

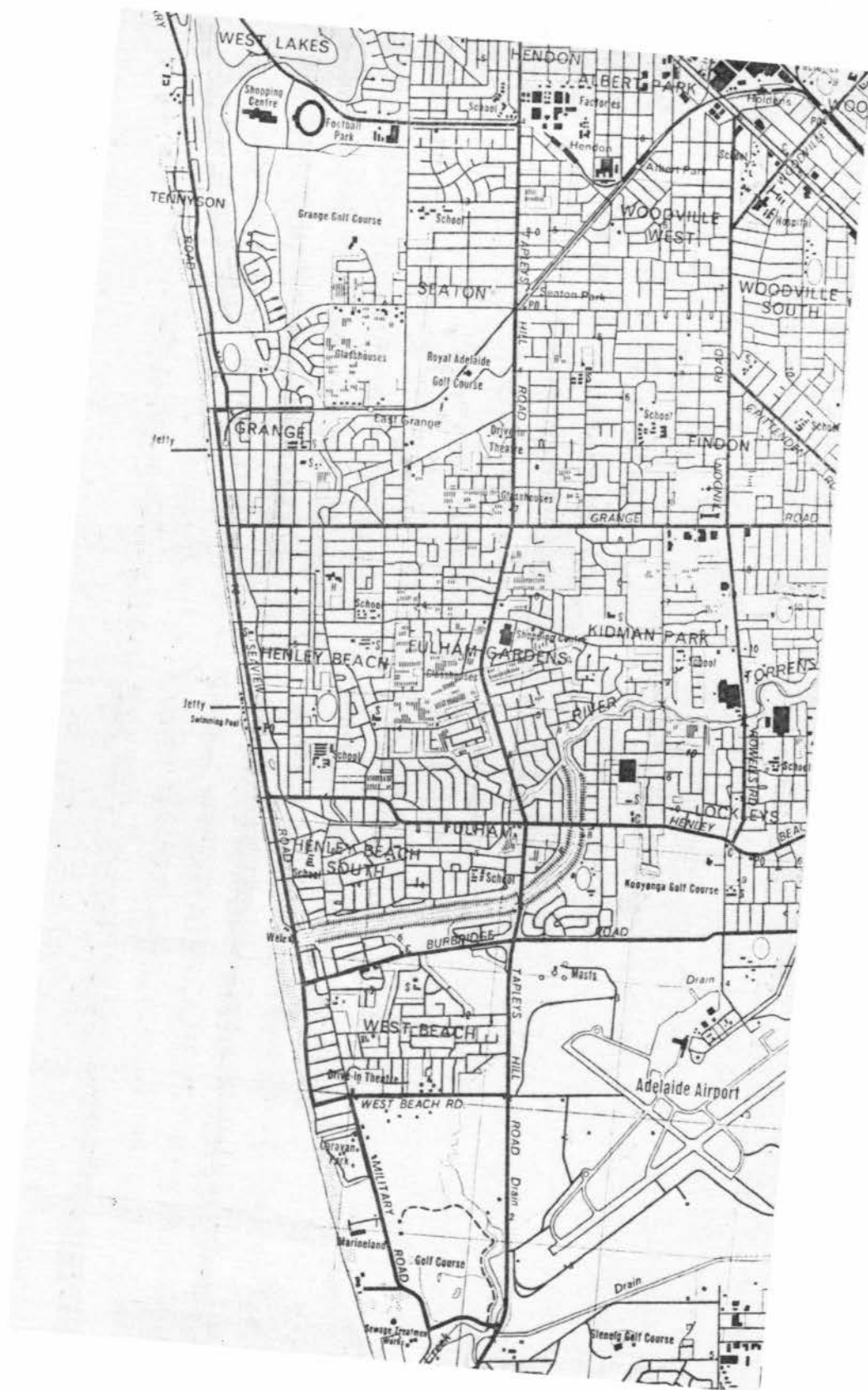
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Foreword

This chronology of selected historical events of the Henley and Grange story is the first major publication completed by the Henley and Grange Historical Society. Annual journals have been printed since the Society's beginning.

The small committee who edited this chronology is to be congratulated for the scope of the articles contained herein and for the presentation of this booklet.

The editorial committee was Noel Newcombe (Chairman), Colin Chant (scribe), Peter Wyld (selection and preparation of photographs), George Willoughby and Ted Hasenohr. The group was involved in considerable research to discover and verify dates and events recorded.

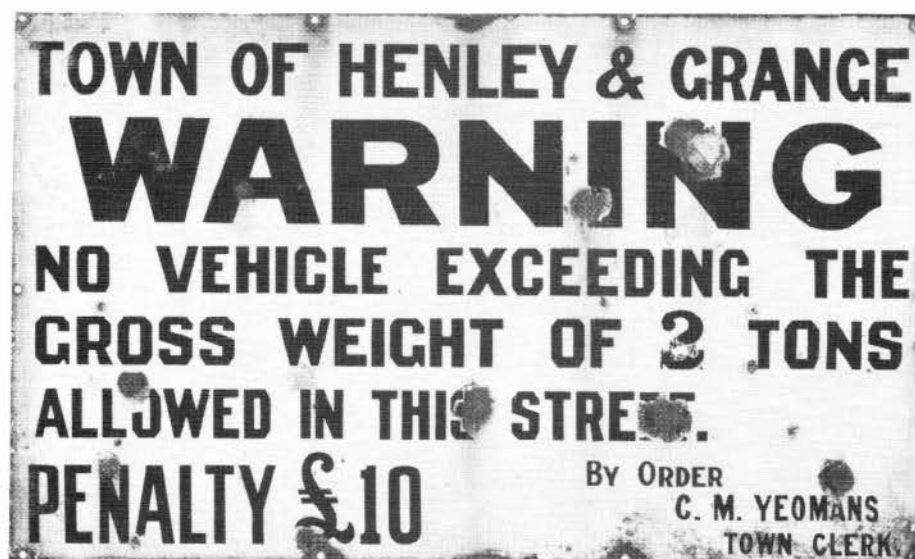
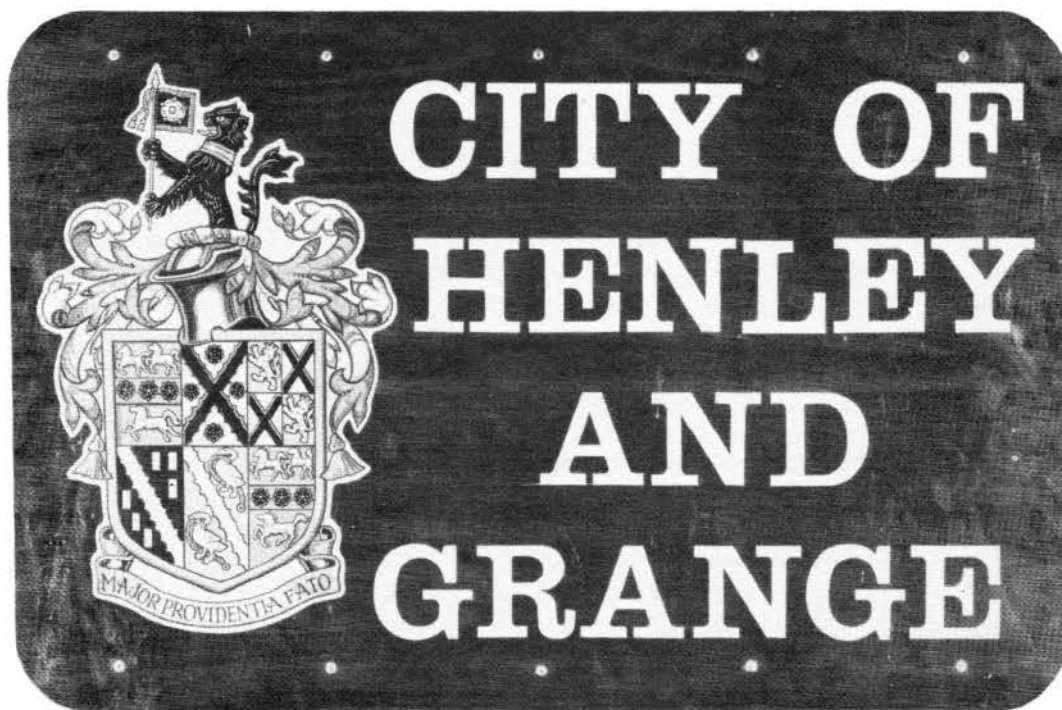
Nell Hasenohr, Edna Newcombe and Audrey Willoughby assisted with the preparation of the final manuscript.

The Historical Society is greatly indebted to the late Mayors of Henley and Grange, Bronte Edwards and Peter Cates, for their support, and to Muriel White, Iris MacDonald and Glen Ralph for the work they did in helping establish the Society which was officially formed in September 1979, with Ted Hasenohr as its first President.

In late 1984 and early 1985, the Henley and Grange Council assisted the Society in obtaining a Community Employment Grant to enable the employment of Carmela Luscri, an Arts Graduate of the University of Adelaide, to undertake research and compile historical data. The generosity of the State and Federal Governments is acknowledged for their funding of the research project.

The Society would be interested in receiving comments on this chronicle. It would also appreciate hearing from any person who has any local information, photographs or artifacts which could be of use to the Society to further its knowledge of the history of Henley and Grange and environs. It is hoped that, in the not too distant future, a full scale history of our city can be written.

DAVID J. McCARTHY, BEM, JP
President



Prologue

The first white settlers in South Australia found a land which, quite unlike the land they had left, was unaltered, unadapted, by the hand of man. For thousands of years, the Kaurna had lived there, by hunting and fishing, in harmony with the land as it existed.

By the seashore were the coastal sand dunes, almost continuous for twenty miles, averaging thirty to forty feet in height, and ten chains wide.

Here, settlement was difficult, but possible, and strips were settled as isolated but valuable residential towns, and holiday resorts.

In our region, between the coastal sand dunes and the lower strip of inner sand dunes, lay a wide, low lying stretch of land, the Reedbeds, swampy for the most part, but with areas of cultivable land. The River Torrens, cut off from the sea by the sand dunes, spread its waters over this area, northwards to the Port River, southwards to the Patawalonga. In summer, a comparatively dry time, the area provided excellent grazing land. Every year in winter, floods covered most of the area.

During the annual floods, communication with the beach settlements was very difficult indeed. Roads and tramlines were often cut, and roads and bridges needed constant repair.

Only when the flood problem was solved by the Torrens Outlet Scheme could close settlement of the Reedbeds area proceed. From then on, the town of Henley and Grange could develop rapidly into today's seaside city!



Bridge built by Grange Proprietor on Beach Street over Port River.
Original painting by G.A. Reynolds, in the possession of the City of Henley and Grange.

The Chronicle

1836

November 6 More than seven weeks before the arrival of Governor Hindmarsh and the Proclamation of the Colony, the River Torrens was discovered, near the Reedbeds, by Kingston, Field, Morphett and others, who were exploring north of the landing place at Glenelg.

November 9 'Messrs. Gouger and Brown with Captain Duff and myself, guided by Mr Field, landed about two miles to the northward of the Creek at Holdfast Bay, to ascertain, if possible, the mouth of the river discovered by Messrs Kingston, Field and Morphett; and here I give a short extract of my letter written as soon as I got on board to the Commissioners: 'We have this morning been looking for the mouth of the river and find that it exhausts itself in the lagoons, these must either ooze through the sand into the sea, or be connected with the creek. I strongly suspect the latter, as the distance to the creek is small at this part, and the water in the upper part of the creek where I grounded is far from being salt.' (From Colonel Light's Diary)

December 12 John White was on board the *Tam o' Shanter*, which struck a sandbank in the Port River; and much of his cargo was sacrificed to lighten the vessel. Some of the building material was washed up on the shore and was brought around the coast to what is now Henley Beach. From there it was carried by men across a wide swamp, to

erect the first house at the Reedbeds, where John White settled.

December 28 South Australia was proclaimed a Colony by Governor John Hindmarsh.

1837

February 9 William Henry Gray, a pioneer settler of the West Beach region, reached Holdfast Bay in the *John Renwick*.

Also 1837 John White received the following note from the Governor: 'Will Mr White please loan one hundred and fifty nails, also one large and one small clasp, for the fittings of Government House? John Hindmarsh.'

1838

Captain Charles Sturt came to South Australia to be Surveyor-General and built his home 'The Grange', at the northern end of the Reedbeds, where he eventually owned 390 acres of land.

1839

January John White reaped his first crop of wheat, 54 bushels to the acre.

May 24 Captain Sturt would distribute blankets, sugar and other provisions to the natives of the Kaurna tribe each year on Queen Victoria's birthday.



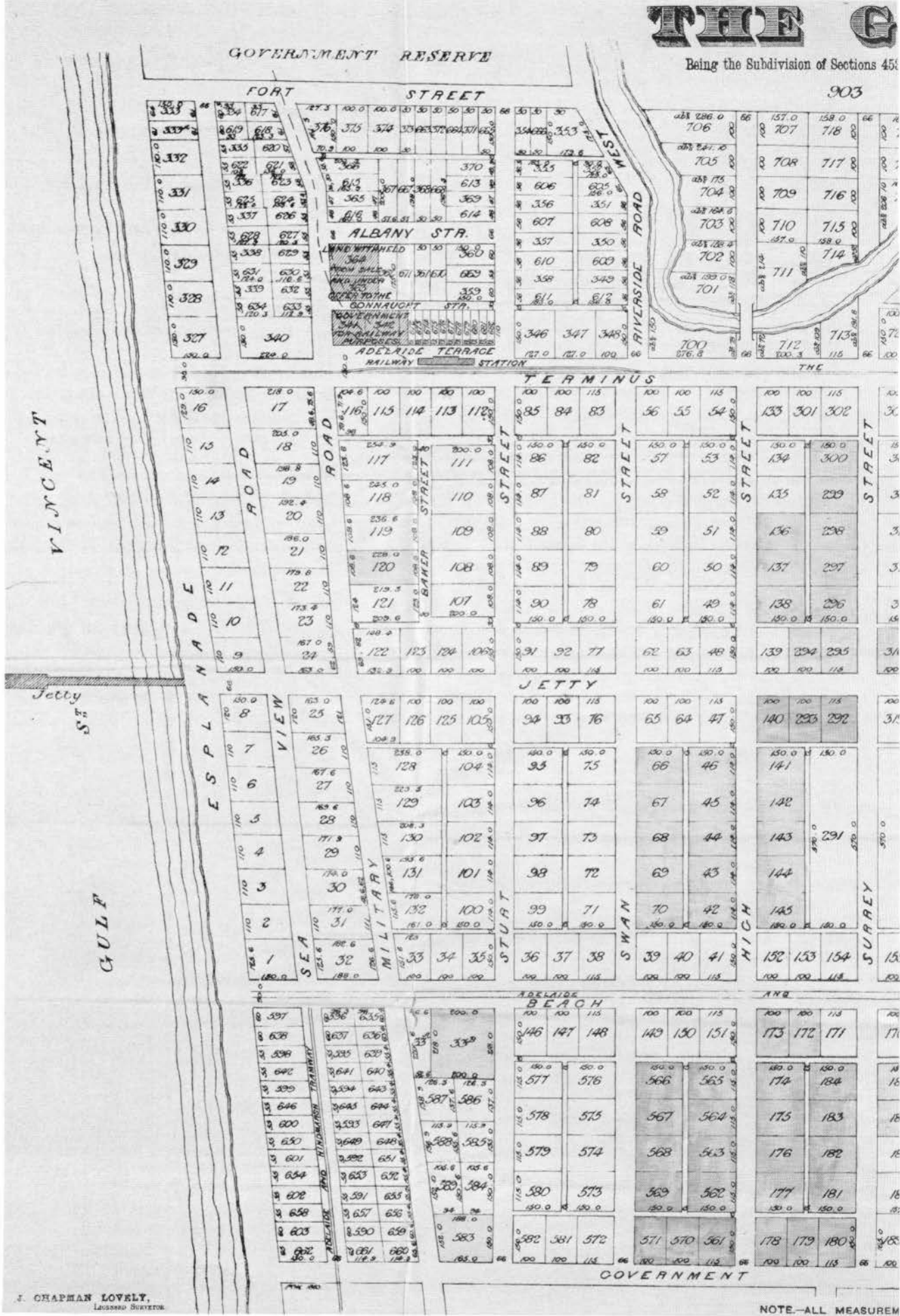
'Grange'—Capt Sturt's home—used as a private home in 1928

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The lush growth of the Reedbeds district was particularly suitable for dairy cattle.

October 18 John White received the following note from T.B. Strangways, Colonial Secretary:—

'Would Mr White please supply marines with two trowels for Government works?'

Captain S.A. White wrote that his grandfather brought from England, 'a wonderful stock of implements, and tools of all descriptions'.

1840

John White's farm at Fulham produced 40 acres of wheat, 6 acres of barley, 1/2 an acre of oats, and 1 acre of potatoes. The River Torrens passed through the section, giving a good water supply.

On the farm were two dwelling houses, two cottages, a dairy, a barn and stockyards.

A.H. Davis' Moore Farm (just north of the Henley Beach Road - Tapleys Hill Road intersection) was well developed, with 9 acres of wheat, 11 acres of barley, 21 acres of oats, 2 acres of maize, 10 acres of potatoes, and 4 acres of garden. Here also, an excellent supply of water was available from the Torrens.

At Sturt's farm, 'The Grange', 80 acres had been enclosed with posts and three rails. A well, five feet deep, had four feet of water. There was a large brick dwelling house, a cottage nearly built, and a stockyard.

1844

August Captain Sturt set out from Grange on his exhausting Central Australian Expedition, from which he returned in 1846.

Also 1844 Joseph Johnson of Frogmore farm, near the intersection of Tapleys Hill Road and West Beach Road, had 20 acres of wheat, 7 acres of barley, 5 acres of oats, 4 acres of potatoes, 1 acre of garden, 1500 sheep, 200 cattle, 10 horses and 20 pigs.

To the south of Frogmore, William Henry Gray had 100 acres of wheat, 10 acres of barley, 18 cattle, 2 horses, and 20 pigs.

