at least 2% growth in real terms for educational funding for 1978.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 3**

**Mt Bryan CWA** held its AGM, which is reported in c. ¾ column. There were 22 financial members and an average attendance of 10. Elected: President, Mrs E. Osterhage; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames D. Thomas & F. Stolte; Secretary, Mrs H. Griffen and Treasurer, Mrs R. Dare.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 5**

**Photo of A.L. Clode’s new crane** in completing the painting of the exterior of Burra Uniting Church.

**Burra Traders’ Association** discussed arrangements for the Copper Festival.

Saturday. Centenary Show & Dance in the RSL Hall with a Licensed Ball in the Town Hall.

Sunday. Church services, Procession at 11.30 from the Hospital to Market Square and thence to the oval; featuring bands & vintage cars, wine tasting in the Brewery Cellars, model boats, side shows, barbecues, National Trust properties will be open, joy flights by light aircraft. It is hoped ARHS will run a special steam train.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 8**

**BCS.** A report on the Agricultural section of the school, which was taking shape.

Years 9 & 10 have been working on their own vegetable plots. Year 8 students have been tending an area of mixed vegetables and a laying hen project. Year 10 students have been taking weather readings. Two paddocks have been seeded for pasture and at a later stage sheep and calves will be introduced to them.

Photos:

1. Karen Gent & Christine Baulderstone (Year 9 vegetable plots)
2. Tony Sumner & Roni Gisi recording weather readings. (Year 10)
3. David Spackman & Shaun Sugert [sic] (Year 8) installing a tap.
4. Ian Bogisch & Vincent Akehurst working on a fence.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 9**

**Fires.** A minor fire at BCS damaged curtains and a window frame in the art room on Tuesday morning and the same day there was a chimney fire in Paxton Square, but no damage resulted.

**Birth.** To Pat & Tony Thomas of Mt Bryan at Burra Hospital on Sunday, a son, David Anthony.

**Ray Fullgrabe** ends his term as Acting District Clerk tomorrow on the return of Tom Perry and his wife from their overseas trip.

**35, 7, 7 July 1977, page 12**

**Burra Rural Youth** held its AGM on 4 July and elected: President, John Brak; Vice-President, Gavin Lehmann; Secretary, Jenny Broad; Assistant Secretary, Cynthia Kelly and Treasurer, Kitty Brak.

[The year’s activities are reported in c. ⅔ column.]

**35, 8, 14 July 1977, page 2**

**BCS** students in Years 6 & 7 collected over 50 bags of litter in a rubbish collecting campaign near Burra.

**Burra Burra DC.** Cr R.B. Jennison was elected Chairman for 1977-78 at Monday night’s meeting.

**35, 8, 14 July 1977, page 3**

**The Burra Entertainment Group** is putting on a production of a musical comedy *Free of Air* by Dorothy Reynolds and Julian Slade.

**35, 8, 14 July 1977, page 4**

**Mrs V. Odgers** will be given a farewell morning tea in the CWA Rooms on 26 July.

**Birth.** To Robert & Jan Gill (nee Richards) at Glenelg on 8 July, a son, Robert James.

**Obituary.** Mr Jack Pens died in Adelaide this week.

[John James Pens born 7 May 1890 Morgan: died 11 July 1977 Adelaide.]

**35, 8, 14 July 1977, page 5**

**Mt Bryan School.** The Principal Mrs Bayly has received approval from the Innovations Committee of the Schools Commission to spend $3,636 to establish a pool of equipment to be used by the schools in the district, ranging from toys to books and leather craft tools and sporting equipment.

**35, 9, 21 July 1977, page 1**

**BCS.** The Secretary of the BCS Council Mr Geoff Searle recently accepted a cheque for $500 from Burra Apexians and the Physical Education Teacher Mr Dick Bednall. The Apex Club made the donation to help pay for the extension to the gymnasium so there will be room for a full-size basketball court.

**35, 9, 21 July 1977, page 3**

**BCS.** Community School Week has seen 53 courses offered. The rebuilding program at the school resulted in courses making use of the RSL Hall, the Uniting Church Hall and the Catholic Parish Hall. About 65 adults enrolled for courses. In the week some Year 10 & 11 students were involved in Work Experience and others went on a camp at the Coorong. Four students joined Parks Community Education Centre students on a ski trip at Harrietville, Victoria.

**35, 9, 21 July 1977, page 4**

**Redruth Uniting Church Guild** will hold its annual Strawberry Fete in Redruth Hall on 26 November.

**Birth.** To Raydon & Bronwyn Thomas (nee Disher) at QVMH, a son, Simon John.

**Birth.** To Annemarie & John Sommerville of Spalding at Clare, a daughter, Benita Campbell.

**A Speedway Club** for the Burra District will be discussed at a meeting at the Bon Accord Hotel on 27 July. Contact Garry Hirschausen if interested.

**Burra Burra DC.** In the extraordinary election for Kooringa Ward, Bruce Stockman was elected unopposed on Friday.

**35, 9, 21 July 1977, page 10**

**BCS.** Photos of the recent clean-up campaign are printed.

1. Jamie Pollard, Garry Gebhardt & Peter Cullen.
2. Helen Stockman, Tricia Thamm & Kym Brereton.

**35, 9, 21 July 1977, page 12**

**BCS.** Photo of BCS Community Week with Mrs Jenny Bidnall & Wendy Meintjes and patchwork.

**35, 9, 21 July 1977, page 15**

**Obituary.** Notice to Creditors reveals the death of Doreen Bernice Kellock of 3 Quarry Street Burra, who died in Adelaide 29 May 1977.

**35, 10, 28 July 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 30 July

Charlton Heston, Oliver Reed, Michael York and Raquel Welch in *The Four Musketeers*

Terence Hill & Bud Spencer in *Trinity is Still My Name*

**35, 10, 28 July 1977, page 6**

**BCS.** The Buy-a-Brick Campaign to pay for the extension to the School Hall has reached $1,974.54 on its way to the target of $10,000.

**35, 10, 28 July 1977, page 7**

**Weather.** On Saturday there was both snow and hail.

**Mr & Mrs John Barton** were welcomed this week with three young children. They are successors to the Odgers Family.

**Mr Murray Odgers** has been the proprietor of T.W. Wilkinson & Co. Chemists in Burra for the past 27 years. He and his wife are now moving to Prospect.

**Obituary.** Mrs Dawn Moore of Burra died in the past week in Hospital.

**Hanson CWA** held eight meetings in the past year with an average attendance of six. On 16 June 1977 the branch held its final meeting after 32 years of operation. Permission was given by Headquarters to forego the usual one year’s recess before closing as members had indicated their desire to transfer to Burra CWA.

**36, 1, 4 Aug. 1977, page 1**

**Burra Speedway.** A committee was formed last week to investigate building a speedway track, insurance issues and council approval. The committee will report on 17 August.

**36, 1, 4 Aug. 1977, page 2**

**Marriage.** Burra Uniting Church next Saturday

Rosemary Moore of Burra North will marry John Taylor of Booborowie.

**Obituary.** Mr Dudley Jacka of Burra died recently.

[Dudley Thomas Jacka born 24 January 1917 Adelaide: died 31 August 1977.]

**36, 1, 4 Aug. 1977, page 4**

**Advt. B**urra Pictures, 6 August

Jan-Michael Vincent & Glynnis O’Connor in *Baby Blue Marine*

Henry Winkler in *The Lords of Flatbush*

**Burra School** will celebrate its centenary in October to coincide with the Copper festival on the long weekend. There will be a light luncheon at the school on Sunday and an assembly of old students and teachers for the afternoon. A centenary booklet has been written by former principal Mr Ian Auhl. Special centenary pack of a port, reisling and moselle will also be available and other souvenirs are being prepared. It is expected one wing of the new building will be available for use, but that the old building will be off limits due to extensive modifications as part of the rebuilding process.

**36, 2, 11 Aug. 1977, page 1**

**Burra Community Library** has received the official approval of the Minister of Education, Dr Hopgood. As a result the library will offer the full range of services as part of the Public Library System. The Institute Library will be dissolved and a branch library will be established at Booborowie. The actual establishment will depend on completion of the school rebuilding program and availability of funds for the resource centre-library.

**Mr John Barton,** the new chemist in Burra, who has taken over from Mr Odgers, has also taken over the Adelaide Building Society Agency, which Mr Odgers had since October 1974. Mr Barton enjoys outdoor life, especially camping in the Flinders Ranges and has been an Apexian for many years. At Port Augusta he was manager for Carrig Chemists. Originally from Adelaide, he is married with three children.

**36, 2, 11 Aug. 1977, page 2**

**BCS.** Year 10 students this year have Community Service as an option. In Term 1 students did maintenance work on the Croquet Grounds. For the winter they have shifted to restoration work on one of Paxton square cottages. When finished it will become a practice area for students learning the trumpet or recorder. Students also assist with Meals on Wheels and in historical research using old copies of the *Burra Record* for a project pack on Burra.

**36, 2, 11 Aug. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 13 August

Walter Matthau & George Burns in *The Sunshine Boys*

Ron Liebman & David Selby in *The Super Cops*

**36, 2, 11 Aug. 1977, page 5**

**Mr & Mrs S.H. Robinson** of Hanson have celebrated their Golden Wedding.

**Chris Pedersen** of Elders-GM has been transferred to Snowtown.

**Birth.** To Lorraine & Barry Kotz of Robertstown, a daughter, Alesha Jane.

**Johnny Hill’s old shop** will soon be opened for two days a week by Mrs Laurie Sullivan as ‘Rosies’ for handcrafts, gifts, cakes and biscuits.

**36, 2, 11 Aug. 1977, page 12**

**Burra North Red Cross** has elected Mrs Mary Cocks as Patroness. Irene Hirschausen has been President for 12 years and Flo Scroop has been Treasurer for 34 years.

**Whyte Yarcowie Methodist Church** will celebrate its centenary on 24 December. The preacher will be Rev. C. Christopher who has been minister of the church for 19 years. [?]

**36, 3, 18 Aug. 1977, page 1**

**BCS.** The Director General of Education Mr A.N. Jones visited Burra on 8 August to look over the new school and to talk with staff. He reported also on his recent visit to West Germany and Japan to see teaching practices there. He said the new school did not mean the end of small schools in the district.

[Photo of Mr Jones at the school with Mr Ron Thamm, Mr John Cusack (Assistant Director of Research & Planning), Mr Henton (Regional Director), Mr McCabe (Principal), Mr Rowyer (Site Engineer) and Mr McMillan (Site Foreman).

**36, 3, 18 Aug. 1977, page 3**

**Weather.** More than half way through August the rainfall total for Burra has not reached 6 inches at 148.3 mm or 548 points. Frosts have been heavy.

**Birth.** To Doug & Jill McLean (nee Eberhard) at Clare Hospital, a daughter, Heidi Maria.

**Obituary.** Mr C.B. Longford of Hallett was buried last Wednesday.

[SA Births CD says born Charles Benjaman Longford 27 March 1893 Hallett. The Marriages CD gives his name as Charles Benjamin Longford.]

**Obituary.** Mrs Catherine Williams, a well-known resident of Farrell Flat and Hanson District till 1961, died suddenly at her Dulwich home on 11 August. She was the widow of Ted Williams and is survived by her daughter, Barbara. [Born Catherine Monaghan 22 March 1904 Farrell’s Flat.]

**Mr Stuart Hobbs** of Burra is calling on pigeon fanciers to re-form the Burra Homing Club, very active a few years ago.

**Mr & Mrs Clem Sampson** of Esperance WA send best wishes to friends in Burra.

**36, 3, 18 Aug. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 20 August

James Coburn & Susannah York in *Sky Riders*

George Segal & Goldie Hawn in *The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox*

**36, 3, 18 Aug. 1977, page 6**

**Burra Red Cross** reported a good year for fund raising at its recent AGM. $600 had been forwarded to Adelaide headquarters. The March 1977 Appeal had raised $350 and the Burra Melbourne Cup Committee had donated a further $150. Meeting in future will be bi-monthly. Elected: President, Mrs E. Baulderstone; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames R. Pearce & G. Gallagher; Secretary, Mrs G. Spatford [sic: Spafford?] and Treasurer, Mrs H. Heitbrink.

**36, 4, 25 Aug. 1977, page 5**

**Marriage.** Burra Uniting Church next Saturday

Kathryn White, daughter of Mr & Mrs Herb White of Mongolata will marry Peter Klem.

**John Brak is** 21 on 12 August.

**Dr Anthony McInerney** will work in conjunction with Dr C.L. Phillips for teeth fillings etc. from 12 September. It is not yet known for how many days a week he will be in Burra.

**Obituary.** Mr Clarrie Spackman of Burra died at Burra Hospital on Friday aged 71.

[SA Births CD has born as Clarance Edward Nelson Spackman 21 October 1905 Redruth, but he was married in 1934 as Clarence Edward Nelson Spackman.]

**Mr John McLean** a brother to Doug McLean of Burra has taken over from Terry Brooks as licensee of the Booborowie Hotel.

**A film company** working east of Burra in the past fortnight completed their work last weekend.

**36, 4, 25 Aug. 1977, page 6**

**BCS.** Photos of elective classes in Years 1-4.

1. Story-teller: Steve Maloney with Jenny-Lee McBride, Julia Gebhardt, Trent Waters and with back to camera Stuart Searle and Michael Secomb.
2. Joanne Beinke, Elizabeth Allen, Helen Spafford (both hidden), Chris Searle, Suzanne Broad, Jane Villis (part hidden), Amanda Nicholls at Hobbytex.
3. Betty Thamm explaining flower arranging to Judy Stockman, Diane Moore, Shari Eberhard & Sandra Neab.
4. Geoffrey Napper & Garry Adams searching for bugs.

**36, 4, 25 Aug. 1977, page 8**

**SA Film Corporation** has been on location east of Burra. The film being shot was a TV feature *Harvest of Hate.*

Four photos are printed. Featured are Leon Cosak, John Orcsik, Moshe Kedem, Michael Aitkens, Kris McQuade, Penny Chapman (Unit Manager) and Dennis Willoughby.

**36, 4, 25 Aug. 1977, page 11**

**Advt.** Elders-GM will conduct a clearing sale on 14 September at Basin Farm 5 km east of Burra on instructions from K.R. Phillips Pty Ltd.

**36, 5, 1 Sep. 1977, page 1**

**Burra Community Library.** The first meeting of the Library Board was held on 24 August. Representatives have been nominated by the DC and the School Council. The Burra Institute Library will be asked to provide another representative and the Booborowie Library will have two representatives. The building should be ready early in 1978. President Tony Barker, Secretary Mrs Elizabeth Pritchard and Treasurer Mrs Tess Hopkins.

**36, 5, 1 Sep. 1977, page 4**

**Football.** North Eastern Football League. I. Roberts of Blyth won the *Mail* medal and as runner-up Don Sommerville of North Clare won the *Burra Record* Trophy. The ‘B’ Grade winner was C. Hall of Booborowie-Hallett for the third consecutive year. In Senior Colts the winner was M. Sandland of Mintaro-Manoora and P. Hosking of Blyth won in the Junior Colts.

**36, 5, 1 Sep. 1977, page 6**

**Hockey.** In their fourth season of hockey Burra 2 defeated Roseworthy 0 for the Premiership.

**36, 5, 1 Sep. 1977, page 9**

**Obituary.** Mr A.H. (Mick) Broad died at Clare Hospital over the weekend aged 88.

**Obituary.** Mrs Beverley Grindell of Spalding died suddenly in Adelaide aged 31.

**Aragon Picture Framing Service** next to the Burra Hotel had a clean-up at the back and an old foundation was removed. In it was found a bottle containing a copy of *Triumph*, a boys’ paper bearing the signatures of V. Dower, C. Griffiths & L. Dower, who laid the foundation in June 1929.

**Burra Tennis Club** at its AGM elected: President, Barry Eberhard; Vice-Presidents, Russell Nicholls & Bob Taylor; Secretary, Del Reed; Assistant Secretary, Maria Reed; Treasurer, Di Day and Assistant Treasurer, Brenda Villis.

**36, 5 (2), 8 Sep. 1977, page 1**

**The Emergency Fire Service** will be known as the Country Fire Service from 1 July 1977.

**36, 5 (2), 8 Sep. 1977, page 2**

**Obituary.** Mrs Fred Allen

[Born Edna Priscilla Pearl Butler 1905: died 30 June 1977; wife of Frederick Arthur Allen 1904-78.]

**Obituary.** Mrs Bill Young

[Born Amy Morrison 20 November 1897 Kooringa: died 1 September 1977. Wife of W.E.D. Young 1898-1980.]

**Obituary.** Douglas Allen aged 52 died last week. He was formerly of Burra.

[Born Douglas Harold Allen 7 April 1925 Aberdeen SA.]

**36, 5 (2), 8 Sep. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 10 September

Gregory Peck & Desi Arnaz Jnr in *Billy Two Hats*

James Coburn in *Harry in Your Pocket*

**36, 5 (2), 8 Sep. 1977, page 10**

**Advt.** Burra Miners’ Cabaret (Roche Bros Social Club) Burra Town Hall 5 November.

**Advt.** Burra Golf Clubwill screen*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*at Burra Town Hall Saturday 1 October.

**36, 5 (2), 8 Sep. 1977, page 12**

**The Art Gallery of SA Travelling Art Exhibition** *Echoes of an Age* will be at the Burra Town Hall 19 & 20 September.

**36, 7, 15 Sep. 1977, MISSING**

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 1**

**Mid North Home care Service** is extending its services into Burra and District. Mrs Jan Tiver is the Burra organiser.

**Department of Public Health,** Health Education Unit

Mrs Jo Webber & Miss Sue Atkins will hold a discussion session at Burra School on drugs on 28 September.

**Burra Burra DC**

New rules have been adopted for Town Hall Hire. Bookings will only be confirmed on payment of the hire charges and a refundable bond against damage will be required.

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 3**

**The But-a-Brick Campaign** for the School Hall has now reached 42,790.41 on its way to $10,000.

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 24 September

Clint Eastwood, Vonetta McGee & Jack Cassidy in *The Eiger Sanction*

Jeff Bridges in *Bad Company*

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 5**

**‘Gum Lee’** Hallett has been sold by Mrs W.C. Warner. The 247 ha property was sold on 16 September for $126,000 or $208 per acre. The new owners are Mr & Mrs S.R. Tiller of Balaklava.

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 6**

**Football.** North-Eastern League Grand Finals

‘A’ Grade Mintaro-Manoora 14.17 defeated Burra 13.16

‘B’ Grade South Clare 12.9 defeated Burra 6.9

Senior Colts Mintaro-Manoora 7.7 defeated Burra 5.13

Junior Colts Booborowie-Hallett 6.6 defeated Blyth 6.0.

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 13**

**Advt.** ‘Rosies’ Burra Opening Day 22 September

Handcrafts, Toys, Children’s Clothes.

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 15**

**Obituary.** Mr Clive Neill died aged 59.

[Birth registered as both Clyve Windsor Neill and Clyve Wyndsor Neill 21 October 1917 Farrell’s Flat: died 17 September 1977.]

**36, 8, 22 Sep. 1977, page 16**

**Obituary.** Mrs Betty Jean Brandt, wife of Mr Fred Brandt, died at the Burra Hospital on 19 September aged 52. She was the mother of Robert, Gayle, Kerry and Julie.

[Born Betty Jean Wohling 27 January 1925 Kooringa.]

**36, 9, 29 Sep. 1977, page 2**

**Burra Hospital.** Chairman of the Board Mr R.K. Pearse delivered the 100th Annual Report and pointed out that in the past two years a nett surplus of $17,595 had been achieved. This was largely due to the fact that most people were privately insured. Wages accounted for 78% of costs. Daily average patient rate was a record 30.72 and 25 babies were born in the year. The Board was very appreciative of the work of Matron Phillips and her staff. The work of the Hospital Auxiliary was also appreciated.

**36, 9, 29 Sep. 1977, page 4**

**BCS.** A Religious Seminar was held on 21 September. Attendance was voluntary, but a large majority attended.

**36, 9, 29 Sep. 1977, page 5**

**The Burra-Adelaide Cycling Classic** has been run, but with no prior notification and the winner is unknown at this time.

**Obituary.** Mr Glen Finch, a past Chairman of the Burra Burra district Council, died last week aged 81. He was also a staunch supporter of the Burra show Society.

[Glen Roy Finch born 22 March 1896, Burra: died 22 September 1977.]

**36, 9, 29 Sep. 1977, page 10**

**Football.** Two photos of the football grand final in which Burra lost to Mintaro-Manoora at Clare are printed.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 1**

**Photo:** Graeme Spafford (Chairman of Burra & District Tourist Promotion Committee) & Mrs Jenny O’Connor, in Victorian Costume at the Market Square Rotunda in readiness for the Copper Festival.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 2**

**Burra Copper Festival Preparation**

Friday: 8 p.m. Film Show in the Burra Town Hall

Saturday: Burra Show to be opened by Neil Humphrys

Licensed Ball at Burra Town Hall

Unlicensed Teenage Dance at RSL Hall

Sunday: Church Services

Mine Tours

Procession from Burra Hospital to the Oval from 11.30 a.m.

Barbecue Lunch at the School

Back-to-School

Music & Highland Dancing in Market Square and judging of the Beard Competition

Brewery Cellars wine and cheese tasting

RSL Hall Colonial Style Family Dance

National Trust Passports to Historical Sites available throughout the weekend.

Photos of officials:

* Ron Shipard, President of the Burra Show Society
* Mrs Jean Jamieson, Secretary of the Burra Show Society
* Mr Roy Jeffery, only living Life Member of the Burra Show Society
* Miss Mary Woollacott, Secretary of the Copper Festival Committee

Present and Past Presidents of the Burra Show Society

* 1877-85 Hon. W.B. Rounsevell
* Show in recess 1886-93
* 1894-? P.L. Killicoat
* P.L. Killicoat & T. Sandland were co-Presidents until the former’s death in 1911 [Probably from 1909.]
* 1912-14 T. Sandland
* 1914-44 I.J. Warnes
* 1945-48 A.B. Riggs
* 1949 G.M .Finch
* 1950-53 W.H. Lloyd
* 1954-56 Rex C. Warnes
* 1957-58 Brian A. Riggs
* 1959-64 Rex C. Warnes
* 1965-67 M.G. Stockman
* 1968-69 Rex Stockman
* 1970-72 R.E. Mason
* 1973-74 G.M. Kellock
* 1975- R.J. Shipard

**BCS.** The building program is ahead of schedule with the second building completed this week. This is the Arts & Crafts Block. It is anticipated the administration building will be ready in early November, a month ahead of schedule. The gymnasium block should be ready in early December, about four months ahead of schedule and the whole complex should be ready by February 1978.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 3**

**Burra Show Society** held a Centenary Dinner at the Burra Hotel on Monday night for about 80 people. Mr Roy Jeffery launched a centenary booklet, which is now for sale. R.D. McCallum, President of the Northern Show Societies Association, offered congratulations and best wishes for the 100th show.

[See the explanatory note for the issue of 34, 2, 23 Mar. 1977, page 1, detailing why this was not the 100th show.]

The Centenary Booklet was compiled by Mr D.H. Field, Mr Ron Shipard and Mr Peter Stockman.

[It is an overview rather than a complete history and much of the early history was taken from the souvenir publication released at the time of the Back-to-Burra celebrations in 1925. The newspaper article also refers to I.J. Warnes as the first President, even though it includes a list alongside it that shows this to be false.]

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 4**

**Burra Copper Festival** celebrates three centenaries: the Burra School, the Hospital and the Burra Show Society.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 5**

**Burra Copper Festival.**

The detailed program is printed. The film to be shown on Friday night was *Return of the Pink Panther.*

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 6**

**Burra Bowls** season will be opened on 23 October by Mr Ray Jennison, Chairman of the Burra Burra DC.

In the past year the club has felt severely the losses caused by the deaths of its Patron Dudley Jacka, the Senior Vice-President, Bill Brown and the Treasurer, Clive Neill.

Obituary for Bill Brown

Bill was the founder and manager of ‘The Grove’ Merino Stud. His administrative skill had been fully used as President of the Merino Stud Breeders’ Association and as Chairman of the Burra Burra DC. As the Bowling Club’s next President we had every reason to believe his enthusiasm would be channelled for the benefit of the Club and bowls generally. He skippered a 1st Division team and last year, with John Calnan, won the Club’s Championship Pairs.

Obituary for Dudley Jacka

He was the manager of D.T. Jacka & Co. (Master Builders) and left many monuments to remember him by, including the Burra Bowls Clubhouse. He was a member for 26 years and did much to benefit the club. ‘Dud’ supervised many working bees, drew up the tournament sheets and captained a 1st Division team.

Obituary for Clive Neill

Clive had managed the Club bar for the last three years and his care ensured the club’s sound financial position. He had accepted nomination for Treasurer this year, a position he would have fulfilled to perfection. He was recognised as one of Burra’s best 1st Division bowlers.

All three deaths of relatively young men were sudden and unexpected and their passing resulted in the following elections: H. Griffen, Committeeman; B. Stockman, Senior Vice-President; I. Allen, Junior Vice-President and D. Field, Treasurer and Selector.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, pages 6 & 7**

**There is a two-page spread on Terowie Centenary Celebrations**

[With a detailed program of events.]

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 15**

**Drs Storen & McInerney** are the visiting dentists who practice in Burra on Mondays and Wednesday s.

**Fr Kevin Matthews** will spend Christmas in Israel, departing on 14 December as tour chaplain on a 25 day visit by air.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 17**

**Round Baler.** An article suggests a new round baler by the German based Welger Co. could mean the end of the square bale.

**36, 10, 6 Oct. 1977, page 20**

**Burra School Centenary Book.** Postal Order $3.60. Also on sale at the centenary celebrations.

**37, 1, 13 Oct. 1977, page 1**

**Burra Show.** Photo of Miss Burra Centenary Show Girl Susan Holly at the Market Square Pump.

**37, 1, 13 Oct. 1977, page 3**

**Tennis.** Burra Tennis Club will this season field six ‘A’ Grade teams.

**37, 1, 13 Oct. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 15 October

*The Shortest Man in the World*

*Donald Duck Goes West*

**37, 1, 13 Oct. 1977, page 6**

**Burra Copper Festival**

The best float in the procession was judged to be the National Trust’s flat top trolley drawn by six Clydesdales. Best adult costume was won by Mrs Gordon Wooton and Mrs Colin Brereton (equal).

Best children’s costumes were worn by Adrian Nourse, Rebecca O’Connor, Stacey Walkley and David Walkley.

8 photographs are printed:

1. Burra School Float (A Victorian period classroom)
2. Best Children’s Costumes (As listed above)
3. Burra National Trust Float
4. Burra Cubs & Scouts Float
5. Fire Brigade
6. Collection of Vintage Cars
7. Burra Junior National Trust Float (Wagon hauled by an old tractor)
8. Burra Show Float with sheep, Miss show Girl and Mr Ron Shipard

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 1**

**The Music Lovers’ Society of Burra** will present the Crafers Boys Choir at St Mary’s on 30 October at 8 p.m. They will present Britten’s *Golden Vanity* and *Ceremony of Carols* and also Daniel Jazz. Mr Ashleigh Tobin will conduct the choir and contribute *Five Figures on the Magnificat* and a Bach *Prelude and Fugue.*

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 2**

**Mr G. Spafford** of the National Bank in Burra has been transferred to Moonta.

**Birth.** To Susan & Michael Scholz at Glenelg Community Hospital on 14 October, a son, Scott Anthony.

**Birth.** To Suzie & Peter Cousins at Clare Hospital recently, a son.

**Judy & John Chiappin** have taken over the Royal Exchange Hotel.

**Carol & Mick King** have taken over the Kooringa Hotel.

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 22 October

Burt Reynolds in *Gator*

Elliott Gould & Robert Blake in *Busting*

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 5**

**Burra School Centenary**

A large crowd attended for the occasion. Mr Ian Allen extended a welcome and read a telegram from Ian Auhl, who was unable to attend and who was to have unveiled the plaque. The Chairman of the School Council Mr Ron Thamm took his place. The first students moved into the school in February 1878 and on completion of the renovations Primary School students should occupy the building in February 1978.

[A list of at least some of the visitors who signed the book for the occasion is printed. Personal interest: among them were Frank McMahon, Dick Kearns, Edna Fuss nee Allen, Joan Fairchild, Clem Sampson, Rosemary Nairn nee Reed, Mavis Satchell nee Fairchild, Dorothy White nee Woollacott, Norman Allen and Bob Allen.]

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, pages 6 & 7**

**Burra Copper Festival Photos:**

1. Beard Competition entrants: Gasket (Garry) Irlam (Winner), Matt Reilly, Graeme Spafford, Geoff Searle and Ian Ellen
2. Ron Thamm unveiling the plaque at the school
3. Crowd photo at the school
4. Former students: Clara Fuller, Colin Fuller, Tom Perry, Betty Walker, Norm Finch and Clem Sampson.

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 7**

**Burra Show**

The gate takings were a record $2,100 and the show was extremely successful, as was the licensed ball at the Town Hall in the evening, which had door takings of $2,700, of which the Show Society gets the first $300 profit. Mr Shipard welcomed visitors and recommended the booklet on the show’s 100 years (at $1 each), which had been launched by Mr Roy Jeffery at Monday night’s Centenary Dinner.

Special features this year were a Grand Parade and sheep dog demonstration. Three new life members: Mr Rex Warnes, Mr Brian Riggs and Mr Murray Stockman were congratulated. Rex had served as President for two terms totalling nine years and Murray for three years. Mr Neil Humphrys of Radio 5AD then opened the show. He was a grandson of Mr Ray Humphrys [sic: for Roy] whose work for the Burra Show meant a lot to him over many years. Miss Susan Holly of Adelaide was judged Miss Show Girl. Jane Kellock won the junior section and Leanne Dunstan the sub-junior. The Grand Parade was led by the Austin Car Club followed by tractors, implements, vehicles and horses. The open shearing contest was won by Steve Pittaway and Donald Griffen won the Novice Section.

[Results are printed in an abbreviated and not very informative format – each section has a list of prize winners without any indication of what for.]

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 12**

**Obituary.** Mrs Lola Jennison’s sister died during the week.

**37, 2, 20 Oct. 1977, page 15**

**Burra Pistol Club.** The Champion Shoot on 12 October was won by L. Whitrod and the Women’s Trophy went to M. Broad.

**37, 3, 27 Oct. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 29 October

Cliff Robertson & Genevieve Bujold in *Obsession*

Jan-Michael Vincent & Marilyn Hassett in *Shadow of the Hawk*

**37, 3, 27 Oct. 1977, page 6**

**Hallett Centenary Celebrations** are reported in c. 1¼ columns.

**37, 3, 27 Oct. 1977, page 8**

**Burra Rural Youth** has donated the profit from the licensed ball on the Copper Festival weekend to the Burra & District Tourist Promotion Committee.

Photo of President J. Brak handing over the cheque for $1,600 to the Chairman of the Committee Mr G. Spafford.

**37, 3, 27 Oct. 1977, page 9**

**Election Results for the House of Assembly Seat of Eyre**

The successful candidate was Mr Gunn (Liberal). Results by town are printed.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Town | Gunn (Liberal) | Piltz | Sachsse (ALP) |
| Burra | 297 | 12 | 230 |
| Burra North | 110 | 2 | 122 |

**37, 3, 27 Oct. 1977, page 10**

**Burra Myth.** A competition was held by the Burra & District Tourist Promotion Committee to unearth a Burra Myth. The winner was Tony Button a Year 9 student with quite a long poem, which is printed – explaining the hole in the ground at Burra.

**37, 3, 27 Oct. 1977, page 16**

**BCS.** The Buy-a-Brick Campaign has reached $3,167.36.

**Vandalism** is a concern in the area of the Burra creek. The nests of water birds have been destroyed and birds have been killed.

**37, 4, 3 Nov. 1977, page 3**

**Hallett Annual Flower & Indoor Show** is reported in a little over 1 column.

[Main prize winners are listed.]

**37, 4, 3 Nov. 1977, page 4**

**Weather.** After a very dry season, which had threatened near total crop failure in some areas, it has at last rained. Over Monday and Tuesday Burra received 4.6 and then 8.8 mm (53 points). Booborowie farmers say this may be enough for a 50% yield instead of failure. Lucerne is responding well, though it was too late in the season to help grasslands much.

**Mrs A.B .Riggs,** who came to last month’s Burra Show, will be 94 on 6 November.

**Mrs Flo Kellock** celebrated her 90th birthday at Aberdeen Club Rooms on Sunday.

**Burra RSL** is replacing its annual dinner with a mixed social evening this year.

**The Miners’ Cabaret** profits this year will benefit Wayne Grundy, who was permanently disabled in an accident while working at the mine.

**Obituary.** Bert Scholz died on Monday aged 70.

[Bertram Oswald Scholz born 14 June 1907 Hundred of Hanson: died 31 October 1977.]

**37, 4, 3 Nov. 1977, page 6**

**Burra Swimming Pool** opened last Tuesday for a season until next Easter.

**37, 4, 3 Nov. 1977, page 7**

**Burra Burra DC** held a successful auction of property on Friday because of unpaid rates. The Market Square Café with an upstairs residence of 8 rooms fully carpeted was sold to Mr & Mrs A. Couzner of Salisbury for $16,000. Satisfactory prices were also received for blocks in Burra North, Mt Bryan, Farrell Flat and Douglas.

**37, 4, 3 Nov. 1977, page 8**

**Advt.** Open Day at Hillstone Pottery on 4 November. Throwing demonstrations by Geoff Stirling.

10 Grainger Street. [Note the address: it had previously been incorrectly given as Stronach Street.]

**37, 5, 10 Nov. 1977, page 1**

**Australian National Hang Gliding Championships** will be held at Burra next year and are expected to attract an influx of visitors over ten days in March.

**37, 5, 10 Nov. 1977, page 6**

**Jeff Hirschausen** writes a long article concerning publicity for events happening in Burra. He condemns both local apathy and the local paper’s lack of publicity.

1. The recent Burra-Adelaide Cycle Race – ‘even our substitute paper mentioned it after the event was run.’ It created no interest in Burra.
2. Hang gliding championships were held last weekend – mentioned in the *Advertiser,* but local readers had no advice in the local paper. [And there is no report of it in this week’s paper.]
3. We boast about a Copper Festival and old building, but overlook what we have to offer sports enthusiasts.
4. We should also take part in the pleasures such visitors bring and so learn more about why people from outside the district are attracted.

[He ends with an appeal to Burra residents to look seriously at the town and ask if we are ‘just marking time with out historic heritage?’ Or ‘are we progressive?’

[The editor comments that advice about the cycle race arrived only the day before the event. Arrangements were made to get a description of the race, but the official never sent it.]

**37, 5, 10 Nov. 1977, page 10**

**Burra Darts Association.** Grand Final at Burra Hotel 1 November.

The Bon Accord Team won 6 games to 4. The team comprised 4 women and 2 men with 1 man in reserve.

[They are not named here, but in 37, 6, 17 Nov. 1977, page 6, they are listed as Ros Maher, Maxine van der Does, Beryl Burchell, Sandra Spackman, Bill Irlam and Geoff Maher with Tony Snook as the reserve.]

**37, 5, 10 Nov. 1977, page 11**

**Birth.** To Helen & Robert Radford of ‘Little Hills’ Mt Bryan at Burra Hospital last week, a son, Mathew John.

**Arthur Wright** of Elders-GM Burra has been awarded the Real Estate Institute of Australia Diploma and can now use the letters AREI after his name.

**37, 6, 17 Nov. 1977, page 2**

**Remembrance Day** was commemorated with a service at the War Memorial in Market Square conducted by Rev. A.H. Beames at 11 a.m. on Friday.

**Weather.** There has been a week or so of strong hot gusty winds and some heavy dust.

**Obituary.** John Phillips, son of Mr & Mrs Les Phillips of Burra has died aged 32.

**Obituary.** Mr Syd Robinson of Hanson died last week.

**37, 6, 17 Nov. 1977, page 6**

**Birth.** To Raelene & Murray Tohl at Clare Hospital recently, a daughter.

**The Miners’ Cabaret** attendance was a little disappointing and also disappointing was the behaviour of one or two of the younger patrons who damaged re-usable decorations at the end of the show.

**Obituary.** The mother of Peter and Max Lockett died recently at Burra Hospital aged 79.

[Born Marion Gladis Muriel Forrest 3 March 1898 Hundred of Mannanarie. Married as Marion Gladys Muriel Forrest.]

**Theft.** Bill Broad had 30 of his best bantams stolen last Thursday week.

**Theft.** Someone exchanged an older, smaller and more dilapidated hot water urn for the Burra Rural Youth’s new urn at the Show Hall over the long weekend.

**37, 6, 17 Nov. 1977, page 9**

**Advt.** Redruth Uniting Church Guild Strawberry Fete on 26 November at Burra North.

**37, 6, 17 Nov. 1977, page 12**

**BCS.** Matriculation exams will be conducted in the Catholic Parish Hall 14 November to 24 November.

**37, 7, 24 Nov. 1977, page 1**

**Unemployed Youth** in Burra will have access to courses to learn skills to improve their chances of getting employment. Contact Mrs Edith Carpenter, Mrs Maureen Healy or BCS.

**37, 7, 24 Nov. 1977, page 4**

**Mr Trevor Beneke** [Photo] has recently been appointed manager of the National Bank at Burra following the transfer of Mr Spafford to Moonta. Before his appointment Mr Beneke was Manager of International Operations Department in Adelaide. He is a keen tennis player, golfer and bush walker. He and his wife have two daughters; Michelle 3½ and Nicoll 1½.

**Burra Pre-School Centre** now operates full time under Miss Penny Riscbieth & Mrs Dianne Beinke.

**Burra & District Speedway Meeting** to be held in Roche Bros. Hall on 25 November will discuss objections brought to the notice of the Burra Burra DC and the future of the project under Interim Development Control.

**Obituary.** Mrs Murray Heinrich died on Sunday night. She was the mother of Sharon Heinrich of Marianne’s Salon.

**37, 7, 24 Nov. 1977, page 5**

**Garry Disher** of Booborowie, who has been studying for an MA degree at Monash University, has been awarded an Australian Council Literary Fellowship of $6,000. Earlier in the year he won the Henry Lawson Award for a short story. He leaves for Stanford University in California in 1978 to take up the Creative Writing Scholarship 1978-79.

**37, 7, 24 Nov. 1977, pages 10 & 11**

**Hallett Centenary Photographs.** [Nine fairly poor quality photographs are printed.]

**37, 7, 24 Nov. 1977, page 13**

**National Trust SA** Burra Branch calls tenders for approximately 270 square yards of underpinning, repointing and repair work at Redruth Gaol and also recapping in brick and complete repointing of a 30 ft round Cornish Chimney.

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 1**

**The Festival of Carols** will be held in Burra Town Hall on 11 December.

**Burra, Eudunda, Robertstown Pest Plants Control Board** is concerned about skeleton weed and advises it is a notifiable pest plant in the Board’s area.

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 3**

**BCS.** Mr Harold Allison, the Shadow Minister of Education, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Speech Day on 16 December.

**A Darts Committee** was elected on 21 November to organise the conducting of games in Burra. President, C. Hobba; Vice-President, B .Irlam; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs B. Burchell and Assistant Secretary, Mr B. Burchell.

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 3 December

Walter Matthau & Robert Shaw in *The Taking of Pelham 1.2.3*

Fay Dunaway & Stacy Keach in *Doc*

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 6**

**Burra Primary School Sports Day** was held on the town oval on 18 November.

Two photos show:

1. Mark Chiappin, Jonathon Kaehne, Simon Clode, David Durling, Phillip Napper, Andrea Stockman, Elizabeth Robinson and Elizabeth Thamm.
2. Jessie Green, Cherie Arrowsmith, Nicole Grierson, Nicole Hobbs, Sally Kellock and Robyn van der Does.

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 7**

**Weather.** Rain has been good and soaking, causing some damage in the grain area, but has replenished water supplies in the eastern country. Koomooloo reports 150 points, Canegrass 250, Balah 75, Braemar 170, Woolgangi 162, Baldina 130 and Burra 23 mm.

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 12**

**M&BHA Burra Branch** held a fashion parade in the new BCS Home Economics Centre last month. It featured children’s clothes and adult nightwear. Pictured as the junior models: Amanda Thomas, Jamie Bevan, Bridgette Sullivan, Richard Nicholls, Jessica Sullivan, Penny Willsdon, Sarah Lockhead, Sarah Ashby, Amy Sullivan, Angus Stockman and Libby Thomas.

**37, 8, 1 Dec. 1977, page 13**

**Obituary.** A Notice to Creditors reveals the death of Hazel Lancelot Phillips on 23 November 1975.

[Born 28 January 1913 World’s End.]

[Check this date because of the Burra Record 97, 14, 29 Apr. 1975, page 7

Obituary. Lance Phillips of ‘Studholme’ east of Burra died at Burra Hospital on Thursday aged 62. He is survived by a widow, step-son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.]

**37, 9, 8 Dec. 1977, MISSING**

**37, 10, 15 Dec. 1977, page 1**

**Federal Election in the Seat of Grey**

Figures on Wednesday:

J.P. Henderson NCP [None printed]

R.H. Moulds AD 3,897

J.W.G. Oswald Lib 25,621

L.H. Wallis ALP 30,637

Informal 1,995

Total counted 67,328

After the distribution of preferences Mr Oswald was in the lead.

[The figures above suggest the J.P. Henderson would have 5,178 votes.]

[Typically the paper did not follow up this story in the next issue, but in the *Flinders News* Vol. 52, 4, 20 December 1977, which seems to have been enclosed with the *Review Times Record,* it is revealed that the election had a sensational finish:

After the final distribution of preferences L.G. Wallis of Pt Augusta (ALP) was re-elected.

Wallis ALP 33,408

Oswald Lib 33,383

Mr Oswald called for a recount. Since there are later references in 1978 to Mr Wallis as the Member for Grey, this recount failed to change the result.]

**37, 10, 15 Dec. 1977, page 4**

**Advt.** Burra Pictures, 17 December

Robert Redford & Bo Svenson in *The Great Waldo Pepper*

Andy Griffith in *Angel in My Pocket*

**Burra Uniting Church.** The Christmas Cantata by John Peterson *Joy to the World* will be presented at the 11 o’clock service next Sunday.

Also at the service two commemorative bronze plaques will be presented by representatives of the former congregations at Hanson and World’s End.

**37, 10, 15 Dec. 1977, page 8**

**Marriage.** Burra Uniting Church last Saturday

Ann White, daughter of Mr & Mrs Don White married Dean Bogisch, son of Mr Jack Bogisch & the late Jean Bogisch.

**Steve & Mary Watchman** and daughters Robyn and Norelle are welcomed to Burra. Steve comes from Bennet & Fisher in Streaky Bay to Oates Ltd in Burra, a subsidiary of that company. He played cricket for Burra Footballers on Saturday. The couple reside at 13 East Street.

**‘Rosies’** has changed hands and will now be run by Yvonne & Lee Lockheed.

**Obituary.** Tom Perry’s mother died at Burra Hospital early in the week.

[Born Olive Ettie Strout Edwards 22 October 1888 Kilkerran.]

**38, 1, 22 Dec. 1977, page 2**

**Advt.** The Last Picture Show!

Saturday 24 December 1977

Robert Bettles & Jim Kingsbury in *Let the Balloon Go*

**Laurie Higgins** manager of the ANZ Bank in Burra and his family will leave about 13 January for Adelaide.

**Arthur Wright** of Elders-GM has been transferred to the Barossa Valley. His place will be taken by Bob Burns from Gladstone. Mr & Mrs Burns have two children.

**Tony Snook** of Southern Farmers will be leaving Burra shortly.

**Burra North Lutheran Church** will hold a Children’s Christmas Service on 23 December.

**Characteristics of the paper in 1977.**

The paper seems to have had local correspondents and to have reported sporting results if and when they were sent in.

Burra news is regular, but generally very brief.

The Council and Burra School affairs are covered regularly, but briefly.

The ‘Out and About’ column continued as in the *Burra Record*, but usually in a shortened format.

Major events like the Copper Festival received adequate photographic coverage, but scant description.

Although I have not noted sports results, they seemed to me to be far less complete than in the *Burra Record.*

The quality of the photographs is poor.

The paper usually had 12 pages, but was sometimes large.

There was no improvement in spelling, especially of people’s names.

My impression may be biased, but it seems to me there was better coverage for the Peterborough, Jamestown and Orroroo areas. Whether this was due to a lack of reporting from Burra or from editorial decisions later in the process, I cannot say.

**38, 2, 19 Jan. 1978, MISSING**

**38, 3, 26 Jan. 1978, MISSING**

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 1**

**Mr Wallis**, the Member for Grey, has been invited to the next meeting of the Burra Burra DC on 13 February. The Council is seeking help in strengthening the east-west traffic flow between Pt Pirie and the Murray Valley and specifically in the sealing of the Spalding-Burra Road and ultimately the Morgan-Burra Road.

**Caltowie.** The centenary of the opening of the railway to Caltowie passed unnoticed on 19 January. It was very different on 19 January 1878 when the Governor, Sir F.W. Jervois came and feasted of fowl, duck, ham, suckling pig and jam tarts served with buckets of cream.

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 2**

**Burra Uniting Church** has called a special meeting to consider the construction of a new manse. Maintenance of the existing 70-year-old manse was becoming uneconomic. A special meeting on 20 February will have to approve the purchase of a site selected and the construction of a new manse. The induction of the new minister is planned for 12 February and the Annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for 26 February. The new minister is Brian Polkinghorne, who has spent the past seven years in Tanzania [though the paper says Tanziner] working for the World Council of Churches. He is married with three children and succeeds Rev. A.A. Beames, who retired on 31 December due to ill health.

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 3**

**John Secomb,** Manager of Oates Ltd at Burra is to escort another of the popular rural tours to New Zealand, arranged by Kingfisher Travel (an associated company). [There is an advertisement as well, giving details.]

**38, 5, 9 Feb. 1978, MISSING**

**38, 6, 16 Feb. 1978, page 1**

**Mr Wallis MHR** visited Burra and met with the Burra Burra DC and discussed the sealing of the Burra-Morgan Road. He also visited Samin Ltd workings at the Burra Mine and the Burra Community School. He finally met members of the Burra RSL.

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 4**

**BCS** is able to offer Economics in Years 11 & 12 this year and Australian History and Government in Year 10.

**Mr & Mrs Gordon Maxted** (nee Wardle) celebrated their Golden Wedding last week.

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 6**

**The Baynes Family** meeting at Willamulka last Sunday decided to hold a Family Reunion at Burra in 12 months to coincide with the release of a Baynes Family History being written by Roslyn Paterson of Bute. Isaac & Emma Baynes and eight children left Cambridgeshire in 1855 and migrated first to Salisbury in SA. Baynes children settled at Booborowie, Green Plains, Black Springs, Caltowie, Leighton and Baldina. Sunday’s meeting was attended by local descendants including Mr & Mrs Norrell Baynes of Burra and Mr & Mrs Ralph Dewhirst of Booborowie.

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 8**

**BCS.** The first Community School Week for this year will be 21-23 March. Two courses expected to be of interest will be Flexible-Space Learning and Teaching and Advanced Horse Riding.

**38, 4, 2 Feb. 1978, page 12**

**Birth.** To Bobby & Anne Williams nee Short at Clare Hospital 13 February, a daughter, Brooke Anne.

**38, 5, 9 Feb. 1978, MISSING**

**38, 6, 16 Feb. 1978, MISSING**

**38, 7, 23 Feb. 1978, page 2**

**BCS** Buy-a-Brick Campaign has reached $3,979.36.

**Det. Sgt Silverblade,** Officer in charge of the Drug Squad, will be in Burra with another officer on 16 March to lecture on drugs at the Burra Town Hall. A session for students and teenagers will be held at 3.30 to 5 p.m. and for adults at 8 p.m.

**Theft.** Several business premises and the Bowling Club were broken into on Sunday night. A new Cortina was taken from Jennison’s Tyre Service and recovered on Monday from Florieton, where it had run out of petrol. It had a damaged front section.

**Birth.** To Joan & Richard Riggs on Saturday, a daughter, Rebecca Joy.

**Obituary.** Perc. Mosey of Robertstown died at the RAH on 19 February aged 60.

[Percival Steward Mosey born 30 January 1918 Emu Downs]

**Burra Institute Library.** Mr R.J. Steele delivered the final annual report. Membership had remained constant. The Institute Library will close and a Public Library at the BCS will be available to all. This will be able to offer a wide range of reading material.

**38, 7, 23 Feb. 1978, page 6**

**BCS Parents & Friends’ Association** held a meeting on 14 February which was well attended with over 100 present. Principal C. McCabe gave a comprehensive report on the school activities for 1977 and the various school bodies reported on their activities. [None of these reports is printed.]

Elected: President, Mrs B. Stockman; Vice-President, Mrs R. Quinn; Secretary, Mrs R. Nicholls and Treasurer, Mrs G. Armstrong. The School Council elected Mr Ron Thamm as Chairman and Mr Ian Allen as Deputy Chairman. Secretary is Mr R. Schwarz and Mr Ron Shipard is Treasurer.

Extracts of Mr McCabe’s report next week.

**38, 7, 23 Feb. 1978, page 7**

**Burra & District Open Junior Tennis Tournament** last Sunday. Winners:

Boys U12 Singles N. Masterman

U14 Singles M. Wilson

U16 Singles R. Probert

U14 Doubles Simon Bannister & B. Sayer

U16 Doubles G. Wheeler & P. Martin

Girls U12 Singles A. Stockman

U14 Singles C. Baulderstone

U16 Singles R. Hall

U14 Doubles T. Carling & D. Pratt

U16 Doubles J. Lloyd & R. Hall

71 players took part.

**38, 7, 23 Feb. 1978, page 8**

**BCS.** New enrolments are photographed and named.

**38, 8, 2 Mar. 1978, page 1**

**Burra-Morgan Road.** The Minister of Transport Mr Virgo has said the Government has no plans to seal the Burra-Morgan road for at least five years.

**Ballet Classes** have re-commenced at Burra. At present they are in Roche Bros. Hall, but from 23 March they will use the new school gymnasium. Teachers are well qualified.

**38, 8, 2 Mar. 1978, page 2**

**Burra Community Library** is appealing for spare books to form the basis of an exchange system to operate from the opening day of the Burra Community School on 14 April.

**38, 8, 2 Mar. 1978, page 4**

**Burra Pistol Club.** The championship Shoot was held on 15 February. The Men’s winner was L. Whitrod and the Women’s winner was J. Ford.

**38, 8, 2 Mar. 1978, page 5**

**Profile on Martin Dunstan.**

**38, 8, 2 Mar. 1978, page 10**

**A Film Society** might be formed in Burra if there is sufficient interest shown at a meeting at BCS on 9 March. On that occasion two films will be shown: the Australian horror-comedy *Homesdale* and *David Lean-A Self Portrait.*

**Accident.** A semi-trailer driven by Garry Hirschausen was struck by a goods train at the Bon Accord crossing at about 8 a.m. last Thursday. The vehicle was a write-off, but after a short time in hospital Garry was released.

**Birth.** To Peter & Barbara Brown of Arubiddy Station, a daughter, Georgina Louise.

**Recent Theft.** A 17-year-old youth has been arrested in connection with the recent break-ins at Burra and the theft of a car the weekend before last.

**Mr & Mrs Claude Allen** will be thanked for many years of service at a picnic in the Community School grounds on 18 March at midday.

**38, 9, 9 Mar. 1978, page 1**

**Australian Hang Gliding Championships** will be staged in Burra from 18-27 March and all preparations are in hand.

**38, 9, 9 Mar. 1978, page 2**

**Bob Villis** and family moved on Friday to take up employment on Nonning Station via Pt Augusta.

**BCS.** Parents & Friends’ Association Annual Report by President Celine Stockman.

Ten general meetings and two executive meetings in the year enjoyed good support. A major money raising effort for the year saw five large functions the Association catered for. At the year’s end we have c. $660 in the bank after buying video equipment and tapes and new sports uniforms for senior students. Thank go to the mothers who have helped in the canteen and with the reading program.

**38, 9, 9 Mar. 1978, page 5**

**BCS.** The official opening of the new school will be on 14 April by Dr Hopgood, the Minister of Education.

The Senior Swimming Carnival for Years 8-12 was held on 28 February. Draysey House won the House Competition. [Results are printed.]

**38, 9, 9 Mar. 1978, page 12**

**Obituary.** Norman Henry Lihou died at the Burra Hospital 5 March aged 65. He was the husband of the late Irene Mary and father of Pauline, Ann & Terry. [Born 4 March 1913 Paxton Square Kooringa.]

**38, 10, 16 Mar. 1978, page 7**

**BCS Gymnasium.** A call is made to support the campaign for funds, which enabled the extension of the hall to a full-sized gymnasium.

**38, 10, 16 Mar. 1978, page 11**

**Burra Uniting Church** will present the Cantata *Easter Song* by the Choir on Wednesday next 22 March at 8 p.m.

**38, 10, 16 Mar. 1978, page 12**

**Cricket.** Mokota Junior Cricket Grand Final

Booborowie 1 for 222 (D. Hill 134 n.o.) defeated Hallett 9 for 198.

**38, 10, 16 Mar. 1978, page 13**

**Advt.** Des Woolley of Burra calls for a public protest and the formation of an action group to protest the steep rise in nominated values in the new Land Assessment notices.

**38, 10, 16 Mar. 1978, page 15**

**Advt.** Southern Farmers will conduct a clearing sale for J. &. M. Wall who have bought a hotel and left the district. Sale at West St Burra North 1 April. Bricklayers’ and stone masons’ tools and equipment, furniture and sundries.

**39, 1, 23 Mar. 1978, page 1**

**Burra Burra DC** replies to Mr Woolley’s advertisement in the last issue. The Council can reply as a property owner and had received 46 notices on its own property. Values had risen strongly and the Council was facing a change in water rating levels. The Council felt the assessment to be equitable over the whole district. Council felt a mighty rise in rates was no on and the rating level would be held as close to present levels as possible. ‘The Council is in the position of being shot at by members of the community too lazy to research their facts before sounding off.’

The Council’s new assessment will not be adopted till after 30 June 1978 and will include any adjustments made as the result of landowners’ objections.

**39, 1, 23 Mar. 1978, page 2**

**Burra Golf Club** opening day will be 9 April. Officers for this year are: President, A.M. Gebhardt; Secretary, P. Mengersen and Captain, R. Hillman.

**39, 1, 23 Mar. 1978, page 3**

**Obituary.** The sudden death of Mr Roy Jeffery commonly referred to by many as ‘The Master’ came as a shock. He was the Headmaster of Burra High School 1954-58 and he and his wife Gwen soon became part of Burra. Apart from the school, his greatest occupation during his term as Headmaster was the provision of a swimming pool. At a meeting in March 1956 he moved the motion that called for a public pool to be built and managed by a community committee. When it was passed he later became the secretary of the new committee. In August 1956 excavation work started, but the River Murray floods at Renmark saw earth moving plant rushed there from Burra. Mr Jeffery was involved in the money raising efforts for the pool – football matches, concerts, and amateur hours. At the AGM in 1957 it was revealed that over £1,000 was available. On 7 July that year the floor of the pool was completed and an application made for another grant of £1,500. The pool walls were completed in November and the pool was fenced in January 1958.

The High School was reclassified in August 1958 and it seemed Mr Jeffery would be transferred. Representations through the local MP, Mr Quirke, persuaded the Minister to leave him in place rill the end of the year.

Work at the pool went on, with a wading pool and surrounds to be completed and dressing sheds. A further grant of £750 was received. By 25 November 1958 the foundations for dressing sheds were down and work began on the walls. A final push for funds ‘The Fiver Band’ raised £245 quickly and by 2 December reached £415 and it was hoped to open the pool before Christmas. By 9 December there was £525 in the kitty and on 16 December £580. At that stage Mr & Mrs Jeffery were being farewelled prior to their transfer to Clare, by numerous sporting and other bodies with which they had been associated. A capacity crowd at speech night extolled the efforts of Mr Jeffery at the school in his five years there. Mayor E.T. Baulderstone extended that praise to his efforts in the wider community and in particular to the swimming pool project. The pool proved very popular in the summer of 1958-59, with takings averaging £20 per week. It was also used for the Learn to Swim Campaign and many hundreds of young people have since learned to swim in the pool. Despite being in use, it was decided to defer the official opening till the next season, when the buildings and surroundings would finally be completed. Mr & Mrs Jeffery returned for the occasion when Mr G. Stanley Hawker performed the official act on 30 January 1960. Mr Jeffery moved the vote of thanks to Mr Hawker. He did not build the pool, but his enthusiasm was a major contributing factor towards the completion of the project free from debt and it can truly be said he left his mark in Burra.

[Contributed by Bob Angel.] [Roy Gordon Jeffery born 27 October 1910 Pt Pirie West.]

**39, 2, 30 Mar. 1978, page 1**

**Burra Telephone Exchange** will be converted to automatic in the 1980-81 financial year.

**39, 2, 30 Mar. 1978, page 2**

**Appila School Centenary.** There is quite a long article with two photos:

1. The school children in 1919
2. An aerial view of the school.

**39, 2, 30 Mar. 1978, page 6**

**Birth.** To Elaine & Robin Eberhard, a daughter.

**Marriage.** Burra Uniting Church Saturday 1 April

Jenny Keane will marry Paul Lewis.

**Obituary.** Myra Williams, wife of the late Wally Williams, at Clare Hospital over the weekend.

[The paper spells her name Mrya, but if this is an error for Myra rather than for Mary, she was probably the widow of Walter James Williams.]

**Sergeant & Mrs Haynes** have left Burra and the new officer is Sgt Rabbich. He and his wife are welcomed.

**Night Basketball.** Finals

Women’s Robertstown 47 defeated Rural Youth 21

Men’s Cement Heads 27 defeated Booborowie 26

**Burra Easter Bowls Tournament**

Men’s Pairs C. Hughes & I. Shackleford

Men’s Fours W.G. Miller, E. Nayda, G. Meyer & L. Phelps

Mixed Fours Peterborough Team of V. Prior, K. Reynolds, J. Reynolds & O. Prior.

**39, 2, 30 Mar. 1978, page 7**

**Redruth Uniting Church Guild.** Annual Report by Mrs Reta Jennison. The Guild had 30 members and an average attendance of 22. [The year’s activities are reported in ¾ column.]

**39, 2, 30 Mar. 1978, page 10**

**Marys Shoppe** is open at Burra North next to the Laundromat – Babies and Children’s Clothes.

**39, 2, 30 Mar. 1978, page 12**

**Burra Film Society.** Next showing is *Storm Boy* on 12 April.

**Burra Master Tennis Tournament**

Men’s Championship Singles Russell Nicholls

Men’s Championship Doubles Ashley & Russell Nicholls

Men’s Handicap Singles Simm Oswald

Men’s Handicap Doubles A. Barker & D. Dall

Women’s Championship Singles Patricia Jolly

Women’s Championship Doubles Rosemary Gibson & Patricia Jolly

Women’s Handicap Singles Margaret Cummins

Women’s Handicap Doubles Andrea & Jackie Murdoch

Mixed Championship Doubles Di Day & Russell Nicholls

Mixed Handicap Doubles Andrea & Chris Murdoch

Men’s Plate Paul Beinke

Women’s Plate Sally Cowham

Boys’ U17 Singles Gareth Wheeler

Boys’ U17 Doubles G. & G. Wheeler

Boys’ U14 Singles N. Moosey [sic: Mosey?]

Girls’ U17 Singles R. Hall

Girls’ U17 Doubles Judy Higgins & Ann Marie Stockman

Girls’ U14 Singles Rebecca Murdoch

**39, 3, 6 Apr. 1978, page 1**

**BCS** will be opened on 14 April by the Minister of Education. An open day will precede the ceremony and visitors will be able to see the school in action and displays on the theme ‘Directions in Education’. As part of the ceremony Mr Ray Jennison, Chairman of the District Council, will hand over the $20,000 community contribution to the multi-purpose hall. The day will culminate in a Grand Opening Ball at which the Buy-a-Brick campaign will also come to an end. The ‘Stone Mountain Band’ led by Big Jim Hermel will provide the music.

[Check the value of the cheque; it should be $10,000.]

**39, 3, 6 Apr. 1978, page 10**

**BCS** Swimming Carnival. Three photos are printed.

**Burra Playgroup** is conducted on Thursday mornings in the BCS Drama Room. Two photos:

1. Jerie Ryan & Josie Reed
2. Thomas Nettleton.

**39, 3, 6 Apr. 1978, page 11**

**BCS** Advanced Riding Course. Three photos.

**D.T. Wedding** of Booborowie responds to the Burra Burra DC on assessment values. He points out that with assessments increasing between 100 and 500% - if the Council considers that equitable – then the minimum statutory rate of 0.5c in the dollar will return much more than previously. So much for rates not rising significantly. There is some room for adjustment in the town rate, but not so with rural assessment. Not only will rural landowners be ‘shot at’ they will be ‘hit’ if the assessments are not adjusted to be more in line with actual values.

**39, 3, 6 Apr. 1978, page 12**

**Patrick Larsson** is the new clerk at Elders-GM in Burra, having taken over from Jenny Keane, who married Paul Lewis of Pt Pirie on Saturday.

**Obituary.** Mr H.V. Baenisch (Snooks) of Eudunda died on 31 March. He and his brother (Catt) were the proprietors of the weekly newspaper the *Eudunda Courier.* The publication of this has now ceased after 52 years.