1850

October 30 The Register reported as follows: 'Reedbeds Brewery'

A correspondent has been pleased to express in terms of ecstasy, the satisfaction he lately experienced in imbibing a glass of Mr George Fisher's Ale.

That gentleman, we are told, has recently commenced brewing at the Reedbeds, and the beverage produced is not only superior to the ordinary run of 'Colonial Swanky' but a near approach to the genuine imported Burton.

1853

March 19 Sturt left the Grange to return to England. One reason given was that, in the middle of the Gold Rush era, servants were difficult to obtain.

May 6 A proclamation was issued calling the District Council of Hindmarsh into existence. Henley Beach and Grange were originally part of this District Council area.

July 7 The West Torrens District Council was proclaimed, with boundaries defined as follows: 'On the east by the west boundary of the Park Lands; on the west by the

sea; on the north by the centre of the River Torrens, and the northern boundary of the Hundred of Adelaide; on the south by the centre of the Bay Road, from the south-west angle of the Park Lands to the sea at Holdfast Bay.' Henley South and West Beach regions were included in this District Council area.

1856

May 28 The first sermon was preached in Fulham Chapel by Rev. William Butters, of the New Wesleyans. John White had built the chapel, and offered it to the first congregation who wished to use it.

1858

May 10 William Henry Gray purchased Frogmore from Joseph Johnson. (Gray eventually owned most of the land which is now the Airport, the West Beach Recreation Reserve, and the suburb of West Beach).

September 17 Kirkcaldy Bridge was opened, on Leason's Road (Grange Road).

1859

The Reedbeds School was opened with an attendance of 11 boys and 13 girls. The Head Teacher was Alexander W. Holmes.

In 1861 the name was changed to Fulham School.

1860

February 20 In the evening about 50 inhabitants assembled in Mr A.H. Davis' large barn, for the purpose of enrolling themselves in the mounted rifle corps.

W.H. Gray was voted to the chair.

Three cheers for the Reedbeds Mounted Rifle Company

concluded the proceedings. The Company was also called 'The Reedbeds Yeomanry Cavalry' or simply 'The Reedbeds Cavalry'.

December John White of Fulham, the first settler in the Reedbeds district, was killed by a mob of stampeding horses.

Also 1860 A Private School at 'Moodlunga' (the native name for LeFevre Peninsula) in the Reedbeds was in charge of Mr and Mrs Wyld, but it lasted for only a short period.

1861

Fulham School, formerly known as Reedbeds School (1859) was opened east of Tapleys Hill Road, just north of the present Outlet Channel, with Alexander W. Holmes as Head Teacher.

In 1863 Charles W. Gregory was the Head Teacher, and 15 boys and 18 girls were on the roll.

On September 3, 1880, a new stone school building and residence were completed. The contract price of the buildings was £849-10-0.

The school was closed in 1915 and the 107 children probably transferred to the new and larger school built at Lockleys.

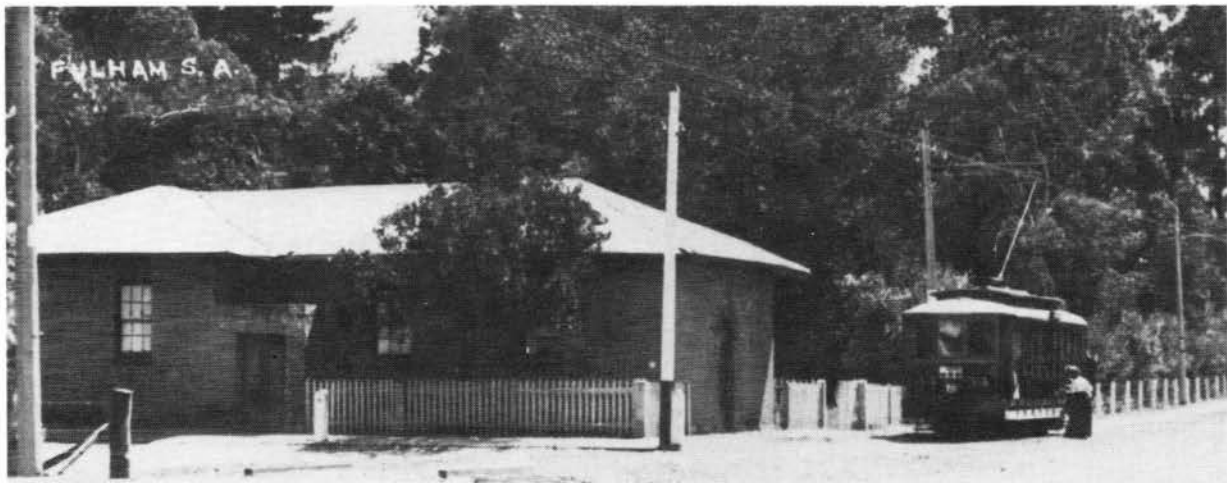
Buildings were probably demolished in 1937.

1862

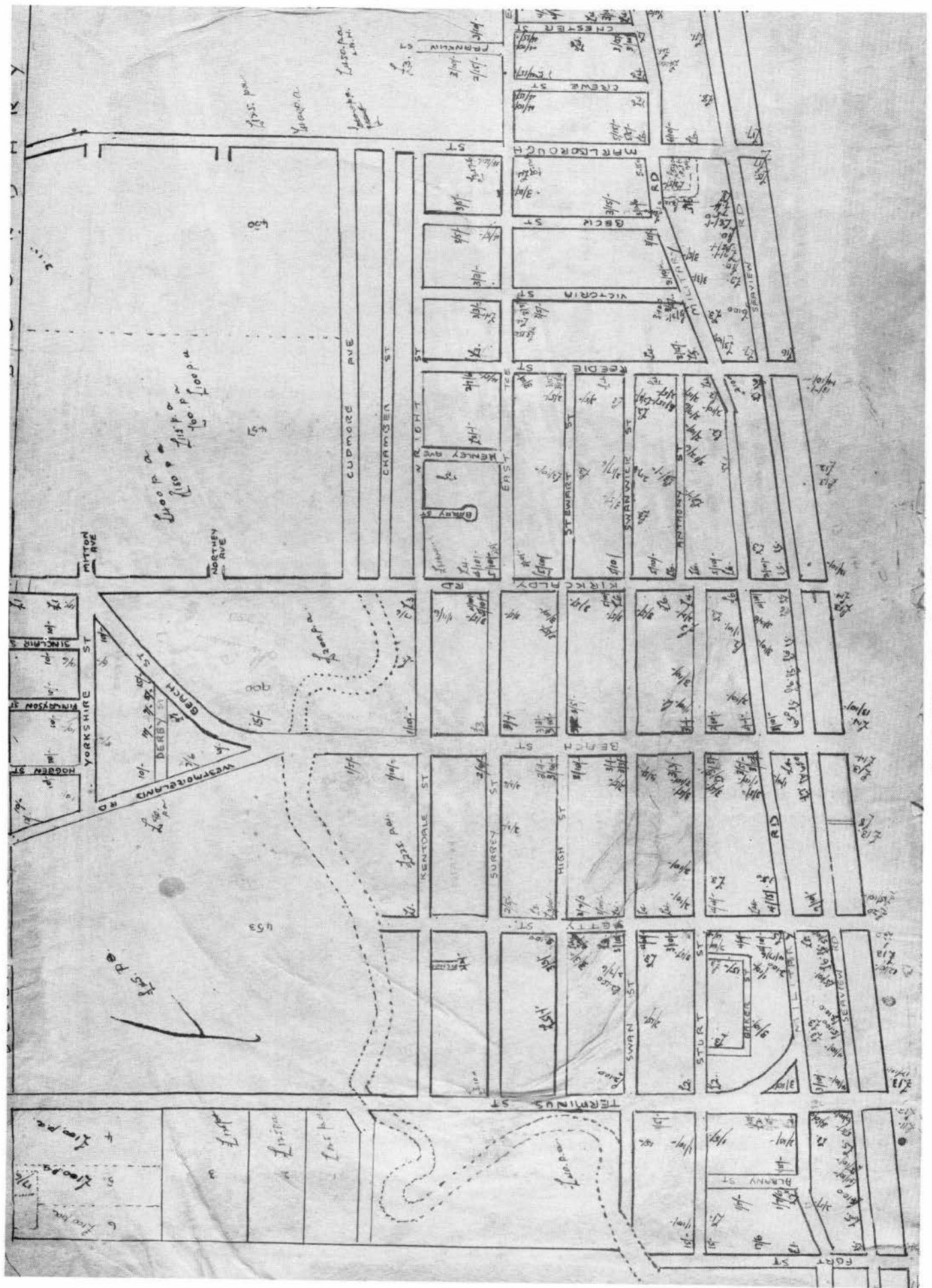
A.H. Davis' flourishing orchard and vineyard on Moore Farm were described in Ebenezer Ward's 'Vineyards and Orchards of South Australia'.

1863

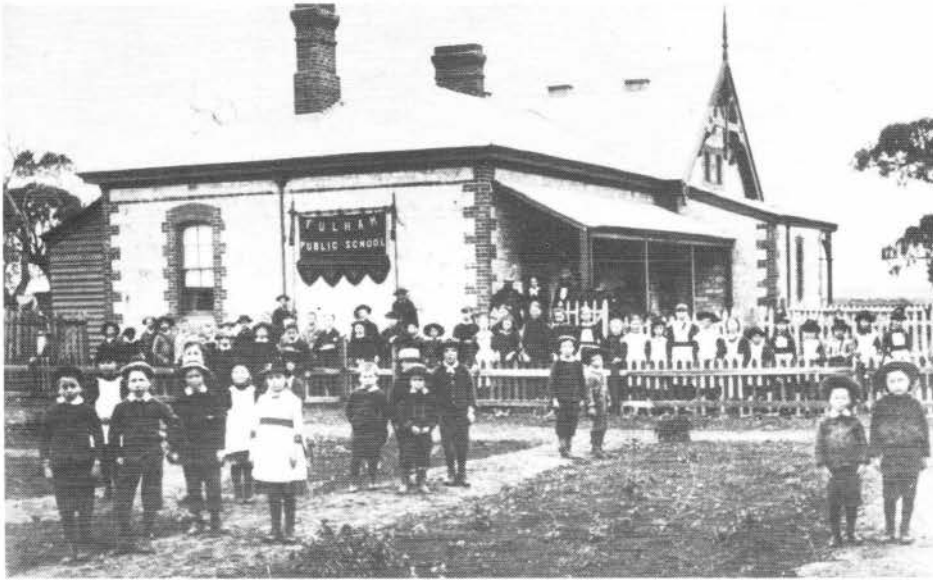
January 21 Troopers of the Reedbeds Cavalry led the parade through the streets of Adelaide to welcome John McDouall Stuart after his return from the successful crossing of Australia.



Fulham Methodist Chapel 1909 (since demolished), south-west corner of Henley Beach Road and Tapleys Hill Road.



An early subdivision plan, showing Council rates



The original Fulham School on Tapleys Hill Road. A four-roomed teacher's residence with a large single classroom on the far side.

March 3 The West Torrens Council let a contract to a Mr. Whittenbury, for metalling 5 chains of 'Grays Road' (West Beach area). The contractor was paid before the job was finished, as 'his cows had been distrained for rent'.

1864

May 3 Moore Farm Bridge was completed. (The modern bridge at this site is called after Sir Sydney Kidman).

1865

April 25 Councillor W.H. Gray paid £105 to the Council as a private subscription towards raising the road at the Reedbeds, in West Ward, West Torrens Council.

1866

July 10 William Henry Gray was elected Chairman of the West Torrens District Council. With a break of one year, he remained as Chairman from 1866 to September 1878.

1867

October 31 The Reedbeds Cavalry escorted the Duke of Edinburgh from Glenelg to Adelaide.

1868

March 17 A board reading 'Dangerous' was to be affixed to the Fulham Bridge by the West Torrens Council.



Paddocks at Reedbeds, 1909

1869

June 16 Charles Sturt died in England at the age of 74.

November 9 Grange Road was completed and opened. 'A large number of residents of the district assembled and on reaching the residence of Mr J. Leason, about half way down the road, they formed themselves into a procession ... which was headed by the Hindmarsh Brass and Reed Band. The party proceeded to the beach, in close proximity to which, Miss Leason formally opened the road ... christening it 'Henley Beach Road' by breaking a bottle of wine over a stump.' (This road has had five different names — Government Road, Henley Beach Road, Leasons Road, Kirkcaldy Road, and now Grange Road.) The road did not extend right to the beach, owing to 'a large sandhill which proves an almost impassable barrier'.

December 28 The Grange Road opening was further celebrated by a beach picnic. The sandhill obstacle had now been overcome. The Chairman of the Hindmarsh District Council stated that the road 'had been formed solely by the exertions of Mr Leason, who had planned it, constructed it, and collected subscriptions personally'.

1870

May 10 It was resolved that the Clerk of the West Torrens District Council cut the tree down near the Fulham Bridge, that six shillings be allowed him, but he would have to pay for any damage to the bridge.

1874

April 4 The West Torrens Council received a letter from the Hindmarsh Council, stating that the contractor making the Henley Beach Road had asked permission to use the flag (reeds) out of the swamp for covering the sandhill, as sufficient seaweed could not be obtained.

1875

November 16 The Clerk of the West Torrens District Council was asked to arrange with Mr Fielder, 'relative to the harrowing of the Henley Beach Road, and placing a little more seaweed on the sand'.

December 30 Grange and Henley Beach became part of the newly proclaimed Woodville District Council.

1876

August 1 At the time when a Patawalonga River Bill was being discussed, a petition was presented to Parliament by W.H. Gray, stating: 'Your petitioner has expended a large sum of money in draining about 2,000 acres of land, road and bridge making and other improvements'. (This land was on both sides of the upper reaches of the Patawalonga).

1877

October 22 Almost all the allotments in the Township recently laid out at Henley Beach had been sold. An extension of the Township was now being surveyed.

November 'The Grange' was sold by Lady Sturt, widow of Captain Sturt. H.C. Swann, of Semaphore, purchased the property for £4,000, and sold it again, for an equal sum, to John Brodie Spence, David Murray, and Arthur Harvey. The survey of the township of Grange began immediately.

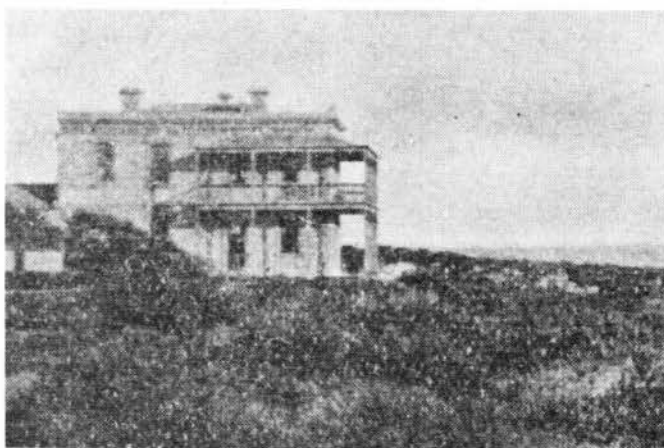
December 29 Jarrah was to be delivered, either at Port Adelaide or the Grange township, for building the Grange jetty.

1878

March 5 A tender of £405 was accepted by the West Torrens District Council for building a new Moore Farm Bridge.

September 14 The Grange jetty, 1,000 feet long, was reported as almost completed.

Also 1878 The Henley Hotel was opened by Mr J. Stewart.



Henley Hotel 1889

1880

February 14 Samuel White's schooner was launched at Port Adelaide, and named after his wife Elsea. It was a fore and aft schooner of about 80 tons. The shipwright's measurements were:- length 65 feet, breadth 16 feet, depth of hold 9 feet 6 inches. The keel was of jarrah in one piece, and the planking, inside and out, was of red gum.

The seas to be traversed were known to be difficult and dangerous to navigate: hence the unusual strength of the craft.



Camping at Grange, November 1896

Samuel White states that most of the red gum timber came from trees on the White estate at the Reedbeds.

April 9 From Weetunga, the impressive residence he had built in Fulham only a few years before, Samuel White started on his last expedition. His son, S.A. White, wrote:- 'We drove to Henley Beach on the evening of April 8th, and after some delay we were taken on board. At about noon next day, the "Elsea" started down the Gulf.

Samuel White died in Sydney on November 17th, 1880, after returning from New Guinea.

June 13 The first Baptist service in Grange was held at a private house, under the leadership of J.E. Powell.

August 24 The Grange Provisional School commenced lessons, with Helen Du Bois as the first teacher. The location was not recorded.

November 9 The foundation stone of the Grange Baptist Church was laid by Mrs C.S. Fowler.

The Church was opened for worship on February 20, 1881.

1881

April Grange School classes were held in the Grange Baptist Church. This arrangement continued until October 1885.

July 1 The first Grange Post Office opened in the general store on the south-west corner of Beach Street and Military Road, opposite where the Grange Institute now stands. The first Postmaster was Mr J. Vickery, but only four months later, in November 1881, Mr Charles E. Marrett was Postmaster. (Mr Marrett built the Grange Institute).

There was a once daily mail service.

1882

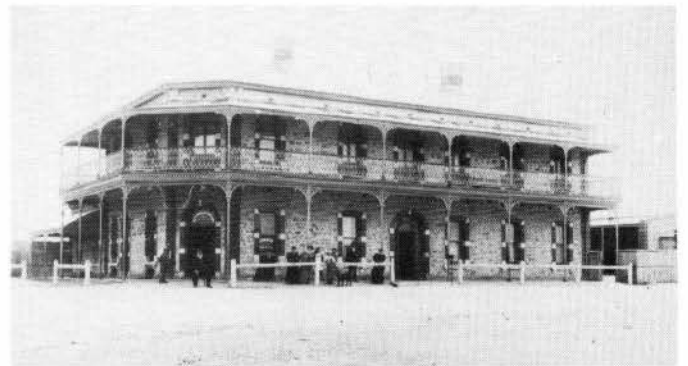
February 16 The West Torrens District Council applied to the Marine Board for leave to erect notice boards to bathers on Henley Beach.