[This would appear to be Victor Harold Baehnisch born 14 December 1920, Eudunda.]

**Mokota Cricket Association** Cricketer of the Year is Trevor Thompson of North Booborowie.

**Birth.** To Margaret & Darrell Sims of Elders-GM Burra, at Clare Hospital on Tuesday, a son, Todd.

**Phil & Doug Stanley** have taken over the Burra Hotel from Wayne & Mandy Adams.

**39, 3, 6 Apr. 1978, page 15**

**Cricket.** Mokota Association Grand Final

Burra Footballers 132 v. North Booborowie 140.

**39, 4, 13 Apr. 1978, page 1**

**BCS.** Aerial photo of the new school complex, which is to be opened by the Minister of Education Dr Hopgood on 14 April.

**Burra Lions Club.** A move is to be made to form a Lions Club in Burra. Two members of Lions from other districts, but now living in Burra, Bob Burns and Mick King, have instigated the move. More than 20 persons have so far indicated interest and a meeting will now be held in the Burra RSL Clubrooms on 19 April to be attended by Mr Harold Gilbert, Lions Extension Chairman from Adelaide.

**Burra ALP Branch** will hold its AGM next week. Visits by Mr Wallis MHR for Grey, John Bannon MP for Ross Smith and Chris Schacht State Organiser for the party, have been arranged for Burra and Peterborough Districts for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to coincide with the meeting. The ALP Branch at Peterborough will also hold its AGM next week. Mr Bannon will be the guest speaker at dinners preceding both AGMs. In Burra the dinner will be at the Kooringa Hotel.

**39, 4, 13 Apr. 1978, page 8**

**Carrieton Centenary.** The paper prints the program & other arrangements for 14-16 April celebrations.

**39, 4, 13 Apr. 1978, page 10**

**BCS.** Community Week. Three photos.

**Weather.** Some heavy rain came from thunderstorms that have swept the district, but steady rain that would soak in would be more effective. Burra received 12.6 mm (49 points).

**Mr & Mrs R. Honan** of Hallett celebrated their Golden Wedding on 7 April. They were married at Hallett Methodist Church in 1928 by the late Rev. G. White.

**Darts.** The Mt Bryan team won the final by defeating Bon Accord Blue 7 to 3.

**Mrs Smith,** Mrs Lucy Carpenter’s mother, was 90 at the weekend.

**Mrs Drinkwater,** now living in the UK and aged 85 visited Burra recently and went to the Commercial Hotel where she was born. She came to Australia by boat with her two daughters, on a two month holiday. Her maiden name was Kennedy and her father was a school teacher in Burra for about three years. A school house was being built in Kangaroo Street, but it was not ready in time, so the family stayed at the Commercial Hotel. Her sister was seven and tempted sorely by the stairway banister of the first two storey building she had seen. She slid down the rail, but at the turn half-way down she fell and broke her shoulder. The doctor was called and confirmed the break, but said he must first attend to her mother, whom he took into Room 1 and delivered a baby girl – now Mrs Drinkwater – on 16 January 1893. She took the opportunity of a look at room No. 1.

**Burra Burra DC.** Councillors retiring on 1 July due to the effluxion of time.

Burra Town Ward R.J. Steele

Kooringa Ward B.M. Stockman

Farrell Flat Ward J.M. Burge

Leighton Ward J.W. McMahon

Mongolata Ward J.P. Oates

Nominations are called by 12 May with elections on 1 July if required.

**39, 4, 13 Apr. 1978, page 11**

**BCS** Sports Day was held recently. Riggs won the House Shield. [Record breakers are listed.]

Champions:

Under13 Girls Katherine Blight

Under 13 Boys James Robinson

Under 14 Girls Carrie Woodgate

Under 14 Boys Shaun Seigert

Under 15 Girls Helen Shattock

Under 15 Boys Philip Clode

Open Girls Roxanne Hall

Open Boys Gareth Wheeler

**39, 4, 13 Apr. 1978, page 13**

**Obituary.** A Notice to Creditors reveals the death of Herbert Cornelius, late of 20 Ayers St Burra, retired dairy farmer, who died at Burra 10 January 1978. [Born 28 December 1894 Adelaide.]

**39, 4, 13 Apr. 1978, page 15**

**Burra Community Entertainment Group**

Photo of play reading of *The Patient* by Agatha Christie.

**39, 5, 20 Apr. 1978, pages 1, 12 & 16**

**BCS** was opened by the Minister of Education Dr Don Hopgood last Friday.

[Photo of the crowd in the quadrangle.]

Mr Ian Allen on behalf of the School Council, Parents & Friends’ association, staff and students, welcomed the visitors and introduced the Principal Mr Chris McCabe. He said that as most people knew, the Minister of Education had accepted the offer of $20,000 from the community to extend the size of the gymnasium. He called on Mr Ray Jennison to hand over the Council’s contribution of $10,000. Mr Jennison said the very welcome decision of the Government to build the new school ended a 30 year battle featuring small periods of optimism and large periods of pessimism. He said the thought at first of a 20 acre site outside the town was horrifying. The new school surpassed their wildest dreams and as a Council they were proud of the Community Library. Burra was placed in the vanguard of new developments and concept and we thank all who had faith in Burra and worked to achieve this magnificent result. We thank the Government and the Public Buildings Department for giving the Burra Burra DC the earthworks contract, which enabled the Council to hold onto their workforce – it was in effect a grant of $130,000 to the Council. The decision to have a full-sized gymnasium when the opportunity was offered was an easy one. Mr Jennison then handed over the cheque, saying: ‘If the Hon. Minister accedes to all our requests for the next twelve months, we’ll probably sign it.’

Mr McCabe then introduced Mr Ron Thamm to hand over the School Council’s $10,000 cheque. Mr Thamm said it was fitting that Burra should start the second century of education with a facility of this magnitude and grandeur. He said this is to me a day of thanksgiving and a day to recall the many organisations and people who have played a role and have contributed to the project.

[He went on to mention Mr Birdsie, the architect, the present Government, Mr Claude Allen, Dr Hopgood, the Education Department, past and present District Councils, School Councils and committees and the Public Buildings Department.] He then handed over the $10,000 cheque.

Mr McCabe called on Dr Hopgood to officially open the school. Dr Hopgood drew attention to the vast number of people and organisations that have come together to make such a project possible and to make it a success. Apart from building a school for the children, the Education Department wanted the people of Burra and the surrounding district to share and be part of the new school. A key feature was the recreation facilities and another was the Community Library. The Department of Further Education had also made a valuable contribution. He hoped the co-operation evident to date would long continue. [He then went on to develop the idea of whole community involvement in education with wide ranging use of school facilities every day of the week and throughout the year.]

He was sure a problem solving and child centred approach was the way forward. He said budget constraints would prevent this type of facility from being put everywhere in SA, but future building programs would certainly aim to be as flexible as possible so they could accommodate where possible community purposes. He said community education required some definite guidelines:

1. An openness of attitude and ease of access for people of all ages.
2. The community needs to be actively engaged in the education process.
3. A loose relationship with other services is essential. Too often schools have been seen as the only resource for the community.
4. It must be realised that Community Education allows for extensive involvement and community participation in the school and for school participation in the community. Schools can make their resources available to the community and the community can reciprocate.

In some schools like Burra’s this sharing can become quite complex with special management groups and committees to co-ordinate participation. He ended by praising the Public Buildings Department, which had completed the project sixteen weeks ahead of schedule and saved on the budgeted cost. He declared the school open and granted a half-holiday.

Mr McCabe called on Mr Graham Gunn, Member for Eyre, to propose the vote of thanks. Dennis Thamm and Roxanne Hall, representing the students, presented a collection of Burra booklets to Dr Hopgood.

**39, 5, 20 Apr. 1978, page 2**

**Tennis.** Burra Association Grand Final

Spalding won the A.L. Collins Shield with 51.82% ahead of Burra 51.79%.

**39, 5, 20 Apr. 1978, page 6**

**BCS Ball** was held on Friday night. Organisers were a little disappointed with the attendance.

**Obituary.** Chester Tiver of Hallett.

**Obituary.** Rene Phillips of Burra.

**Obituary.** Mr T.L. [Les] Lloyd of Oakvale Station died in St Andrew’s Hospital in Adelaide on 3 April.

[This is referred to in a letter to the editor from Alf Rowe who takes the occasion as an opportunity to reminisce about walking sheep from Acacia Vale to Thackaringa and on to Oakvale and also walking sheep from Kalkeroo to Oakvale.] [Thomas Leslie Lord born 11 February 1901 Redruth.]

**Bowls.** Burra Bowling Club Season Awards

Championship Singles Brendan Hogan

Handicap Singles J. Calnan

Club Pairs J. Calnan & T. Lynch

Night Pairs M. Wardle & W. Nankivell

Night Singles M. Broderick

Night Mixed Pairs Ken & Mavis Short

Championship Lady Estelle Nicholls

**Marriage.** At Orroroo next Saturday

Andrew Thamm, son of Betty & Ron Thamm of Burra will marry Jill Ackland.

**39, 5, 20 Apr. 1978, pages 10 & 11**

**Carrieton Centenary** is reported in a 1½ page spread with 7 photographs.

**39, 6, 27 Apr. 1978, page 1**

**A Burra Conservation and Planning Study** has been initiated jointly by the Burra Burra DC, the National Trust and the SA Government. Following a grant from the Heritage Commission, a steering committee has engaged a firm of Planning and architectural Consultants to undertake the study over a three month period. Policies and practical guidelines will be developed to encourage tourism and commerce. Much of the early settlement, old mines and historic buildings are intact and set within a pleasant town character. It is important because so much of the original settlement and mines still exist. Consultants will prepare a planning scheme with policies, guidelines and proposals aimed at enhancing the history and character of the town to ensure future development is sympathetic to the existing character. The community will be involved by way of public displays later in the project, but persons wishing to be involved are invited to address comments on the project care of the Burra Burra DC.

**39, 6, 27 Apr. 1978, page 4**

**BCS.** Photo of the Head Prefects Roxanne Hall and Dennis Thamm who made the presentation to the Minister of education on the opening of the new BCS.

**39, 6, 27 Apr. 1978, page 8**

**Burra Branch of the SA Stockowners Association** held its AGM on 18 April and elected President, R. Ashby; Vice-Presidents, L. Gosse & A.S. Murray and Secretary, R.S. Burns. J.T. Drew was the retiring President.

**39, 6, 27 Apr. 1978, page 9**

**Burra Lions Club.** An open information night was held in the Burra RSL Clubrooms on 19 April and it was decided a Burra & Districts Lions Club should be formed. Eighteen men from Burra and District attended. [The committee is named.]

**Burra Lake** on the creek. A photo shows that ducks and other water birds have now become established in the centre of the town.

**Obituary.** Rev. Fr Martin F. Toal DD died in Melbourne on 22 April aged 77. He was the priest in charge of St Joseph’s Burra Parish for a number of years from 1938 and was brother to Rev. T.F. Toal of the Jamestown Parish.

**Obituary.** Arthur Gill aged 67 was travelling to Morgan for centenary celebrations there when his car ran off the road the other side of Eudunda on Saturday evening and he died as the result of the accident. He was brother-in-law to Mrs Sylvia Spackman and was well known in Burra, Morgan and Spalding.

[Arthur James Gill, but not on SA Births CD.]

**Morgan Centenary Celebrations** are reported in ¼ column.

**The Anzac Dawn Service** held at Burra on Tuesday was conducted by Rev. May. Damp weather forced the service to be held inside. About 40 ex-servicemen attended.

**39, 6, 27 Apr. 1978, page 12**

**Tennis.** Aberdeen Red Juniors team won the premiership on 15 April 7 sets to 5.

**39, 7, 4 May 1978, page 1**

**Burra’s Future Direction** will be discussed at a Public Meeting called for 9 May at 8 p.m. at BCS.

The Australian Heritage Commission has funded a conservation study of the Burra area and will give local residents an opportunity to present their opinions on how the unique character of Burra should be preserved and how the economic future of the town can be assured by further development of local businesses. A representative from the consultant group conducting the study, Mr Harry Dowling, Tourist Officer from Yorke Peninsula, will address the meeting.

**39, 7, 4 May 1978, page 6**

**Obituary.** Mrs E.B. Carpenter, the widow of the late Mr W. (Bill) Carpenter, died on 26 April.

[Born Eveline Bernice Jacobs 26 April 1892 Gawler. Married as Evelyn Bernice Jacobs.]

**Obituary.** Mr Harold Arthur Allen, husband of the late Bertha D. Allen, died on 27 April aged 84.

[Harold Arthur Allen, known as ‘Legger’ born 8 January 1894 Redruth.]

**Obituary.** Mr Andrew Thomas (Tom) Hams died on 29 April aged 83.

[Born 7 October 1895 Yarcowie.]

**Mid North Inter-School Athletics Carnival** was held on 27 April. For the second year in succession BCS was successful. Burra 417, Riverton 354, Eudunda 177 and Kapunda 174. Burra athletes established 38 new records. [The records and associated names are printed.]

**39, 7, 4 May 1978, page 7**

**Burra Mine.** The Burra Mine has been sold. Adelaide & Wallaroo Fertilizers Ltd will buy the assets and business of Poseidon Ltd’s Burra Copper Operation, Samin Ltd. In 1973 Poseidon and Adelaide Wallaroo jointly formed Adelaide Copper to link the Burra mining resources with the fertiliser group’s manufacturing and marketing techniques. Adelaide Wallaroo now wholly owns this copper sulphate operation, which almost trebled sales in 1976-77 and is understood to be at least breaking [even] at present. The Burra sales will need approval by the SA Mines Minister of the transfer of the mining leases to Adelaide-Wallaroo. The present depressed state of the copper price and markets has had an effect on the Mine, but a recent statement by the Minister for Trade and Resources Mr Anthony indicated a promising future. He said Samin had said it expected to substantially increase sales to Australian markets [for copper oxide] in 1978. Negotiations are being conducted for increased sales to the US at more favourable prices.

**39, 7, 4 May 1978, page 14**

**Advt.** Elders-GM have instructions from D.G. & S.M. Radford to sell Canegrass Station comprising 520.6 square kilometres of pastoral lease 120 km east of Burra, at Burra RSL Hall 1 June. The lease has been in the Radford Family for 76 years. [Details are in an advertisement 2 columns wide by page depth.]

**Advt.** Elders-GM has instructions from the estate of P.V.M. Oates to auction the house at 1 Quarry St on 2 June 1978.

**Advt.** Elders-GM will auction ‘Cousin Jack’s building, Burra. Two storey building and residence on Pt Allotment 79 of Pt Section 1 on Wednesday 10 May on instructions from Mr K.A. & Mrs J.M. McDonnell.

Details are 2 columns wide by ½ page in depth.

**39, 7, 4 May 1978, page 15**

**Advt.** Elders-GM will auction ‘Cousin Jacks’ Burra, a substantial two storey building and residence [Market Square] on Wednesday 10 May on instructions from Mr K.A. & Mrs J.M. McDonnell who are relinquishing their business of antiques, art and bric-a brac. The two storey blue stone building has a ground floor of three main rooms, kitchen area, gallery room and coffee shop. Upstairs lounge living area and shower room.

**39, 8, 11 May 1978, page 1**

**‘Cousin Jack’s’** in Market Square Burra was sold to the Burra Burra DC for $17,500. This building would make an ideal home for a tourist office.

**Burra Burra DC**

Council intends to apply for a debenture loan of $20,000 to finance purchase of a new office accounting machine and also a loan of $45,000 for two new tip trucks. The existing trucks will be allocated to Mt Bryan and Burra DFS to modernise their plant.

Applications will soon be called for the position of District Clerk as Mr T.G. Perry is expected to retire at the end of 1980.

**The Public Meeting on Burra Heritage** attracted over 100 and several discussion groups were formed. Some suggestions emerging from them were:

* Tourism needs promotion
* The Morgan-Spalding Road needs to be sealed as a basic tourist requirement
* $1 spent in the town generates a further $2
* The town and district cannot be seen separately
* Burra is a living town with quality and character and new development should be in sympathy with that
* The Burra Creek area needs development
* A tourist office and officer are needed

[This is reported as greater length 39, 9, 18 May 1978, page 9.]

**39, 8, 11 May 1978, page 4**

**Obituary.** Dr Martin Francis Toal DD died in Melbourne on 22 April aged 77. He was well known in the Burra and Jamestown area and his pastoral work in the Burra Parish dated back to 1930. Though stationed at Jamestown, he from time to time took turns with Monsignor F.A. Hentschke to help out Fr Morrissey in Burra. Fr Morrissy remained in charge certainly until mid 1937, but records show Dr Toal was in residence there by October 1937 and he stayed till the end of 1948, however he also served as an interpreter and chaplain at Loveday Internment Camp from the end of 1941 to June 1942. He was later appointed to the staff of St Francis Xavier’s Seminary in the Philosophy Faculty and his pastoral work ceased. When a new priestly staff was provided by the Vincentian Order Dr Toal was granted leave to study overseas and the greater part of his research was done in Rome. He spent more than 25 years of painstaking study and translation on scripture used in the Liturgy of the Church from the early Greek Fathers. His latest work covering eleven years of research is in the process of publication. Thirty-six priests led by Bishop Bryan Gallagher con-celebrated Requiem Mass with his brother, Monsignor T.F. Toal in St James Church, Jamestown, on 26 April. He had died in Melbourne on 23 April. Religious, laity and children filled the church for the ceremony. Bishop Gallagher paid tribute to Dr Toal’s work as a pastor and scholar of international stature and an outstanding member of the Australian catholic priesthood. The Burra Parish was represented by Mr Jim Quinn of Mt Bryan, Chairman of the Burra-Spalding Pastoral Council.

**39, 8, 11 May 1978, page 6**

**The Centenary of the Burra-Hallett Railway** occurred yesterday.

**Marriage.** Malvern Uniting Church last weekend

Dianne Bloomfield, daughter of Mr & Mrs Brian Bloomfield, married William Monks.

**Troika Theatre in Education** visited BCS in April. [Two photos.]

**39, 8, 11 May 1978, page 9**

**Advt.** Burra Golf Club Ball at the Burra Town Hall on Saturday 15 July. $6 per double.

**39, 8, 11 May 1978, page 1**

**Gladstone Gaol,** which has been closed for about three years, will be developed as a tourist attraction and museum. A $22,000 grant has been obtained through the State Unemployment Relief Scheme, of which $17,000 is to be used as labour.

**39, 9, 18 May 1978, page 6**

**Burra Rural Youth** is suffering declining attendances.

**Burra Burra DC.** Election of Councillors

The following were nominated

Burra Town Ward Ian Allen (replacing R.J. Steele)

Kooringa Ward B.M. Stockman

Farrell Flat Ward J.M. Burge

Leighton Ward J.W. McMahon

Mongolata Ward J.P. Oates

All were elected unopposed. [The official notice appears on page 14.]

**Burra Women’s Bowling Club** held its AGM recently and elected: President, Pat Field; Vice-Presidents, Dorrie Pietsch & Estelle Nicholls; Secretary, Laurel Neill; Assistant Secretary, Pauline van der Does; Treasurer, Lu Riggs.

[Details of the last year’s operations extend for c. ¾ column.]

**39, 9, 18 May 1978, page 7**

**BCS.** The climax to the opening day on 14 April was a Grand Opening Ball and the Buy-a-Brick Campaign was finalised at the Ball. The sum raised was announced on the night as $6,822. During the evening Mr Roger Schwarz on behalf of the Burra Basketball Association handed over a cheque for $750 to bring the Association’s total contribution to $1,250. Mr & Mrs Claude Allen had started the campaign with a $25 donation and ended it with a further $10. [A long list of donors is printed.]

**Burra Red Cross** met on 9 May and Mrs Roy Jeffery was presented with an award for 50 years of service and dedication. It is an award held by only a few women in SA. Mrs Hill received an award for 30 years and Mrs L. Bence one for 20 years.

**Mr & Mrs Brian Pallot** of Victoria visited Burra and praised it for its cleanliness and tourist potential, marvelling at the fine stonework and the character to be seen in the school, churches, Paxton Square and the Gaol. They only regretted the limited opening times for the National Trust properties and the need to keep places like the Gaol locked because of vandalism.

**39, 9, 18 May 1978, page 9**

**Spalding-Booborowie-Morgan Road**

In reply to a question in the House of Representatives from the Member for Grey, the Minister of Transport said there was no proposal to declare this road a National Commerce Road. Upgrading to open surface standard began in 1968-69. Upgrading ceased after 1972-73 for the Burra-Morgan sections and after 1973-74 for the Spalding-Burra section due to shortage of funds. $25,000 this year has enabled the Burra Burra DC to construct 3.2 km to sub-base standard. Work is proceeding at present. It was hoped to finance some work between Burra and Spalding in the next two years.

**Burra’s Future** was discussed at a public meeting last week. Mr Harry Dowling, Yorke Peninsula Tourist Officer, gave a talk on what had been done there. Group discussions followed. Some of the recommendations:

* Tourism should be encouraged
* Historic aspects of the town should be restored or developed
* Tourism would aid employment
* A tourist officer should be appointed
* Cottage industries could be encouraged
* Community involvement was thought necessary
* Non tourist areas of the economy must also be encouraged
* An over reliance on tourism was not a good thing
* Johnny Green was suggested as a logo
* A souvenir range needs to be developed
* Present facilities need to be upgraded
* The creek area in Burra needs development
* Burra could also be encouraged as a retirement centre
* Tourism is a third mainstay after agriculture and mining (though the prospect of mining has been doubtful, it is perhaps a bit better after recent developments. It was seen as a short term benefit; perhaps 10-15 years.)
* A District Progress Association was suggested
* The standard of accommodation needed improving even more than supplying more of it.
* A residence and kiosk on the caravan park was suggested
* The sealing of access roads to the town was seen as a basic need
* Most groups saw tourism as important, but as only part of the town’s future. Serving the agricultural community must remain a core activity. One group saw tourism as having a minor role.

**39, 9, 18 May 1978, page 15**

**Advt.** Further details are given of the sale of 1 Quarry Street by auction on 2 June. Oates Ltd will act for the Estate of P.V.M. Oates. It is a stone residence of six main rooms etc.

**39, 9, 18 May 1978, page 16**

**A Baynes Family Book** is being written about this family that migrated from Cambridgeshire in the 1850s. Descendants have spread widely from the original focus of the Mid North and Yorke Peninsula. The writer is Mrs Roslyn Paterson of Bute. A family reunion is to be held at BCS on 25 February 1979, when the book will be launched.

**39, 10, 25 May 1978, page 1**

**Burra & Districts Lions Club** has been formed in Burra. A steering committee is led by Chairman Michael King and the Secretary is Robert Burns. There are 22 members and meetings are held in the RSL Clubrooms on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month. A formation dinner will be held at the Burra Hotel 10 June.

**39, 10, 25 May 1978, page 5**

**Obituary.** Mr Percy Byrne, formerly of Byrne’s Shoe Store in Burra, died recently.

[Percy John Byrne born 3 April 1902 Kooringa.]

**Obituary.** Mrs Ted Kotz died at Riverton Hospital aged 67.

**Birth.** To Peter & Judy Bishop of Burra, a daughter, Carmen Louise.

**Burra Burra DC** has arranged for the Northern Salvage Co. to have equipment in the area to crush and dispose of old car bodies at the end of June.

**39, 10, 25 May 1978, page 10**

**Notice.** A public meeting is called for the Burra Town Hall on 1 June to explain and discuss the Burra Conservation Study.

**39, 10, 25 May 1978, page 12**

**Marriage.** Angela Quinn married Jack Hazebroek recently.

**40, 1, 1 June 1978, page 4**

**Burra Senior Citizens** will visit the Burra Community Library on 7 June at 2 p.m.

**40, 1, 1 June 1978, page 5**

**Obituary.** Dr Les Miller died on Sunday after serving the area and as Medical Officer at the Burra Hospital for 24 years. Dr Rod Oswald is temporarily relieving the situation.

**40, 2, 8 June 1978, MISSING**

**40, 3, 15 June 1978, MISSING**

**40, 4, 22 June 1978, page 2**

**Obituary.** Mr Alf Wurfel.

**Obituary.** Mr W. (Bill) Broad died at the weekend aged 79.

[William Thomas Broad born 29 January 1899 Kooringa: died 18 June 1978.]

**Dogs** have again been mauling and worrying sheep in the area. Bob Steel had to destroy some sheep at the weekend as a result.

**40, 4, 22 June 1978, page 4**

**Barkers of Baldina Board of Management** has recently purchased the row of cottages in Chapel St [opposite the Uniting Church] to be used as aged accommodation.

**40, 4, 22 June 1978, page 5**

**Burra Burra DC**

Garbage for collection must in future be placed in polythene bags tied at the top. Maximum three bags per pick-up from a regulation bin with a lid. No garden refuse at all is to be collected. Landowners are requested to install approved incinerators to burn paper on their own property.

The Savings Bank of SA has granted a loan to be repaid over 5 years at 9.5% to enable the Council to pay its $10,000 towards the cost of a full scale gymnasium at BCS.

Council has arranged with Northern Salvage to remove old car bodies from the district. Cost $10 per body.

Following the purchase of ‘Cousin Jack’s’ building in Market Square for a Tourist Office, Council has decided to retain ‘Cousin Jack’s’ as a registered name and also that the name ‘Johnny Green’ and a corresponding symbol be registered.

Two officers of the Tourist Bureau visited Cousin Jack’s and the Caravan Park with a view to obtaining a subsidy or setting up a tourist office and enlarging the park.

**Advt.** An advertisement for Jennison’s Tyre Service includes a photo of the premises showing two petrol bowsers on the footpath – possibly Golden Fleece, but hard to identify.

**40, 4, 22 June 1978, page 7**

**Burra Common Effluent Scheme**

Five men have been working on the scheme since December and have generally impressed locals with their working habits and handling of equipment, even though most are new to the firm of Snowcrete Services and virtually learned on the job. Mark Hoffmann (21) is the back hoe operator and has been digging trenches up to 11 feet deep. His father, Eric Hoffmann of Tanunda owns the business and Mark has been with the firm for five years. Peter Jones (19) of Gawler is the loader driver and has been with the firm for two years. He forms the metal bed in trenches and backfills. Rudy Sphere (22) is a newcomer and a truck driver. Rick Thiele (18) of Blanchetown has been with them for twelve months. He prepares the metal beds and lays the pipes. David Wilkinson (35) is foreman with eight years with the company, and he does the line and level reading and fills in wherever needed. The Public Health Department is represented by former local Maurice Woollacott. The gang commenced work at the oxidation lagoon in the creek area below the cemetery and the project is due for completion in July. There are 1,196 yards of trench with six inch pipes, 2,781 yards with four inch pipe and 706 yards of four inch connecting pipes to 131 properties. There is then 2,062 yards of trench to take the pump line. The gang has managed to work on a given section each day with minimum inconvenience to residents and traffic. They have managed to avoid PMG cables and water pipes, except for one of the latter in Market Square. The hardest digging was in Lewis Street in the Housing Trust area where jack hammers were needed. There were hard sections in Commercial Street too, but the back hoe and ripper sufficed. [Photos of Mark Hoffmann on the back hoe and Rick Thiele in a trench.]

**40, 4, 22 June 1978, page 8**

**Jamestown Railway Centenary**

There is a ¾ column report celebrating the first goods train to Jamestown on 25 June 1878. It arrived quite unheralded. Caltowie had been reached in January 1878. Regular traffic to Jamestown began 15 July 1878.

**40, 5, 29 June 1978, MISSING**

**40, 6, 6 July 1978, MISSING**

**40, 6, 13 July 1978, page 2**

**Weather.** Burra received 26.2 mm for the week.

**Obituary.** Mrs May Thomas of Chapel Street died recently. She was well known in the Pt Pirie area.

**Marriage.** Kathie Gisi married David Allen on 8 July. Both are from Burra.

**Mr & Mrs Sam Garrard** of Burra celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 13 July.

[Information on page 12 adds that Sam Garrard married Clare Broad in Burra 13 July 1918.]

**40, 6, 13 July 1978, page 5**

**Burra Burra DC** will install an underground automatic watering system at the Burra Oval.

**A Public Meeting** in Burra last night formed a community committee to assist the Council in such areas as promotion of tourism and the town; areas in which the Council cannot give the consideration they merit.

**Burra Common Effluent Scheme.** The contract has now been completed, though the men are engaged on further extensions to the system.

[Two photos of Peter Jones, loader driver for the contractors, Snowcrete and of Eudy Sphere, the truck driver.

**40, 6, 13 July 1978, page 12**

**Burra North Red Cross** held its AGM and reported 42 financial members with an average attendance of 23. In October the group sent $300 [presumably to headquarters] followed by $400 for the March Appeal.

[Other details are given in the ½ column report.]

**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE PRESERVED IN THE HARD COPY COLLECTION OF THE BURRA NATIONAL TRUST.**

**66, 9, 8 August 1985, page 5**

**The Magill Band of the SA College of Advanced Education** will visit BCS on 16 August. There will be two members of staff and thirteen students. The band aims to involve junior primary students in singing, dancing and action songs. The Magill College band will also visit Kadina, Wallaroo, Crystal Brook, Jamestown and Clare.

**Jubilee 150 Parade.** Burra will have a float with the theme ‘Burra – saving SA’ in the Adelaide Jubilee Procession on New Year’s Day. President of Burra National Trust, Mrs Maureen Wright, said the discovery of copper in Burra in 1845 had saved the colony’s ailing finances. She said the float would probably feature an historic buggy and wagon surrounded by people in the costume of the 1840s. A meeting to organise Burra’s contribution has been called for 22 August.

**Burra’s Jubilee Copper Festival**

Plans are on track according to committee secretary, Ellie Nicholls. The festival will begin on the Sunday of the long weekend with a procession of bands, vintage and veteran cars and local people in costume. The Yacht Club will hold its annual Regatta on the Burra Creek. On Monday Mr Kym Bonython will start the re-enactment of the historic journey of the bullock dray, which once carried the copper ore mined at Burra.

**Burra Caring and Sharing Group,** which began two years ago, will have *Coping with Grief* as the theme of its next meeting on 20 August. Mrs Veronica Honour from the Solace group in Adelaide will discuss the theme. Mrs Toni Brown co-ordinates the Burra Group, which is supported by the Uniting Church, visiting psychiatrist Dr Peter Furze and local health professionals.

**66, 10, 15 August 1985, page 2**

**Burra Burra DC** has increased its rates by an overall 11.5%. Burra Town residents will face an increase of 24%, while rural rates rise by 7.57%. Booborowie & Mt Bryan rates rise 9.9% and those in Farrell Flat by 8.25%. Burra District Clerk said the increases were due to ever increasing fixed operating costs. Council had allocated $100,000 for Market Square development and half of that came from the Jubilee 150 Road Assets Program. Plans had yet to be finalised for the pedestrian mall, new car parking arrangements and safer traffic control. $120,000 was allocated for local road maintenance.

**Stan Longford,** 62, of Hallett has just won the Burra Golf Club’s Championship for the 30th time.

**Mrs Jenny O’Connor**, as the winner of the Mid North Regional Tourism Award for 1985 now faces heavy competition for the State-wide Harry Dowling award for tourism excellence, of which she is a past winner.

**This Year’s Women’s Agricultural Bureau Congress** was held in Burra. It began on Monday night with a dinner at the Sports Complex. Agricultural journalist June Fergusson was the speaker. President of the WAB Council Laura Oates officially opened the congress on Tuesday. There was also a speech by Minister of Technology Dr Peter Ellyard. Other speakers have been Judith Pfeiffer, Kym Bonython, Diana Penniment, Mrs Margaret Kelly, & Dr Adam Graycar. On Wednesday there was a chapel service at St Mary’s, which was attended by the Bishop of Willochra. Mrs Joyce Telfer of Clare was presented with a 40-year award. The congress ends today with a bus tour of historic Burra.

**The CFS** service in the district will be enhanced by the addition of four new antennae on the Mt Bryan Telecom tower and a new CFS radio base will built in a redevelopment of CFS communications in the eastern area at a cost of $20,000. This will maintain communications with bases in Jamestown and Adelaide and would reach over the undulating hills of the eastern area. This year’s fire in the Danggarlli Conservation Park near Renmark had highlighted the inadequacies of communications in the eastern area.

**BCS** students defeated Balaklava in the latest round of the Apex zone debating competition. The team comprised Lisa Henderson (Yr 9), Stacey Hirschausen (Yr 10) & Helen Lynch (Yr 10). They had to argue against the proposition ‘That Australian interest in sport is unhealthy’.

**67, 1, 22 August 1985, page 4**

**Students from Wesley College, Glen Waverly, Victoria** stayed at the Redruth Camping Centre recently. There were 35 Year 9 & 10 students and on Thursday evening they staged the Thornton Wilder play *Our Town* in the Burra Town Hall. It was well acted and well received.

**Trout Fishermen** will have another chance to catch trout at the Burra Swimming Pool on 22 September. The recent ‘Gone Fishin’ event had raised $120 for swimming pool improvements. About 150 anglers had taken part on 11 August, but there were still many trout in the pool. Michael Gill caught the first fish on the day and Kevin Jacka caught ‘Tiny Tim’. Anglers on 22 September could enter free, but would pay $0.50 for each fish caught. 300 trout had been shipped in from the Adelaide Hills for the event.

**The Jubilee Trade Train** will arrive at the Burra Station on 3 May and be open 4 & 5 May. The Burra Jubilee 150 Committee is considering staging a historical re-enactment to coincide with its visit. An old fashioned family day is being considered. The Lions Club will stage a gala opening night on 3 May and there will be the Tennis Club’s dance on 4 May.

**St Mary’s, Burra** had its annual dinner dance in the Burra Town Hall on Friday night. About 150 attended. St Mary’s Ladies’ Guild organised the event and catered for it.

**‘Jump Rope for Heart’** involved 120 BCS students last Tuesday as part of the Heart Foundation’s fund raising effort. Last year the school raised $1,200.

**Hallett Uniting Church Fellowship** held a Musical Luncheon on 15 August.

[Phot of Burra visitors: Mesdames Dorrie Yendall, Sarah O’Connor, Eva Wilks & Amy Bourman.]

**67, 2, 29 August 1985, page 5**

**Jubilee 150 Parade.** A committee has been formed after a meeting last week to consider the format of Burra’s float for the Adelaide procession. They are considering the possibility of a float carrying a model of the Burra Mine site and buildings. The Chairman is Mr Nick van Buuren and Secretary is Mr Roger Boehm of BCS.

**Terowie CWA** has celebrated its 50th birthday.

**Burra Kindergarten.** Photo of children on the new playground equipment.

**Burra Arts Council** members had an enjoyable evening at the Oates’ home on 18 August, listening to three talented local musicians: Cath Jones, Olive Oates and Ann Rees.

**Burra National Trust** will welcome a visit by the Department of Mines and Energy’s geologist and information officer, Mr Greg Drew on 7 September. He will give an illustrated account of his recent trip to the copper mines of Cornwall. His information will be of great use when the Morphett pumphouse at Burra was restored. This was operating in the days before photography was developed and there are no good pictures of what it looked like, said Branch President Maureen Wright. Mr Drew will conduct a tour of the Morphett’s pumphouse, the old smelts area and the buddle pits on 8 September. Many of those who went on his last tour in April said they had not realised how historically fascinating the area was and how much remained there. About 25 people had gone on that tour. Mr Drew is currently researching Morphett’s pumphouse, winding house, and mine, with a view to the restoration of the pumphouse. The buildings and shaft are currently in ruins and fenced off from the public because they are dangerous.

**67, 2, 29 August 1985, page 6**

**Obituary.** A return thanks notice reveals the recent death of David Henry Dearlove of Ketchowla Station.

**67, 3, 5 September 1985 page 5**

**The 5th Annual Burra Yacht Club Regatta** will be held 13 October. A feature this year will be the Copper Man Competition, said Secretary Steve Woolley. There will also be a Clare-Burra Barrow Push. Four teams have so far entered. This will provide experience for the big Broken Hill-Burra Barrow Push planned for January 1986. The Royal Caledonian Pipe Band will also be present. There will be events for Juniors, Seniors and Ladies as well as Open Events. The Tracker James Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat and crew with the nest results at the end of the day. This was first awarded in 1983 to commemorate one of the characters who first started the regatta. According to Mr Woolley the idea for the event was born in the mid 1970s during ‘one of Burra’s notorious floods’. Peter Reilly and Tracker James had a discussion about who could sail furthest down the Burra Creek. They decided to put claims to the test over the long weekend in October. No one knows what really happened, but it is believed that both the home-made craft sank and quite a quantity of beer was consumed. As a result the rules of the regatta allow anything from craft made from beer cans to bathtubs as long as they can float. Boats must carry a sail of at least one square metre and can be no larger than two metres square. But Mr Woolley dais any entries bearing any resemblance to a real yacht would probably be banned. Last year there were 160 entries and about 2,000 spectators. About $2,000 was raised for local charities and for the Yacht Club’s beautification program for the creek banks. There is a plan for a new gate in the weir so that the creek could be cleaned out regularly. A cabaret in the Town Hall will conclude the event.

**The Burra Show** will be opened on 12 October by Mr John Olsen the Member for Rocky River. A new section this year will be for Inventions. There will also be two new classes in the Wool Section.

**Burra Kindergarten** children have a new playground environment to enjoy thanks to the hard work of Mr Barry Bull. He is the husband of the Director, Julie Bull, and together they drew up plans to improve the outdoor play facilities after the Management Committee decided to expand the play area. The new area includes a pine lookout and platform.

**BCS** will have a vacation recreation program from 9 to 13 September.

**St Joseph’s Catholic School** at Terowie has been donated by Bishop De Campo to the Terowie Senior Citizen’s Association. The Catholic school was first started in Terowie in 1884 by Mr T. Moore. In 1911 His Lordship Bishop Norton applied for staff from the Provincial of the Sisters of St Joseph who sent Sisters Melita, Aidan and Antoinette. The school closed in 1966.

**Hallett** will hold a Back-to-Hallett weekend from 17-19 May 1986 as part of the State Jubilee 150 celebrations.

**Australian National** New Railway Timetable effective from 1 September 1985

No. 713 passenger: Sunday, Monday & Wednesday to Friday.

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|  | Arrives | Departs |
| AN Adelaide  Rail Passenger Terminal |  | 5.45 p.m. |
| Dry Creek |  | Pass 6.00 |
| Salisbury | (a) | Pass 6.08 |
| Gawler | (a) | 6.24 |
| Roseworthy | 6.32 | 6.33 |
| Wasleys | (b) | 6.40 |
| Hamley Bridge | 6.49 | 6.50 |
| Stockport | (b) | 6.57 |
| Tarlee | 7.05 | 7.07 |
| Riverton | 7.19 | 7.21 |
| Saddleworth | 7.29 | 7.31 |
| Manoora | 7.42 | 7.44 |
| Farrell Flat | 7.59 | 8.01 |
| Burra | 8.16 | 8.18 |
| Hallett | 8.39 | 8.41 |
| Terowie | 9.02 | 9.04 |
| Peterborough | 9.25 |  |

(a) Stops if required to pick up passengers for Roseworthy and beyond.

(b) Stops only if required to pick up or set down passengers.

**67, 4, 12 September 1985, page 5**

**Greg Drew,** a geologist from the Department of Mines & Energy, presented an illustrated talk to about 40 people at a National Trust social evening. He spoke on his recent visit to the tin and copper mining areas of Cornwall. He said that Burra’s pumphouses were probably in a better condition than the hundreds in grey granite in Cornwall. The Burra Mine had been virtually untouched for [almost] a century before the Samin Company re-opened the mine in 1969. Branch President Mrs Wright said the old open cut had been quite picturesque with the pool being used as the local swimming hole. Mr Drew had slides of the old open cut and of the old chimney before its relocation at the mine entrance and the blowing up of its associated pumphouse. Mrs Wright said the stone from the pumphouse had been used in other restoration work around the town. Mr Drew led a tour of the mine the next day. About 40 people took part. Mr Drew said it was a myth that the round chimneys were built by Cornishmen and the square ones by Welsh. He had proof that the square chimney at the mine site was built by a Cornishman. The tour included the buddle pits and the smelting area.

**Burra Burra DC** has taken the first steps to draw up a new development plan. A committee has been established to draw up a brief to present to consultants and it is hoped to appoint the consultants at the next meeting of Council. The Administrative Planning Officer, Mr John Brak said each Council was required to prepare a supplementary development plan for presentation to the Minister of Environment & Planning and for approval by Parliament. These had to be enlarged local versions of the State development Plan. He expected the process to take about twelve months.

**The Sacred Dance Group** from Adelaide will visit Burra on 14 September and will perform at BCS. Dance is being rediscovered in the Uniting Church as a means of Christian celebration and worship.

**Accident.** A 21-year-old motorcyclist was blown from his bike on Monday when a cool change swept through the district. Mr Adam Carnie of Broken Hill was travelling at about 100 k.p.h. about 10 km south of Burra when the accident occurred. He suffered cuts, abrasions and a broken ankle. About $1,000 damage was done to the motorcycle.

**Burra Motor Co.** was subject to an attempted break-in last Wednesday morning, but the intruders fled when they set off a burglar alarm.

**67, 5, 19 September 1985, page 1**

**Burra Heritage Grant Re-allocated**

The Burra Burra DC has sent a telegram to the Federal Minister of Sport & Recreation, Mr John Brown, asking him to investigate the rumour that $210,000 of Burra’s Jubilee 150 grant has been re-allocated. District Clerk Mr Alan Dwyer said the Council was seeking an investigation into the activities of the Heritage Conservation Branch of the Department of Environment and Planning and of the Jubilee 150 Board before the money was re-allocated. The Council considers the re-allocation unacceptable and unfair. Federal MP for Wakefield Mr Neil Andrew and the State member for Eyre were both following the matter up, but it is believed that the Premier Mr Bannon would not oppose the re-allocation. It is believed the money has been re-allocated to the Port Adelaide Maritime Museum because that project had run over budget. Mr Dwyer pointed out the coincidence that there is an Independent Labor candidate running against the sitting Labor member in Port Adelaide. Burra heritage projects had been allocated $470,000 and its spending had been decided by the Jubilee 150 Board and the steering committee of the Burra Council. $150,000 had been spent on Paxton Cottages and $30,000 was being spent on the Bon Accord site. The remainder was to have been spent on Morphett’s pumphouse and a Copper Interpretive Centre. Mr Dwyer said the delay in spending the grant was due to a number of factors including the interference by the Heritage Conservation Branch of the Department of Environment and planning, which had refused to allow construction of the centre on the site of the old boiler house adjacent to Morphett’s pumphouse. The manager of the Heritage Conservation Branch Mr John Womersley said the new building would be inappropriate to the character of the pumphouse and is believed to have recommended the re-allocation of the grant money. The District Clerk said the Council had originally bought the old Salvation Army Citadel to house the interpretative centre, but the Heritage Conservation Branch had rejected that as not having either the right social atmosphere or the rite site. The Council then proposed the Bon Accord Mine site, but this in turn was rejected as being the ‘back door’ of the mine area. Finally a site some 200 m from Morphett’s Pumphouse was approved, but after an architect had prepared plans it was found that site would double the costs allocated for the project. The architect was sacked and a new proposal for a smaller building on the old boiler house site was submitted to the Jubilee 150 Board on 21 August. They rejected it.

Cr Helen Stockman said the Council just wanted to show that the boiler house option was feasible, but had been blocked by the Heritage Conservation Branch. Now it seemed the town would lose the project altogether without even being consulted. The Council wanted a meeting between the executive committee of the Jubilee 150 Board and the working party of the Heritage Conservation Board.

**67, 5, 19 September 1985, page 5**

**The Mid North Region Tourist Association** has organised a meeting of local government representatives at Burra next Tuesday. The role of local government in developing tourism will be discussed. More than 80 representatives will attend. Mrs Jenny O’Connor, tour operator and Tourism Officer, will conduct a guided tour of historic sites. After a luncheon the seminar will be opened by Mr Gordon Bruce MLC who is standing in for the Minister for Tourism, Ms Barbara Wiese. Mr Jim Hullick, secretary-general of the Local Government Association will give the keynote address.

**The Burra-Hanson Road** will be constructed by R.K. & B.J. Matulick Pty Ltd which has won the $2.5 million tender to construct 14.5 km of the Barrier Highway stretching from 3.5 km south of Burra to 5.5 km south of Hanson. It will include about 0.6 km of the Clare-Hanson Road at it junction with the Barrier Highway. Funds come from the Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund.

**BCS** won 5 ribbons in the ‘Led Steer’ section of the Royal Adelaide Show this year. This has been the best effort in the school’s history. The school has had an agricultural program for eight years and has competed at the Royal Adelaide Show for four years. [Further details are printed.]

**The Caring & Sharing Group** meeting on 24 September will consider ‘Marriage difficulties and the role of the counselling centre’.

**Burra National Trust** will again operate the passport system for the October long weekend. Members will be on hand at the sites and the Trust will also display three of the town’s old fire engines at the Burra show on 12 October. They were last displayed at the 1983 Copper Festival. At the Burra Yacht Club Regatta the National Trust will provide billy tea and damper. The Trust is running a bus tour on 3 November to the Gladstone Gaol, Orroroo’s Yesteryear Gallery and to Terowie.

**67, 6, 26 September 1985, page 5**

**Market Square.** The Burra Burra DC has received a Community Employment Grant of $54,000 for the redevelopment of Market Square. It will cover a pedestrian mall, new car parking arrangements and better traffic management. A condition of the grant is that it provide work for five people; five of the jobs to go to long term unemployed and two to women.

**The Burra Burra DC** is circulating a petition aiming to save the Copper Interpretation Centre by having the $470,000 of Jubilee 150 money restored to Burra.

**Burra Burra DC** is concerned at the cut to roads grants. For the past five years the Council had received $200,000 annually to upgrade the Spalding-Burra Road and the Burra-Morgan Road. Nothing has been allocated for 1985-86. They were not made aware of this cut to Arterial Road Grants until after they had framed their budget. Despite appeals to MPs and the Highways Department there has so far been no explanation for the cut. Cr Des Woolley said the Council had been ‘at war’ with the Department over the sealing of the Burra-Morgan road for some years. It was only after a fatality on the road several years ago that finds were allocated. Tour operators avoid running their buses on the road, he said. Council has also received a 13% cut in funding for other roads; down to $61,000 from $70,000 in 1984. Verbal advice from the Chairman of the Local Roads Advisory Committee had led them to expect a 10% increase.

**The Burra National Trust** will have guides to take people around the Trust’s Malowen Lowarth Cottage (Hollyhock Garden) over the October long weekend. The cottage is one of the 1850s cottages in Paxton Square on the eastern side of Paxton Square [Kingston Street]. The cottage committee had spent many Thursday mornings preparing the three-roomed cottage. It features authentic polished-earth floors and canvas ceilings in two of the rooms. It is furnished with articles from the mid nineteenth century. About 200 items are used in the display. It is intended to set up a cottage garden with a vegetable patch and flower bed of marigolds, daisies and geraniums.

**67, 7, 3 October 1985, page 6**

**The New Dalgety Bennetts Farmers Building** in Market Square was opened last week by Mr Ron Pearse, former manager of the now closed Koonoona Merino Stud. About 200 people attended. The historic façade and a new bull-nosed verandah are designed to complement Burra’s heritage. Manager Mr Andrew Butler said the new premises offer a better showroom and greatly improved product display. The firm’s Northern Regional Manage Mr John Secomb said when he started in Burra with Oates Ltd in 1960 there were five stock agents in the town and now there were two. The firm’s General Manager Mr Noel O’Brien said the stone from the old demolished Farmers’ Union building had been used to make the new façade. [Photo of Mr Noel O’Brien and Mr Andrew Butler.]

**The 1986 Barrow Push** may have a Texan team in the contest. This follows the sending of a video tape of the 1983 & 1985 Pushes to Dr Ian McPhail who is organising the Texan Sesquicentenary and Mayor Brough of Kerrville, which is Burra’s twin town in Texas. So far there are 11 confirmed entries and 8 tentative ones in the 1986 Burra-Broken Hill Barrow Push. Registrations close 12 December.

**1986 Jubilee Float.** The float is making progress. Nick van Buuren and Glen Ward are building a two-and-a-half metre model of Morphett’s Pumphouse, complete with a steam engine, which will be a feature of the float. Also on the float will be ore stampers, a trommel-screen and a timber replica of a miner’s home, based on a Paxton Square cottage. The display will be mounted on a 12-metre trailer, which will also carry paintings of the interior of the mine by BCS Art Teacher Mr roger Boehm. The $2,100 cost has been supplied by the mine and local sporting bodies, but donations are still needed. It is hoped that six adults and eight children in period costume will accompany the float.

**Advt.** Grand Opening of ‘Looking Good Boutique’ No. 2 Commercial Street (next to Sue’s Shoes)

[East of the Post Office and changed in the following issue to 4 Commercial street.]

**67, 8, 10 October 1985, page 2**

**The New Dalgety Bennetts Premises** in Burra has been awarded a Civic Trust brickbat. The Trust described the building as a ‘large, graceless, industrial steel shed finished in gleaming white with a patch of stone veneer at the front set between dignified heritage buildings.’

‘An even plainer industrial character shows from Paxton Square across the Creek.’

The Trust was also concerned that the location would bring trucks into what should be a quiet part of the town centre.

Northern Regional Manager John Secomb said he was disappointed, but not surprised by the award. He said the firm went to great lengths to put on a bluestone façade and the whole development was passed through the proper channels and approved by the Council. A large cross-section of people had expressed their approval.

**Mr Allan Dwyer,** the District Clerk, will leave soon for Broken Hill where he has been appointed Deputy Clerk. Council Chairman Mr Hawker said Mr Dwyer was an outstanding accounting and fianancial expert who had brought a range of skills to the job that would not normally be found in a town clerk in SA. Mr Dwyer had done much in the organising of the Barrow Push to Clare this weekend and the one to Broken Hill in January 1986.

**BCS** is attempting to become the first state school in SA to offer boarding facilities. Principal Mr Roger Henderson said a small sub-committee of the school and the Burra District Council had approached the Minister of Education with a proposal for a 60-bed facility on the school campus. The Director General of Education has established a working party, chaired by the Director of the Western Region Mr Keith Ware. Local MPs were supportive. The aim was to enable isolated students who now did correspondence courses to have access to a school. Students from small country towns would also be accommodated. Mr Henderson said the school would like the facility to be housed in a number of small cottage-type units with a recreations room, a study room and a sick bay with a trained nurse and laundry facilities. Getting approval will be difficult because it involves a change in Government policy, which has for 40 years concentrated on developing a superb correspondence system.

**67, 8, 10 October 1985, page 16**

**Burra Show.** Report of the President Mr Jock Duncan for 1985.

I feel the Burra Show is well balanced and offers something for everyone. This year’s show will be opened by the Leader of the Opposition Mr John Olsen.

[The report then outlines the various sections in the 1985 show so that this is not really a report on 1985, but merely spruiking for the 1985 show.]

He does say that this year costs have risen and the Society had spent more than $3,000 in maintenance, sign-writing, upgrading of pavilions and bituminising roads. He was confident that due to the show being on a long weekend, it would continue to attract visitors and so be a financial success. He thanks in particular the secretary Mrs Jean Jamieson and also repeats the frequent error of mistakenly numbering the shows; in this case wrongly claiming the 1985 show is the 108th. [Photo of Mr Duncan painting a showground gate.]

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**Mrs Jean Jamieson** is the hard working Secretary of the Burra Show Society. She says entries in most sections were up at this time. There were two areas of concern; horse events she thought suffered from non-affiliation with the Equestrian Federation of Australia and the sheep section could be affected by the new brucellosis testing at the Royal Adelaide Show.

**Advt.** Cornwall Kitchen 12 Best Place Burra North; eat in or take away meals.

**Advt.** Nuts n’ Stuff, Commercial Road, Burra. Dried fruit and nuts, herbs and spices, vitamins and health foods, apple and apricot juice and red & white non-alcoholic wines.

**67, 9, 17 October 1985, page 1**

**Burra DC** will appeal against the Industrial Court’s order to reinstate and compensate the wages of a council overseer who was dismissed in 1982 because of alleged sexual misconduct. This was decided at a special Council meeting on Tuesday night. The court ruled on Friday that Mr Ronald Moreland had been dismissed after being wrongfully accused of sexual harassment and blackmail. The Council was told it could face a payment of up to $100,000 in lost wages, in addition to having to pay the wages of two overseers once Mr Moreland was reinstated. Mr B.V. Shillabeer, in handing down the decision, said community attitudes in Burra were largely to blame for Mr Moreland’s wrongful dismissal. The special meeting of Council was called when Councillors and workmen involved in the case threatened to resign when Mr Moreland reported for work on Tuesday. The District Clerk Mr Allan Dwyer said Mr Moreland had been reinstated last Friday, but this would be suspended once the appeal was lodged, pending a court decision.

**67, 9, 17 October 1985, page 5**

**Burra Show** opened at 8 a.m. in pouring rain, but when show goers began to arrive at about 10 a.m. the weather had cleared. Miss Vanessa Pearce was Miss Show Girl with the Junior Miss title going to Alison Reed. Sonia Fuller won in the Sub-Junior section and Cheree Devenson in the Mini Miss Show Girl Section. Dan Brophy’s boxing show was popular. In the shearing competition the novice section was won by Mr J. Robinson of Booborowie and he also won the local section. In the new inventions section Mr M. Pearce of Mt Bryan was the winner with a device to help feed sheep from the back of a utility. [A selection of other results is printed.]

**Burra SES Branch** had fallen to six members when a meeting was called last Wednesday. Fifteen people attended and the unanimous decision was made to continue. A recruitment drive will now be held. Interim Director is Steve Woolley. Female members were encouraged. There would also be a drive for funds. The SES’s Landcruiser was fairly old and a new four wheel drive vehicle was needed. Other emergency rescue equipment had also fallen into disrepair. In the future there would be regular meetings on Thursday nights.

**Burra Greening Australia** District Committee is seeking new members. Chairman Dave Parnell said the group is planting the banks of the Burra Creek and are willing to plant trees on private land if the owners are willing to prepare the land, pay for the trees and care for them. They recently planted trees on Bruce Stockman’s property. So far they have planted some 550 trees. The first Burra Tree Committee failed from lack of Council and other Government support and waning interest. A new group was then formed as part of the Courthouse Co-op for the unemployed and the remaining members of that group were the nucleus for the Greening Australia group. They had received a grant of $1,000 in 1984, which was used for a watering tank, tree guards and the Burra Creek project. There is a core group of about 12 members who spend a couple of hours on Sunday afternoons to plant trees around Burra.

**67, 10, 24 October 1985, page 4**

**Burra DC** is considering applying for a Bicentennial Grant to replace the $210,000 grant which was re-allocated to another Jubilee 150 project. A spokesman for the Jubilee 150 Board said a decision on which project would get the money would not be made till late October. Council’s Planning & Administration Officer Mr John Brak said the Council would consider applying for a larger grant for the Copper Interpretive Centre, which the architect originally said would cost about $450,000. The fulfilment of the original plan would be their first objective, but they would also consider alternative ideas. One alternative would be the restoration of all of the mine buildings and of shafts so that tourists could go underground. Council also had a new submission for a grant for upgrading the Burra-Morgan Road.

The Burra DC is planning to hold a Civic Ball for Jubilee 150 in 1986.

**Market Square** redevelopment has begun with the undergrounding of power lines. This will add to the aesthetics of the area and enhance the heritage value said Mr John Brak. It would also reduce ETSA’s maintenance costs. The Council wanted to underground power lines where possible and in 1980 had done so along Bridge Terrace to restore the streetscape to as close to original as possible. [Photo.]

**Accident.** An ANR employee received minor injuries when the section car he was riding on was hit by a car at the level crossing about 2 km east of Farrell Flat on Tuesday morning at about 8.30 a.m. Adrian Clark of Mannum had been driving the car and he had seen the section car, but his vehicle had skidded on the wet road, done a 180° turn and the back of the car struck the section car.

**68, 1, 31 October 1985, page 2**

**The Broken Hill-Burra Barrow Push** on the Australia Day long weekend in January 1986 will have a first prize of $10,000. There are entries from all over Australia. Likely local entries include the Brother Breathers, Super Mac, the Rat Racers from Booborowie and the Clare Crushers, but so far only the Burra Barrow Birds have formally entered. Committee Secretary Chris Reed says he has been advised there will be a team from Kerrville, Texas (Burra’s twin town). If Mr Bob Hawke accepts the invitation to present the prizes he will be the first Prime Minister to visit the town since Billy Hughes in 1924\*. The Burra Breathers won the warm up Clare-Burra push on 13 October and are in good form as likely winners. They covered the 44.7 km push in 1 hour 53 minutes at an average 23.74 k.p.h. In the 1983 race the average was 20.03 k.p.h. and for the 1985 race was 21.92 k.p.h. The Clare-Burra race had $900 worth of prizes.

[\*This claim is incorrect. W. Hughes visited twice as PM, on 28 August 1920 and 29 March 1922. After that there was a visit by S.M. Bruce in March 1925 when he was PM and from J.B. Chifley when he was PM in 1946.]

**Burra Swimming Pool** is ready for the coming summer. A new chlorine system and new pipes have been installed at a cost of c. $5,000. The new system should cost about $300 less per year to operate as well as being safer and easier to run. Adelaide & Wallaroo Fertilisers Ltd donated materials worth about $3,000 and the Burra Council will pay $1,000 towards the refurbishment.

**The SA Choral Association** will visit Burra on 10 November and will perform Handel’s *Messiah* in St Mary’s Church. There will be about 130 singers. Soloists will be: Celine Egar (soprano), June Klinberg (contralto), David Galliver (tenor) and Ralph Hatcher (bass).

**Frank Fennell** celebrated 25 years with Jennison’s Tyre Service with a barbecue at the Golf Clubhouse on 24 October. Mt Ray Jennison presented him with a cheque and a gold watch. Frank is 57 and originally came from Robe. He first came to Burra as a shearer and worked in the area for 17 years. He then worked for the Burra Burra DC for three years before joining Jennison’s. In the early days there he and Mr Jennison had worked on fridges and televisions as well as tyres. Mr Fennell will continue to work in the business, which has recently been sold to Ron & Geraldine Smedley. The new business will be known as Burra Tyres. He said that the recent fire at the store had speeded up Mr Jennison’s decision to sell the business and retire to Port Vincent to enjoy fishing and golf.

**Obituary.** Ellen (Nanna) Ryan, a well-known and well-loved Burra identity has died in Adelaide at the age of 96. She was born in Broken Hill, but was brought to Carrieton at the age of two to live with her aunt after her mother died. Ellen came to Burra when she married and lived in a Miner’s cottage in Truro Street for over 70 years. She was actively involved in many community groups, including the Red Cross and the CWA.

[Born Ellen Mary McCabe 8 February 1889 Broken Hill: died 17 October 1985 Cowandilla.]

**68, 2, 7 November 1985, page 5**

**Burra Branch of the National Trust** had a bus tour of historic sites in Gladstone, Orroroo and Terowie. Twenty-two members visited the Gladstone Gaol, a wattle and daub cottage at Orroroo and the Yesteryear Costume Gallery and finished with afternoon tea at Terowie where Mrs Marina Gray of Terowie’s Citizen’s Association introduced the group to the collection of historical buildings in the main street the association is restoring. The branch raised $80 from the trip.

**Mr Neil Andrew MP** presented an Australian flag to the Burra Girl Guides and Brownies on 23 October.

**Burra National Trust** has written to the Burra DC offering suggestions about the Market Square re-development. The Trust was concerned that it had not been consulted about the plans and while they supported the re-development in principle, they were concerned that the Council seems to have accepted inexpensive light poles without making an effort to see what else was available. President Maureen Wright said at present it looks like an aluminium jungle. Council had decided to use slate salvaged from the foyer of the school rather than pavers. The Trust was certainly pleased to see the undergrounding of the power supply.

**Mt Bryan Gala Weekend** was a great success according to Mrs Beth Oakley, one of the organisers. About 400 attended the gala ball and the $4,800 raised by the weekend will be shared by ten community groups. The celebrations began with a procession on Saturday morning, which included three old fire engines from Burra and Clydesdale horses from Geralka Farm. A float commemorating the 75th birthday of the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall featured old style dancing. Seven members of the Yankalilla Light Horse, clad in WWI uniforms marched and one float featured an old time schoolroom. After the parade the book *Razorback Country*was launched by its publisher Mr Peter Cotton from Adelaide. It was written by local resident Mrs Ruth Stolte. 250 copies were sold over the weekend. Mrs Oakley said 400 people attended the barbecue lunch. In the afternoon the Light Horse Brigade gave a demonstration of tent pegging and there were also sheep dog trials and a blade shearing demonstration. Hay rides were popular and there was a bus tour of the old Mt Bryan Station and other homesteads. The oldest former resident to return was Mr Vic Pearce 91, of Adelaide. Static displays included lead lighting by Helen Reed, floral art by Joyce Lloyd and wood carving by Audrey van Buuren (all of Burra). Pat Brereton’s water-colour scenes also proved popular. 200 people crammed the hall for the gala ball. The master of ceremonies there was Mr Tim Butler of Radio 5CK. Ralph Oakley won the beard-growing contest. Father Lawrie Quinn led the ecumenical church service on Sunday assisted by Uniting Church Minister Malcolm Thomas, Fr Richard Morris of the Anglican Church and Fr Kenny from the Roman Catholic Church.

**68, 2, 7 November 1985, page 6**

**Obituary.** A Legal Notice to creditors etc. reveals the death of Dorothy Lillian Cornelius, late of Ayers St, Burra, spinster, who died 5 October 1985. [Born 9 January 1924 Barmera: died at RAH.]