Permission was granted.

These boards probably defined the areas to be used by male bathers, and by female bathers.

March 7 The ceremony of turning the first sod of the projected railway from Grange to Woodville was performed by the Hon. R.D. Ross, Speaker of the House of Assembly. From the South Australian Register's report: 'Several four-horse omnibuses and private traps conveyed the invited guests to the scene of operations over the dismal road, and the arrival at the Grange within the influence of a refreshing sea breeze was felt by all to be a decided relief after the extremely hot drive on a sultry afternoon ...'

The Grange Railway and Investment Company had entered into a contract with Messrs Davis, Baillie and Wishart for construction of the railway at a cost of £15,000.



Grange Hotel c1893. Alexander Taylor licensee

May 20 From an advertisement in the South Australian Register, we learn: 'The Grange Family Hotel is now open, and offers superior accommodation to families and others'.

June 9 A terrace of houses on the seafront at Grange has been proposed by the Marine Residences Company Limited. Each house will occupy a 25 foot frontage, and have eleven rooms.

Plans were prepared by Messrs Bayer and Withall, and the cost was estimated at £1,050 each.

July 24 The Grange Railway was opened to the public.

August 31 The foundation stone of Estcourt House was laid by Mrs Bucknall.

September 30 The Grange Railway was officially opened. To coincide with the opening, 200 allotments of land were made available for sale at Grange. Visitors were given free train rides, and luncheon was provided on the jetty.

September 30 On the same day as the Grange land sale, there was also a land sale at Henley Beach. A second advertisement appeared on the same page of the Register, for the sale of allotments 'without the adventitious, unwholesome aid of lunches and free rides'.

October 16 Construction began of the Marine Residences at Grange.

Also 1882 Aboriginal implements were discovered by Professor Howchin in the sandhills near the site of the old Fulham School.

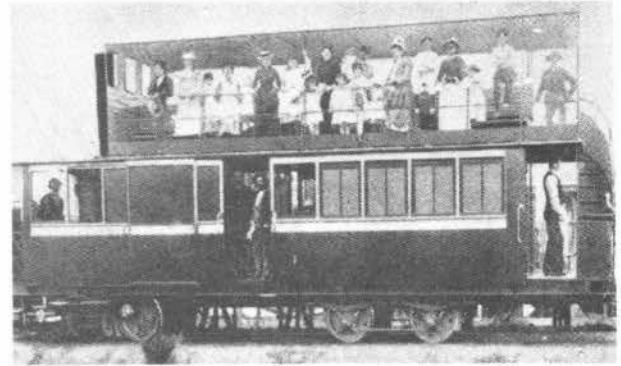
1883

January 18 The Grange Railway Company reported that it was not satisfied with the way the Government was carrying out the agreement to work the railway for £3,000 a year. The Directors interviewed the Commissioner of Public Works. They complained:- firstly, that there was a total absence of first class carriages, and hence ladies with first class tickets had to travel in second class carriages with dirty travellers smoking unsavoury pipes; secondly, that no night trains were run, and lastly, that the fares were too high.

January 31 A new timetable was being prepared for the Grange Railway, allowing 26 minutes for the trip between Woodville and Grange. The calculation was based on the assumption that the trains could not safely go more than 8 miles an hour.

February 13 The opening of the Henley Beach Tramway. The Observer reported:

'On Tuesday afternoon the Directors invited a large number of leading Adelaide citizens and colonists to celebrate the formal opening of the line, and the driving of the first pile of the pier. Five tramcars, fully loaded, conveyed the guests from the starting point, Howell's Corner, Hindley Street, to



B.G. Steam motor built in Belgium, used on Grange railway line until 1909.

Henley Beach and on arrival the Hon. W.C. Buick declared the tramway open for traffic. A move was then made for the beach, where a ponderous pile driver and massive monkey betokened business in the way of jetty building. Mrs John Fox Mellor released the monkey and it descended heavily, driving the first pile in some few inches, amidst cheering. Mrs Mellor declared the pile well and truly driven. Three cheers were given for the lady, and an adjournment was made to a tent, where refreshments were provided.'

A waiting shed and stables for the Tramway were built on Seaview Road, opposite where the Ramsgate Hotel was erected some years later.

March 5 The Woodville Council decided to ask the Henley Beach Tramway Company, 'on whose authority



'The Marines'—built 1882-1884 as luxury residences, from stone which had been used as ship's ballast.



Horse trams outside the Ramsgate Hotel, Henley Beach

they had cut up the district roads without giving due notice to the Council?’

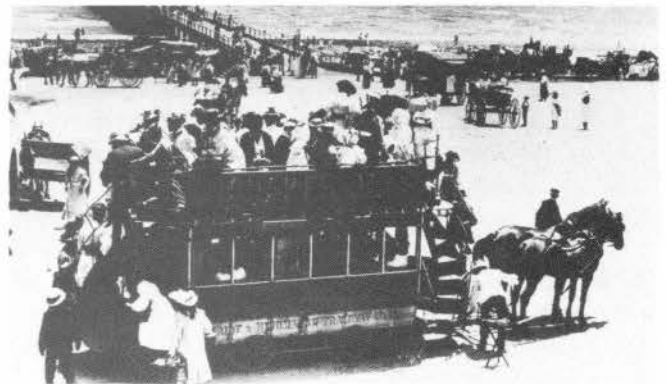
April The Henley Beach Post Office opened in A.W. Ralph’s general store on Seaview Road, with Mr Wyatt as Postmaster.

May 14 The horse tramline was extended to Grange.

July 1 The Grange Post Office moved from 1 Beach Street to the north-east corner of Jetty Road and Military Road. Mr F.J. Bates was the Postmaster.

September 28 The Henley Beach jetty was now completed, and the proprietors were willing to hand it over to the Marine Board.

November The Congregational Church at Henley Beach was opened for worship.



Adelaide and Hindmarsh Tramway Co, 1890’s



Original John White Bridge including horse tram bridge to right, looking along Henley Beach Road. Taken at Fulham near intersection of Tapleys Hill Road.



Grange Esplanade. The Grange Hotel stands on the corner. The greengrocer shop (centre) has since been demolished. The Marine residences dominate the area.

December 24 The Marine Residences, Esplanade, Grange, were ready to be let or sold. An advertisement described them as 'elegantly finished, and forming a terrace which is not surpassed in the Southern Hemisphere' (S.A. Register). Mr Arthur Harvey made the first purchase. The walls of the residences were built from stone carried as ballast by sailing ships.

Also 1883 Hurcombe's passenger business placed several vehicles on the service between their city terminal at the Windsor Castle Hotel, and Henley Beach. The buses, which made only one stop, at Fulham, were able to compete with the new horse tramway. In later years the same omnibuses were scheduled to proceed as far as Grange.

The population of Henley Beach was 134 - 61 males, 73 females. They were accommodated in 24 houses.

1885

August 1 The foundation stone of St. Agnes Church of England, Grange, was laid by the Bishop of Adelaide.

August 21 The Grange Cricket Club held its first meeting in the old Grange Station. Mr A. Harvey, M.P., a director of the Grange Railway and Investment Company, was elected President.

October The Grange School shifted to the new main building. Classes had been previously held in the Baptist Church.

December A playing area (currently known as Kirkcaldy Park, adjacent to Kirkcaldy Avenue and Grange Road) was made available to the Grange Cricket Club by the Grange Railway and Investment Company.

1886

June 30 A Police Station had opened at Henley Beach, with Mounted Constable A. Wright in charge.

1889

January 9 The Hindmarsh Tramway Company unsuccessfully experimented with an electric, battery-driven tramcar.



A.W. Ralph's store, later Badenoch's corner, now the site of the Commonwealth Bank, Henley Square.



St Agnes Church of England, Military Road, Grange. Opened 1885.



Grange Cricket Club grounds off Beach Street, now the Kirkcaldy Park. Match against Semaphore 3 January 1887.

Trouble was experienced in rounding the curve into Seaview Road, and the weight of the batteries was too great.

April 15-17 Very serious floods were caused by the overflow of the River Torrens, following heavy rain in the catchment areas:- Birdwood 550 points, Gumeracha 715 points, Mount Pleasant 482 points, Mount Torrens 548 points.

1891

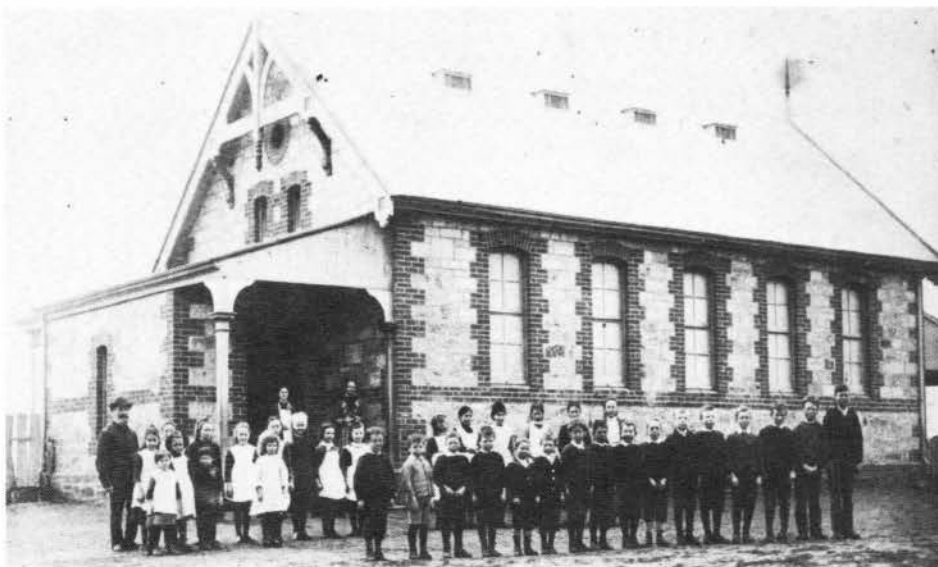
April 13 A telephone link was established between Henley Beach and Adelaide.

1893

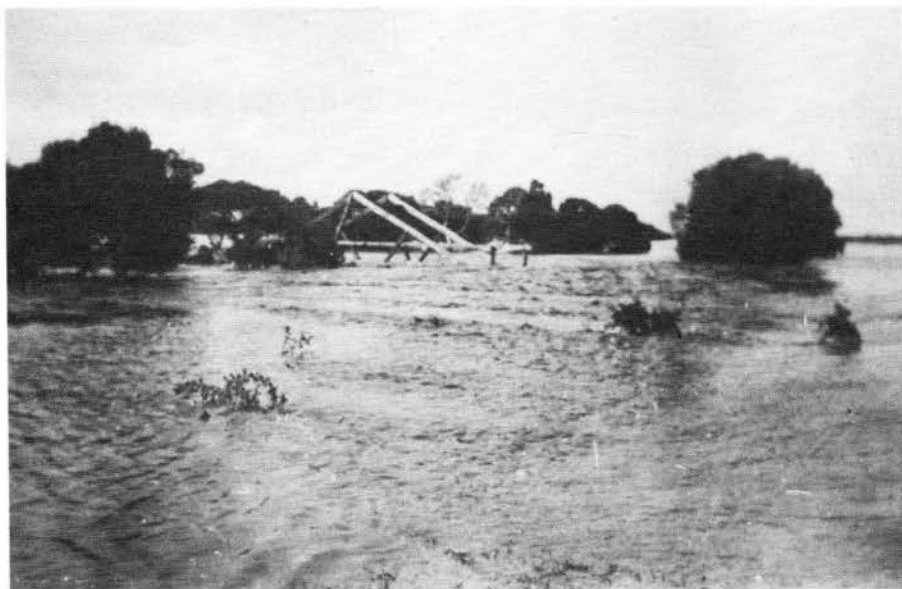
January 22 The Church of Christ Chapel, Henley Beach, was opened for worship.

Also 1893 Jerusalem Lake was excavated by William White. It was an artificial lake formed through hand labour and hand tools, at a cost for labour alone of over £1,500. The Henley South Tennis Club Courts are now built on the site.

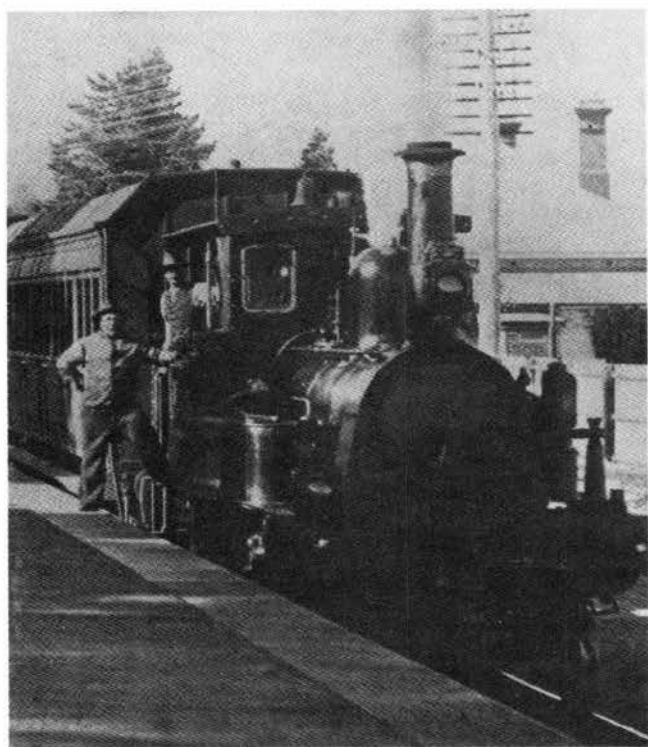
Aboriginal implements were found 10 feet below the surface when 'Jerusalem' was being excavated.



Grange School commenced in 1880. The first permanent building was opened in 1885 with James Kekwick as head teacher.



*Floods at Grange—photo taken
from near St Lawrence's Home.*



Train to Henley Beach and Grange in Woodville Station about 1909.



Henley Beach Chapel—Church of Christ—1903, Seaview Road



Ramsgate Hotel c1904-7, before balcony was added.

1894

February 1 The Railway between Grange and Henley Beach was opened.

June 2 The James Brown Memorial Trust acquired Estcourt House as a home for the Blind and for Crippled Children.

1896

February 3 From the Woodville Council Minutes:- 'Petition from 16 inhabitants of the Grange, asking the Council to alter the bathing reserves as follows: for Ladies, from South side of Jetty Road, to Beach Road, and for Gentlemen from Beach Road to Kirkcaldy Beach Road.

Proposed by Mr McLean that the request be granted and the Clerk have the bathing boards altered with large letters and hands pointing to same. Seconded by Mr Rofe, and carried'.

October 12 The Woodville Council received a letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, calling the attention of the Council to the sand drifting on Military Road, and the Carters making a practice of driving their vehicles on to the railway, to avoid the obstruction. This could lead to an accident.

1897

The Ramsgate Hotel was built in Main Street, Henley, with Mr Geo Wyld as first licensee.

1898

September 5 The Crown Lands Department stated that portion of Section 108 east of Military Road had been set aside for a recreation ground under the control of the District Council of Woodville.

December 16 The Grange Hall (Institute) was officially opened by Mr J.H. Brooker, M.P., who congratulated the residents on 'having such a capacious and suitable assembly room'.

1900

May 14 A public meeting was held in Kelseys Assembly Rooms, Henley Beach, to discuss the separation of South Reedbeds from the Woodville District Council, to form a municipality.



Kelsey's Store, corner of Main Street and Seaview Road, c1900-1903. Now a fish shop.

September 10 A public meeting was held at Henley Beach, re the Torrens floodwaters. Interested persons from West Torrens and Woodville were invited to attend. Two months later there was an inspection of 'different places along the river', with reference to flood control.

1901

May 9 The Reedbeds South Ward of the Woodville Council was divided into three wards: Grange, Henley Beach and Reedbeds.

July 22 The Grange Institute was granted affiliation with the Adelaide Public Library and 100 books were despatched from the stocks of the South Australian Institute.

Also 1901 A Post Office was built at Henley Beach on Seaview Road. The site cost £120, the building £1136-3-4. In May 1903 it was transferred from the State to the Commonwealth. A spiral staircase connected it to a 5-room residence.

1902

February 24 Grange was the terminal point of the overseas telegraph cable. The link from Fremantle was completed on Monday, February 24. The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company had their offices in the National Mutual Building, Victoria Square.

The cable ran: England, Durban, Mauritius, Rodrigue Island, Cocos Island, Fremantle, Kangaroo Island, and Grange.

1904

The first Regatta and Carnival arrangements encountered many difficulties. A storm in the Gulf smashed many boats, and much gear was washed ashore. Despite these setbacks, 39 boats participated and the regatta, with help from Glenelg and Port Adelaide, was a complete success.

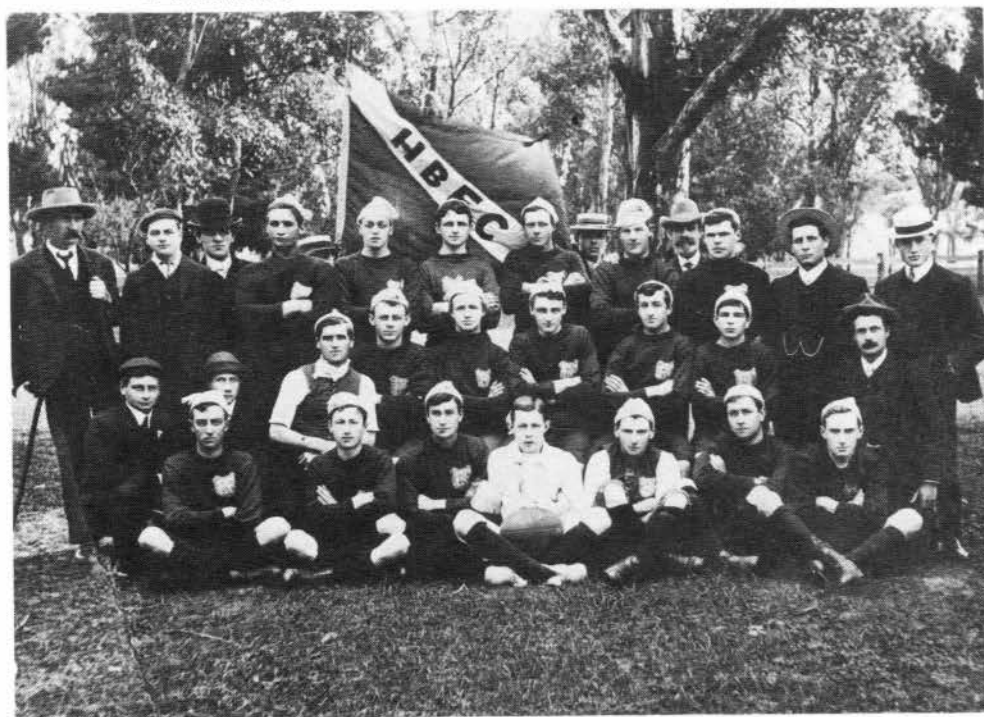
The most popular event in the programme of the first

Henley Beach Football Club

Suburban United Football Association

Premiers

Season 1908



BACK ROW: Mr D Beck (Patron), T Wright, W. Neilson, C. Rivett, D. Edwards, C. Craigie, A. Lawrie, F. Butterfield, W. Strapps (V. President), A. Craigie, C. Stagg, A. Waye.
MIDDLE ROW: V. Boyce, C. Jackson, A. Johns, R. Ellis, H. Ralph (V. Capt), A. Peak (Capt), H. Webb, C. Strapps, — I —, W. Webb (V. President).
FRONT ROW: D. Fielder, C. Tomlinson, G. Strapps, A. Dunsmore (Umpire), S. Fewings, M. Stanford, T. Johnson.

Henley Beach Football Club
1908 Premiers



Beach Carnival c1910. Grange jetty in background.

Carnival was probably the horse swimming race from the jetty to a buoy opposite the Henley Hotel. Other events were the duck hunts, the greasy pole, and swimming races. On shore there were athletics, sports, and competitions.

1906

January 6 Charles Arnold Caust was drowned at Henley Beach, while attempting to rescue the crew of an overturned yacht.

Also 1906 The Henley Football Club was formed. It joined the Suburban United Football Association. The Club used a football ground situated between the present Victoria Street and Reedie Street when the whole area was open paddocks. In 1908, the Club won the premiership. From 1922-1927 it was known as the Henley and Grange Football Club in the West Torrens Football Association. From 1928 to 1938/39, the Club was in Amateur League A2. During the years 1930 to 1934, Mr Perce Johns was Secretary. Shortly after this time Mr Alf Griffiths joined the Club as playing Coach. During the war years, 1939-45, the Club was known as the Henley United Football Club, and was non-competitive.

1907

January 28 The Henley Beach Annual Sports and Regatta was held on the King's Accession Day, Monday, 28th January, under the patronage of the Woodville District Council, the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, the Port Adelaide Sailing Club, and the South Australian Athletic League. The programme included 6 duck hunts, a greasy pole suspended over the water, and a horse swimming contest.

Athletic Sports.

CONDITIONS.

The times of running the following events are subject to the tide. In each event five to start or no race. Protests must be lodged with the Secretary within 15 minutes after each event has been run, with a fee of 5/-, which will be forfeited if protest is considered frivolous. The Committee reserve the right of refusing any nomination.

All pedestrian events to be run under the Athletic League Rules of 1907, which will be strictly enforced. The decision of a Sub-Committee of not less than five members of the Athletic Committee shall have power to alter any of the foregoing items of the programme or conditions should they deem it necessary to do so.

H. R. BOHISTO,
Secretary to Athletic Committee

No. 1.—NOVICE RACE.
125 Yards. First Prize, £1; Second, 10/-; Nomination, 1/6; Acceptance, 1/-; First Heat, 11.45 a.m.; Second Heat, 11.55; Third Heat, 12.50.

First Heat—G. B. Close, 14 yds. (Red); A. Pearce, 11 yds. (Blue); H. McDonald, 30 yds. (Yellow); J. Binks, 5 yds. (Pink).

Second Heat—J. F. Hutchings, 10 yds. (Red); G. A. Jenkins, 11 yds. (Blue); H. Chapman, 11 yds. (Yellow); A. J. Beasley, 10 yds. (Pink).

Third Heat—F. W. Law, 10 yds. (Red); W. M. Bain, 11 yds. (Blue); G. Lange, 11 yds. (Yellow); H. Taylor, 11 yds. (Pink); A. Johns, 10 yds. (Brown).

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No. 2.—HANDICAP BOYS' RACE.
To start at 11.45 a.m.
100 Yards. For boys living within three miles radius of Henley Beach, 16 years and under. First Prize, 10/-; Second, 5/-. Post entry, 6d.

1. 2.

No. 3.—GIRLS' RACE.
32 o'clock.
50 Yards. For girls of 12 years and under. Prizes, Trophies valued 5/- and 5/-. Post entry, 6d.

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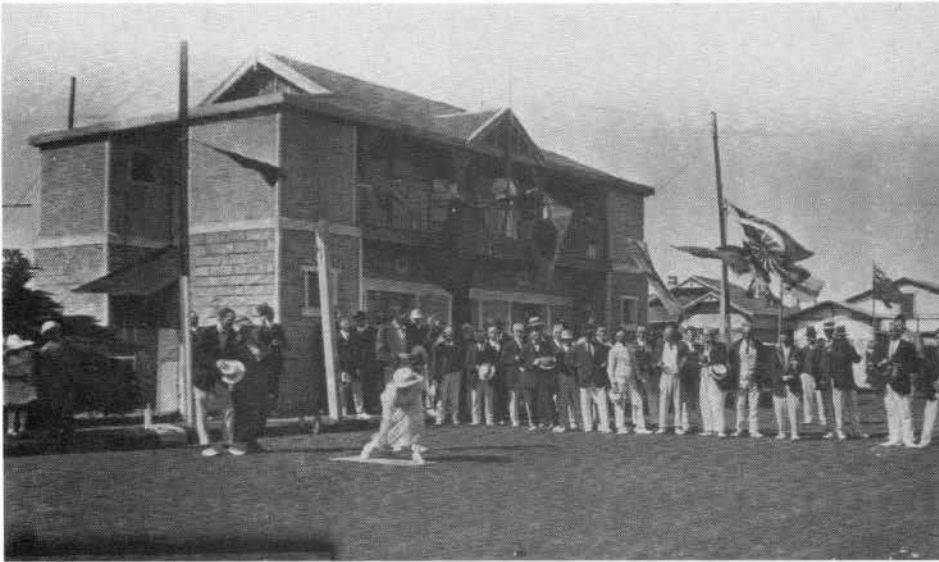
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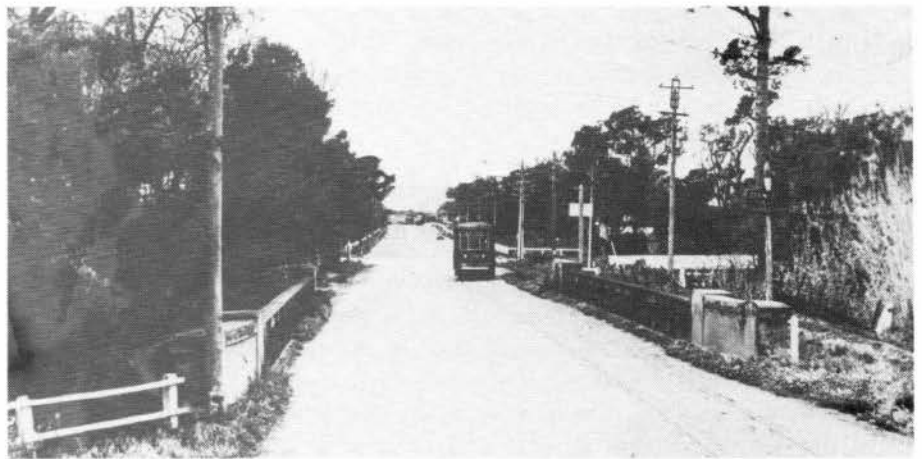
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Grange Bowling Club—opening day of the 1920 season.



'H' Type 355 (Glenelg type). Between old River Torrens bed (in the foreground) and Kidman Bridge (in the distance), Tapleys Hill Road just behind tram.



Opening day of the newly electrified tramway to Henley—'toast rack' tram No 32 on the viaduct over the reedbeds, 23 December 1909.



Ladies Bathing House c1910. This type of change room was a common sight on the beaches.

Lancelot Hurcombe, in his *Reminiscences*, describes a Duck Hunt as follows: 'The Duck Hunt involved a man in a small boat. Dressed in coloured costume over a swim suit, he would row out from the jetty. Two or three minutes later, two more boats, with a man in each, would leave. The event was for the second lot of rowers to catch the first one, "the Duck", within a prescribed area and time'.

February The Grange Bowling Club was founded at a meeting of 25 persons at the Grange Hotel early in the year. The name, until 1922, was The Grange and Henley Beach Bowling Club.

Members of the Hindmarsh Club attended to assist in framing rules and by-laws. The officers of the new club were: Patron—T.R. Scarfe; President—A.W. Ralph; Secretary and Treasurer—A. Wallace Peek.

Subsequent events included:—In 1908 the Club joined the South Australian Bowling Association. In 1910, a single storey clubhouse was built. In 1917, a two storey clubhouse was erected at a cost of £250. In 1950, on August 1, the Grange Women's Bowling Club was formed. Members were Associates of the Grange Bowling Club. In 1954, a new clubhouse was built on the present site. In 1971 the clubhouse was extended at a cost of \$40,000.

1909

January The Ramsgate Hotel advertised 'motor sheds' as well as 'good stabling'.

December 23 The Electric tramline from the Thebarton depot (later renamed the Torrensville depot) to Henley Beach, was opened, using the newly constructed viaduct over the Reedbeds.

Horse Trams continued to run between Adelaide and Thebarton, until March 9, 1910 when a full electric service was introduced.

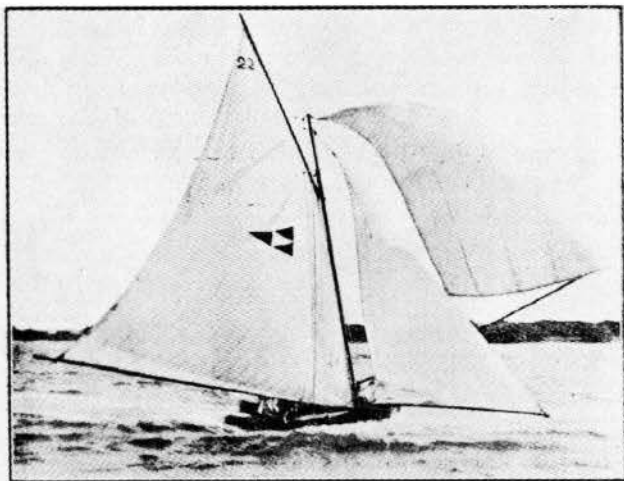
The Tramways Band was soon giving regular concerts at Henley Beach. It assembled at Hackney Depot and proceeded to the Rotunda in an open tram-car, playing musical selections as it went.

Also 1909 Trains could now run from Adelaide to Henley Beach without a change of trains at Woodville.

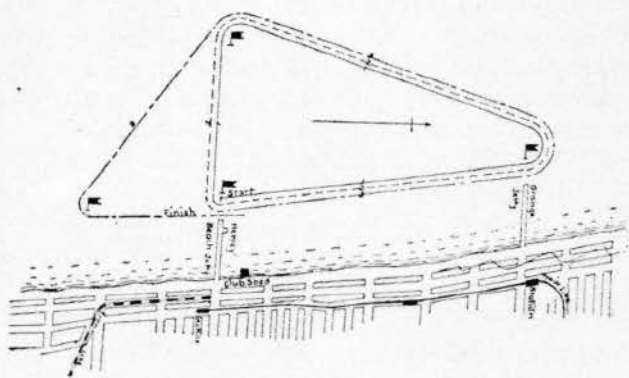
The Grange Scout Group was formed. The first Scoutmaster was Mr John Donaldson. The group was made up of three patrols. At one time the meetings were held in the St. Agnes Church of England Hall. In 1938, on October 15th, the Scout Hall in Swan Street, Grange, was opened. In 1959 the group moved, on August 29th, to a new hall in Reddie Street where the troop still meets.



Henley Beach Railway Station in its latter days.



Henley & Grange Champion Boat, "RADIANT" (S.A. Representative)



Henley and Grange Sailing Club's Course

1922 Regatta Programme, Australian 14ft Championships

1910

The Henley and Grange Sailing Club held early meetings in a shed near the corner of the Esplanade and Terminus Street, with lighting by candles.

A boat shed was built a few years later. After a number of years, a 2 storey building housed boats at beach level, with a dance floor above, to raise funds by holding entertainments. This building was destroyed in the fierce gale, a tornado, which struck on Saturday, 26th March, 1932.

Lance and Ivo Thomson, built many boats, the first of which was the *Resista*.

1911

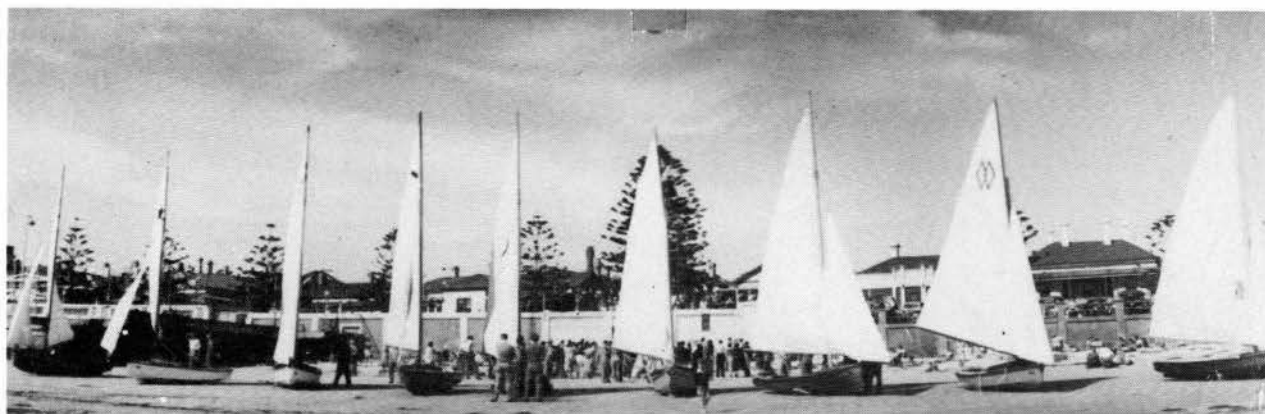
March 9, March 13 Meetings were held at Henley Beach and Grange to consider severance from Woodville. At both meetings, there was a large majority against the proposal. (24 against, 6 for; 35 against, 5 for).

May 11 The foundation stone of the Methodist Church, Grange, was laid by Mr Edwin Davey.

July 20 At a meeting held in the Grange Hotel, intending members of the Grange Croquet Club asked the Grange and Henley Bowling Club to lay down a croquet lawn on the northern end of the Bowling Club's property.

October 12 Del Monte Palace (Esplanade, corner of South Street, Henley Beach) was opened.

Also 1911 Catholic worship began at Henley Beach. Monsignor John Healey of Thebarton celebrated Mass in the Community Hall, Henley Square.



14 foot yachts, opening of the season on foreshore Henley Beach



Original Henley Beach Methodist Church, Seaview Road, first opened 1912. Demolished 1983.

1912

January 13 Four foundation stones were laid for the Henley Beach Methodist Church. E. Hender, R. Wilson, W.W. Winwood, and the representative of the Sunday School Children, each laid a stone.

January 29 A siding 1000 feet long was opened between Main Street and North Street, to hold parked trams on days of special events.

December Monsignor Byrne blessed the new 'Star of the Sea' school. (Located near the old Kirkcaldy Railway Station, just south of Kirkcaldy Road).

1913

January 27 In the Regatta programme appeared advertisements for the Kiosk, and Del Monte. Among the attractions of the latter was mentioned 'electric light throughout'. Fresh milk was advertised as delivered daily by the Grange, Kirkcaldy, and Henley dairies.

March 19 The Marine Board gave tentative approval for the erection, by Mr W.J. Fox, of a 'kiosk' (the Pavilion) on the Henley Jetty.

(The Henley Jetty Pavilion was advertised for the first time in the 1915 programme.)

March 'The Henley Beach Herald', Volume 1, No. 1, was issued. The Editor was the Rev. D. Bright Ashford, a Congregational Church Minister.

April The railway line between Sussex Street and Henley Beach Road was pulled up. Trains were often derailed after heavy westerly gales, as sand built up over the line.

1914

April 16 Freemasonry began in Henley Beach, (Henley Lodge 79), in a hall at the corner of East Terrace and South Street.

June 16-18 Further public meetings were held at Henley and Grange re severance and the formation of a Corporation.

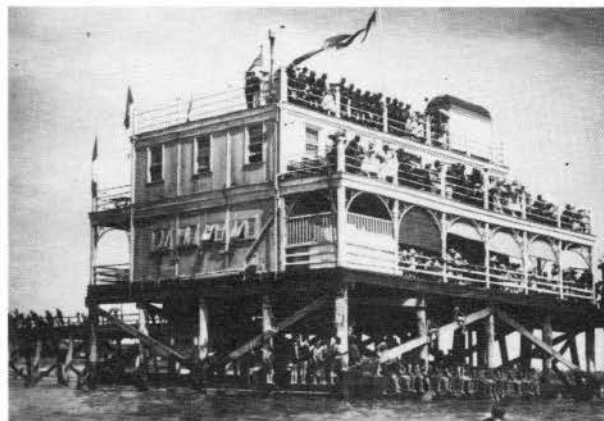


Del Monte Palace—foreshore Henley Beach

1915

April 8 Henley and Grange ratepayers had petitioned the Commissioner of Crown Lands, asking for severance from Woodville and West Torrens.