**Advt.** Dalgety Bennetts Farmers announces the closing down auction of Bence’s of Burra: Friday 15 November, under instructions from P.G. & I. Lonegan Pty Ltd. [Details in ½ column.]

**68, 3, 14 November 1985, page 1**

**Market Square.** A petition has been presented to the Burra DC calling for further work on Market Square to be postponed pending the publishing of an artist’s impression and its examination at a public meeting. It was initiated by the Burra branch of the National Trust and attracted 570 signatures. It was presented to the Council by President Maureen Wright at their Monday night meeting. She pointed out that Burra had more heritage listed buildings per square kilometre than any other town in Australia and was among the six most significant heritage towns in Australia. For these reasons the Council should seek the input of a qualified town planner with heritage experience before proceeding further. She said that while some suggestions, like the use of late paving had been taken on board, other aspect, such as lighting, had been rushed through. The Highways department spokesman said non-approved lighting would not attract the 50% subsidy on cost and maintenance. Mrs Wright said that all they wanted was for the Council to investigate all possibilities. Mr Des Menz, the Acting District Clerk, said the meeting had been valuable in bringing public opinion out in the open. Mrs Wright would be invited to a Council executive meeting to be called soon to discuss the petition’s proposals.

**68, 3, 14 November 1985, page 4**

**BCS.** Five students competed in the recent SA Primary School Athletics & Sports Association competition at Kensington as part of the Mid North Team: Cheryl Stockman, Sharee O’Bryan, Cheryl Day, Tim Sparrow and Adrian White.

Students from the school recently visited the Northern Festival Centre for the Harvest Theatre Company’s production of David Williamson’s play *The Perfectionist.*

**Burra’s Festival of Carols** will be held on 15 December in the grounds of the Burra Hospital. Convenor of the event is Fr Richard Morris. Singing will be led by the Burra Ecumenical Choir of about 30 voices. Pianist will be Mrs Robin Page. Mr Jack Kleinig will be the Master of Ceremonies and Mr James Hawker, Chairman of the Burra DC, will deliver a Christmas message.

**68, 4, 21 November 1985, MISSING**

**68, 5, 28 November 1985, pages 1 & 4**

**Burra SES** held a mock rescue of a car accident as the culmination of two weekends of training at Deep Creek. Nine members took part with three SES instructors from Laura and Divisional Officer Mr I. McDonough. A gutted Toyota Crown was donated by Mr B. Preiss and Mr D. Woolley towed it to the area and dropped it in the creek. A fake victim, Mr Giles Ackford of Adelaide was then placed in the wreckage. The victim had to be blanket-lifted out through the broken windscreen and then placed into a ‘Stoke’s litter’ and lifted vertically up the concrete retaining wall of the creek. The Laura instructors demonstrated how to use the ‘jaws of life’ to open the car’s roof.

[Photo on page 1 and another with the story on page 4.]

**The Caring and Sharing Group** has had a successful year according to co-ordinator Mrs Toni Brown. An over 50s running group and a walking group had been established and the elderly visitation program set up in 1984 had been continued. $150 worth of books had been donated to the Community Library. A new Burra doctor, Dr Ash Thomas had addressed the group in November on their role in psychiatric care. Elections saw Mrs Toni Brown continue as co-ordinator; Mrs Val Hill, assistant co-ordinator; Mrs Lois Maxstead [sic: for Maxted] is the new secretary and Mrs May Fahlbusch is the new treasurer.

**68, 6, 5 December 1985, page 7**

**Football.** The Burra Football Club has agreed to amalgamate with the Booborowie-Hallett Club if certain conditions are met. 70% of members attending a special meeting on 27 November agreed to the move. This was a complete reversal of an earlier decision in November. This was probably due to the new conditions specified. Burra asked that all games be played at Burra and the name of the amalgamated club be Burra-Booborowie-Hallett rather than North-East Districts. Both the existing clubs believed they would struggle to field teams in all divisions in the future. The number of juniors was expected to drop dramatically in the 1990s. Currently there were only 80 senior male students at BCS. The amalgamation would reduce the number of team places from 160 to 80. The amalgamation would lead to a stronger club and would strengthen the very successful Burra Sports and Community Club. Booborowie-Hallett would now consider the proposal with the new conditions. If amalgamation proceeded Burra Football Club would not immediately disband, but would instead go into recess for two years.

**BCS.** Three Year 12 students have been selected in the State Team for the Australian All-School Athletics Competition in Perth in December: Craig McDowell (U19 high jump), Graham Klessell (U19 javelin) and Rosie Lloyd (U19 400 m hurdles, 400 m sprint & 4 x 400 m relay). Rosie Lloyd recently came second to Glynnis Nunn in a 400 m hurdle event.

**Redruth Gaol** is planned to be the location for an event at the Copper Festival Jubilee 150 event over the long weekend in October 1986.Third year drama students at Flinders University will put on an event based on the social history of Burra using music, lighting and other effects. Local teacher, Miss Cheryl John will be the local co-ordinator. [Photo of the Gaol entrance.]

**68, 7, 12 December 1985, MISSING**

**68, 8, 19 December 1985, page 2**

**Burra’s Festival of Carols** drew about 200 at the Civic Centre last Sunday. The weather had proved too cold and wet for the event to be held at the Burra Hospital grounds. Mrs Annie Rees played the piano. Clarinet solos were played by BCS students Kerry Green and Joanne Baulderstone and a flute duet by Alicia Fidock and Pacquita Kuiessner [sic: for Quiessner]. Jack Kleinig was MC, Bible reading was given by Mrs Jan Letcher and Fr Eugene Kenny of St Joseph’s delivered the benediction. About $174 was collected for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

**BCS** students excelled at the National All Schools Athletics Competition in Perth. Rosie Lloyd won a gold medal in the 400 m sprint and captained the SA team. She has been selected got the Australian Junior team to go to New Zealand in January. Graham Klessell came 4th in the javelin and has also been selected to compete in New Zealand.

**St Mary’s Church** has received a grant from the Department of Environment and planning for painting work. During 1986 about $25,000 will be spent on the 106-year-old building. Cement mortar in the western wall was fretting. There had been problems ever since lime mortar had been removed about 26 years ago. It was hoped repairs would be completed by 31 March.

Adelaide sculptor Lady Jocelyn Hicks has offered the church a bas-relief sculpture in wood about 1 m x 1.35 m, with a face depth of 10 cm. The offer has been accepted and the sculpture of the Madonna and Child will be placed on the south wall between stained glass windows depicting the Virgin Mary and Christ the Good Shepherd.

**68, 9, 23 January 1986, page 1**

**Jubilee 150 Parade in Adelaide**

Photo of young miners, Paul Jacka, Andre Cuttle and Todd Ryan on the Burra float.

**68, 9, 23 January 1986, page 4**

**The Broken Hill-Burra Barrow Push** left Broken Hill yesterday. Artist Pro Hart flagged off the teams. The push is in five sections. Yesterday the teams pushed their barrows 48.3 km to Cockburn. Today the run is to Olary and tomorrow from there to Yunta. Saturday will see their arrival at Terowie and they will reach Burra on Sunday, where they are expected to arrive at about 12.15 p.m. The barrows will carry a message from NSW Premier Neville Wran to SA Premier John Bannon to be received by Phil Tyler the new MLC for the seat of Fisher. The barrows must contain a 30 kg load including a pick, a shovel, an axe, a bar of lead and miner’s provisions such as two blankets, two billies, water, flour, salt, tea, sugar and the essential two bottles of beer. Their arrival in Burra will start the town’s Australia Day celebrations. Paul O’Bryan’s country rock band will play in Market Square. There will be a Tae-Kwon Do demonstration at 5.30 p.m. and then a barbecue by the creek. Neil Andrew MP for Wakefield will present the Australia Day Awards.

[Photo of Don Hopgood presenting a Meritorious Effort Award to Mr Len Hentschke last year and one of the Burra Barrow Birds crossing the finish line of the Burra-Broken Hill Barrow Push in 1985.]

**Mr Rod Walsh,** Burra’s new District Clerk began work on 9 January. He was previously the CEO for DC of Dudley on Kangaroo Island. He was born in Barmera and is a keen sportsman, being a past water ski champion for SA and is also a keen golfer and tennis player. His wife, Lynne, has been active in kindergarten and pre0school affairs. They have three children: Adele (4½), Erin (2) and Rory (7 months).

**68, 9, 23 January 1986, page 5**

**Broken Hill-Burra Barrow Push**

Committee member Chris Reed offers some thoughts on strategic considerations for competitors.

Hallett has an all day barbecue planned as part of the push.

The Dampier Salt Shakers are the favourites to win after winning the 1984 and 1985 Burra-Broken Hill races. The Port Hedland team (formerly the Pilbarrow Pushers) are expected to offer them strong competition. Other favoured contenders are the Daydream Team (Broken Hill) and the Burra Breathers. [Photo of the Dampier Salt Shakers.]

**68, 10, 30 January 1986, page 1**

**The Broken Hill-Burra Barrow Push** was won by the Dampier Salt Shakers from WA for the third time in succession. A crowd estimated at 4,000 lined the highway and Burra streets to see the finish. The Paringa Pushers came second. The winners said their $10,000 prize would be donated to charity. Paringa Pushers won $1,000 and in third place the Port Hedland Running Club won $500. Retravision Boilers came 13th, but won $1,000 for being the only team with members over 40 years old. Burra Barrow Birds won $1,000 for being the only female team. Collinsville Rams were the best local team and came in fifth. Burra Breathers came 8th. The event was a great success and there are already plans for a Burra-Broken Hill push in 1988.

[Photo of the Collinsville Rams pusher crossing the finish line in Market Square.]

**68, 10, 30 January 1986, page 2**

**Broken Hill-Burra Barrow Push**

[List of the 17 teams with their times and a photo of the crowd in Market Square.]

**Citizen of the Year**

Mrs Florence Scroop was named Citizen of the Year. She has been involved with the Burra North Red Cross for over 40 years and has also been involved with the Aberdeen football, tennis and netball clubs.

For many years she has been head steward of the flower section at the Burra Show and has worked for Meals on Wheels and the Burra Hospital Committee.

[The article variously says Mrs Scroop was 75 years old and ’80-odd’, but as she was born in 1905 the figure of 80 was correct.]

Ian Kleinig was the Young Citizen of the Year. In 1985 he was selected as a Queens Scout, the highest award in scouting. His efforts have saved the Burra Cubs from collapse. He is a steward in the Lutheran Church and a representative on the BCS Student Council as well as being involved in football, volleyball, tennis and swimming.

**St Mary’s, Burra.** Repair work has begun and it is expected to be completed by 31 March. A special recital by Adelaide organist John Hall is planned to mark the conclusion of the work. Concrete pointing is being removed and replaced with lime mortar to eliminate dampness entering the church. Work will also be done on the parapets and capping and some new iron will be placed on the roof.

**Gary Donaldson & his wife Jan** set up Cousin Jack’s Art & Craft Gallery after touring SA looking for a suitable site about 15 months ago. Gary is a wood turner whose pieces are a pleasant blend of the functional and the interpretive. The gallery also has works by Peter Anderson, Rita Hall, Alison Cooper, Margaret Warwick and Martin Corbin among others. [Photo of Gary Donaldson.]

**68, 10, 30 January 1986, page 1**

**Burra Barrow Push Team the Super Macs** have challenged the Clare Crushers to try to beat them in the Mt Remarkable Sack Truck Race on 15 & 16 February for the prize of a carton of beer. The race runs 84 km from Booleroo Centre to Pt Germein with a four member team to push a specially designed sack truck with a 40 kg load.

**BCS.** The school is increasing the number of internally examined subjects and reducing the range of externally examined ones. Principal Mr Roger Henderson said this would better suit students’ needs. Internally examined Geography, Drama and two units of English will be offered and externally examined Geography and History will be dropped. About 20 students were expected to take Year 12 this year; a slight fall in numbers. 95% of last year’s Year 12 students had either found employment or were doing tertiary study. Internally examined History would have family history as a focus.

Staff changes:

In the Primary School Ms Helen Davis from Napperby Primary and Ms Karen Lockert from Teachers College will replace Mrs Wendy Burge and Ms Carolyn Bartlett. The former has been in Burra for six years and is on accouchement leave, while the latter has moved to Pilgrim School at Aberfoyle Park.

In the Secondary School Mr James Harris is a new Adelaide University graduate to teach Physics and Drama teacher Mr John Keel has transferred from Eudunda Area School. Ms Anna Kasoulus from Clare HS replaces Mr Colin Baker who goes to the position of Senior Master at East Murray Area School. Ms Kasoulus will teach History and Geography. After three years here teaching Physics and Computing Mr Garry Williams has transferred to Aberfoyle Park HS.

**Jubilee 150 Parade in Adelaide on New Year’s Eve**

Two photos:

1. Three Cornish maids: Felicity Lines, Kirsty Warnes & Kylie Reed.
2. Among the ‘miners and toffs’ Colin Fidock with Sue Langsford and Dani Fidock.

**69, 1, 6 February 1986, MISSING**

**69, 2, 13 February 1986, page 5**

**The Sharing and Caring Group’s** program of meetings for the year is printed.

**Mr Brian Ford** is the new Hallett Primary School principal. He comes from Cadell Primary School.

**Burra Community Library.** BCS Principal Mr Roger Henderson said that plans were well advanced for a new mezzanine floor in the Library to house the local history collection. It will be an internal steel structure that will not damage the walls of the old school building. It is expected to cost about $21,000. Funding is still being sorted out.

**BCS.** The School is still awaiting a response to the proposal for a hostel.

**Agricultural Bureaus** at Hanson and Mt Bryan may merge in July. Both have small memberships and will hold a joint program this year with alternate meetings at BCS and Mt Bryan. A decision will be made in July. Topics for the year’s program are listed.

**Booborowie Primary School.** Mr & Mrs Barrey Niven have come from Tantanoola. Barrey is the new principal who replaces Mr Leo Vasilunas, who moves to an advisory position with the District Office. He will take the upper grades and his wife, Glenda, will reach reception to Year 3. They have two children; Jacinta (6) and Adrienne (3). Barrey plays the bagpipes and also enjoys tennis. He hopes to join a hockey team too. Glenda plays tennis and netball.

**Burra CFS** has bought a second hand UHF radio for its Bedford fire unit. This follows a public appeal and $100 each from the Burra Apex, Lions and Yacht Clubs. The unit will be very useful as 90% of local farmers had a UHF radio.

**Advt.** There is quite a large advertisement for advance copies of Ian Auhl’s new book *The Monster Mine – The Burra Burra Mine and its Townships 1845-1877.* Special offer 1 to 31 March of $32 plus $5 packaging and postage. Recommended retail price after that will be $45 plus packaging and postage.

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**The Ian Auhl Collection** is now open to the public. The collection has been compiled by Mr Auhl over the last 20 years. It includes an index of historical newspaper references, which he used in writing his book *The Monster Mine.* There is also a biographical index of people mentioned in those references, together with collections of local maps, photos and negatives. The Community Librarian, Mr Colin Fidock, said researchers could use the collection once they had filled out an application form, stating the purpose of their research. He said it was hoped that the collection would eventually be located on the mezzanine floor of the library, though funding for that was still being negotiated. The collection began when Mr Auhl was preparing a tourist pamphlet for the Burra DC and realised that the town had now newspaper of its own until 1876 and no history books about it except for centenary publications. References to the town’s history could only be found in a collection of the Adelaide newspaper *The Register*, kept in the Burra Institute. Mr Auhl began collecting the references to Burra from that source and miscellaneous references from other books. The collection was used in the production of the *Burra Sketchbook* in 1969, which was illustrated by Maurice Perry. It has since been used in preparing the *Burra Conservation Study* in 1978. It has since been used in writing other historical accounts, in tourist pamphlets, for Council submissions and submissions for heritage listings. Originally it had been intended to house the collection in the Copper Interpretive Centre, but when funding for this was diverted, it was decided to place it at the Burra Community Library. Mr Auhl said there was still a century of Burra’s history to write, but he could not do it. Burra’s future as one of Australia’s great historic towns depended on the depth and accuracy of its research he said. He hoped that in the course of time the collection would ‘attract the commitment to its further use and growth in the course of the future of Burra and district.’

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**Market Square.** The revised plan for the redevelopment of the square has been completed and Council is now awaiting approval from the Department of Environment and Planning. Changes had been made to the size and design of the traffic control mounds and to the type of materials used in the construction. The changes follow an outcry at a public meeting last year. A meeting last week involved the Burra Burra DC, the Heritage Branch of the Department of Environment and Planning, the Chairman of the National Trust in Burra Mrs Maureen Wright and Mr Gerry O’Connor. Mrs Wright said the plans were not very different from the original concept. The Engineer had satisfied the Road Traffic Board and legal requirements, but had not taken into account heritage aspects. A major problem was that there is a major highway through Burra and the lighting appropriate for a highway looked absolutely horrible in Market Square. A final decision of lighting would have to be made within the next fortnight. Mrs Wright said she hoped the final design would be publicly displayed.

**Burra National Trust** hopes owners of heritage buildings in Burra will consider placing enamel interpretive signs on them. Signs with pictures and writing are planned for the buildings owned by the National Trust. The Department of tourism and the Department of Mines may help with the Signposting Mrs Wright said.

**SES Exercise.** Members of the Burra, Hallett, Pt Pirie and Laura SES units will combine in an exercise on March 9 at the disused honey factory about 4 km from Gladstone. A mock explosion on the top floor will require crews to effect rescues after the collapse of normal access.

**New Burra CFS/SES Headquarters** are being planned at the old railway goods shed on Copperhouse Street. They will share a radio room, training room, ablutions block and garage facilities, but will have separate storage rooms for equipment. At present Burra CES had no permanent venue and was using the Town Hall for meetings and the storage of equipment. The CFS was sharing the St John Ambulance Centre in Market Street. The secretary of the CFS said this was adequate because the town had a fire brigade and the CFS only fought grass fires in summer and helped with serious town fires. Locating the CFS and SES near each other would allow them to combine resources.

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**Burra SES** has taken delivery of their replacement light rescue vehicle. It is a second hand 4WD Toyota troop carrier, which is able to transport seven crew and their equipment as well as to tow a trailer. Of the $6,300 cost, half was paid by the Burra Burra DC and half by an SES subsidy. It replaces a 10-year-old Land Cruiser, which had extensive rust and other problems.

**Burra Copper Festival** planning is under way. A feature of the weekend will be a production at Redruth Gaol by the Arts Council, the National Trust and Flinders University drama students. One idea is for country music and bonfires along the creek. A committee has been formed to organise an arts and draft exhibition. A bullockies’ breakfast is being contemplated to start the Gulf Road re-enactment, which will be started by Kym Bonython. Bullock drays, horses and mule teams will take part in the trek to Pt Wakefield, leaving Burra 13 October and due in Pt Wakefield on 1 November to greet the Jubilee 150 ketch *Falie,* which is to take the copper ore to Pt Adelaide. The route passes through Farrell Flat, Mintaro, Leasingham, Auburn, Hoyleton, Halbury, and Balaklava.

**Halley’s Comet** sparked a letter from the ‘Bible Christian Church’ at Burra, drawing a parallel between the gradual decay of the comet and the moral decay of the nation.

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**Burra Apex Club** will hold its annual Ploughman’s Dinner this Saturday night in the Town Hall. At the end of June 1986 it looked as if the club might fold because of loss of members. There were then only six active members, but since then numbers had grown until there were now 19 active members.

**The Burra to Clare Barrow Push** will be held on Easter Sunday. The competitors will push a load of 35 kg for a first prize of $400, with runners-up to get $200 and third place $100. There will be two sections. The senior teams will cover the 42 km to Clare from Burra, while a junior section will start from Farrell Flat and cover 21 km. The winning junior team stands to win $150, with $50 to the runners-up.

**The Bon Accord Museum** is to be opened on the October long weekend and work on it is progressing well. About $30,000 has been spent and a display case to house the model of the mine in 1860 by Mrs Pam Marlow is currently being installed. The National Trust has provided the $5,000 for the case, which was designed by Mr Peter Stitt from Moonta. Mrs Marlow now lives in Pinnaroo, but will return to the Bon Accord in the May school holidays to build the hills and landscape for the model. Chairman of the National Trust Mrs Maureen Wright, said they were seeking old telephone books because their paper made excellent papier mâché. Once the landscape has been completed the 33 groups of model buildings will be installed in time for the October opening. The museum will also contain a social history of the Burra Burra and Princess Royal Mines. The original shaft of the Bon Accord Mine has been covered with a glass viewing panel and a safety tail has been installed, so that visitors can now look down the 20 m shaft. Work was also being done at the original police station and lock-up. This has been financed by a grant of $12,000 from the National Estate and $3,000 from the National Trust. Local stone mason, Daryl Pearce, and plasterer, Peter Bailey, have been working on the site. They were currently building a dome-shaped roof on the old toilet.

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**New Aged Housing for Burra**

The six McBride stone cottages in Chapel Street may be redeveloped for aged housing in a joint venture between the Burra Burra DC and the Housing Trust. The project has been submitted to the Housing Trust for costing and if successful work will be gin in May. District Clerk Me R. Walsh said the cottages would be remodelled as one-bedroom units with new kitchens, bathrooms and laundries. Each is currently built on two levels, but the proposal is to build up the back to make a one level unit that is more convenient for elderly people. New Picket fences will be erected at the front and a colorbond fence at the rear. Two of the existing tenants would remain and there are already applications from interested parties for the other four. Rents will be means-tested. If approved the Burra homes would become part of the SA Jubilee 150 Cottages for the Aged project. The former Premier Mr Tonkin had set the Trust the goal of providing 1,000 homes for the aged by the end of the Jubilee year. They would probably exceed it said co-ordinator of the Joint Venture section of the Housing Trust, Mr L. Rentis. The majority of them had been built in the country.

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**Old Bible Christian Chapel.** Work has started on the re-development of the old Bible Christian Chapel and block on the corner of Kingston St and Paxton Terrace [sic: actually Bridge Terrace]. The chapel will be renovated and a new building, similar to the Cottages in Paxton Square will be erected next to it. The timber-framed building will be finished in a rendered stone wall finish to blend in with Paxton Square, as recommended by the Heritage Branch of the Department of Environment and Planning. It is intended the buildings will house a museum outlining the history of Paxton Square and will become the second tourist office in Burra. The Burra Burra DC will provide $80,000 for the project and the Lewis Trust the remaining $40,000\*. The wooden framework for the new building was erected last week.

[Photo showing the new framework and the old chapel with its sliding corrugated iron door across the front.]

[\*This financial statement is incorrect and was corrected in the paper Vol. 69, 9, 4 April 1986, page 5.

The Council raised a loan of $80,000 on behalf of the Lewis Board of Management. No ratepayer money was involved. See E.T. Baulderstone’s letter to the editor at the above place.]

**Estelle Nicholls of Burra** won the North Eastern Women’s Bowling Association’s Champion of Champions title in the singles final at Peterborough on 14 March. Jamestown won the Fours.

**The Redbanks Recreation Study** should be given to the Burra Burra DC in the next fortnight. It will suggest which part of the 25 acre area should be used for the different types of recreation. Erosion was a problem in the area and it is likely that scrambling and camping would be restricted to certain parts of the area.

**Burra Burra DC** will investigate the possibility of buying land in Burra North as a parking space for heavy transports carrying stock. Local carrier Mr A. McBride suggested to idea. Acting District Clerk, Mr R. Walsh, said the idea had the merit of keeping the vehicles off the town streets, increasing their safety and reducing the parking problem. Council would discuss the matter with the stock firms who owned the land in question.

The Council will also establish a Heritage Advisory Sub-Committee to advise and make recommendations to Council on heritage matters in the district. Crs H. Stockman, J.W. Barton and G. Radford will be Council representatives and Chairman J. Hawker will be an ex-officio member. The formation of the sub-committee follows increasing development of sites such as Redruth Gaol, Paxton Square Cottages, the mine area and problems with the redevelopment of Market Square. At the February meeting of Council Cr H. Stockman suggested the District Clerk and District Engineer visit the historic mining town of Maldon in Victoria to report on its heritage and development. They will visit Maldon in April.

Council will support applications for grants from the Department of Local Government:

* Burra Promotions Committee $2,700 for signage at each end of the township
* Caring and Sharing Group
* Burra Community Library $2,500 for the student family history project
* Community News $3,800 to assist with the fortnightly booklet.

Council will hold immunisation clinics for local students following urging from the SA Health Commission. They will cover diseases like polio and tetanus.

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**Market Square.** The meeting between Councillors and representatives of the National Trust resulted in a decision to install post-top lights. The design looks like an inverted bowler hat. They will replace the nine-and-a-half metre high gooseneck installed last October. Trust Chairman Mrs M. Wright said they would harmonise better with the heritage environment and the cost was in line with the original costing for gooseneck poles. The Council recently adopted its revised plan for the square. The changes mainly affected the protuberances in the road and at its margins. The surface of the main pedestrian area was kept 12 cm below the top of the existing kerb to retain the curvature of the kerb line. Work was expected to begin shortly.

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**John William Barton,** local Burra chemist, became an Australian citizen at February’s Council meeting and was presented with a native eucalyptus tree. Cr Barton migrated to Australia with his parents 31 years ago when his father became managing director of David Brown Tractors in Sydney. The family later moved to Adelaide. He decided to become a citizen after experiencing the customary delays in getting a British passport for an overseas trip.

**The Adelaide Botanic Gardens** have asked to borrow the Jubilee Fountain in Market Square in order to make a replica for the Adelaide Gardens. The loan has been agreed to by the Council and the National Trust.

**Burra Town Rates** are likely to rise this year. District Clerk Mr R. Walsh said the rural rates were subsidising the townships of Burra, Mt Bryan and Farrell Flat and were excessive in proportion to the town rates. The Council will petition the Minister for Local Government in October to change the rating system from one based on land value to one based on capital value. [That is from unimproved vales to improved values, which would have the effect of an increase in town rates.]

**Council Amalgamations.** There will be discussions between representatives of the Burra Burra DC and Wakefield Plains DC on 1 April to consider advantages and disadvantages of council amalgamations. District Clerk R. Walsh said that although there were no plans to amalgamate with Wakefield Plains, future amalgamation with Hallett, Spalding or Robertstown was a possibility. The meeting was to see how the amalgamation between Port Wakefield, Balaklava and Owen, which occurred some three years ago, had succeeded.

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**Market Square.** A group of 45 residents gathered in Market Square yesterday morning to blockade the start of redevelopment work by the Burra Burra DC. The redevelopment has been controversial since last year when the Council announced new lighting proposals and alternative road route to increase safety. The protest started at 6 a.m. when Council workers moved in the remove concrete kerbing around the rotunda and the median strip in Market Square. According to several protesters several incidents occurred before workers took a tea break at 8.45 a.m. They had not returned to work by noon. One incident involved Mr Bill Keane, a farmer from Gum Creek and Mr Tom Boulger, a shop owner. The pair ended up standing in the bucket of a loader that was removing kerbing opposite the rotunda. They were forced to jump off. Another protester was Mrs Eunice Baker, who was strongly opposed to the Council’s actions, saying they had ignored ratepayers’ feelings. She said the Chairman had gone to the Clare Sheep Show and left the newly appointed District Clerk to face the protesters. She was also unhappy with the National Trust for making a compromise with the Council. Tourist Information Officer Jenny O’Connor hoped more residents would support the move against the changes to the square. The square was listed as number six in importance on the National Estate, she said, and the Council had no tight to modernise it. People were generally rather apathetic, but she thought this issue might galvanize them into action. Mr Derek Rayfield, Secretary of the Burra Preservation Organisation said the demonstration was spontaneous. The Organisation had collected 819 signatures from 1,471 ratepayers in just a week.

By noon most protesters had left the scene and the Council Chairman Mr James Hawker had returned from Clare. He said at this stage the Council had no plans to change its mind unless new information was presented to it. Some of the allegations about changes to the rose garden and the War Memorial were wrong, he said. He had received no official request for a poll. In December electors had asked them to seek professional advice and they had done that. Council had not seen the petition circulated by the Burra Preservation Organisation, but he believed it showed that Queen Street had been closed off, which was a ‘blatant inaccuracy’.

**Burra Police** reported a major accident at the scramble track at Redbanks over Easter. At least four riders had been injured. The major difficulty in that area had been enforcing a fire ban, as many campers had not come equipped to cope with that eventuality.

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**Market Square Issues**

A newsletter designed to clear up some misconceptions about Market Square plans has been distributed to Burra residents. Council chairman Mr James Hawker said that despite public meetings in July and December to explain details, it was clear that misconceptions persisted. There was a petition going around with a map that was completely incorrect. As it transpired people did realise that and altered it. He said that although there had been no major accidents recently in the square, the number of tourists in the town had doubled in five years. The current position will not be the same in the future. The parking situation in Burra is undesirable; there is no formal parking and no lines. People park where they want. They park near corners and around the triangular island in the square; reversing blindly from the kerb. There had been three previous plans to change the arrangements in the square, but none had been enacted. The current plan was the first that had taken account of engineering principles such as traffic management and drainage. He noted the Burra Preservation Organisation had accepted the mew lighting proposals.

**Morphett’s Pump-house.** Work will begin at this site this month on the $100,000 re-development. District Clerk Mr Walsh said that the work would make the pump-house and the Bon Accord museum one of the state’s top tourist attractions. Work on restoring the shaft was one of a number of SA projects that has received funding during the Jubilee 150 year. The pump-house project and the Bon Accord Museum will be officially opened during the Copper-town Festival in October.

**Burra Town Hall** has a new management committee. At a public meeting on 5 March Mr Barry Wright was elected president with Mr David Thamm as Secretary and Mrs Freda Pink as Publicity Officer. Cr Norm Maxted is the Council representative. New boards have been installed in the stage floor. Burra Apex Club has offered to re-polish the main floor and has also requested the telephone be relocated to the ticket bay in the foyer and other minor repairs be effected. District Clerk Mr R. Walsh said the Town Hall usage had changed recently as young adults now seem to prefer pubs for their entertainment.

**The City of Temple** in Texas has been suggested as Burra’s new twin town for the Jubilee 150 year. The original proposal to be twinned with Kerrville in Texas had fallen through due to a lack of response from Kerrville. Temple, with a population of 45,000, was known for its research hospitals.

**Work on the Burra-Spalding Road** has begun, using an emergency grant of $100,000.

**Burra Burra DC** has applied for a $1,500 subsidy to buy the land in the creek bed on the southern outskirts of Burra adjacent to Kotz’s Estate. If successful the land would be a public park and Council would plant trees there to beautify the area.

The Council’s Supplementary Development Plan now seems unlikely to be available to the public until August or September.

Council representatives will meet with the Caravan Park Sub-Committee on 4 April to consider the future of the park and possible alternative sites for it. It was desirable that the present park be closed because of its location and the small number of sites available there. They will consider available sites around the town able to accommodate 60-80 caravans.

**Paxton Square**

E.T. Baulderstone writes as Treasurer of the Lewis Board of Management.

The following is an outline of the management, finance, etc. of the Paxton Square Cottages Project.

Most people are aware that the cottages contribute to the history of SA and Australia.

I have been connected with their management for the past 20 years and wish to bring the correct facts to the notice of the grumblers who insist their rates are spent financing these cottages.

1. About four years ago the cottages were transferred to the Burra Burra DC gratis, the main reason being that the Council was in a position to receive grants, etc. for their development.
2. During the last three years approximately $500,000 has been made available in grants etc.
3. The Council appointed a management board to manage these grants and arranged for a loan of $100,000 for the first stage, which opened in April 1983 as holiday cottages.
4. 18 months later the second stage was opened.
5. Since being in operation, the board has paid all loan repayments, amounting to over $65,000 and capital expenditure $42,000, in addition to the maintenance and operating costs.
6. We are now in a position to contribute $40,000 towards the third stage with a cost of $120,000.
7. The Council has arranged for a loan of $80,000 for the balance, which will be repaid from our profits and will cost the ratepayers nothing, while making the property more valuable.
8. A complete financial statement is rendered at each monthly meeting of the board and a copy is forwarded to Council.
9. A yearly statement is presented at the annual public meeting attended by very few ratepayers.

‘Stop grumbling and uttering false statements among the people of our community. I am available at most times to answer queries in a sensible manner.’

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**Market Square**

D. Rayfield said: ‘The historic nature of Market Square is no more.’ after seeing the square earlier on Tuesday. Work had recommenced on the Square on Friday morning following Thursday’s confrontation between protesters and council workers. About 30 protesters were there again, but additional police had been brought in from Pt Pirie, Spalding, Hallett and Pt Augusta. Police removed a bus that had been parked on the disputed Median strip and a tractor also illegally parked to disrupt work. The protesters staged a passive protest. Mr Rayfield described Friday as disastrous. He had hoped that unofficial talks between the parties involved might take place earlier this week, but that had not occurred.

**David Kellock** of Kelvale, Burra, bred this year’s Clare Sheep Show’s Grand Champion Poll Merino Ram.

**BCS** held its annual sports day on 2 April. Jennison House won the competition. Outstanding individual efforts were made by Riggs House athletes Justin Hall who broke six records and Petrea Piggott who broke five.

The age championship prizes went to:

U13 Girls Cheryl Day

U13 Boys John Villis

U14 Girls Petrea Piggott

U14 Boys Tony Secomb

U15 Girls\* Marie Neinke

U15 Boys\* Michael Kessell

Open Girls Pam Swift

Open Boys Justin Hall

[\*The paper lists both these as U14.]

**Country Track & Field Championships** were recently held at Berri.

Graham Kessell, formerly of BCS, was the Male Outstanding Athlete.

Graham had recently left BCS to start work with a car dealer in Adelaide, where he is again playing for Central Districts Football Club.

Other athletes from Burra putting in a good performance were: Petrea Piggott, Sally Kellock, Tasma Wooton, Cheryl Stockman, Tricia Madigan, Tammy Walker, Ian Kleinig, Michael Day and Tony Secomb. In the Little Athletics section Cheryl Day and Bill Piggott won medals.

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**Burra Burra DC** held ratepayers’ meetings at Mt Bryan & Booborowie last week. Issues discussed included the current financial situation, future financial strategies, ratings policy, Market Square and future projects. Many of the Council borrowings were self servicing loans taken out by organisations like the Lewis Trust or sporting clubs, or loans taken out by previous councils for capital works. District Clerk Mr Walsh said the overall deficit for 1985-86 would be $86,500, which was not much different from last year. The main factors in an increase were the cut in road funding and the rural recession. Mr Hawker said the proposed Burra North by-pass was not a Council sponsored project, but had been proposed by the Highways Department. The Black Bridge at Burra North had a weight limit of 20 tonnes and could not be upgraded. There was as yet no starting date for the Highways Department project.

During the meeting plans were tabled for the proposed redevelopment of the Morphett’s boiler-house. Council was seeking Australian Bicentennial Funding for this project. The plans would preserve existing walls and restore the roofline to create a space to house copper and mining history.

Consultants were in the last stages of developing the Supplementary development Plan for the Council.

Council would also be seeking ratepayers’ ideas on ward boundaries because new legislation limited the variation in the number of electors each councillor could represent to 10%. Currently Burra had four town councillors representing about half the electorate and seven rural representatives from the other half. This imbalance will have to be addressed.

A total of about 150 electors attended the meetings.

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**BCS** won the interschool secondary sports day for the sixth year in a row last week. Competing schools were Burra, Riverton, Kapunda and Eudunda. Mr Brian Chapman, Director of the SA Volleyball Association presented the Mid North Athletics Championship Shield to Burra and the Improvement Shield to Riverton.

[Highlights of the results are printed.]

**Burra Lifesaving Club** celebrated the successes of Mid North Life-Savers at a conference at Hallett over the weekend. This year saw the presentation of distinctions in lifesaving to six Mid North lifesavers. About 200 attended the conference at Tooralie. On Saturday there was training for the cardio-pulmonary certificate and in the evening they were entertained by Paul O’Brian’s Country & Western Band. On Sunday morning the conference was visited by the Secretary of the Royal Lifesaving Society of SA Mr Vin Forde, who declared the Burra Royal Lifesaving Society an official club with office bearers. Elected: President, Mrs Pohlner and Mrs Jan Jacka, Secretary-Treasurer. There was a bush picnic on Sunday afternoon and a trip of the Tooralie Hills. The Burra Club has been running for four years. [Various awards are listed.]

**70, 2, 24 April 1986, page 5**

**A Burra Ratepayers’ Meeting** on Thursday last at the Burra Civic Centre was attended by about 100 people.

Chairman J. Hawker said the Council’s financial position was well within accepted levels, but would require careful watching. The loan situation was about average compared with other councils. The Secretary General of the Local Government Association Mr J. Hullick affirmed these statements. Loans of 26 or 27% of the rate revenue are very much the state average, he said. Mr Hawker said he would like to change the Council’s rating system in 1987-88. A significant proportion of Burra is on the minimum rate. The rural area is subsidising the town area. As the Local Government Act required a change to ward boundaries to more equal representation of electors, so too should there be an equalising of rates, he said. Mr Baker suggested that the proposed changes would result in people allowing their property to run down. Mr McGuiness raised the issue of rural roads. Mr Hawker said there were problems with rural roads, but some roads had to get priority, not just bits and pieces. Mr Tebbett said he could not see how this situation would improve with less money spent on roads in 1985-86 compared with 1984-85. Mr Hawker said this reflected Government policy. The State has said it will not give out anything for rural arterial roads next year. The Councillors have tried very hard to get outside money, but Mr Hawker said he was very apprehensive about the forthcoming financial situation. Mrs Dewhirst questioned whether the Supplementary Development Plan would continue to be an obstacle to installing tiled roofs in the town. Mrs Baker said they were moving towards a socialist society and thought it frightening. She saw the examples of Market Square, the supplementary Development Plan and the proposed rating changes as an erosion of the public voice in a democratic country. Mr Hawker said that electors could call for a poll before any change to the rating system was introduced. Mrs Dewhirst was concerned about the amount of unauthorised development in the town and wondered whether the Supplementary Development Plan would be as laxly enforced. Mr Hawker said those who did not act within the law would ultimately face litigation. Mrs Tennant asked whether the Council was aware of the petition against the Market Square redevelopment. Mr Hawker said he had been informed it was circulating, but that it was addressed to the Minister for Local Government and the petition was never lodged with the Council. Mr Denton said many people had signed it because they were concerned by the level of Council debt and thought that by stopping Market Square they would ease the financial position. Mr Hawker said that as Chairman he ultimately accepted what happened in Council. He thought it was time to bury the controversy. Former Mayor Mr Ted Baulderstone also called for reconciliation. He revived the tradition of calling for a vote of thanks to the Council at the end of the meeting. He said it was difficult in Council to do what people want all the time. He hoped the perturbing split in the town over the past few weeks could be healed. The meeting ended with applause.

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**Obituary.** Otto Przibilla died 17 April 1986 in Perth. He was brother to Mavis, Ida, Henry and the late Joan, Len and Barbara. [Thomas Otto Przibilla born 23 February 1912 Farrell’s Flat.]

**70, 3, 1 May 1986, page 4**

**The Gulf Road Re-enactment** will begin in Burra on 13 October. Bullocky, Mr Jim Kelly and his team will cart copper ore from Burra to Pt Wakefield over the historic 96 km route. The teams will leave Burra at 10 a.m. after a Bullockies Breakfast on the banks of the creek. They will be seen off by Mr Kym Bonython the Chairman of the Jubilee 150 Committee. The plan is to travel about 5 km a day and to pass through Hanson, Farrell Flat, Mintaro, Leasingham, Auburn, Hoyleton, Halbury, Balaklava and Pt Wakefield. The route was pioneered between 1849 and 1857 as an attempt to reduce the cost of transporting ore by bullock the 160 km to Pt Adelaide, where it was shipped as ballast on wool ships sailing to Wales.

**Burra-Broken Hill Barrow Push.** Plans have been laid for the push on 13-17 January rather than the Australia Day long weekend. Mr Chris Reed, one of the organisers, said they thought there would be too much going on at that date. The committee is aiming to boost the prize money to $30,000. If they are successful in getting sponsorship the first prize will be $10,000, with $3,000 for second and $2,000 for third. There will also be a fourth prize of $1,000 and $500 for fifth. $1,000 prizes will also be awards to the winning over-40 team, the service team, the all-female team and the under-17 team. Second in each category will get $500. An allocation of $5,000 for fun-runners has yet to be determined. Mr Reed said the aim was to tie the event into the opening of the Broken Hill Mining Museum and the Burra Copper Interpretive Centre in the Bicentennial event.

[Other details are given.]

**The Jubilee Trade Train** will visit next week.

**The Burra National Trust** will hold their first bus tour on 10 May. They will visit Clare and its National Trust Museum, the historic Wolta Wolta home and Medika Gallery in Blyth.

**70, 4, 8 May 1986, page 5**

**Bowls**

The 3rd Division Bowling Championships were held at Burra on 28 & 29 April.

Championship Fours BHAS Pt Pirie

Championship Triples BHAS Pt Pirie

Championship Pairs Lone Club, Quorn

Championship Singles Broken Hill RSL, M. Bonetti

**Ruth Trevivian** of Adelaide writes to the Editor.

As one who was born in Burra 70 years ago I watched the TV with incredulity and sickness the desecration of Market Square. One of my first memories was being taken to the Square to see snow which had fallen through the night. I walked through Market Square daily to get to school and loved the sweeping curve of the street. I was interstate when the planned changes were given publicity and so could not register my indignation. Now I wish to say I think it monstrous that it should be altered. I don’t recall there being accidents there, but if there were, I consider it due not to the layout of the streets, but to the condition or inexperience of the drivers. Why the need to tamper with this lovely setting? [The letter continues in this vein.]

**The Jubilee Trade Train** was in Burra 4 & 5 May. On Sunday about 1,000 people visited it and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. Many dressed in period costume. A prize for best dressed went to Mrs Margaret Lehmann and her granddaughter Jane of Mt Bryan. A variety of stalls complemented the train displays.

**Drama at Redruth Gaol**

A feature of the Copper festival will be a drama at Redruth Gaol. It will bring to life the old days of the gaol and reformatory and will be staged 11 & 12 October, with a special schools presentation on 10 October. It will cost $20,000 and will be exciting and challenging. Drama students from Flinders University have been researching the mining, church, pastoralists, pastimes, education and architecture of early Burra. Twenty residents have already provided oral histories of the gaol and what they can remember of its folklore. There will also be a serious study of the nature of crime in this area in the nineteenth century. The differences between life in the gaol and the reformatory will be explained. Parts of the performance may involve folk dancing, bush and choral music, pyrotechnics, giant puppets, kites, readings and re-enactments, film, video and street pageants as well as more conventional scripted theatre. The aim is to celebrate and record links with the town’s past. The audience is likely to move through different parts of the gaol as the performance goes on. As well as the drama students, the performance is being organised by the Burra branches of the Arts Council, the Copper Festival Committee, the National Trust and Senior Citizens as well as involving the District Council and the school.

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**Obituary.** A legal notice to creditors etc. reveals the death of William Alfred Field of 5 Paradise Street, Burra, on 2 April 1986. [Born 21 December 1919 Kooringa.]

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**Arrest at Hanson.** A 31-year-old Hanson man has been arrested for the possession and cultivation of cannabis.

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**Mid North Regional Tourism Awards.**

Mrs Jenny O’Connor won the award for outstanding achievement in tourist promotion for the second year in a row.

O’Connor, Tours run by Jenny & Denny O’Connor won the award for best tourist services in the region.

The awards were presented by the Shadow Minister of Tourism, Mrs Jennifer Adamson.

**Accident.** A Tarago van rolled over in Paradise Street on 5 May. Damage to the van was estimated at $4,000. There were five occupants from NSW and one was treated at Burra hospital for minor injuries.

**Accident.** A car rolled over 12 km south of Burra on the Barrier Highway on 11 May, injuring two elderly people from Adelaide. They were treated for minor injuries at Burra Hospital.

**The Simpson Family** held a reunion at the Burra Town Hall on 6 April. It was organised by Mrs Daphne Cook and Mrs Dawn Dawes. Five generations of the family attended. About 100 people were present. The first Simpsons were farmers in the district in the 1870s. A previous reunion had been held in 1982. Most of the visitors wore period costume.

**70, 5, 22 May 1986, page?**

**Governor Sir Donald Dunstan & Lady Dunstan** will attend the Burra Civic Ball in the Town Hall on 7 June. Queen’s Scouts and Venturers led by Mr David Jennings will form a guard of honour. The Dance Victoriana Troupe will demonstrate old time dances and Morey Paley’s Dance Orchestra from Adelaide will provide the music. Research is being done into a suitable décor and Barry Wright of the Town Hall Committee said they were considering removing the panels from the turned wood balustrades. This had been placed there to prevent young picture show patrons from rolling bottles and other objects onto the audience below. The gallery would accommodate about 50 non-dancers for the evening.

**Accident.** A semi-trailer rolled over about 2 km north of Mt Bryan at 3.30 p.m. on 8 May. SES and St John’s Ambulance freed the trapped driver after about an hour’s effort. The vehicle was transporting cattle, about 30 of which had to be destroyed by police and stock agents at the scene.

**Redruth Gaol** has won a $50,000 grant from the Commonwealth Banking Organisation for renovations. President of the Burra National Trust, Maureen Wright, said they were delighted. Work to be done includes salt damp treatment, repair of stonework, re-capping, plastering, painting and re-pointing. Some interpretive displays would also be financed. The car park would be upgraded and a toilet block erected. This would enable the facility to be hired out for functions. The gaol would be the venue for the Redruth drama event during the Copper Festival in October. When the Trust acquired the building in 1977 the cost of restoration was estimated at $80,000. The Trust had so far spent about $31,000. It was worthwhile as the Gaol now attracted about 30,000 visitors per year. The money is a bicentennial grant and so work would probably not start till 1987.

**70, 6, 29 May 1986, page?**

**Bon Accord Museum**

Although the Jubilee 150 grant of $30,000 had been spent, there was still much work to be done at the Bon Accord buildings and grounds. Over three days recently members of the National Trust held a successful working bee to help with the project. Moonta artist Mr Peter Stitt is arranging the displays. Curator of the National Trust and local librarian Colin Fidock is preparing interpretive information. Former Burra teacher Mrs Pam Marlow is completing her model of the 1860 view of the Burra Burra Mine. Over the weekend the interior of the corrugated iron shed which houses the mine shaft was painted. This shaft has recently been cleaned and illuminated. The interior of the stone building will also be painted in time for the official opening of the museum on the October long weekend.

**Burra Burra DC** had lodged a protest about the size of the 1986-87 road grant. The Council had received a 3.2% increase to $63,000 compared with $61,000 last year. They had requested a 10% increase.

**Accident.** A car rolled over near Robertstown on Saturday night on the Black Springs-Robertstown Road. The Holden sedan was a write-off. Robert Gregory Kilmartin (27) of Salisbury was admitted to the Burra Hospital with a broken arm and an ear injury, but was later released. Passenger, Philip Andrew White of Smithfield Plains was uninjured.

**70, 7, 5 June 1986, page?**

**BCS.** The historic Kooringa Building has undergone a facelift. Principal Mr Roger Henderson said most of the work was finished in April with some finishing touches in the May school holidays. About $90,000 was spent replacing stone affected by salt damp. Concrete rendering was replaced, the rood refastened and the exterior was repainted in accordance with the original colour scheme; the roof is red, the timber window frames are bottle green and the horizontal concrete bands are a fawn colour. The brickwork was re-pointed. Work will now begin on the interior, including the construction of a mezzanine floor to house the local history collection. Curtains and blinds worth $1,100 have recently been installed in the western end of the building to help reduce summer heat. These have been paid for by the school’s fund-raising committee, which has raised more than $2,000 this year for improvements. $350 of gardening equipment has also been purchased along with technical drawing equipment, photographic enlarger, a drum kit and extra guitars.

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**BCS** is busy rehearsing for performances of *Man of Steel,* which will be presented early in term III. The school will host language students from Athol Park Language Centre between 30 June and 4 July. This will be the third time the school has hosted the students who will be billeted with town families. Some of the students, whose ages range from 12 to 22, were refugees. A careers counselling seminar in Adelaide has been arranged for later in the term. 40 Burra students from Years 10, 11 & 12 will join students from Clare, Riverton and Balaklava for the excursion, which includes a visit to Technology Park.

The school hopes to launch its Jubilee 150 book *Relatively Speaking* during the Copper Festival in October. Principal Mr Roger Henderson said the school was seeking a sponsor to pay the $13,000 it will need to produce 1,000 copies of the book. The book is in the final stages of preparation. About 690 contributors from students at Burra Community School, and from Mt Bryan, Booborowie and Hallett Schools have prepared work for it. Entries are either historical memories of families or contemporary observations, which will be of future historic interest. Information is listed alphabetically by family and includes photographs. Louisa Fidock of BCS has won the competition to design the cover.

**Miss M.E. Lang** became an Australian citizen at a ceremony at the Burra Burra DC’s May meeting.

**Burra Burra DC.** Cr Terry Trezise, who was elected to Council for the Farrell Flat ward in May last year, attended his last Council meeting on 12 May. He has moved to Kangaroo Island where he will continue teaching. Nominations for his replacement close on 12 July.

**70, 8, 12 June 1986, page 4**

**Heritage Adviser**

At the June meeting of the Burra Burra DC a visiting officer with the State Heritage Branch of the Department of Environment & Planning, Mr Jon Womersley, suggested that Burra appoint an expert heritage adviser. The Council recently proposed to for a Heritage Committee. Mr Womersley said a professional expert might prove more useful, as committees did not usually cone to unanimous decisions, leaving the Council in the same sort of dilemma that they had recently faced over the changes to Market Square. An adviser could assess and integrate community ideas, could advise Council directly on heritage matters and could help inform citizens on what conservation needed to be done and how that could be achieved. If Burra currently had 30,000 visitors this could be 100,000 by 1996. He said an adviser could be appointed for two years and a grant would probably be available for two-thirds of his or her salary. He said that part of the problem with Market Square was that a series of people did not understand all the implications. ‘More discussions earlier in the piece would have been better.’

Cr Kellock thought that the committee would get a cross-section of views, whereas an adviser was back to a single opinion. Cr Woolley thought that even with two-thirds of the salary coming from a grant they would have to find some $8,000, which was a concern. The Chairman said the idea was a new concept and needed a lot more thought before any action was taken.

‘He asked that Mr Womersley’s staff prepare a report into the proposal for the July meeting of council so council would have the option of calling a public meeting before grant applications were due.

**Burra Civic Ball**

About 180 people attended the Civic Ball in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. Nearly all were in period costume. The Town Hall was transformed for the event. A flood-lit portrait of Queen Victoria was flanked by an Australian Flag and a Union Jack. Pre-ball parties were held and local teacher Mr Roger Boehm borrowed a trap from the National Trust to take some guests to the event. Burra Queen Scouts and Venturers dressed in red uniforms of the early colonial soldiers to for a guard of honour. Chairman of the Burra Burra DC Mr James Hawker called on those present to pause and reflect on their ancestry in honour of the Jubilee. Later in the evening the Governor of SA, Sir Donald Dunstan, arrived from Adelaide to officially open the ball. He remarked that his great-great grandfather had walked to Burra in 1847 and later the Dunstan family had lived in one of the miner’s dugouts in the Burra Creek for a short time. Later he cut the Jubilee cake (made by Mrs Penny Hawker) with his sword. The Vice-Regal couple danced to 60/40 music provided by Morey Paley’s Dance Orchestra from Adelaide. Dance Victoriana Troupe provided demonstration dances. Among spectators was the Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Mrs Florence Scroop. Claire Hawker presented Lady Dunstan with a posy, which, when she left, Lady Dunstan asked be given to Mrs Scroop. This was the first civic ball in Burra for many years and had been organised by Cr Helen Stockman, the wives of Councillors and representatives from the National Trust.

**70, 9, 19 June 1986, page 5**

**‘American’ Plan Proposed for Burra’s Main Street**

Recently the Shadow Minister for the Arts suggested that the American ‘Main Street’ program would be suitable for Burra. On a visit to Adelaide recently the President of the American Institute of Architects, Ms Mary Means, held a seminar about this concept. It aims at gaining wider community support for heritage conservation while developing the centre into a tourist and commercial centre. In the plan a trained advisor would use the skills of professionals to help local traders and shop owners to develop a unique heritage image for the shopping centre, which would make the most of existing heritage buildings. Programs would aim to promote the whole street rather than individual shops. A trust could be established to preserve the heritage buildings and simultaneously to develop the commercial and tourist potential of the street. The trust would use the existing conservation studies as well as taking advice from historians, heritage advisers and architects. It would seek to make agreements with owners of buildings so that no unsightly or unauthorised alterations or developments took place. The cost of such a project would initially be about $20,000 p.a. for which corporate or government sponsorship could be sought. One or two shops per year could be restored so that there would be no dramatic change. ‘Polly’s Teashop’ in the former *Record* office is an example of this type of preservation. A revitalisation of Market Square would exploit and boost tourist trade.

The article was tabled at the June meeting of the Burra Burra DC, which was attended by the Head of the State Heritage Branch of the Department of Environment & Planning, Mr Jon Womersley. He said the program had generally been introduced into towns with populations larger than 50,000. He was asked what Ms Means thought about other heritage areas around the state. He said she believed Pt Adelaide redevelopment was ‘sterile’ and Hahndorf was ‘kitsch’.

Mr Hawker said that in the end heritage would have to pay its way. ‘But if the heritage character was destroyed by unwise activity the town would just become a handful of historical sites which was the case with Hahndorf, he said.’

Burra Traders Association would invite an expert from Adelaide to discuss the idea. Cr Barton said the response of traders would most likely depend on what funding arrangements could be developed.

The Council has written to the Association expressing concern about the poor condition of some of the businesses and commercial premises in Burra.

**Burra Community Library**

Historic furniture will be a feature of the local and SA history collection to be housed in the new mezzanine floor of the library. Librarian Mr Colin Fidock said the new floor would be added in the BCS book storage and resource room, which has a very high ceiling. It would add about 9 square metres of floor space and feature an elegant wooden balustrade. Much of the material used in Mr Ian Auhl’s research will be housed in a cedar cupboard from the original DC office. There is also an old headmaster’s desk, which will be used as a newspaper reading desk. Some original shelving from the Institute Library will be used to house the collection. Tables will be made from original mine timbers. It was hoped work on the mezzanine would start next month.

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**Burra Civic Ball**

Four pictures supplied by Mr Steve Woolley are printed.

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**Redbanks**

A 150 ha site in Redbanks Reserve has been earmarked as SA’s first fully-managed off-road recreational vehicle area for a two year trial period, following a study by the Department of Environment & Planning. Recreation & Sports Minister Mr Kym Mayes announced this last week. If the experiment is successful it would lead to a network of ORRV reserves across the state. The 150 ha area is part of the 1,000 ha Redbanks Reserve. It will be leased to the Burra Burra DC, which will set up a committee to manage ORRV activity at the site. This particular part of the reserve does not contain features of environmental significance. Public submissions on the proposal should be sent to Mr Ian Trestrail of the Department of Recreation & Sport.

**70, 10, 26 June 1986, page 5**

**Burra Lions Club** held its annual handover dinner at the Sports Complex on Saturday. Incoming President Robin Eberhard farewelled the outgoing President Sergeant John Reed, who is leaving the town for Coober Pedy on 7 July. John Maidment proposed a toast to Sergeant Reed who has been in Burra for five years. He had joined the Police at the age of 17 in his home town of Leigh Creek and in 1961, 17 years to the day, he returned to work there. Mrs Reed will also be missed, having been active in sport, the BCS Council and the Anglican Church. Their eldest child, Peter, will stay in Burra to complete his education and will continue to play football for the Rams B-grade team. Daughter Kylie (13) and Vicky (10) leave with their parents next month.

**Burra Burra DC** will investigate the availability of funding to quarry bluestone for kerbing and the employment of two stone masons to cut the rock. It is thought that funds might be obtained either through the Commonwealth Employment Program or from the Heritage Branch of the Department of Heritage & Planning.

**The Burra Preservation Organisation** discussed the possible removal of Victorian letter boxes from the town and the Burra North by-pass at their meeting on Thursday last. About 35 people attended. In response to a request from the Burra Burra DC it was resolved to send them a copy of the petition objecting to the Market Square redevelopment, which had been sent to the Local Government Minister.

They said this would show the Council that 55% of ratepayers opposed the redevelopment.

They were also concerned that the Council condoned the Highway Department’s proposal closing part of Morehead Street between the Redruth Camping Centre and the main road and the deviation of Ludgvan St in a northwest direction. This is to prevent traffic from using the Black Street Bridge [sic: for the Black Bridge], which is unable to cope with the weight. Mr Rayfield said the Highways Department had said the bridge was at the end of its life and couldn’t cope with trucks weighing 60-70 tonnes crossing it illegally. The organisation proposed reinforcing the bridge because the proposal would cut the town in half and destroy heritage items.

The deviation would destroy a disused croquet court and shed. They were also concerned about the deviation having metre high embankments, which could be the site of an accident. The deviation would also direct tourists away from the town.

The Post Office proposed to remove two of the three remaining cast iron Victorian letter boxes in the town because they are little used. The boxes in questions are in Kingston Street and near the Hospital. The organisation would prefer that the boxes be closed, but remain in position.

**71, 1, 3 July 1986, page 3**

**Sheep theft.** Police are investigation the theft of about 320 ewes worth a total of $3,200 from Grassville Station east of Burra between last December and May 1986.

**Golf.** About 176 women golfers will converge on Burra from around the state next week for the Bronze Salver Golf Tournament. Members will come from 44 different clubs. Players with lower handicaps will compete in the Silver Salver Tournament at Moonta and the Gold Salver Tournament at Pt Augusta.

**The Troupe Theatre** put on a production entitled *The Floating Palais* at the Burra Town Hall on Friday night. The hall took on the appearance of a 1920s dance hall. The Shiny Shoe Company’s Star & Garter Band performed on stage and actors, acrobats and singers mingled with the crowd of c. 160. The production was inspired by the Floating Palais, which was a large floating barge on the Torrens in Adelaide near to the present Festival Theatre. It saw thousands of people dance there from 1924 until it burnt down in 1927. They enjoyed dances like ‘The Drag’, ‘The Charleston’ and ‘The North Adelaide Bank Robbery Dance’. Publicity Officer for the Burra Branch of the Arts Council, Mrs Muriel Bence, said the production, which was The Troupe Theatre’s first in Burra, was a great success. Part of the proceeds will aid the Redruth Gaol drama event in October.

**Senior Constable First Grade, Dean Harris,** has left Hallett for Murray Bridge. He had been in Hallett for six years. His replacement is First Class Constable Mark Kinsley, who comes from Murray Bridge. His wife and children Gabrielle (7) and Kirsty (5) will soon join him.

**The Regional Conference of the Adelaide Children’s Hospital Auxiliaries** met at the Aberdeen Club Rooms recently. The local auxiliary held its annual meeting before the conference. Mrs Reva Phillips was re-elected President and Miss Pat Taylor was re-elected Secretary. Mrs Irene Hirschausen replaces Mrs Sue Goodrich, who has left the town, as Vice-President. Mrs Margaret Neil was elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer in place of Mrs Kay Boulger. The Burra Auxiliary raised $1,100 for this year’s appeal.

**71, 2, 10 July 1986, page 1**

**Accident.** A Victorian woman received minor injuries when the car her husband was driving left the road near ‘The Gums’ on 28 June. She was Lauris Rose (52) and her husband was Geoffrey Rose (54) of Heathmont, Victoria.

**Accident.** Ms Tricia Stone (23) of Aldinga was taken to Adelaide with head and back injuries after her car rolled over on a dirt road 5 km east of old Koomooloo homestead. A passenger was uninjured.

**Theft.** Police are investigating the theft of 300 litres of diesel fuel from the Highways Department Depot at Burra last month. The cyclone fence was cut during the night of 8 June.

**71, 2, 10 July 1986, page 7**

**Burra National Trust** will write to the Burra postmaster in an attempt to save the Victorian-style letterboxes in danger of being removed from the town in accordance with Australia Post policy because they were not being used enough.

**The Collinsville Rams** **Barrow Push Team** will be the only SA team to compete in the 120 km Black Rock Stakes in WA next Saturday. [Details are printed along with a photograph.]

**Bon Accord Mine Site**

Burra National Trust has hired Mr David Bannear of Saddleworth to undertake archaeological work at the Bon Accord site. The aim is to fill in some gaps in knowledge about the site. While there is not much about the Bon Accord Mine in Australian mining journals, Mr Greg Drew of the SA Department of Mines & Energy has found considerable information in the London mining journals. The proposed dig may uncover the lost foundations of the engine-house and draught chimney. $1,000 has been allocated for further research and digging.

**71, 3, 17 July 1986, page 5**

**BCS** Year 12 students began their annual internal exams last week.

**Burra National Trust** is concerned about heritage implications of the Ludgvan Street bypass. Chairman Mrs Maureen Wright said they were concerned about three historical sites:

1. The former Settler’s Home Hotel1, which was built in 1855 and later became a private home.
2. The White Hart Hotel site. The hotel was built in the 1850s and destroyed by fire in 1916.
3. The Aberdeen Croquet Club lawns and shelter shed. The club operated from 1934-19502.

They were also concerned about the Redruth Methodist Church, which dates from 1874 and would be very close to the deviation. It was nominated for State Heritage Listing.

Mrs Wright believed that when the Morgan-Burrs road was sealed there would be a complete bypass of the town and it would be a pity to lose these heritage sites for a short term development.