From the Government Gazette, 8/4/1915: 'A petition under the District Councils Act, 1887, has been received from owners and occupiers of land in the Henley Beach and Grange wards, district of Woodville, and portion of Sea View ward, district of West Torrens, praying that such areas may be severed from the districts of Woodville and West Torrens, and constitute a municipal corporation to be called the 'Henley and Grange Municipal Corporation'.



Old jetty Pavilion—Henley Beach c1920. This three-storey structure housed a restaurant and refreshment rooms. Constant battering by sea and storms caused its irreparable destruction. Demolished 1945.

July 11 Anticipating incorporation of the Town of Henley and Grange, which occurred in early December, a poll was held, and James Hugh Sinclair was elected as Mayor. Officially, his term of office commenced on December 2.

December 2 Henley and Grange was separated by proclamation from Woodville and West Torrens.

December 4 The first meeting was held of the Henley and Grange Council.

The first public function sponsored by the Council was an A.I.F. recruiting campaign at Henley Beach. The Tramways Band supplied the martial music.

December 11 At the second Council Meeting, a letter was received from the first garbage contractor, Mr G. Sansone, who offered to collect the garbage from Grange and Henley Beach for £8-4-0 per month, and to collect the garbage from Henley South for £1 per week. In reply, the Council accepted the price tendered for Grange and Henley Beach, but offered only 15/- per week for Henley South.

December 23 The Council lodged a complaint with the P.M.G.'s Department re the cost of trunk line calls to the city.



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1916

January 13 The Corporation seal was received from the manufacturers.

Mr H.N. Walkley was appointed first permanent Town Clerk, Surveyor, Collector of Rates, Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Width of Tires, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector and Registrar of Dogs, at a salary of £200 per annum.

January 20 The Henley Jetty lighting cost was to be shared by the Municipal Tramways Trust, the South Australian Railways and the Council.

January 23 Mr Eames, with his own horse and dray, was engaged by the Council at the rate of 13/6 per day.

March 7 Council dealt with the problem of stray cattle on roads.

April 4 Council workmen were given a rise, making their wages 9 shillings per day of 8 hours.

April 4 Mr Mahoney was granted permission to erect a merry-go-round and shooting gallery for the holidays, near the Henley Beach Jetty.

April 18 Council purchased a roller for £75, the first record of plant purchase.

Road metalling was approved at Council meetings:- On May 29, Marlborough Street between Military Road and East Terrace; on July 24, York Street; on August 7, Beach and Jetty Streets, Grange.

August 7 Part of the main road from Henley Beach to Adelaide was to be advertised as dangerous to traffic.

August 14 The Council declared the first rate. The General Rate was to be 1/3 in the £1 with Sanitary Rate, 1 penny in the £1 and Lighting Rate 2 pence in the £1.

December George Speller Wright commenced a two year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

1917

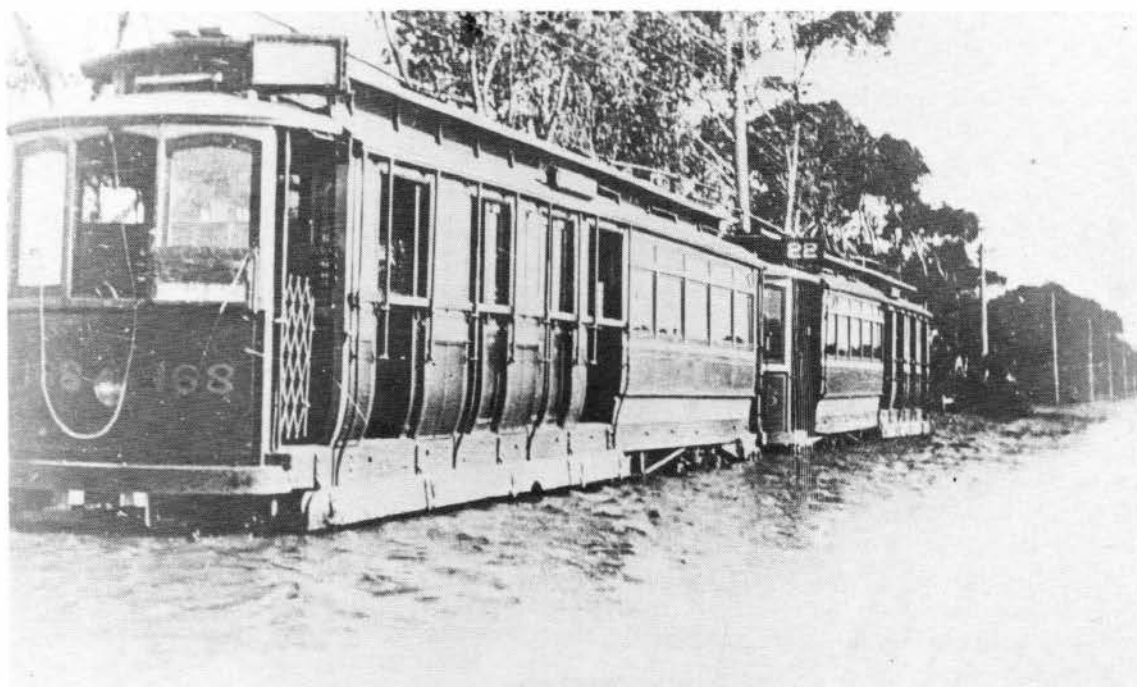
May 14 The M.T.T. began running trams to North Street.

July 18-22 Severe flooding was caused by very heavy rains similar to those of April 15 to 17, 1889 (5 to 6 inches in the catchment areas).

July 23 A deputation of thirty residents of Grange and Henley Beach waited on the Council, urging that immediate action be taken to drain off the floodwaters from in and around their houses. The Mayor replied that the Government was taking the matter in hand and work would be commenced at once.

August 6 The Council decided to obtain a pump to enable water to be pumped out of houses at Grange.

October 23 Flooding of the Henley Beach and other roads by the River Torrens had occurred for about half the winter for the past three years. The carting of about 20 tons of sand per day by the Chemical Works had further affected the road surface. In evidence to the River Torrens Drainage



'A' type trams in floodwaters, Henley Beach Road



Flooding on the Henley Beach Road, Fulham, west of Tapleys Hill Road

Committee, the Mayor, Mr G.S. Wright, said that he preferred that flood waters be run off via the Patawalonga and Port River, but, if that was not decided, then the Outlet Scheme would be acceptable.

October 25 The River Torrens Drainage Scheme was not wanted by the landowners, according to Mr Alfred Stanford of Fulham.

October 29 Capt. S.A. White gave evidence that the build-up of silt from floodwaters was very beneficial to the country.

October 30 Mr Morton Stanford of Fulham stated that he had 1,000 fruit trees, and had no complaints about the floods.

Mr Alfred Ernest Press, who rented the Frogmore estate, had lost crops by flooding. Even in October, water was 6 feet deep in some of his paddocks.

November 26 It was stated in Council minutes, that houses with external walls made of wood were not to be permitted in the Municipality.

Also 1917 Henley and Grange had 649 buildings, of which 615 were houses.

The Seaside Tennis Club's first available records show

the following office bearers: President, Mr G.D. Muirhead; Vice Presidents, Mr J.H. Sinclair, Mr H.S. Davis; Secretary/Treasurer, Mr P. McLean; Captain, Mr E.J. Sanders. The early location of the courts was on Sturt Street (now Charles Sturt Avenue), but in 1965 the club moved to a new site on Cudmore Terrace.



Lady Galway—the Governor's wife—opens the Returned Soldiers' Clubhouse at Henley Beach South, provided by the YMCA (8 January 1916).

1918

January 28 The proceeds of the fifteenth Annual Henley Beach Regatta and Sports were in aid of the Lady Galway Clubhouse.

Very practical prizes were offered for the Married Ladies Race - first prize, a half ton of wood (presented by W. Thompson's woodyard); second prize, 1½ dozen Self Raising Flour.

April The Lemnos Hockey Team, composed of girls from Grange, entered the South Australian Women's Hockey Association competition. Ina Kerrison was captain of the team.

December William Frank Harrison commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

December 23 African Boxthorn was declared a noxious weed, and the Council gave notice to land-holders to destroy same within 30 days (but much boxthorn persisted until recent years).

Also 1918 A Telephone Exchange costing £555-19-3 was built at Henley Beach.

1919

Council resolved to take steps to erect suitable municipal buildings.

November 8 The Tramline was extended to Marlborough Street.

Also 1919 The Grange Cricket Club moved its headquarters to the Grange Recreation Reserve.

The first Catholic Church was built at Henley Beach. It is now used as the Church Hall.

1920

February 16 Jetty Street Grange, west of High Street, was to be formed and metalled.



Mayor D.J. Beck lays the foundation stone for the town hall, 17 October 1921.

September 18 A memorial stone was unveiled in the Hall section of the Methodist Church at Grange. The inscription reads:- 'In Memory of our Fallen Soldiers, this stone was laid by Mr J.H. Ellis'.

December David Julius Beck commenced a year's term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

1921

February 26 A number of building sites were auctioned in Henley Beach South.

October 17 The foundation stone of the Town Hall was laid by Mayor D.J. Beck.

October 23 The foundation stone of the Town Hall War Memorial was laid. The inscription reads:- 'This Memorial is Dedicated to those who served in The Great War, 1914-1918, being residents of this town, in grateful recognition of their Gallant Deeds and Noble Sacrifice'. It was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor, Lieut. Col. Sir W.E.G.A. Weigall, K.C.M.G.

The War Memorial Room contains an Honour Roll of those who served in both World Wars.

November 21 The Henley and Grange Traders and Progressive Association presented six sets of see-saws and swings for erection along the foreshore.

December Michael Dermott Kerrison commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

1922

January 9 Residences in Seaview Road and the Esplanade were to be numbered.

January 30 The first of the very popular annual processions was held as part of the 'Henley and Grange Regatta and Children's Carnival'.

February 11 The foundation stone of St. Michael and All Angels Church of England, Henley Beach, was laid by John Barker, Esq.

February 16 The foundation stone was laid, of the new Catholic Convent and new Star of the Sea School in Seaview Road.

May 24 St. Michael and All Angels Church of England, Henley Beach, was dedicated. Services had previously been held in the old Municipal Rooms on the west side of Seaview Road, just north of the Henley Square.

June 7 The Opening of the Town Hall, which had cost £6,300, was celebrated by a Mayoral Ball.

July 18 The Henley Bowling Club was formed. The Club was formerly combined with the Grange and Henley Beach Bowling Club, from 1907. Foundation President, Dr. F. Burden; Secretary, J.J. Metcalf.



Henley and Grange Town Hall—with the distinctive beehive-shaped war memorial, dedicated October 1921.



St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, Military Road



1928 Procession from Grange to Henley Beach. Poole Mansions in the background.



A unique piece of architecture in the Henley area—The Temple Congregational Church, Military Road, opened in August 1923. Became the Uniting Church in 1975.

November 10 The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Henley Lodge 97, held their first meeting in their Hazel Terrace Hall. The last meeting before the hall was demolished was on June 11, 1982. Meetings are now held at Torrensville.

November 25 The foundation stone of The Temple Congregational Church, Henley Beach, was laid. The inscription reads:- 'To the Glory of God, this stone was laid by G.S. Wright and James Shearing, November 25th 1922'.

Also 1922 The Henley Croquet Club commenced in Clarence Street, near where the Henley Bowling Club car park is now situated. Some of the foundation members were: Nell Forbes, Ann King, Hannah Warhurst, and Mrs Lawrie. By 1961, when only six croquet players remained, the green was taken over by the Henley Bowling Club.

1923

February 5 The Education Department called tenders for the erection of a public school at Henley Beach.

April 2 Captain S.A. White gave an illustrated lecture in the Henley Town Hall on 'A World Record Motor Trip: Australia traversed and retraversed'. Proceeds were in aid of the Congregational Church building fund.

August 5 The Temple Congregational Church, Henley Beach, was opened.

September 15 The Henley and Grange Council was to

have Aldermen as well as Councillors, as a result of a poll of ratepayers.

September 20-24 The River Torrens had come down in very serious flood again as a result of over 4 inches (100 mm) of rain in the catchment areas.

October 10 A flash flood marooned the last Henley Tram of the evening. The Motorman, the Conductor, and three passengers camped in the tram overnight.

December Hermann Gaetjens commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

Also 1923 Shops on the northern side of Grange Road (then Kirkcaldy Road) between Sturt Street (now Charles Sturt Avenue), and Military Road, as recalled by Mr G.H. (Howard) Botten, were:- Staker Brothers' Butcher Shop; Mrs Broadribb's Mixed Business; Mr Tom Bastow's Men's Hairdressers Shop; Mr Burford's Bootmakers Shop. Mr Botten owned a General Store on the corner of Anthony Street and Grange Road. [A list of Henley Beach shops, from the 1930's, would include Johns' Butchers Shop, Johns' Newsagency, Badenoch's Bakery, Gehlert's Kiosk, Newcombe's Store; and Stevenson's Hardware Shop, with the motto: Don't go to town to be robbed, come in here!]

A branch of the Commercial Bank commenced business at 332 Seaview Road, Henley Beach. The manager was Mr Mark Penna.



*Henley Hotel—first opened 1878.
Ozone tearooms are on the left.*



Panoramic photograph of Henley Beach foreshore



Henley Beach foreshore, 1934, as seen



Henley Square c1900



Panoramic photograph of Henley Beach foreshore



on the diving tower of the bathing pool.

1924

Henley Beach Primary School opened, with 237 pupils. The Head Teacher was Mr L. Edwards. At first, 'the yard was a levelled sand heap, which used to shift with the winds, piling up on the verandah, and seeping under the doors'.

March 17 Main Street was opened from the Esplanade to Military Road. This area was previously a reserve.

May An R.S.L. Sub-branch for Henley and Grange was formed at a meeting in the Henley and Grange War Memorial Hall. The President was Dr L.G. Muirhead; the Secretary, Mr A.R. Wells.

August 3 The foundation stone of St. Agnes Church Hall, Grange, was laid. The inscription reads:- 'To the Glory of God. This stone was laid by R.C. Beck Esq.'

October 18 Wide-ranging foreshore improvements were opened by the Governor, Sir Tom Bridges. The Mayor opened the Henley and Grange Amateur Swimming Club Shed, and the Mayoress, Mrs H. Gaetjens, christened the life boat she had presented to the town. A Carnival accompanied the occasion.



Original fountain, Henley Square 1924

November 3 S.A. White, grazier, Fulham gave evidence before another Parliamentary Committee on Metropolitan Flood Waters. In speaking of the build up of silt, he said: 'I have three fences on top of one another, which shows the amount of silt deposited. Eleven years ago, I rode under the viaduct; today I could not crawl under it'.

1925

March 29 Sunday morning buses, operated by the Municipal Tramways Trust, ran to Henley Beach. Trams were not operated on Sunday mornings.

March 31 The Tramways Band gave their final performance in the Bandstand at Henley Beach.

April 14 The Tramways Trust was thanked for presenting the Bandstand to the town.

May 28 William G.T. Goodman, General Manager, M.T.T., in giving evidence before the Parliamentary Commission on Metropolitan Floodwaters, mentioned that, when the viaduct was built in 1908, there was a clear space of about 7½ feet between the viaduct and the ground, and that the piers were driven down about 26 feet into limestone.

July 20 A flood embankment built at the Grange by voluntary labour, was now complete.

August 28 The Magill Brass Band was engaged for the summer season by the Council, to replace the Tramways Band.

November 3 St. Michael and All Angels Church of England, Henley Beach, became a separate Parish. It had previously been combined with St Agnes, Grange.

November 21 The Henley Life-Saving Club was officially opened by the Chief Secretary (Hon. J. Jolly).



Children's playground

November 28 'The Yeomans Playground', on the foreshore at Henley Beach, just north of the jetty, was opened.

December Harry May commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

December 22 Bakewell Bridge at Mile End was opened by the Premier, Hon. J. Gunn. The Mile End Road from Henley Beach Road to Hindley Street was closed. A new road, Glover Avenue, had been built from Henley Beach Road to Currie Street. Henley Beach Trams, which had formerly run down North Terrace, now came down Currie Street.

1926

April 27 Bowser petrol pumps were to be erected at two garages in the town - A.E. Stapleton's, Kirkcaldy, and Henry Hicks' Magnet Motor Garage, Main Street, Henley Beach, opposite the Ramsgate Hotel.

May 31 The new concrete section on the Adelaide Road (now Henley Beach Road) had proved to be successful. It was declared open by the Attorney General, Mr W.J. Denny.

September 1 The Grange Golf Club commenced. At the first general meeting after the formation of the club, the following officers were appointed: Patron - Mr J.T. Brown; President - Mr W.G. Tucker; Secretary/Treasurer - Mr H.A. Bennett.

Practically all the clearing work on the course was done by voluntary labour. The links were situated on the old Pinery Estate.

Also 1926 Marjorie Kelly (now Marjorie Mitton) formed another girls' hockey team - the Lemnos team (see 1918) had gone out of existence. The home ground for the team was on the western side of High Street, opposite the present St Laurence's Homes for the Aged.

1927

January 28-31 Proceeds from the Henley and Grange Carnival were to be devoted to the purchase of a Town Clock to be erected on the shore end of Henley jetty.

August 17 Mr Ron Mitton of Grange was selected as Rhodes Scholar for South Australia. He was presented with a travelling rug at a social evening in the Temple Church.

December Walter Barrey commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

1928

January 23 12,000 coloured lights were festooned in the Henley Square for the 1928 Carnival.

April 30 It was decided to open Main Street between Military Road and East Terrace.

May 28 A Baby Health Centre at the Town Hall, subsidised by the Council, opened from 2pm to 4.30pm on Tuesdays.

May 28 The Council granted the title of Henley and Grange Municipal Orchestra to the newly formed Orchestral Society. A Henley and Grange Choral Society had also been formed.

September 24 The Town Clerk, Mr C.M. Yeomans, had raised £2,000 for the construction of 21 bathing boxes.

September 24 All houses in the Municipality were to be numbered.

September The first Henley Beach Scout Group was formed, followed by Cubs in June 1934, and Sea Scouts in June 1937. Various buildings were used for meetings until the present building was commissioned (18th February 1967).

December 10 Miss Ruth Naylor (Esplanade, Grange) had won the Elder Music Scholarship.

Also 1928 Elizabeth Powell (Mrs E. Sandery) who lived for a time on Seaview Road, Grange, published the first of her two novels; 'The Beehive', which tells a family's story, probably in Grange in the nineteen twenties.

Also 1928 A long trunk main from the new Osborne Gas Works reached Henley and Grange - 'in time for residents to have the pleasure of cooking their Christmas dinners by gas'.

Mr and Mrs Barrey (Mayor and Mayoress) had taken a keen interest in the necessary negotiations. And almost 300 women had been present at a meeting convened by Mrs Barrey to discuss the proposal of a gas supply.

It was agreed that the price of gas would be the Adelaide charge, plus a surcharge of from 1/2 to 1/8 per 1,000 cubic feet, to cover the cost of the trunk main. The surcharge would depend on the number of consumers and would be uniform throughout the district.

Also 1928 36 men, using 24 scoops and more than 100 horses, worked for many months on the levelling of sand hills at West Beach, in preparation for the subdivision of the area.

1929

January 26-28 The press reported that the Carnival was particularly noteworthy for the appearance of a very clever dog known as 'Bob, the Wonder Dog', which both astonished and amused the audience. (Bob was trained by Mr Albert Ide, of Grange, and appeared at many carnivals and public functions).

March 2 The first sale was held of West Beach residential sites, in the estates of F.J. and P.J. Gray. (Total value £26,760.)

April 8 Photographs of former Mayors were to be placed in the Town Hall entrance.

May 1 The Great Depression had begun, and the Council had reduced outside staff to two.

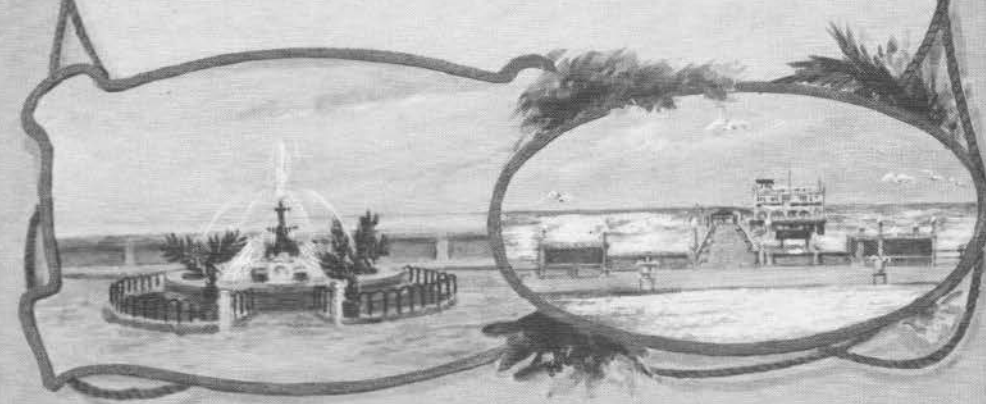
August 31 The Grange Post Office was re-located at 568 Military Road, Grange, on the corner of Post Office Place. Miss Jessie Gray was the Grange Postmistress from 1927 to 1957.

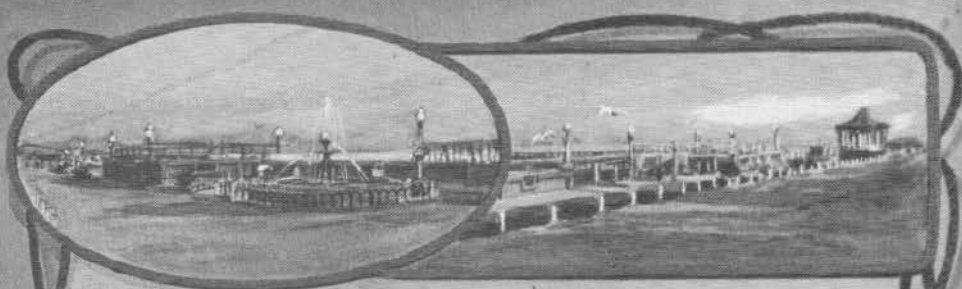
November 13 The effects of the Great Depression were being felt more and more. The Mayoress, Mrs Barrey, on



To His Excellency
Major-General Sir George Tom Molesworth Bridges
K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.
Governor of the State of South Australia.

May it please Your Excellency
We, on behalf of the Aldermen, Councillors,
Ratepayers and Citizens of the Municipality
of Henley and Grange, desire to express to Your
Excellency an enthusiastic welcome on this
your first visit to our Town.





We beg at the same time to express our unswerving loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty the King.

We wish on behalf of the Council to express to you our very deepest thanks for your presence with us this day and for your kindness in declaring our new Foreshore improvements open and available.

In conclusion we trust that Your Excellency, Lady Bridges and Miss Alvide Bridges will have a pleasant time during your term of office and that God may grant you health and long life.

Signed at Henley Beach on behalf of the Aldermen, Councillors, Ratepayers and Citizens of the Municipality of Henley and Grange this 18th day of October 1924.

H. Groves, Mayor.

Williamson, Town Clerk.



behalf of the local Unemployment Relief Fund, wrote to residents, telling of a house to house appeal for donations in cash or parcels of groceries, with a view to rendering assistance to local distressed families at Christmas time. Later the Governor and Lady Hore-Ruthven visited the Henley Beach Town Hall and inspected the distribution of relief.

December Ewart Wilfred Mitton began his first term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

December 14 A bus service commenced from Findon Road terminus to Grange.

Also 1929 The first houses in West Beach, in Rockingham Street, were built for H.D. Hill and M.R. Lodge, and a third house was built, facing the Esplanade, for Dr C.V. Wells.

And: The Henley Beach Golf Club opened in an area south of Grange Road (then Kirkcaldy Road), and just east of Mitton Avenue.

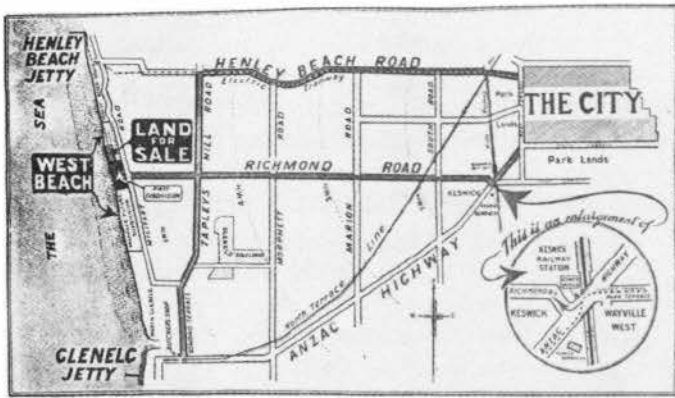
Among the foundation members was Mr C. Stobie, who invented the steel and cement electric light pole which bears his name.



Henley Beach Golf Club—south of Grange Road. The foundation committee 1929. The clubhouse is the railway carriage in the rear.



Henley Amateur Cycling Club,
June 1930



West Beach locality map—pre-airport days, from 1930 sales brochure

1930

February 22 A second parcel of West Beach residential sites were offered for sale. Roadmaking included the extension of Richmond Road (now West Beach Road) to the Esplanade. This sale was not as successful as the first.

April 18 A father and three children drowned when their boat overturned at Henley Beach. Mr Alan Leonard helped in the recovery of the bodies.

June 11 Council approved the construction of East Terrace from Victoria Street to Kirkcaldy Road. Woodville Council agreed to share the cost.

August 19 A public meeting discussed the establishment of a Fire Brigade to service the town of Henley and Grange. Some Carnival proceeds were set aside, but ultimately the project was abandoned.

November A branch of Toc H was formed at Grange. The local school was the regular meeting place.

1931

January 12 The Grange Children's Playground was handed over to the Council by the Carnival Committee.

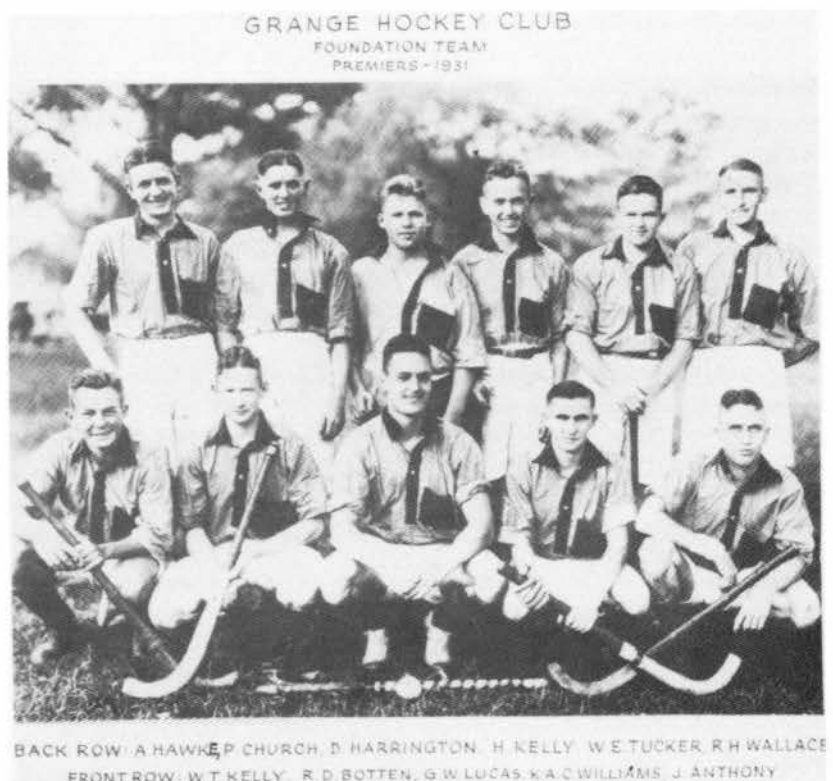
January 25 Charles Fielder died. He had been a noted athlete who won the Adelaide Athletics Club's Cambridge Cup four times (1871-1874). He lived in the first house built on what is now East Terrace.

February 9 Advertisements were placed by the Council, in The Advertiser and The News, stating that sand could be removed, free of cost, from certain sites on the Esplanade.

May 2 The Grange Men's Hockey Club, formed by Hartleigh Kelly played (and won) its first match and in this first season, won the B Grade premiership.

September It was calculated that the recent Torrens flood had inundated 951 acres in the Henley and Grange area.

December Walter Barrey began his second term (one year) as Mayor of Henley and Grange.



The foundation team of the Grange Hockey Club. Premiers in their first season, 1931.

BACK ROW: A. HAWKES, P. CHURCH, D. HARRINGTON, H. KELLY, W. E. TUCKER, R. H. WALLACE
FRONT ROW: W. T. KELLY, R. D. BOTTEN, G. W. LUCAS, W. A. C. WILLIAMS, J. ANTHONY

Also 1931. Dr Charles Fenner, in his book 'South Australia, a Geographical Study', published in 1931, described our region thus:- 'Past Torrensville, a branch of the river breaks away to the south-west (Breakaway Creek). Thence onwards is the well known Reedbeds area - a growing portion of the lower deltaic plain - mostly swampy in winter and providing excellent grazing areas in summer.

'A road and tram line cross this swampy area, despite the physiographic unsuitability, and consequently each winter brings forward difficulties of communication along these routes. Here the waters of the Torrens that have not percolated into the deep alluvials of the deltaic plain, divide and form wide swamps. A portion ultimately flows south, along the coast some distance back from the sand dunes and becomes the Patawalonga Creek; the remainder of the Torrens water, largely divested of its suspended material, flows north behind the dunes, into the Port River Estuary.' He then discussed the relative merits of letting the annual deposit of silt build up the swampland or carrying out the proposed floodwaters scheme, and making the Outlet Channel.

In any case, he recognised the potential of the district as a magnificent addition to the residential areas of Adelaide.

Also 1931 The Grange Cricket Club rejoined the Adelaide and Suburban Cricket Association.

1932

March 26 Malcolm F. Clode (then 18 years old) helped rescue members of the crew of a yacht during a sudden storm at Henley Beach. He and four other local youths were honoured by the Royal Humane Society.

July 6 Council decided that future tree planting in Seaview Road South be confined to Norfolk Island Pines.

September 29 The Government Gazette announced the severance of sections 445 to 447 and 450-451, Hundred of Yatala, from Woodville to Henley and Grange. These sections were east of East Terrace from Kirkcaldy Road to Henley Beach Road.

December Cyril Chambers began a two and a half year term as Mayor. During his term of office, election dates were changed from the first Saturday in December to the first Saturday in July.

1933

January 28 The Mardi Gras Wedding in the Henley Square at the 1933 Carnival proved to be an exceedingly popular event.

January 28 - February 1 The Australian 14-foot yacht championships were held off the Grange. South Australia

was represented by the Henley and Grange Sailing Club's champion 'Mirage' and two boats from the Grange Dinghy Club, 'Silver Spray' and 'Sunny'.

September 20 The Junior Red Cross Holiday Home was opened at Henley Beach South by Mrs J. Lavington Bonython.

December 10 The St John Ambulance Brigade Casualty Room was opened at Henley Beach by the Mayor, Mr Cyril Chambers, and dedicated by the Dean of Adelaide, the Reverend G.H. Jose.

Also 1933 From a newspaper report.

'Backless bathers for Henley Beaches

A committee of the Henley and Grange Council has recommended that bathers on the Council's beaches should be allowed to wear backless costumes. If the Council adopts the by-law, the immortal Mrs. Grundy, mistress of mid-

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What is Summer without its Sun Worship put on your Swimming Suit and get out on the Sunny Sands. It's good for you it makes you Brown . . . it makes you healthy. It peeps you up with the joy of living but first the right Bathers!

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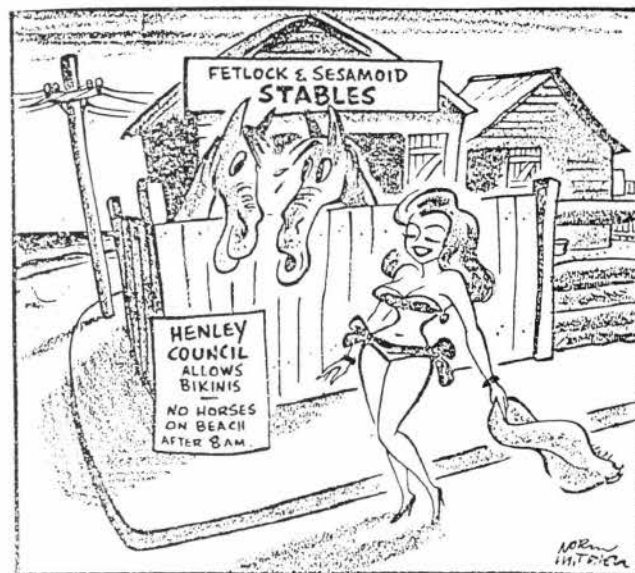


Victorian propriety, and the strongest advocate of costumes reaching from neck to ankle, or at the very least, neck to knee, will receive another deadly blow.

Perhaps the new by-law was adopted by bathers before it was adopted by the Council's committee. Fashions are apt to disregard by-laws. But now the latest costumes are likely to have official sanction, so that backless costumes may be worn with no fear of the consequences!

Of course, fashions continued to change. By 1938, men were permitted to wear topless bathers, and, in the early 1960s, Henley and Grange became the first seaside Council to permit the wearing of bikini-style bathing costumes. At the same Council meeting, it was decided to ban horses from the beach after 8am.

These two decisions prompted a cartoon in the News.



"Well, how do you like that? In come bikinis—and we're put on a curfew!"

Competitors—Henley and Grange Carnival
c1930's

Also 1933 Robert (Copper) Botten and Alaric Hawke were the first Grange hockey players selected in the state team.

1934

January 6 The Henley and Grange Olympic Pool was officially opened by the Mayor, Mr Cyril Chambers.

January 11 A beach picnic at Grange catered for 700 people, mostly children from unemployed families in the Woodville and Semaphore Park districts.

March 18 At a Grange Oval working bee, 68 men from Henley and Grange sporting bodies, 2 horse-drawn ploughs, a motor lorry, a two-horse lorry and a horse with a chain for pulling out boxthorn bushes, made splendid improvements to the oval at the corner of Military Road and Fort Street.

June 27 Before the Metropolitan Floodwaters Committee, the Mayor of Henley and Grange, Mr Cyril Chambers, stated that he did not agree with ex-Mayor Gaetjens, who gave evidence in 1925. The present Council had accepted the opinion of its Town Clerk and Engineer, Mr W.W. Winwood, that the discharge of floodwaters through a channel at Henley Beach South would not silt up the beach.

July 16 The foundation stone of additions to St Michael and All Angels Church was laid. The additions included the chancel, sacristy and choir vestry.

August 21 William Atkin, dairyman, grazier and gardener of Henley Beach South, stated to the Parliamentary Committee on Flood Control: 'Our biggest trouble is caused through the debris which comes down. We get an enormous quantity of bamboos, cotton palms and willows and when a big flood occurs, that debris holds the water up 18 inches.'

1935

January 15 (Tuesday) The annual picnic of the Adelaide Tramways Club was held in ideal holiday weather at Henley Beach yesterday. Twelve special cars conveyed more than 1,000 tram employees and their families to the beach, where a programme of children's sports was conducted.

A feature of the picnic was a sandcastle competition and treasure hunt conducted by the Advertiser in conjunction with the club committee. The sandcastle contest, in which 121 children took part, was witnessed by 1,300 people, and some excellent models were fashioned by the youthful competitors.



Committee members—Henley and Grange Amateur Swimming Club
1937-38

Another sandcastle competition and treasure hunt will be conducted by The Advertiser at the second Tramways picnic, which will take place next Monday. Employees who were on duty yesterday will be able to attend the picnic.

February 27 Grange Toc H opened new clubrooms, and the recently arrived lamp was lit.

June 2 Alderman Gurner complained to the Henley and Grange Council that the clock on the Henley bandstand showed a different time on every face. It was resolved to engage an expert to adjust the clock.