If the deviation were to go ahead there should be archaeological work done on two of the sites before they move in.

[Notes:

1 This was not known as the Settler’s Home, but either as the Bushman’s Home or the Bushman’s Rest and it was licensed from September 1855 to 1867. Referred to as the ‘Bushman’s Home in *SA Register* 24 March 1863, page 3.

2 The Aberdeen Croquet Club began playing in 1928 on grounds near the Court House. The lawns referred to above were then growing and were opened for play on 16 February 1929. I have not found a date for the end of the club, but they had an AGM c. October 1958 and seemed to have operated in the 1958-59 season. Council agreed to pay the water rates for the Aberdeen Croquet Club (except for excess water) in December 1962, which suggests they were then still active.]

**The Burra Burra Mine Model** at the Bon Accord Museum is taking shape. After months of planning a modelling weekend was held last weekend and volunteers helped designer and builder Pam Marlow in putting the model together. Pam spent her childhood and teenage years immersed in model railways and it was there she gained her skills in creating realistic buildings and landscapes. The model is based on a number of pictures and drawings and is reproduced on a 1:87 scale. As this is a standard railway scale, it allowed the purchase of commercially produced extras such as people. The model covers 30 square metres and the timber alone cost $3,500. Others have contributed their skills and knowledge, including Moonta historical designer Peter Stitt, local tradesman Brian Salter and historian and local librarian Colin Fidock. The landscape aspect of the model was completed last weekend and the detailed models of buildings, people and mines will be slotted in during the weeks leading up to the 5 October opening. The whole thing has been designed in modules so that in future models can be slotted out and replaced by those who feel they can do better, said Pam. 0

**71, 4, 24 July 1986, page 1**

**BCS.** Three Year 12 students have won their way into the finals of the State Chemistry Competition for 1986. David bailey, Jamie Coad and Peter Fidock comprised one of the 23 successful teams in the chemical analysis competition. It is the first time Burra has entered the competition and it was one of three country teams to reach the finals. A total of 107 teams had entered from 35 schools.

**71, 4, 24 July 1986, page 6**

**Burra National Trust** has doubts about the proposed ORRV reserve at Redbanks. They would like to see the complete banning of bikes from the area to allow the regeneration of vegetation. The report on the area says that 91% of the Hundred of Baldina is cleared. Redbanks is probably the only uncleared area and this is rapidly becoming cleared due to the increase in ORRV use over the last few years. The Trust thinks it would be easier to keep all vehicles out rather than trying to manage them in part of the area. They fear the vehicles would not be contained. The Trust feels that the ORRV users do not fit in with the image of the town they have been trying to promote to tourists. Another concern is that the area designated for ORRV use is further in from the main road and would be difficult to reach, if not inaccessible for the ambulance to reach. There are still two people unconscious in Adelaide hospitals from accidents at Redbanks Mrs Wright said. She also said that the report made scant reference to common flors and fauna; commenting only on rare types.

‘“Redbanks was one of Burra’s favourite picnic spots once – now none of the locals go there,” she said.

“It’s a bit like being tossed out of your own backyard.”’

**Burra Burra DC**

The new Chairman of the DC is Jack McMahon. He replaces Cr James Hawker, who has been Chairman since 1981. Cr Hawker announced at the July meeting that he would not be available for re-election.

Cr McMahon will stay in the chair until 9 May 1987, the date of the next periodical election for the council.

He has represented Leighton Ward for about seven years. Cr Kellock was elected Deputy Chairman. Cr Hawker’s resignation was accepted with regret and a motion of appreciation was passed.

In reflecting on his time as Chairman, Cr Hawker said Burra had gone through a remarkable awakening of appreciation for the significance of heritage. He said one reason for resigning the position was his increasing involvement with the Local Government Association. Ten years ago he said that the National Trust and heritage matters were low on the list of priorities; now it was assumed by Burra people that the Council should handle conservation and heritage as best we can. The local branch of the National Trust was one of the most successful in Australia. Major highlights of his time in office had been the Jubilee grants to Paxton Square cottages, the Bon Accord and Morphett’s Engine-house, the wheelbarrow push and the rise in tourist numbers from 14,000 to 30,000 p.a.

**71, 5, 31 July 1986, page 5**

**Burra Burra DC**

When no nominations were received for the position of Councillor for Farrell Flat Ward, the Council appointed Mr Pat Smith to the position. Mr Smith (53) is a farmer of Farrell Flat and he replaces Mr Terry Trezise a music teacher who had been transferred to Kangaroo Island. [Photo.]

**Burra Traders’ Association** has voiced its objection to the use of Redbanks Reserve as a recreation area for off-road vehicles. The Chairman Mr Jeff Hirschausen said the traders were strongly opposed to the present use of the reserve by off-road vehicles and believed that the proposed new rules would be virtually impossible to police. He said the site would be subject to desecration, deterioration and ultimately destruction. In the past accidents there had placed a severe strain on emergency services.

**Cottages for the Elderly**

Four new cottages for the elderly may be built in the town. The tow-bedroom cottages have been planned for Kingston Street near Paxton Square. The plans are currently with the Heritage Branch of the Department of Environment and Planning, which will decide whether or not they blend in with Burra’s heritage environment. They will then go to the Council’s works committee. If approved the project will be a joint venture between the SA Housing Trust, who will build the homes, and the Council, who will provide the land.

**71, 5, 31 July 1986, page 6**

**Obituary.** A Notice to Creditors etc. reveals the death of George Charles Beven late of Kingscote Kangaroo Island, who died 19 June 1986. [Born 31 October 1912 Olary. (At least one sibling was born in Burra.)]

**71, 6, 7 August 1986, page 6**

**Burra Traders’ Association** has expressed a concern that the prices and presentation of some traders is affecting the business in the town. People are going to Gawler rather than shopping locally. Traders are encouraged to improve their prices and to improve the presentation of premises, some of which have not been upgraded for forty years. Adjoining traders should opt for a common colour scheme and a display of heritage colours was available at the Council. Parking was also discussed. There had been some criticism of the Market Square redevelopment, but the only customer parking lost in this had been illegal parking. A quick survey had shown that 22 of the parks were occupied by traders and their employees rather than by customers. The Association felt there was ample parking, but thought employees could be provided with parking behind Bence’s Shop. This proposal will be put to Council.

**BCS** decided not to host a South African exchange student last month. Recently there was controversy in Clare when a similar decision was made. The Burra decision was made through a consensus of staff and parents, primarily because they felt that such a student may not have been exposed to the current Australian opinion on apartheid and as a result may have felt intimidated. Avoiding being seen to endorse the current apartheid system had been a secondary consideration, but was not the main reason, said Principal Mr Henderson.

**Burra Traders’ Association** has arranged a public meeting later this month to consider whether the American ‘Main Street’ concept could be implemented in Burra. Guest speaker will be town planner and National Trust member, Mr Don Heale.

**Burra Mine.** Members of the Burra Apex Club have discovered the old miners’ entrance to Morphett’s Shaft. The tunnel, which is about 18 metres from the shaft caved in during the 1920s and was also back filled. The Department of Mines will fund its retimbering so that underground tours can be conducted. A member of the club said it had taken about three weeks to find the entrance.

**71, 7, 14 August 1986, page 1**

**Burra Hospital Secretary,** Mr J. Chilton has sought to allay the fears of some members of the community about possible changes to the town’s hospital services. Recent reports have said the Health Commission has plans to restrict services in smaller country hospitals, by centralising obstetrics and surgery in larger centres. He said that to date no information from the Health Commission detailing these objectives had been received by Burra Hospital or any other Hospital in Central Sector Country Area 2 (Snowtown, Clare, Riverton, Burra and Blyth). It is anticipated discussions will start soon. When similar proposals were planned in the Barossa Valley there was considerable opposition and the proposals were modified to the satisfaction of all concerned. The staff and Board of Burra Hospital will strenuously oppose any attempt to reduce or remove existing services and will seek public support if required.

**71, 7, 14 August 1986, page 3**

**The Burra Cycling Classic** was held on 2 august and attracted 33 of the state’s top riders, including Chris Turtur, brother of Olympic star, Mike Turtur. The route took riders through Clare, Sevenhill, Watervale, Auburn, Saddleworth, Manoora and back to Burra. It was the first time the race had started and finished at Burra. This year the League of SA Wheelmen thought it would be a good idea to return to Burra and spend the night there. The choice of a 150 km route was also in honour of Jubilee 150. It was successful and the League now intends to return to Burra next year. It was a valuable preparation for another major event of the cycling year; the Mt Gambier road race, which will be held next weekend.

The league represents the interests of professional cyclists around the state and is a member of the Union Cyclists International. Handicap time winner of the race was Malcolm Clasohm of Whyalla in 4 hours 7 minutes 35 seconds and the outright winner was Simon Gabrynowicz in 4 hours 19 minutes.

**BCS.** Members of the SRC have been redesigning the school uniform. They have suggested a ‘more dressy’ alternative uniform for off-campus activities such as debating competitions and even school trips. The ideas have been submitted to senior staff. The traditional brown windcheater with gold school logo has been substituted by a brown jumper with an embossed monogram. Girls have been given the option of substituting the usual brown trousers with a box pleated skirt with checks in the school colours. A display of the clothes has been set up in the school foyer to stimulate comment from staff, students and parents. A decision will be made soon.

**71, 8, 21 August 1986, page?**

**Burra Burra Dc** is negotiating with the AWU over the employment of five workers. District Clerk Mr R. Walsh said that reports that five men had been sacked were incorrect. He believed a deputation would be made to the Minister of Transport Mr Keneally to discuss the issue of road funding for 1986-87. A media report on Tuesday had cited the President of the local Government Associated as saying that five men had been laid off. Mr Walsh said the Council was concerned about future employment levels which relied on Highways Department contracts, especially in the light of projected budget cuts of $30 million.

**71, 8, 21 August 1986, page 3**

**Alleged Assault**

Burra police are investigating an alleged assault in the Council office on Thursday. An invalid pensioner who suffers from a back problem went to the office to collect information on Council finances. It is alleged a scuffle broke out with the Chairman of the DC following an argument with another employee. Police confirm that the pensioner had laid a complaint and that they were seeking witnesses.

**The Bon Accord Mining Museum** is almost complete following a clean up and working bee a fortnight ago. National Trust Chairman Mrs M. Wright said that the cottage has been cleaned and floor coverings have been laid in the Engineer’s workshop in readiness for the mounting of display panels.

**District Clerk Mr R. Walsh** said on Tuesday that he was delighted that a further tourist grant of $68,000 had been announced by the Minister of Tourism Ms Wiese at the weekend for further tourist development. The funds come from the Tourism Development Assistance Scheme. Some of the money will be used to beautify the area around Morphett’s Engine-House, with walking trails, lookouts and other landscape work. The engine-house, which houses [sic: for housed] a Cornish beam engine used for pumping during the mining era of the late 1800s, will be opened in October along with the almost completed Bon Accord social history museum. Ms Wiese said the mining area at Burra was an underdeveloped attraction, which would boost tourist appeal in the Mid North.

**Burra Burra DC** has a new assessment and a new rate. The new assessed value was $94,794,830. This was an increase of 50% and had been part of a series of land assessments by the Valuer General’s Department. The last assessment was in 1983. Ratepayers who wished to appeal against their assessment were encouraged to call at the Council Office as soon as possible to inspect the notice. Objections should be lodged at the Valuer General’s office by 8 September. Mr Walsh said the rate increase had been held to an overall 7.64% as a consideration of the rural economic situation. The estimated income from rates this year would be $557,640. The rate for effluent drainage remained the same at $48 for households, $28 for vacant allotments and $21 for maintenance rate per unit. The road rental rate remained unchanged. In Burra township the minimum rate had risen from $200 to $230, from $140 to $160 for the townships of Mt Bryan, Booborowie and Farrell Flat. Outside the townships the minimum rate was $100.

**The United Farmers & Stockowners** have organised a Rural Expo in Burra next Friday as a fundraiser for the Farmers’ Fighting Fund. Stalls will sell a large range of crafts and there will be educational displays. There will also be displays by the Department of Agriculture and the Woods and Forest Department. There will be a demonstration of farm computers and their use in cash flow budgeting, as well as displays of electrical appliances including microwave ovens and food processors. Accountants and investment advisors will offer free farm management advice.

**71, 9, 28 August 1986, page?**

**A new 28-page booklet:** *A Visitor’s Guide to the Clare Valley and Burra* will be released this week. This is the first time a specific tour guide for the two districts has been produced. It will be distributed locally and through the State Travel centre and the RAA.

**71, 9, 28 August 1986, page 5**

**Heritage Town Project to Open in October**

Morphett’s Pumphouse, the Bon accord Mine Museum and the Kingston Street row of Paxton’s Square Cottages, which together make up The Burra Heritage Town Jubilee 150 Project, will open on 5 October.

The opening will be performed by the Minister for Mines & Energy Mr Payne. He will be accompanied by the Chairman of the Jubilee 150 Committee, Mr K. Bonython, the Chairman of the DC Cr J. McMahon and the Chairman of the steering committee Mr J. Hawker, on a tour of the three centres before the opening. Burra National Trust President Mrs M. Wright said invitations were posted this week and work was in its final stages. She said that Morphett’s Pumphouse looked stunning and was really the most striking of the projects. The stonework on the exterior has been re-pointed, the shaft in front of the building has been re-timbered and the old work tunnel leading to the shaft was being restored. This had been made possible by $5,000 from the $68,000 grant announced last week. The remainder of the money will be used for drainage, roads and landscaping of the site. The interior of the building had been refitted with timber landings. These have appropriate circular and rectangular spaces where the cylinder and mechanical gear would have been when the pump was operating in the 1800s. An outdoor platform leads out from the opening where the engine boom projected. This will serve as an observation area of the mine, especially the open cut and Morphett’s Shaft, which is directly below. When finished the building will have interpretive signs on each landing. The final cost of the Morphett Pumphouse project will be in the order of $115,000; paid for by Jubilee 150 grants.

The social history museum at the Bon Accord Mine site is also nearing completion. Pam Marlow, the model maker, will devote the first week of the school holidays to completing the model. The National Trust had received a $3,200 grant from the History Trust of SA to illuminate the old Bon Accord Shaft and work on the special lighting effects will begin this weekend. Interpretive signs and graphics were currently being prepared in Adelaide and consultant designer Peter Stitt will return soon to assist with their placement. He had also been employed under a History Trust grant.

The Kingston street row of Paxton Cottages is now complete. This includes the new manager’s residence and the Bible Christian Chapel. Mrs Wright understood interpretive signs would be erected there when it became functional as the booking office. The official opening of the three projects will take place at Morphett’s Pumphouse after the inspection tour by the official party. Members of the community were encouraged to attend the opening, in period costume if possible, and to inspect each site after the official opening.

**Orienteering at World’s End**

The challenge between Australia and New Zealand’s relay for orienteering will be conducted near World’s End next Thursday. This annual event for the Silva Trophy involves men’s and women’s teams in various aged classes from under 16 to over 55. Each team consists of three runners. As well as the national teams there will be teams representing Australian States. A total of more than 500 competitors will take part.

**71, 10, 4 September 1986, page 1**

**The District Council of Hallett** has applied to the Local Government Advisory Commission for the Hundreds of Kingston, Mongolata, Rees and part of the Hundred of Ayers to be transferred from the Burra Burra DC to the DC of Hallett. The Acting District Clerk Mrs Blieschke said this was in response to a request from electors in the areas concerned, who felt they were not getting enough services from the Burra Burra DC. She said road maintenance was the key issue. A meeting of electors will be held in the Hallett Institute later this month to discuss the proposal.

**71, 10, 4 September 1986, page 5**

**Burra SES** staged an exercise at the Burra Hotel last Thursday. A simulated gas explosion trapped people upstairs and they had to be rescued by ladder and Stokes litter. [Two photos here and one on page 1.]

**Burra Community Library.** The mezzanine floor for the local history collection has been completed and the staircase should be installed this week. This $21,000 alteration has been jointly financed by the District Council, the Education Department and the Libraries Board of SA. The new floor is supported by steel girders.

**The Rural Expo** in Burra last Friday [see previous issue] attracted about 500 visitors.

[Two photographs 72, 1, 11 September 1986, page 5]

**Burra Apex Club’s** Sportsperson of the Year will be announced at a meeting at the Sports Complex later this month. The award will be presented by Commonwealth Games javelin thrower Jeanette Kieboom.

**72, 1, 11 September 1986, page 5**

**Burra Rural Expo.** Two photographs.

**72, 2, 18 September 1986, page 4**

**Collinsville** has fared very well at the Royal Adelaide Show, setting a world record price of $102,000 for a ram at the Adelaide Merino Ram Sale. The ram with strong, dense, well-nourished wool of 27.8 micrometres will be used in an A1 program by Goyaike Breeding Society at Santa Cruz in Argentina’s southwest. The same buyers paid $26,000 for another Collinsville ram. The previous world record price was $79,000 for a Collinsville ram sold in 1981. Joel Burke of Wyoming USA was the losing bid on the top priced sheep, but he bought one East Bungaree ram and twelve other Collinsville rams for a total of $284,600, paying $66,00 for Collinsville’s first pen. [Photo of three Collinsville rams that sold for $66,000, $102,000 and $44,000 respectively and one of the $44,000 ram with Collinsville Merino Stud principal Mr Neil Garnett, ex-Burra Dalgety Bennetts Farmers manager Andrew Butler and US buyer Mr Joel Burke.]

**72, 3, 25 September 1986, page 1**

**The Local government Advisory Commission** was last week presented with a petition signed by 190 ratepayers from the Burra Burra DC, requesting secession from that Council to the Dc of Hallett. Minutes from a ratepayers’ meeting at Hallett welcomed the secession and there was also a submission from the DC of Hallett. Mr B. Gebhardt, who had signed the petition, said dissatisfaction with the Burra Burra DC followed from high rates and a lack of co-operation between the council and its ratepayers. Meanwhile Jamestown has made a bid for the Hundred of Whyte to secede from the DC of Hallett. Ratepayers at the Hallett meeting unanimously passed a motion that the Hundred of Whyte should remain in the DC of Hallett.

**72, 3, 25 September 1986, page 4**

**Burra Traders’ Association** organised a meeting last week that supported the ‘main street program’ if a public meeting in Burra accepted the idea. The concept for Burra would be to present the unique character of the town’s stone buildings with all the shops pulling together.

**Jim Kelly** the bullocky will feature largely in the Burra Copper Festival in October. He will tell yarns on the bank of the creek, display his team of bullocks at the showgrounds, take part in the street procession and be at the start of the Gulf Road re-enactment. He and Jim Lowe, a muleteer, will feature at the Bullocky’s Breakfast. Another part of the Copper Festival will be the 109th Burra Show. [It was not the 109th show; see explanatory note 34, 2, 23 Mar. 1977, page 1.]

**72, 4, 2 October 1986, page 1**

**Paxton Square Cottage Fire**

Fire gutted three of the Paxton Square cottages last Sunday. Arson is suspected. The fire will not affect this weekend’s Jubilee 150 Heritage Town opening, as the two rows of cottages restored for tourist accommodation were not damaged. Detective I. Humby of Pt Pirie CIB said the fire probably started in cottage No. 29 which was the worst damaged. It seems likely that someone lit a mattress there. Detective Humby said that no long-term damage would result, as the fire was confined to the wooden shingle rooves. Damage of $35,000 was caused, mostly due to the cost of shingles. The cottages are Australia’s earliest example of company housing\* and housed miners from Burra’s Monster Mine during the 1840s. They have been progressively restored for tourist accommodation under the direction of the Lewis Board of Management, funded by the State Government.

[This is not strictly true. The SA Mining Association erected cottages for its workers at Burra as early as 1846 in Thames Street. It would be surprising if other companies had not done so earlier. The scale of company’s housing stock at Burra may have been unprecedented.]

**72, 4, 2 October 1986, page 6**

**A Crop Duster pilot** crashed his Piper Pawnee plane about 7 km southwest of Burra last week. The man from Queensland had noticed a damaged wheel after take-off. After dumping his load of spray chemicals, he tried to land, but touched down on the damaged side of the plane, which then spun round. The pilot walked away unharmed, but soon afterwards the plane burst into flames and was almost completely destroyed. [Photo]

**Burra apex Sportsperson of the Year** is Mrs Estelle Nicolls, nominated for her achievements in bowls. Junior winner was Darren James, who was nominated for football, cricket and athletics.

**Burra Heritage Town Jubilee 150 Project** will be opened by the Minister of Mines & Energy, Mr Payne at Morphett’s Enginehouse this weekend. Mr K. Bonython, Chairman of the Jubilee 150 Committee, will be the guest speaker. The three project sites are Morphett’s Enginehouse, the Bon Accord Museum and the Kingston Street wing of the Paxton Square Cottages. These cottages are prime heritage sites and the restored cottages will be used for tourist accommodation. ‘Morphett Enginehouse was imported from Cornwall and used to pump water from the mines.’ [This is obviously incorrect; its design was imported from Cornwall.]

‘The roof has been restored with slate and its chimneys and floors have been re-timbered with imported wood, Mr Wright said, because no mills in Australia were big enough to handle the size of timber needed.

[Sic: its chimneys have been re-timbered! It had no chimneys and the chimney that served the adjacent boiler house was demolished in the 1920s. It has not been restored.]

The top section of Morphett’s Shaft has been re-timbered and the side entrance to it has been re-dug and opened to visitors.

Mr Wright said the Bon Accord Mine site was originally intended to tap into the [lode of the] Monster Mine, but it was never a success. Instead it became the source of Burra’s main water supply. [That is prior to the town’s connection to Murray River water in 1966.]

The Bon Accord mine shaft is covered with glass so visitors can look into the shaft.

There is a display of shovels, picks and other mining artefacts recovered from the mine during open cut operations in the 1970s. There is also a display of the social history of the town and a model of the Burra Burra Mine made by Pam Marlow. Burra was significant Mr Wright said, because it and Kapunda were the first two mines in Australia to pay dividends to owners. Mining had begun here in 1845.

**72, 5, 9 October 1986, page?**

**The Bon Accord Mine Site & Museum** was opened last weekend. Mr Salter, the caretaker, said the approximately 500 visitors had an excellent reaction to the displays of Burra’s social and mining history. He also works the forge and that and the lighting in the mine shaft had particularly caught visitors’ attention. The strobe lighting in the shaft gives the impression that the viewer id descending the 27 m to the water level. The shaft itself is about 100 m deep. Johnny Green, the miners’ mascot, is a feature of the display as well as other aspects of Cornish culture.

‘Johnny stands on top of Peacock’s Chimney, and according to Mr Salter, one morning when the miners were about to go down the mine shaft , and they discovered that Johnny had fallen off the Chimney, they refused to go down it.’

[This sounds like a modern fabrication. Johnny Green is now placed on top of the relocated Peacock’s Chimney, but when the mine was in operation the figure was first placed on the shears in front of Roach’s Engine House. It can be seen there in S.T. Gill’s painting ‘Surface Operations of the Burra Mine’ of 1850. When the pump there was replaced a new Johnny Green was placed on the shears over Schneider’s Engine House in about 1852 and can be seen there in William Bentley’s painting of 1857. In 1858 it was moved to the shears over Morphett’s Shaft, where it remained until the latter was destroyed by fire in 1925. It was never on a chimney.]

One of the displays is of old mining tools recovered from the mine during operations in the 1970s. The rarest item is a leather bucket; believed to be the only one in existence from the mine. There is a miner’s hat made of papier mâché, and a candle holder. In another part of the museum is the model of the mine as it was in 1860, made by Pam Marlow. This was commissioned as a Jubilee 150 project and measures 5 m x 6.5 m. Mr Salter made the showcase for the model on which Pam laboured for about five years. The Bon Accord cottage has also been restored for tourist accommodation and is under the care of Mr Salter and his wife.

[CHECK THE DATE: THIS MUSEUM SHOULD HAVE BEEN OPENED AT THE COPPERTOWN FESTIVAL 10-13 OCTOBER.]

**72, 5, 9 October 1986, page 5**

**The Coppertown Festival** planned for the coming weekend will attract thousands of visitors to Burra:

Fri.: An afternoon art and craft fair, followed by an evening country music concert on the banks of the creek.

Sat: Burra Show & National Trust sites open.

Sun.: Street procession, Burra Yacht Club Regatta and an evening cabaret.

Mon. Bullockies Breakfast and launch of the Gulf Road re-enactment.

*She’ll Be Riot* will also be produced by Flinders University Drama students at Redruth Gaol.

The procession will start at Peacock’s chimney and go through Market Square before turning up Kingston Street and then Smelts Road to BCS Oval. The floats, bands, vintage and veteran cars, clowns and people in period costume will be joined by Jim Kelly and his bullock team who will be participating in the Gulf Road re-enactment beginning on Monday. Entertainment on the bank of the Burra Creek will include bands, novelty events and food stalls

**72, 5, 9 October 1986, page 6**

**Burra Yacht Club Regatta** at the weekend is for anything but professionally built craft. Vessels must be home made and anything that looks like having a fair chance of winning will be nobbled a little bit. Rafts of beer cans and milk cartons are common, though the winner in 1982 was more unusual; being made from two FJ Holden car bonnets welded together. Four racing events are planned along with a Dragon Boat race, a water-based tug o’ war and a thong throwing event. Live bands will play through the day and proceeds will aid local charities and service projects.

***She’ll Be Riot*** will be produced in Redruth Gaol. An old meaning of ‘riot’ is revelry and this is what the Flinders University Drama students aim to offer the audience in this work that is based on a 1921 riot at the Redruth Gaol when six inmates escaped. They have spent the last twelve months researching and preparing the presentation, which will involve food, music and audience involvement. One lady interviewed was an eye-witness to the 1921 riot and her story became the focus for the images around which the play revolves.

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**The Burra Show** will offer something for everyone this year. Wool will be a major theme, but other highlights will include:

* Bullocky Jim Kelly with his team
* A film of Burra Market Day in the 1920s
* A laparoscopic display by Clare veterinarian John Koch with a video screen image showing a ewe in lamb
* A competition to guess the micron and yield samples of wool
* An art competition for school students involving craft work, sculptures, graphics models and ceramics on the theme of the wool industry
* Fashion parade by ‘Looking Good Boutique’
* Historic photograph exhibition
* Miss Showgirl (4 categories)
* Sheep Show
* Shearing Contest
* Horses in Action – the show society has affiliated with the Equestrian Federation of Australia and several harness events have been added to the program.

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[Actually the paper was dated Thursday 17 October, but Thursday was 16 October.]

Photo of Steve Woolley, Secretary of the Burra Yacht Club, presenting the winner of the cavalcade of cars, Mr Barry Allen of Wallaroo with his prize.

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Photo of the Mt Bryan float in the Burra Coppertown Festival procession.

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Photo of a competitor in the regatta on the Burra Creek.

**The Coppertown Festival** in Burra at the weekend saw the streets overflowing with visitors. Police reported no problems. The Burra Show was the most successful for years. It featured blade shearing demonstrations. The Cavalcade of Cars was a highlight and was won by Mr Barry Allen of Wallaroo with his 1926 Chrysler. Many people dressed in period costume for the street procession, which finished near the bank of the creek where the annual regatta of the Burra Yacht Club drew the crowds. On Monday the Gulf Road re-enactment started its three week journey from Burra to Pt Wakefield. The performance of *She’ll Be Riot* by Flinders University Drama students in the Redruth Gaol was a success.

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***She’ll Be Riot*** was quite superb at the Redruth Gaol. It effectively showed people what life in the Redruth Reformatory was like. The audience was led around the cells to see cameo scenes in each cell. One audience member, Mr Colin Fidock, said the performance portrayed the life of the girls in the reformatory as well as the depravation [sic] of the copper miners. [Should this read ‘deprivation’?]

‘The performance really got over the message of how difficult it would have been,’ said Mr Fidock.

Mrs Nicholls said the audience ‘clapped the goodies and booed the baddies’ as they followed the action around the gaol.

Both Mrs Nicholls and Mr Fidock mentioned the cell containing a girl with a skeleton bridegroom that gave an insight into the desperation of the girls who would marry men much older than themselves just to escape.

The second half of the performance focused on the riot itself.

**The Coppertown Festival Procession** went off without a hitch. More than 1000 people took part and many dressed in period costume. The procession took about an hour to pass. There were four bands\*, about 100 floats, and lots of children dressed as clowns on bikes.

[\* Royal Caledonian Pipe Band, City of Elizabeth Pipes and Drums Band, Dick Frankel’s Jazz Band and the Tanunda Junior Brass Band.]

**The Burra Yacht Club Regatta** was very successful and the secretary of the club was more than pleased with the money raised, the attendance and the way the day had unfolded. Some contestants sank or fell into the water, were hit with water bombs or failed to finish, but the event was huge fun. The club had record returned from the souvenir and beer booths. The crowd was estimated at 4,000 to 4,500 as most of those who watched the procession then drifted to the regatta. The overall winner of the Dragon Boat race was ‘Matulick Maulers and the winner of the open class event was ‘The Pink Panther’ from Burra.

**The Burra Show** was described by the Show Society’s President Mr J.G. Duncan as probably the best for ten years. Attendance was between 3,000 and 4,000 and gate takings were about $4,000, which the secretary Mrs J. Jamieson said would have been a record. The central theme for the show was wool and the blade shearing demonstrations created a lot of interest. One display that drew a lot of interest was the fleece from the ram that sold for $102,000 at the Royal Adelaide Show recently. The Grand Parade included Jim Kelly’s bullock team, which was a grand sight. [A few results are printed.]

**72, 7, 23 October 1986, page 4**

**Burra Branch of Prince Alfred Old Collegians** will hold its annual dinner at the Burra Hotel next Saturday. Mr Murray Tiver will chair the function.

**KESAB** gave Mt Bryan Primary School a pat on the back recently. The improvements to the school include: a new bore and pump, new electrical and water services, renovations of a store shed, upgrading of the school oval and the appointment of a new groundsman.

**BCS’s** publication *Relatively Speaking* was launched last week by the English Language Curriculum Director Ms C. Woods. Over 400 students aged from 3 to 17 contributed. Mr P. Quick of BCS co-ordinated the effort and he said that half the 250 people who attended the launch were in period costume. Copies of the book were given to C. Fidock for his work on it, to the Harris Family of Farrell Flat, who thought of the punning title and to Louise Fidock, who designed the cover. Schools involved were BCS, Farrell Flat, Booborowie, Mt Bryan, Hallett, Leighton and the Burra Kindergarten.

**Burra Hospital** secretary-manager Mr J. Chilton criticised a discussion paper on obstetrics and neo-natal care written on behalf of the Government steering committee by Dr S. Britton. This suggests the cutting of these services at Burra. Mr Chilton said two babies would have been delivered on the side of the road in the past year if the services had already been cut. He has called on the community to rally round in an effort to save the services. He feared that if the neo-natal services go it would have a snowball effect and result in the loss of the doctor. Then a decline in nursing and chemist services would ensue. He feared the transfer of accident and emergency services to Clare. The nearest hospital to the east was at Waikerie.