June 10 It was decided to use 'H' (Glenelg) type tram cars on the Henley Beach line while the Moore Farm Bridge was being reconstructed, and only a single line was available over the bridge.

June 11 Mr Fred Bowden was elected first life member of the Grange Hockey Club. His son Russell (1961), and grandson Fred (1978) are also life members of the club.

July Ewart Wilfred Mitton began his second term (two years) as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

September 15 To mark the Jubilee of the Church, the Very Reverend Dean Young laid the foundation stone of the new front portion of St. Agnes Church of England, Grange.

October The inscription on the Henley Beach Girl Guide Hall foundation stone records the gratitude of the Rangers and Guides to R.W. Webb Esq., by whose beneficence the Hall was erected.



Saltwater olympic size pool, foreshore Henley Beach. This pool closed in 1985.

November 24 The reconstructed Moore Farm Bridge (part of the works necessary for the Outlet Scheme) was opened for full tramway traffic, and renamed the Kidman Bridge.

December 22 The Junior Red Cross Holiday Home rec-

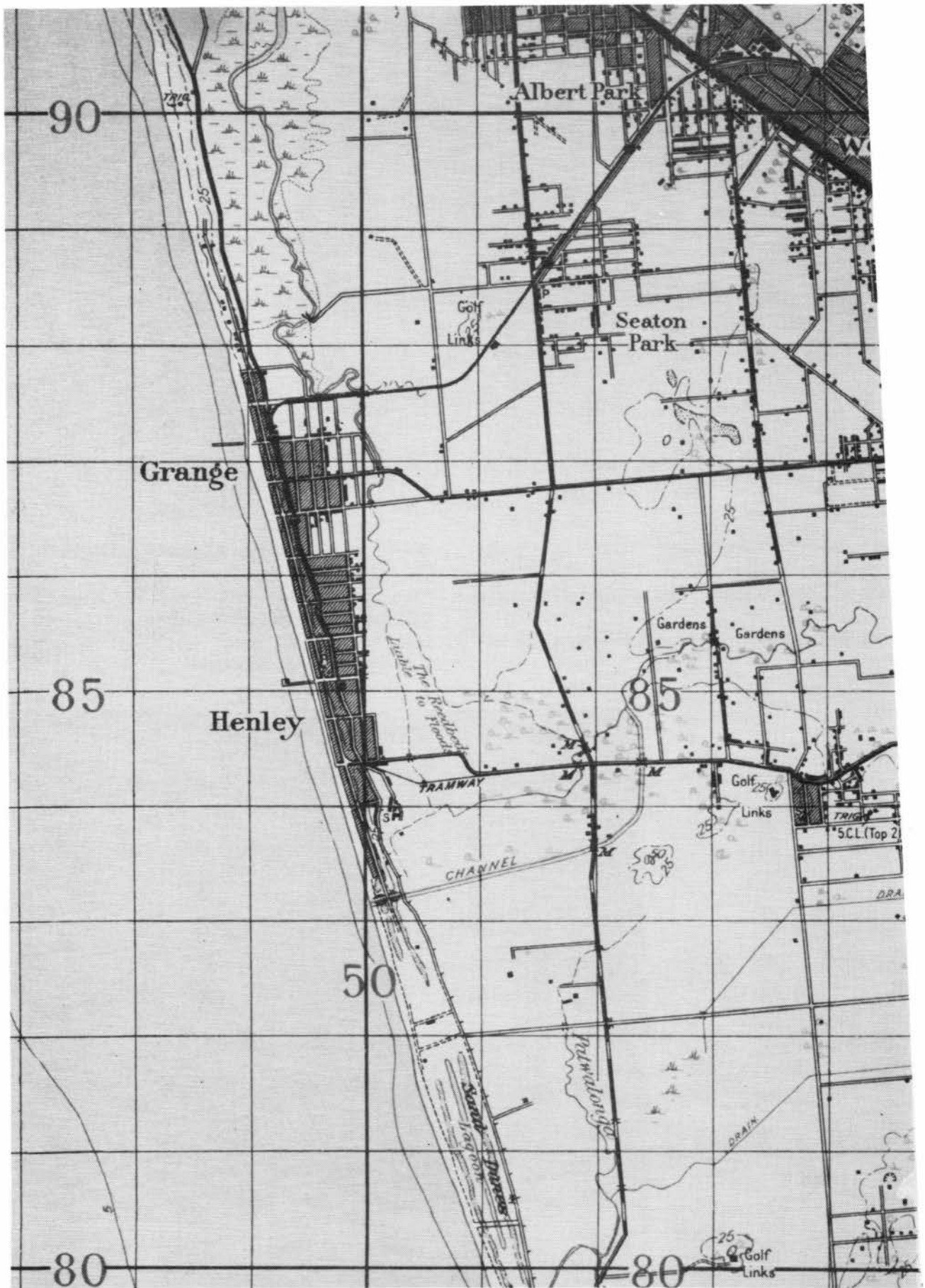
reation room on Seaview Road was declared open by Lady Dugan.

Among the winners at the Junior Red Cross sports were Joyce Newcombe and Graham Johns.

December Band concerts by the local band commenced at Henley Beach and Grange.



State Flower Day, SA Centenary celebrations 1936. Henley and Grange entry—second prize.



1937 map of the area. Shading shows built-up areas.

1936

Reconstruction was completed of the Davis Bridge over the Torrens Outlet, on Tapleys Hill Road. The bridge was named in honour of the late A.H. Davis, first chairman of the District Council of West Torrens. The bridge was widened in 1963.

September 18 The floral float entered by the Town of Henley and Grange was awarded second prize in the South Australian Centenary Floral Pageant. The Advertiser reported:- 'Now the snow white dome of the Taj Mahal moved majestically onwards into the line of vision, with peacocks and pools, its pillars crowned with arum lilies, and its swarthy Maharajahs and Maharanees clothed in all the magnificence of India, with bracelets and pearls, and vivid turbans, the monumental handiwork of Henley and Grange.'

September 24 The Grange Recreation Reserve was placed under the control of the Henley and Grange Corporation, following the dissolution of the Grange Recreation Reserve Board of Trustees by the passing of a special Act of Parliament.

November 2 Lady Dugan opened the Henley Girl Guide Hall. The Guide Company was formed in 1922.

1937

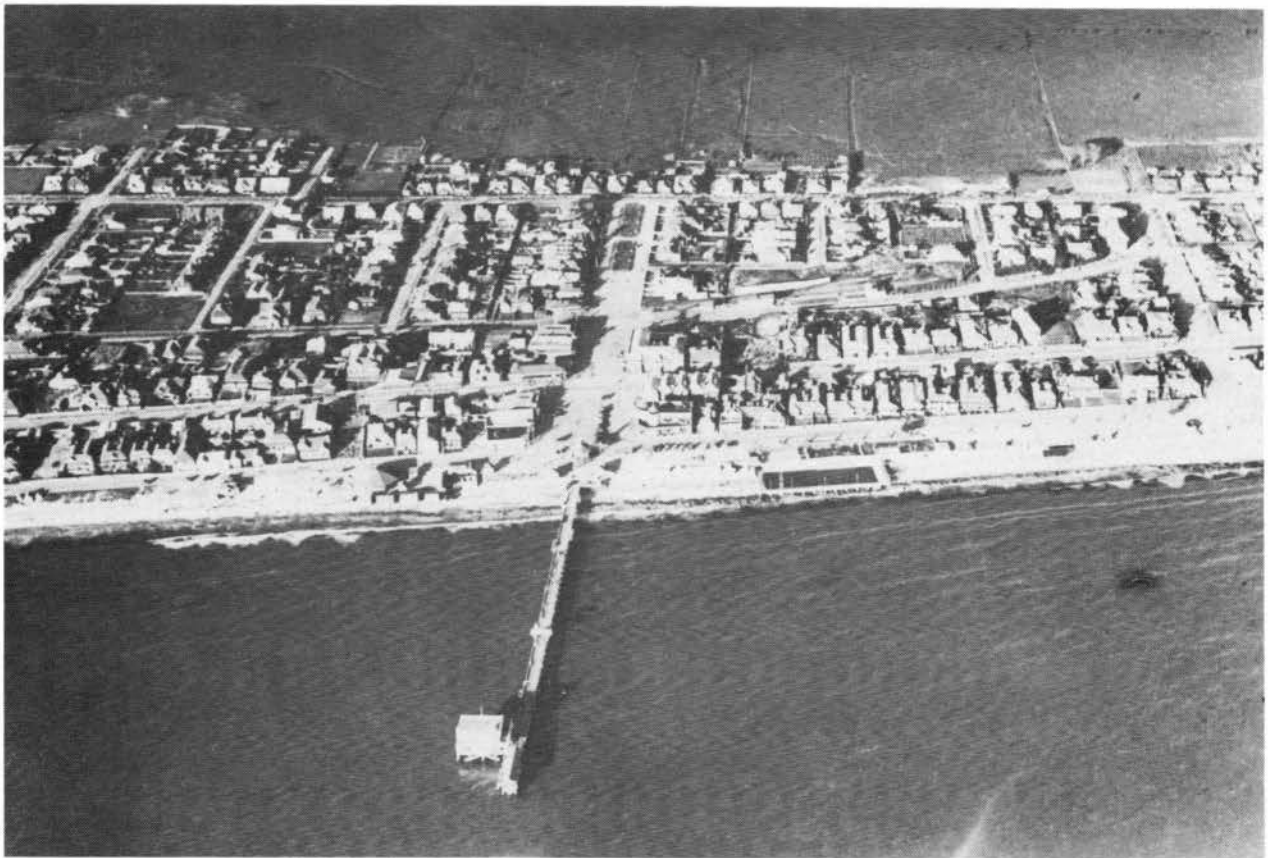
May 24 The Savings Bank of South Australia opened a branch at Henley Beach.

July Vernon Harvey, grandson of Arthur Harvey, began an eight year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

July 13 The Junior Red Cross Convalescent Home Kangaroo Wing (named after the 5AD Kangaroo Club) was opened by Lady Dugan. The entire cost of building and furnishing the wing was provided from Liars' Club funds.

September The Grange Hockey Club won its first A grade premiership, under the captaincy of Hartleigh Kelly. The club won 18 of the next 21 A grade premierships, including 10 in succession (1948-1957).

December 9 The new Outlet Channel for the River Torrens was completed.



Henley Beach 1937. East Terrace marks the rear boundary of the main built-up area.



*Work on the Torrens outlet 1937.
Some of the original houses at
West Beach are visible in the
centre.*



*Bullock team working on
construction of Torrens outlet,
May 1937*



South Esplanade, Henley, looking towards the Torrens outlet, late 1930s.

1938

January 22 The first surf boat in South Australia was launched at Henley Beach, and named the 'A.W. Jolly'.

March 15 Schools started late, because of the polio epidemic.

April 1 The Women's Service Association of Henley and Grange was formed at a meeting held in the Henley Beach Kiosk. Seventy members were present. Officers elected were:- President, the Mayoress Mrs Dora Harvey; Secretary, Mrs Bessie Badenoch.



Henley Beach Life Saving Club—lifeboat 'A.W. Jolly II'

July The John White Bridge was completed. A memorial tablet records that it was demolished in 1969. A linear park had taken the place of the former Torrens Channel.

Also 1938 The floral carpet from Henley and Grange won first prize in the Flower Day Competition.

1939

March 6 Voluntary Service Detachments have been formed at Henley and Grange.

April 4 The wooden Kirkcaldy Bridge had now been dismantled and replaced by a concrete bridge.

September 22 Henley and Grange Red Cross Service Committee held its first meeting in the Henley Beach Town Hall. Officers elected were:- President, Mrs Dora Harvey; Vice President, Mrs F. Burden; Secretary, Mrs L. Milne Scott; Treasurer, Mrs H.A. Frost.

1940

April 10 The Grange Lawn Tennis Club was revived, and the following officers elected: President, Mr V Harvey (Mayor); Secretary, Mr A.L. Wheatley; Captain, Mr Norm F. Tucker.

1942

April 30 St Michael and All Angels Church Rectory was purchased.

November 4 The Junior Red Cross Home at Henley Beach South had been converted into a rest home for war nurses and full-time V.A.D.'s. After four months, it was re-opened as a holiday home for children. More than 900 children had been helped since the home was opened in 1933.

1943

October The Stanford Bridge, Tapleys Hill Road, was completed. The bridge, no longer needed, was demolished in 1970, when the road was upgraded.

1945

January 30 The Henley Beach Women's Lifesaving Club held its inaugural meeting.

June 19 The Grange Community Kindergarten opened in the Methodist Hall, Beach Street, with 34 children enrolled. It was transferred to the Parish Hall, Military Road, Grange, in February 1947.

In 1948, the Kindergarten became a branch of the Kindergarten Union of South Australia. The present building at 6 Charles Sturt Avenue, Grange, was opened on 11 March 1951, by Lady Bonython. The Mothers and Babies section was opened by Dr. Helen Mayo.

The Kindergarten Director was Mrs L. Viney.

July Albert Edwin Northey began a three year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

July 2 The boundaries and subdivisional names of Grange, Henley Beach, Henley Beach South, and West Beach were approved by the Minister of Lands.

October 11 The Henley Pavilion, a familiar landmark at the seaward end of the jetty, was to be demolished as the result of a decision by Executive Council to call tenders for the removal of the timber-framed structure.



Air photo of Grange 1948. The Fisher residence, Brig House, now St Laurence's Home, is located in the trees, centre of picture.

November 10 Brig House, in High Street, Grange, the home of the late Mrs FJ. Fisher, was purchased by Red Cross for Junior Red Cross. Mrs P.E. Stow, organizer of Junior Red Cross, said that cows would be kept on the property and enough vegetables would be grown to supply the needs of Brig House and the two Junior Red Cross Homes at Henley Beach South and Grange.

1946

The Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Children's Home at Henley Beach South was opened by Lady Norrie. The buildings comprised the original Junior Red Cross cottage, and the Lady Galway Convalescent Home.

1947

January The local branch of the R.S.L. moved from the Town Hall to new premises in the Henley Kiosk. Mr H. Hicks was President for twelve years, from 1945 to 1957.

November 15 The Australian Red Cross Society's Children's Home at Grange was opened by Lady Norrie.

Also 1947 The Henley United Football Club rejoined the West Torrens District League, and played on the Henley and Grange Memorial Oval.

1948

May In a great storm, the naval survey vessel H.M.A.S. Barcoo ran aground south of West Beach.

June 29 The Henley Beach Girls Brigade formed the first Adelaide Company, at Church of Christ, Seaview Road, Henley Beach.

July George Thomas Gurner commenced a term of just over four years as Mayor of Henley and Grange. He died in office in August, 1952.

Also 1948 Russell Bowden was the first Grange player to become Captain of the South Australian Hockey Team.

1949

April 19 The Henley Community Kindergarten opened in the Henley Beach Methodist Church Hall, Seaview Road.

July 5 Grange Red Cross commenced. Early meetings were held at the homes of Mrs Harvey and other members. Officers elected were Mrs D. Harvey (President), Mrs Kelly (Secretary) and Mrs W. Smith (Treasurer).

October The Lady Norrie Junior Red Cross Home at Grange was closed. Matron O'Donnell, the boys, and some of the staff were transferred to the Lady Hore-Ruthven Home at Henley Beach South.

The property was purchased by the Church of England for £18,000, to become St. Laurence's Homes for the Aged.

1950

February 25 97 residential sites ('portion of the well known Atkin Estate on Henley Beach Road') were auctioned.



Henley Kiosk—town square. Later the RSL Clubrooms, now a group of restaurants.

August 1 Fifteen ladies met at the Grange Bowling Club and decided to form a Women's Bowling Club.

Mrs K. Mitton was elected President, and Mrs D. Fewings was Patroness.

August 21 Ronald E. Nash was appointed as Town Clerk, a position he occupied for 30 years.



frigate 'HMAS Barcoo', a survey ship, aground at West Beach shacks, May 1948. A gale the previous evening caused the boat to drift from an anchorage at Glenelg.



Storms frequently destroyed 'improvements' made along the foreshore. The storm on 18 May 1953 caused considerable damage, with gusts over 100km/h being recorded. Location: Henley Beach Road.

1951

July 18 A Post Office Agency opened at Henley Beach South, at 1 Henley Beach Road, which was a grocery store conducted by Mr L.F. Vale.

1952

February 1 The Henley Community Kindergarten became a full branch of the Kindergarten Union of South Australia.

June The Elizabeth O'Grady Kindergarten, formerly the Grange Community Kindergarten, was given permission for the change of name by the Kindergarten Union in memory of Elizabeth O'Grady, who died at 18 years of age whilst in training as a kindergarten teacher.

Mrs L. Viney was Director of the Kindergarten to 1957.

August Following the death in office of George Thomas Gurner, Donald James Newlands was elected Mayor of Henley and Grange, and served for a record term of nearly 10 years in this position.



Storm damage, May 1953

Also 1952 The Henley Lifesaving Club affiliated with the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia.

The delay in this affiliation was because the Association at first thought that the beach at Henley could not be regarded as 'open sea'.

And, in 1952 W. Carrol Reynolds became the first Grange player to represent Australia in hockey. In later years, Don Mitton, Richard Parry and Grant Mitton also achieved this honour.

1953

January 17-26 The Carnival raised £1,165 for the Henley Community Hospital fund and £1,058 for eighteen local clubs and organisations.

April 11 The Henley Community Kindergarten moved into new premises in White Street, Henley Beach.

May 18 A great storm severely damaged the foreshore. The Advertiser reported:

'At Henley Beach, sections of the sea wall hundreds of feet long, together with steel and concrete electric light poles, were reduced to a twisted mass.

A large section of the concrete amusement platform fronting the Main Street square collapsed, carrying with it the St. John Ambulance casualty room.

A foreshore merry-go-round at Henley, worth several thousand pounds, collapsed into the sea when the water undermined its foundations.

Henley Lifesaving Club lost equipment valued at between £400 and £500 when seas washed through the building at beach level.

Although an inspection was impossible last night, it is believed that ten 14-foot sailing boats, valued at £200 each, were smashed by heavy seas which destroyed the western wall of the Henley Sailing Club's premises.