**Bullockies** who left Burra more than a week ago are making steady progress ‘along the Grain Trade Re-enactment route. [Sic: the route was for the copper ore trade, not grain!]

[Photo.]

**72, 7, 23 October 1986, page 7**

**Collinsville’s Annual Auction of Sheep** was held at Mt Bryan on 14 October.

Merino & Poll Merino rams averaged $715, which was more than $200 up on last year’s average.

[Details are printed.]

**Burra’s Annual Merino & Poll Merino Ewe Sale** was held last Wednesday. A total of 782 sheep were sold at a gross total of $46,637. Fourteen studs offered ewes and the overall average price was $60. [Details are printed.]

**72, 8, 30 October 1986, page 5**

**Accident/Obituary.** Darren Andrew Ames aged 23, a bank employee of Ridgehaven, died instantly when the car he was driving collided head on with another car on the highway some 23 km south of Burra last week. A passenger received critical injuries and was later flown to RAH from Clare Hospital by helicopter. The two occupants of the other car, both from Mt Bryan were also seriously injured and were admitted to the Burra Hospital.

**The Melbourne Cup Luncheon** to be held in the Burra Town Hall will feature a parade of gowns from 1836-1986. Proceeds will aid the Burra Hospital. President of the committee Mrs C. Stockman said about 250 had indicated they would attend and they hoped to raise $2,000.

**BCS.** An instrumental workshop will be held at the school as a forerunner to the establishment of a Burra School Band.

**Burra Community Library** will hold an open day to show off its new local history floor next month. Built to house historical records, the mezzanine floor cost about $21,000. This cost was shared by the Education Department, the Library Board of SA and the Burra Burra DC. A complete set of volumes of the *SA Register* and any other records which mention Burra are included in the collection, Principal Mr Henderson said.

[The *SA Register* volumes cover most of the period of the Burra Mine’s operation; they are not a complete set of the paper.] The collection includes the Ian Auhl index.

**72, 9, 6 November 1986, page 4**

**Bungaree Bloodlines Sale.** The first combined Bungaree Bloodlines commercial sheep sale was held at Burra on 31 October. Elders Pastoral and Dalgety Bennetts Farmers sold a total of 6,000 sheep from Bungaree, East Bungaree, North Bungaree and Anama, the Bungaree daughter studs and Bungaree Bloodline commercial breeders. [Further details are printed. And 3 photos are printed 73, 1, 20 November 1986, page 5.]

**Burra Branch of the National Trust** will hold a garden party at Princess Royal Homestead this weekend. The homestead is close to Burra and will give people another chance to wear their period costume said President Mrs M. Wright. About 60 people are expected to attend. Vice-President Mrs C. John said it was a good opportunity to visit Princess Royal, which was not open very often. She said it was probably the classiest building in the district.

**ETSA** has begun inspecting its power lines in the area to check for points of danger as the fire season approaches. Vegetation near the lines would be inspected for potential dangers.

**The Main Street Program** has improved Burra according to Mr S. Woolley of the Burra Traders’ Association. Last week a meeting of the Association was addressed by Mr D. Hele from the USA on the subject of the program. Mr Woolley said that many individual shop owners had started to improve their premises in small ways. The overall plan for the future was to improve the Market Square area. Traders were planning street entertainment and the appearance of Father Christmas this year.

**72, 10, 13 November 1986, page 2**

**BCS** students released about 200 helium-filled balloons with messages of peace on them as part of their Armistice Day peace assembly. Principal Mr R. Henderson said this was the culmination of peace studies throughout the school for the International Year of Peace. The balloons were paid for by selling peace badges and having a uniform free day.

**Princess Royal Garden Party**

Burra National Trust President Mrs Wright said the garden party last weekend had been a sell-out. The weather was ideal and the grounds perfect. Mrs Wright said it was the first time a tour of a period building had been organised\* and they had no trouble selling tickets. She said many people did not realise that the building was privately owned and therefore not open to the public. The event raised about $400 for the general funds of the branch. It would build up funds, which in the past year had mostly been spent on the Bon Accord Museum project, which had been the focus of the branch’s work all year.

[\*This was not true and prompted a sharp letter from Mr & Mrs Ian Auhl: see 73, 2, 27 November 1986, page 4.]

**73, 1, 20 November 1986, page 5**

**SA’s 1987 Mid North Merino Field Days** will be condensed to three days, 16 March to 18 March, with 53 studs participating. Several Jamestown studmasters have said they felt disadvantaged by the four day format because many visitors were unwilling to travel further north after calling at the larger studs earlier in the week. Some will now move their rams south on Tuesday and Wednesday for better exposure. [The field days program is printed.]

**BCS.**

A report on progress towards the establishment of an old scholars association was presented to the School Council at its AGM on Monday night.

The school would be closed early in 1987 so a review of the school’s philosophy and practices can be held. Members of the school’s curriculum committee would meet at the school in 1987 to discuss plans for the future.

Five new members were elected to the School Council.

One student received first prize in the Sir Mark Oliphant Science Competition.

[Photo of an instrumental workshop at BCS.]

**73, 2, 27 November 1986, page 4**

**Mr & Mrs Ian Auhl** write a letter to the editor *re* the comments of Mrs M. Wright on the Princess Royal garden party.

We were surprised to read that this occasion was ‘the first time a tour of a period building had been organised.’

‘We were also surprised, as no doubt Mrs A. Tennant of Princess Royal might have been, to read that “people did not realise the building was privately owned and therefore not open to the public.”’

For the record the Burra Branch of the National Trust organised three previous visits and inspections of Princess Royal. Mr & Mrs Andrew Tennant were founders of the Burra Branch and the first visit took place at their invitation on Sunday 1 October 1967 in conjunction with the Adelaide and Waikerie Branches.

The second occurred on Sunday 11 May 1969, as part of a 3-day Seminar ‘The Historic Copper Towns of SA’, which was a joint effort of the Burra Branch of the National Trust and the Department of Adult Education of the University of Adelaide.

A third visit was on 19 April 1970, when the *Burra Record* of 21 April 1970 reported 1,000 visitors and $900 was raised for the Burra Branch.

‘Having played a large part, along with Mr Lewis Moore, Me Stanley J. Woollacott and Dr Derek Whitelock, in organising these visits, I feel justified in seeking space for the correction of the information given by Mrs Maureen Wright.’

‘Surely with the micro-film of the ‘Burra Record’ and the minutes of the Burra Branch at her disposal, Mrs Wright could have referred to these earlier visits to and inspections of Princess Royal, all by invitation of Mrs and (the late Mr Andrew Tennant.’

**The Burra Creek Leaks**

Burra District Clerk Mr R.D. Walsh said Council was concerned about water seeping through the walls of the creek. Financial aid would be sought to plug these leaks. No. 1 bore of the creek had been closed for the rest of the financial year to allow the problem areas to be identified. Although the water loss was not at present a problem, it could be in the future and would be monitored carefully. He had no idea of likely costs at this stage. Burra’s main water supply came from the Morgan-Whyalla Pipeline, but ‘as the creek was Burra’s main tourist attraction, the Council wanted to keep it that way’.

**Burra Burra DC**

Four six-month-old claret ash trees in Market Square have been poisoned. Police were investigating. The trees had been donated by the people of Burra and would be replaced by other claret ash trees.

**BCS.** Four students from the school’s Student Representative Council will attend a course run in December at the Burra campus of TAFE on how to run meetings.

It has been decided that the existing brown windcheater will remain as an option for students, with the jumper being used for more formal occasions.

Principal Mr R. Henderson has been appointed principal of Oakbank Area School. The new principal at Burra will be Mr M. Day, presently principal of Coober Pedy Area School.

An outbreak of Rubella among primary school students has now been cleared up. At one point about two thirds of one junior primary class had been affected at the same time.

Rubella vaccinations for Year 8 students would probably be in March next year.

Two students, Petrea Piggott of Year 9 and Justin Hall of Year 12, have been chosen in the State Team for the National All School Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney in December.

Petrea also qualified for the Under 16 national championships in Adelaide next March.

**Accident.** A car rolled over on the Burra-Clare Road east of Farrell Flat last Saturday morning. The driver, Mr P. Gray received minor injuries, but the car was later destroyed by fire when the battery ignited oil and petrol.

**73, 3, 4 December 1986, page?**

**Burra DC**

Chairman Mr J. McMahon said the Burra DC would still be viable if parts of it were annexed to Hallett. Comments to the contrary were just figments of someone’s imagination. His response followed hearings of the Local Government Advisory Commission in Pt Pirie last week. The Council’s debt represented 23.15% of its rate revenue and as far as he was aware in SA only Laura DC had a smaller debt. The areas wishing to join Hallett represented 22.4% of Burra’s rate revenue, which would affect it, but not destroy its viability. He said the main reason the area wished to secede was because of the condition of roads.

**73, 3, 4 December 1986, page 4**

**BCS.** The SA College of Advanced Education Magill Band performed for junior school students at Burra last Friday. About 35 performers played varieties of music to suit all tastes and had the audience in the palm of their hand for the performance. About 250 students from reception to Year 9 attended.

Principal R. Henderson is leaving Burra after five years, to become Principal of Oakbank Area School. He said one of the most rewarding things while at Burra had been seeing almost 100% of school-leavers find jobs. Retention rates at the school had been improved; a change he attributed to a more flexible course structure. One of his aims had been to provide ‘more access to a wider range of interest’ in the community. A vertically-structured class system in the secondary school theoretically allows students from any year level to study together provided they were of common academic abilities. This has made Burra an example for other community based schools to follow in SA and interstate. The responsibility for choosing courses has been placed on students themselves rather than on teachers and parents. This he felt had been a factor in placing so many students in jobs. A unified sense of community, which focused on the school, was one of the first things Mr Henderson had noticed about living in Burra.

**Burra National Trust Branch** will hold a Christmas party this week at the Bon Accord museum. In the coming year the focus would be on renovating the Redruth Gaol. President Mrs Wright said the branch had received a grant for $50,000 from the Commonwealth Bank and was also part of a Bicentennial Project. An architect will be employed to establish what can be done with the money available. One wall badly needs re-pointing and another priority was the installation of toilets.

**Burra Creek.** The draining of the creek may lead to the cancellation of some of the public celebrations on New Year’s Eve if not enough water was in place by this weekend. Mr S. Woolley secretary of the Burra Yacht Club said ‘you cannot expect people to enjoy themselves in stagnant water.’ Celebrations would continue, but without the water activities.

**73, 4, 11 December 1986, page 4**

**KESAB Awards**

Burra won two certificates in the 1986 awards announced last week. [The report does not make it quite clear in which categories the awards were won, but it appears they went to the Burra Senior Citizens’ Club for special Jubilee 150 projects and for heritage work.

The Mt Bryan Primary School won a special school award for its tidy town’s entry.

**73, 5, 18 December 1986, page 5**

**Christmas in Burra**

Father Christmas will visit Market Square on Christmas Eve. Publicity Officer for the Burra Traders’ Association Mrs G. Smedley said music was being played through a loud-speaker system in Burra and Christmas decorations are hanging in the streets. Some shops have been painted in heritage colours. Secretary Mrs Y. Barton said is was not compulsory for all shops to renovate in the same manner, but the idea was generally to blend the newer shops in with the older renovated ones. The Burra Tourist Information Office, the Commercial Hotel and Sara’s Secondhand Shop have all been painted using heritage colours. Mrs M. Wright, proprietor of Sara’s Secondhand Shop said the Heritage Branch of the Department of Heritage & Planning was acting as advisor to those wishing to renovate buildings in an authentic colour scheme.

**BCS**

Five teachers are leaving, including the Principal Mr R. Henderson.

Mr K. Reynolds, a secondary Biology and Chemistry teacher and Mr R. Cuttle, a Maths and Science teacher, are both going to Washington State in the USA. They will be replaced by two US teachers. Others leaving are:

* Ms C. John (Drama) who is going to Banksia Park H.S. to be replaced by Mr P. Thurmer from Reynella East H.S.
* Mrs L. Davidson (Business Studies) is moving to Campbelltown H.S. and will be replaced by Ms B. Doull from Modbury H.S.
* Mr R. Lockheed (Geography, Maths & Science) is moving but his replacement is not yet known.

**73, 6, 22 January 1987, page 4**

**Adelaide Wool Sale** 9 December. Top price in the Burra District went to M. & P. Siegert with 494 cents.

**The ‘Burra Barrow Birds’,** who won $100 as the only women’s team to complete the 1985 Burra-Broken Hill Barrow Push, have donated an electric barbecue to the town. It will be unveiled with a suitable plaque on Sunday. They were also given an extra $500 by the Retravision Boilers, a Broken Hill team of men aged over 40, and this also went towards the barbecue. Mr S. Woolley for the Burra-Broken Hill Barrow Push Committee said the event would become bi-annual and there would be no push this year, although plans were underway for one in 1988.

**Jamestown Railway Station** closed last week.

**73, 7, 29 January 1987, page 3**

**Mt Bryan East Telephone Subscribers** will be able to call Burra at local call rates from 1 March 1987 following a decision to redraw the charging zone boundary to bring Mt Bryan East into the Hallett Standard Zone. Mt Bryan subscribers will now get untimed local calls between that exchange and Andrews, Mt Bryan, Booborowie, Burra, Hallett, Hanson, Hilltown, Spalding, Terowie and Whyte Yarcowie exchanges.

**The Annual Burra Bowling Championships** were held over the long weekend. A total of 148 entrants took part. Winners:

Pairs Bruce Stockman & Neville Kelly

Men’s Fours Salisbury Rink skippered by Jim Pleasant

Mixed Fours Merv & Estelle Nicholls and Ray & Lola Jennison

**Burra Citizen of the Year, Mrs Olive Oates** was presented with her award at the bowling competition on Monday.

**Tourists** flocked to Burra for the long weekend, although there was no barrow push this year. Burra Tourist Office recorded more than 380 people. With a barrow push numbers would be about 1,000.

**The ‘Burra Barrow Birds’ Barbecue** was dedicated to the town on Sunday on the banks of the Burra Creek. Despite rainy weather about 10-15 people came to witness the event. [See details 73, 6, 22 January 1987, page 4. and photograph 73, 9, 12 February 1987, page 2.]

**73, 8, 5 February 1987, page 5**

**Burra National Trust** will hold the Branch AGM in early March and Mr B. Lewis, the SA President of the National Trust, had been invited as guest speaker.

**Accident.** Carolyn Affolter (23) from Booborowie received internal injuries when her car rolled over on the Burra-Booborowie road on Saturday night. She was treated at the Burra Hospital and later transferred to the RAH where she is reported as being stable.

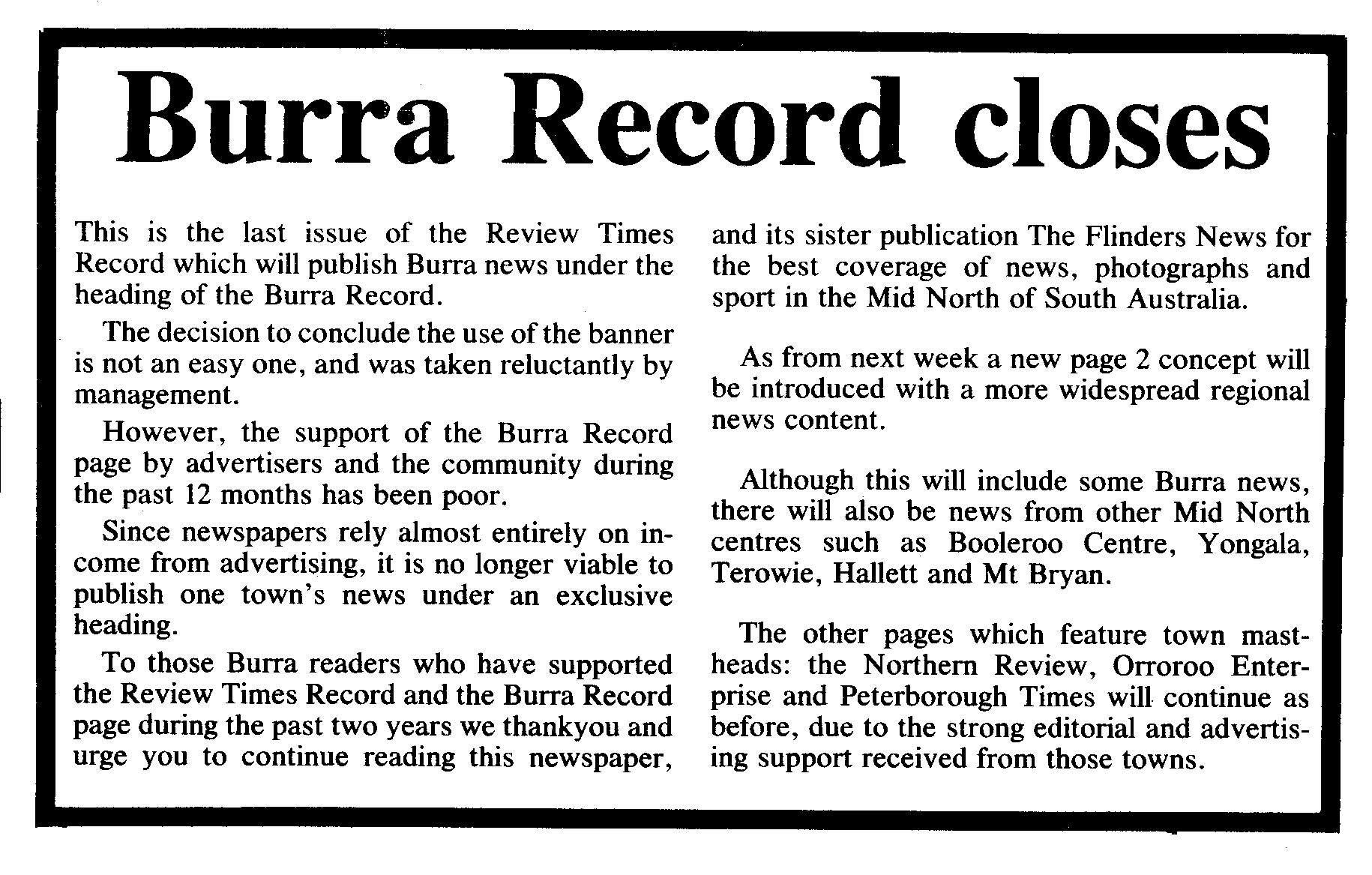
**A Spate of Break-ins** is reported in the Burra District over the holiday period.

* Burra Scout & Cub Hall - about $70 worth of stationery and sports equipment
* Burra Community School – ice creams and a small quantity of small change taken from the canteen.
* Leighton Cricket Club – a fire extinguisher valued at c. $70

**73, 9, 12 February 1987, page 2**

**The last appearance of the ‘Burra Record’ masthead.**





**Model T on Display**

Burra’s Model T Fire Engine is on display at Jennison’s of Burra. Mrs R. Page, secretary of the Burra Branch of the National Trust said it was definitely the oldest [motorised] fire engine in SA and possibly in Australia. After leaving Jennison’s, it will be on display at Richardson’s garage for about two weeks. As yet the Trust had no permanent site to store the vehicle. The Model T was restored by Mr John from Adelaide. A series of pictures of the restoration process was also on display along with some equipment supplied by the Metropolitan Fire Service. The MFS used the Fire Engine during its Fire Prevention Week program in October.

**Burra Cemetery Curator** has prepared a report to be handed to the National Trust concerning the state of old headstones at the Burra Cemetery. There is concern that the wording on some is weathering away and there is nothing that can be done to protect them.

**Burra Branch of the National Trust** will soon receive a report from an architect on the most effective use of a $50,000 grant to help preserve the Redruth Gaol.

**With the end to a page dedicated to Burra news the Burra coverage declined even further and I deem noting beyond 1987 not to be worthwhile from this source.**

**73, 10, 19 February 1987, page 2**

**BCS**

The new Principal is Mr M. Day whose main subject area is English. He came from Coober Pedy Area School and was once at Nackara Rural School near Yunta.

Mr B. Newell is the new Computer Studies and Maths teacher from Washington State USA.

**74, 11, 26 February 1987, page 2**

**Flooded Road**

The Burra-Morgan road was closed last week following heavy rain and is expected to be re-opened for traffic tomorrow.

**Burra Bush Picnic Races** **& Gymkhana** will be held on Sunday 22 March. Proceeds will aid the RFDS and the Burra Aged Persons Hostel. There will also be a woolshed dance on Saturday night. The 23 event program will feature prize money of $1,500 plus trophies.

**74, 11 (2), 5 March 1987, page 2**

**A Special Series of Ecumenical Services** will be conducted in Burra on Wednesdays during Lent, leading up to Easter.

**Burra-Booborowie-Hallett Netball Club** held its AGM last month. Elected were: President, D. Day; Vice-President, G. Wooton; Secretary, L. Brooks and Treasurer, J. Hirschausen.

**73, 12 March 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 19 March 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 26 March 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 2 April 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 9 April 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 13, 16 April 1987, page 1**

**Terowie & Hallett Institutes** may face closure. This will be discussed at the next Hallett DC meeting. District Clerk Mrs H. Blieschke said there was a move by the Libraries Board of SA to phase out book borrowing from Institutes. Borrowers could be serviced through public libraries at Peterborough and Burra. Hallett had 58 subscribers. The Executive Director of the Institutes Association Mr R. Broad said the phasing out was part of a 1978 agreement to gradually dissolve town institutes by 1988. In 1978 there were 165 institutes in SA, but numbers have since dwindled. The buildings that once housed institutes would probably be handed over to local government authorities.

**73, 13, 16 April 1987, page 2**

**Mid North Region Tourism Awards**

Mr & Mrs O’Connor of Burra won the award for Tourist Services.

Mrs O’Connor said that 31,800 adults had passed through the Burra Tourist Office last year. It was now staffed full time by a receptionist, Tania Gill, due to funding by the Burra Burra DC.

Burra picked up the Special Recognition Award for its development as an historic mining town.

**BCS & TAFE** will hold two workshop-seminars next term:

* Controlling your youngster’s behaviour
* Coping with Adolescents

**73, ?, 23 April 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 30 April 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 7 May 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, ?, 14 May 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 17, 21 May 1987, page 2**

**Mr Ray Jennison,** one of Australia’s longest serving Ford dealers retired from business last week. [Photo]

Mr Jennison of Jennison’s Tyre Services was the third longest serving Ford franchise dealer in Australia after celebrating his 30th year of service in April. He was also a member of the Ford National Dealer Council for 13 years. Two of his employees, Neal Webster and Andrew Nourse, will take over part of his business with Ford parts and servicing, trading as Burra Auto Repairs.

**73, 18, 28 May 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 19, 4 June 1987, page 2**

**Jennison’s Sale**

Bidding was active at the clearing sale of Jennison’s Tyre Service last Wednesday, which marked the close of 65 years’ business in Burra. Mr G. Tapscott, Elders auctioneer, said the gross takings were about $18,000. Mr Ray Jennison’s decision to close the business was based on his ambition to retire at 60. He plans to spend his leisure time fishing at Port Vincent and improving his golf handicap of 11. After 30 years as a Ford dealership the Commercial Street premises will now be occupied by Elders Pastoral. Mr Tapscott said the larger premises would give customers better access, increased stock lines and the use of a forklift for loading.

**73, 20, 11 June 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 21, 18 June 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 22, 25 June 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 23, 2 July 1987, page 2**

**Elders** have been a part of Burra for nearly 100 years. Their first modest office was at the rear of Drew & Crewes store, next door to their later office that is now the Burra tourist Information Centre. The two storey premises were built in 1891 and vacated in the 1960s when Elder Smith and Goldsbrough Mort merged. In 1887 the commission on livestock was a flat rate of 6.5% and in 1890 Elders at Burra sold 204,898 sheep. Records also show that up to 1892 the total number of sheep sold by agents in Burra exceeded half a million annually. In 1906 a ‘hi-tech’ piece of office equipment was introduced; a typewriter. In 1904\* the office acquired its first motor vehicle. Horses and buggies were also retained till 1917. Elders have now relocated to refurbished premises formerly those of Jennison Ford. This move provides more space, a large range of stock and easier access.

[\* It is interesting that the local paper did not record the arrival of this vehicle. Cars were first reported in the town in 1905 when they were a rare novelty that scared the horses.]

**73, 24, 9 July 1987, page?**

**The Burra Cycling Classic** is making a remarkable return to its rightful position on the SA road cycling calendar. This is largely due to astute promotion over the last three years as a direct result of an offer by Burra identity Mr Peter Reilly to assist in this field. He has seen the event restored to the top five; a position it seems likely to retain. Originally a 100 miles race to Adelaide, increasing traffic has made it virtually impossible to either start or finish in Adelaide and so a decision was made in 1985 to start and finish in Burra. In that year the SA Brewing Co. was approached by the promoters and it offered sponsorship on a modest scale initially. The Jubilee 150 resulted in SA Brewing Co. and The Seaton Tyre Store (which had provided generous support for several years) as co-sponsors of the race with prize money in excess of $1,000. This arrangement has been continued for this year. Organisers have successfully applied for Pro-Am status, which should see an increase in nominations. On 1 August competitors will depart from Burra and go to Mt Bryan, return to Burra and then to Hanson, Farrell Flat, Clare, Sevenhill, Penwortham, Watervale, Auburn, Saddleworth, Manoora and Hanson before the final sprint to the finish line opposite the Commercial Hotel in Burra at about 3.30 p.m.

**73, 25, 16 July 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 26, 23 July 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 27, 30 July 1987, page 1**

**Burra Police** warn that there is a dangerous section of highway some 4 km north of Hallett. This section of road has had three car roll-overs in as many weeks. Drivers seem to lose control when their front wheels leave the sealed surface and hit the dirt verge.

**73, 27, 30 July 1987, page 2**

**‘Let’s Not Forget’**

A six year long project by the Burra Community Library to compile an obituary index from the *Burra Record* has been finished. It is called *Let’s Not Forget* and covers obituaries for Burra and District from 1848 to 1976. Twelve volunteers have helped to compile the index as part of the Burra Jubilee celebrations and the Australian Bicentennial. President of the Burra Community Library Board, Mr Colin Fidock said that Ian Auhl had motivated him to start the project. The board was especially grateful to the late Anne Perry and to Shirley Thamm who spent many hours reading 102 years of newspapers. The book will be of great value for any public library, Australian historian or genealogist. The index will cost $25 and all profits will be reinvested in local history research at the Community Library.

**73, 28, 6 August 1987, page 1**

**Photo & Article on Martin Dunstan.**

**73, 28, 6 August 1987, pages 1 & 7**

**The 1987 Burra Cycling Classic** was won last weekend by Adelaide cyclist Darryl Bedomme. He completed the 160 km course in 4 hours 21 minutes 51 seconds. Sixty cyclists in seven handicap groups started the race.

[A description of how the race unfolded is printed along with three photographs showing the first three place-getters.]

**73, 28, 6 August 1987, page 2**

**Federal Election**

The poll for the Federal Seat of Wakefield was declared last month.

Mr Andrew (Liberal) defeated his nearest opponent, Ms Susan Stephens (ALP) by 14,907 votes.

Mr Andrew polled 36,498 first preference votes and Ms Stephens 21, 591.

**73, 29, 13 August 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 30, 20 August 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 31, 27 August 1987, page 2**

**Kylie Williams** of Burra has made it through to the final selection process in becoming an international exchange student. If selected she could be placed anywhere in one of 72 countries supporting the program. Final selection takes place in August.

**Matthews Emporium** staged a furniture and carpet clearance last week and it was every man and women for themselves. Some keen buyers arrived at 4 a.m. and manager Ross Drew had to face the onslaught of an eager crowd when he opened the doors at 8.45 a.m. He said he doubted if anything like it had happened in the emporium’s 58-year history.

**73, 32, 3 September 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 33, 10 September 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 34, 17 September 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 35, 24 September 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 36, 1 October 1987, page 1**

**Burra** came in for some praise at a Local Government seminar at the Festival Centre last week. It was used as an example of what a town could do to boost tourism in hard times by using heritage to attract tourists. There were many interstate visitors and speakers present as well as the Premier Mr John Bannon and the new Federal Minister for Local Government, Margaret Reynolds. The theme was how best local government can cope when Federal and State funding dry up. Past Burra Burra DC Chairman Mr J. Hawker told the conference that Burra was a ‘living heritage town’. From a town with a static area population of around 2,000 and a 9% unemployment rate in the late 1970s, it had gone to a population of about 4,000 with an annual rate revenue of $1.2 million. Mr Hawker said, ‘We set ourselves this task and we didn’t get there without aiming; we realised the real wealth in Burra was our heritage. We have the finest assembly of neo-Victorian buildings in Australia. We are surviving because we had the desire to survive.’

The town had started purchasing key properties in 1980 and consciously put National Trust members on the Council, which then set about finding out how best to sell projects to Government agencies and departments to attract grants to achieve long term objectives. The theme was value for money in a living heritage town. He said several projects not only generated running costs, but made enough profits to start others.

**73, 37, 8 October 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 38, 15 October 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 38 (2), 22 October 1987, page 2**

**Burra Local History Research Room** was opened last month. It was officially opened by the first principal of the Burra Community School, Mr Chris McCabe. He was deputising for Mr Ian Auhl, who was unable to attend, but who sent a speech that was ably read by Mr McCabe. He said Ian had been the catalyst in the quest to record and preserve Burra history. Earlier the visitors had been welcomed by Chair of the Library Board of Management, Sue Warnes, who had introduced Colin Fidock to address the group on the theme ‘People make local history.’

Mr Fidock paid tribute to Eva and Ian Auhl and then acknowledged the contributions of the many people who had prepared the collection of material for use in the purpose-built room. Chris McCabe presented a cheque for $500 to the Library Board from Mr & Mrs Auhl.

Also present was the immediate past Principal of Burra Community School, Mr R. Henderson. He presented two suitably inscribed photographs to go on the wall of the room; one of Ian Auhl and the other of Colin Fidock. School Council member Helen Stockman announced that word had come from the Education Department that the position of an education officer for Burra would be funded from 1988. Guests then inspected the collection, displays in the library and enjoyed afternoon tea. Colin Fidock cut a cake celebrating the ninth birthday of the Community Library.

**73, 39, 29 October 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 40, 5 November 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 41, 12 November 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 42, 19 November 1987, pages 1 & 2**

**Accident.** A Falcon station wagon was written off last month at the intersection of the Clare road and the Barrier Highway at Hanson. It was driven by a local schoolteacher and collided with a trailer being towed by a 4WD utility. The intersection was redesigned about six months ago. Local tow truck operator Mr Des Woolley predicts it will be the scene of a fatal accident if stop or give way signs are not erected.

**73, 43, 26 November 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 44, 3 December 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 45, 10 December 1987, NOTHING?**

**73, 46, 17 December 1987, NOTHING?**