Two kiosks at the entrance to the jetty partially collapsed, and the Henley South section of the marine drive was undermined and believed to be severely damaged.

The swimming pool is reported to be badly damaged and much of the superstructure swept away. Many bathing boxes at Henley South have been washed away and beach shelters and playgrounds have been destroyed.

Several hundred deck chairs and tents stored in a shed on the beach were swept out to sea.'

September The Henley and Grange Angling Club was formed.

Patron - Mr Jack Davey (of radio fame)

President - Mr Stan Barclay

Treasurer - Mr R.W.B. Sparkes

The first outing was held in October, 1954

Also 1953 The Henley United Football Club joined the Amateur League.

1954

April 5 The Henley and Grange Council accepted the offer, of Thomas Playford's government, of 370 acres as set out on the Housing Trust plan, to be developed as the West Beach Reserve, and agreed to the setting up of a Trust with other Councils. A conference of Henley and Grange, Glenelg, and West Torrens Councils requested the Government to release the three Councils from the contribution of £20,000 towards the establishment of the proposed Reserve. When Henley and Grange did not seem as enthusiastic about the whole project as were the other Councils involved, a cartoon was published in The News.



"Hop in, the water's fine!"

December 18 A major foreshore reconstruction was officially opened by his Excellency, the Governor, Air Vice Marshall Sir Robert George.

1955

January 21 Henley Beach School was the first Government primary school in the state to adopt an official school badge.

September 7 A girl aged 5 fell into the sea from the Grange jetty ramp and was drowned. A boy of 11, who went to her aid, was missing.

October 4 A meeting, very well attended, was held in the Grange Institute, to form a Surf Lifesaving Club at Grange.

Also 1955 The South Australian Housing Trust commenced operations in Henley and Grange, and 29 single

units were constructed. Since that date, to 31st December, 1984, the Trust has built and sold 1,098 single units under its House Purchase Scheme.

1956

February 17 The Henley and Grange Council decided to purchase Charles Sturt's home, 'The Grange', and restore it. Later, the Charles Sturt Memorial Museum Trust was formed.

April 23 The Charles Sturt Memorial Museum Trust took over the operation and restoration of Sturt House ('The Grange').

May 27 The Henley and Grange Council decided to ask the Education Department to establish a High School in the Henley Beach area.

June 10 The second memorial stone in the hall section of the Grange Methodist Church was unveiled by Mr J. Crawford.

Also 1956 Estcourt House was taken over by the Adelaide Childrens' Hospital.

1957

February 1 The Henley and Grange Community Hospital, Esplanade, Henley Beach (25 beds), previously operated on a private basis, was bought for £35,000 and officially opened by the Mayor, Mr D.J. Newlands. Matron Sharp was in charge of the hospital, and the Mayor was Chairman of the Board.

February 2 (Sunday) The last tram from Henley Beach to Adelaide was farewelled, and the first bus from Adelaide to Henley Beach was welcomed, by Mayor Newlands.

March 30 The Assembly Hall of the old Grange School, built as a memorial to the men and women who served in the Second World War, was officially opened by Mr. A.G. Paull, an officer of the Education Department.

August 31 (Saturday) The railway line beyond Grange to Henley Beach closed amid a colourful farewell just before midnight, with the singing of 'The Maori Farewell' and 'Auld Lang Syne', and with streamers flying from the driver's cabin.

September 1 Bus extensions were inaugurated from Tapley's Hill Road to Seaview Road, on the Kirkcaldy route, and from Marlborough Street to Jetty Street Grange, along Seaview Road.

Also 1957 The Henley Beach Methodist Church Gilbert and Sullivan Society was formed by Mr Clem Latz, with William Gillespie as conductor, and members of the church choir taking the leads and in the chorus.

The first production was 'The Pirates of Penzance', staged in the church hall.

1958

February 11 Henley High School opened, with 176 students, and 6 staff members. The Headmaster was Mr R.M. Macpherson. Mr C. Lapthorne was Senior Master, and Miss I. Mather Senior Mistress.

Mr G. Fuller, now Deputy Principal, was appointed as Senior Master in the following year.

June 2 David J. McCarthy was appointed as first full-time Overseer of the Council, a position he occupied for 23 years.

June 11 The Royal District Nursing Society, Henley and Grange, was formed.

The officers were Mrs Joan Odum (Chairman), Mrs Nell Hughes (Secretary), and Mr Ron Nash (Treasurer).

July 13 The foundation stone was blessed and laid in the new Catholic Parish Church - 'Our Lady of the Sacred Heart'—by Archbishop Beovich.

November 15 The Henley Women's Bowling Club was launched when a group including Mrs D. Simcock (Foundation President) and Mrs A. Norman (Foundation Secretary) met women of the Henley Croquet Club to seek permission for the use of their lawn to learn to play bowls.

Also 1958 Motorists listening to band recitals at Henley Beach were in the habit of tooting car horns in appreciation of items.

In the summer of 1958, police asked the band's compere to 'inform the public that it was an offence to blow car horns other than to give warning'.

The Advertiser published a cartoon on the subject; and the regulation, it seems, was not enforced.



"George! Don't you DARE!"

1959

May 5 A non-official Post Office was established at 9 West Beach Road, West Beach, in a grocery store. The Postmaster was Mr E.E. Mansfield.

This office was closed on March 3, 1982, and the West Beach North (now West Beach) Post Office was established in a stationery business in Burbridge Road.

June 2 The Henley Beach branch of the South Australian Country Women's Association held their inaugural meeting in the Henley Town Hall, when 86 foundation members were enrolled.

Officers elected were Mrs M. Burnett (President), Mrs. J. Smith (Secretary), Mrs W. Batchelor (Treasurer) and Mrs M. Bottomley (Handicraft Secretary).

June 27 The Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home at Henley Beach was closed.

October 18 A meeting was held to form the Henley South Sports Club, which later became the Henley South Tennis Club.

November The Housing Trust had started preliminary work to build 91 houses in a sub-division south of the Torrens Outlet.

The Council has approved of four new street names: Gibson, Hurcombe, Snowden and Nevis.

The South Australian Housing Trust had also acquired land at Henley Beach for 600 houses. Much of the acquired land was formerly market garden properties east of Cudmore Terrace, and part of the Estate of L.B. Hughes.

December 5 The Mothers and Babies Health Association (M.B.H.A.), Henley Beach South, was officially opened by the President of the Association, Lady Bonython.

Nearly 100 have already enrolled at the modern, contemporary styled centre.

1960

January 23 - February 1 60,000 people attended the Carnival. The bathing beauty contest was a very popular feature; and the pole sitters were trying to break last year's record of 13 days.

March 20 Archbishop Beovich blessed the new wing of the Star of the Sea School.

June 8 At the first meeting of Meals on Wheels, held in the Henley Town Hall, the following office-bearers were elected: Mrs Nancy Fischer (Supervisor), Mrs H. Hicks (President), Mrs J. Lugg (Secretary), Mrs Crossley (Welfare Officer).

September 4 The Church of Christ on Seaview Road, Henley Beach, had been renovated and extended. A total of 656 people attended the three Sunday services.

September 25 The Henley South Sports Club, with 4 tennis courts, was opened by the Mayor, Mr D.J. Newlands. Office bearers were David J. McCarthy (President), A. Dean Whiteford (Chairman), Valerie Noble (Secretary), Ray Rock (Treasurer).



Pole sitters, Henley Carnival

In April, 1962, three more courts were completed, with the assistance of a Council grant. The name was changed to Henley South Tennis Club.

With more help from the Council, a modern brick clubhouse was opened in 1976.

In 1985, with 8 courts, there were over 400 members, with 11 senior and 16 junior teams.

November 7 The Commonwealth Bank opened a branch at Henley Beach.

Also 1960 The Commercial Bank moved from 332 Seaview Road (the site of the National Pharmacy at present) to 253 Seaview Road.

The new Henley Beach Methodist Church on Seaview Road was officially opened (30 October).

The Henley and Grange Angling and Game Fishing Club purchased the former Scout Hall in Swan Street, Grange. It was the first metropolitan Angling Club to have its own premises.

The Sacred Heart Fathers asked the Sisters of Mercy to open a parish school at Henley Beach South, on Burnley Street. The school, known as the 'Blessed Sacrament' School, closed at the end of 1971, and the children from Henley Beach South transferred to the 'Star of the Sea' School.

The Henley Bowling Club established a second green.

1961

February 7 Fulham Gardens School opened with an attendance of 325 children.

The Headmaster was Mr C.H. Chant, assisted by a staff of nine.

March 18 The Henley Beach Meals on Wheels kitchen was officially opened by Lady Bonython. The kitchen is located in Military Road.

December 2 The Henley Odeon Cinema, which showed films in the Town Hall, presented its last programme, after 30 years of operation.

Television was blamed for falling attendances.

December 3 New Catholic School-Churches were opened by Archbishop Beovich, at West Beach (St Bernadette) and Grange (The Most Precious Blood).

December 17 Archdeacon M. Gooden laid the foundation stone of the War Memorial Hall, at St. Michael and All Angels Church of England.

Also 1961 The Henley Women's Bowling Club used the Myer Bowling Club's greens, and a pennant side was entered in the S.A.W.B.A. competition.

1962

January 21 The Grange Surf Lifesaving Club's new rooms were opened by the Mayor of Henley and Grange, Mr D.J. Newlands.

July John William Seymour Mitchell commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

October 10 The Rotary Club of Henley Beach held its first meeting.

Charter Night was on June 15, 1963.

October 21 The first bus to West Beach, carrying officials of the Municipal Tramways Trust, was met by the Mayor, Town Clerk, and Council members, who then rode on the bus to the new terminus where the Mayor, Mr John Mitchell, cut the ribbon streamer to open the service to the town. The West Beach Lifesavers lined the route.

November 9 The new club rooms at the Grange Recreation Reserve were opened by Mayor John Mitchell.

December 12 The Minister of Education, Sir Baden Pattinson, officially opened the new main building of the Henley High School.

Principal: Mr R. Senior. Chairman of the School Council: Mr J. Mitchell.

Also 1962 The Henley Women's Bowling Club returned to the Henley Men's Club greens.

1963

January 19-28 The Henley and Grange Murumba Festival staged a varied programme, which commenced on Saturday 19th, at 7:15 pm, when a Highland band and a team of marching girls marched from the Town Hall to Henley Square, where the Mayor, Mr John Mitchell, opened the Festival.

On the following Monday and Tuesday evenings, displays were given by Danish, German, Lithuanian, Dutch, Polish, Latvian and Russian groups of dancers.

January The 'Blessing of the Waters' was celebrated by about 1,000 members of Adelaide's Greek Community, who crowded on to the jetty at Henley Beach for this annual event.

February 5 Henley High School enrolment exceeded 1,000, and the school now had the full range of classes from First Year to Fifth Year.

April 20 The Henley and Grange Football Club's new clubrooms, at the Henley and Grange Memorial Oval, were officially opened by Mayor John Mitchell.

November 18 The new Court House and Police Station, on Military Road, Henley Beach, was officially opened.

The building cost \$65,247.

November 22 The Henley Bowling Club's new clubrooms were opened by the Mayor, John Mitchell.

December 15 The Mayor officially opened the West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club's new clubrooms, located on the Esplanade, opposite West Beach Road. The up-to-date clubrooms were a sharp contrast to the rusty tin garage, which the club had used for the past 7 years. The first president was Mr C.V. (Jim) Fischer.

December 24 A Festival of Lessons and Carols, organised by the Combined Churches Association, was held in the Sound Shell, Henley Beach.

Also 1963 The Grange Baptist Boys Youth Club was formed by Mr Frank Opie.

1964

February 2 Grange, Henley Beach and West Beach Surf Lifesaving Clubs competed for the first time for the John Mitchell Shield.

February 6 Mayor Mitchell officially opened the new West Beach shopping centre on Burbridge Road.

April 15 The West Beach Lions Club held their first meeting.

July William John Henderson commenced a three-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

August 1 A Women's Auxiliary was formed at a meeting of the Henley and Grange Community Hospital Board. Mrs J. Odium, wife of Dr. Odium, was elected President.

September 22 A letter was sent by the Town Clerk, Mr Ron Nash, to the College of Arms, London, concerning the adoption of the Sturt Coat of Arms by Henley and Grange.

October 6 A letter was received from Somerset Herald, advising that fees on the grant of Arms and Crest come to 250 guineas (£262-10-0).

Letters passed to and fro for the next 12 years, and there were negotiations with the Sturt family, before the Coat of Arms was received.

November 15 The Henley and Grange War Memorial on H.M.A.S. Australia Road was dedicated.

1965

July 26 Council resolved that the Sturt House property be transferred to the Charles Sturt Memorial Museum Trust.

November 7 The foundation stone of the West Beach Baptist Church was laid by Rev. Leslie J. Gomm.

November 27-28 An exhibition featuring the White Historical Collection was held at Weetunga. Proceeds were in aid of the restoration of Captain Sturt's house, 'The Grange'.

In this month of November, the Henley and Grange Council handed over the deeds of 'The Grange' to the Charles Sturt Memorial Museum Trust.

December The Henley Arts Society was formed, embracing the whole district of Henley and Grange, with the following Office Bearers - Rev. Syd Farmer (President), Mrs Pauline McGlynn (Secretary), and Mrs Glenys Burgess (Treasurer).

The Society was formed from a nucleus of pupils who commenced two years earlier at the Henley Primary School under a W.E.A. tutor.

Also 1965 Del Sante Callisthenics commenced, with meetings held in the Henley Town Hall. The President was Mr Murray Richardson, and Secretary Mrs Erica Farr.

1966

May The Grange Post Office was transferred to its present location, at 3 Jetty Street.

The Grange Cricket Club had a turf wicket available at the Grange Recreation Reserve, and so was able to join the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association.

A new wing, extending towards Military Road, was added to the Star of the Sea School.

The secondary section of the school closed in 1970, with the establishment of Siena College, Findon.

Also 1966 A West Beach Scout group was formed under the Group Leader, Mr Vic Dowling.

1967

February 2 Archbishop Gleeson blessed and opened St Michael's College Senior School, Cudmore Terrace and Lawrie Street, Henley Beach.

Principal: Brother George Kane, F.S.C.

February 18 First Henley Scouts' new headquarters were commissioned by Henry W. Rymill, C.B.E.

April 4 The John Mitchell Oval, Henley High School, was officially opened by the Director General of Education, Mr E. Mander Jones.

May 16 The West Beach Kindergarten Union bought land in Winston Crescent for the erection of a building, which was constructed within a year.

July Alwyn Dean Whiteford commenced a two-year term as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

August 3 The West Beach Mothers and Babies Health Association opened.

October 2 Captain Charles Sturt's restored home at the Grange was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Edric Bastyan. The Grange had been open to the public for several years, but had never had an official opening.

1968

March 16 The West Beach Kindergarten was officially opened by the Mayor of Henley and Grange, Mr A.D. Whiteford.

The Centre catered for 60 children daily.

Director: Mrs Carolyn Burford.

May 1-5 A Town Planning Exposition was held in the Henley Town Hall.

Mrs Muriel White, of Weetunga, displayed items of historical interest.

Also 1968 Archbishop Beovich consecrated the new chapel at St Michael's College, Henley Beach.

1969

February 10 West Beach Primary School opened, with an enrolment of 317, and a teaching staff of 11.

The first Principal, William C. Brooks, died in September of that year.

A maximum enrolment of 630 was reached in 1974 but, with changing population patterns, this had declined to 260 in 1985.

July John Joseph Bronte Edwards commenced a term of more than nine years as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

August 20 The inaugural meeting of the Henley Community Aid and Advisory Centre was held in the Henley Town Hall.

52 women were present, and the following office-bearers were elected: Iris Macdonald (Chairman), Nora Rees (Secretary), Flora Brandt (Treasurer), and the Mayoress, Mrs Edwards (Patroness).

It was decided at this meeting that the name of the organisation should be 'The Henley, Grange and West Beach Community Aid'.

1970

May 25 The Post Office at Henley Beach South, formerly at the corner of Henley Beach Road and Seaview Road, moved to a new location at 11 Henley Beach Road.

June 11 THE TOWN OF HENLEY AND GRANGE WAS PROCLAIMED A CITY. A Mayoral reception to honour the occasion was held on June 30.

June 13 Marineland was opened.

July The dredging of the lake and land reclamation commenced at West Lakes. The attractive development of the West Lakes area has transformed the northern approaches to the City of Henley and Grange.

August 9 The new clubrooms of the Henley and Grange Senior Citizens Club, at Military Road, Henley Beach, on old railway station land, were officially opened by the Mayor, Mr J.J.B. Edwards.

Also 1970 The Henley High School Old Scholars Football Club was formed.

1971

January 11 Senator D.N. Cameron opened the new Post Office at 318 Seaview Road, Henley Beach.

April The Grange Baptist Netball Club first used the newly laid church courts on the corner of Jetty and Kentdale Streets, Grange.

November The new building at the Grange School was officially opened.

Also 1971 Henley, Grange and West Beach Community Aid Group affiliated with the Women's Service Association.

1972

February 23 The severance of West Beach Ward from Henley and Grange Council to West Torrens Council was unanimously opposed at a meeting of rate-payers in the Henley Town Hall.

April Callisthenics at West Beach commenced, in the West Beach Baptist Hall. Officers were Mr Charles Moseley (President), Mrs Lilian Scott (Secretary) and Miss Joyce Kiddie (Instructress).

May 12 The Henley Community Aid and Advisory Centre Opportunity Shop gained temporary access to the old Henley Post Office. During the first week, \$200 was raised.

1973

May 22 Fulham North Primary School opened, with an enrolment of 165.

Headmaster: Mr Howard Moller.

Also 1973 Girls from Siena College joined St Michael's (Year 12) to study for the Matriculation examination.

1974

March 3 Henley and Grange Youth Clubs Inc. held their inaugural meeting. Officers elected were: Mr F. Opie (President), Mr R. Baker (Vice-President), Miss Julie Banfield (Secretary/Treasurer).

Grange Primary School Memorial Hall and the private swimming pool of Mr and Mrs Brian Richardson were used for club activities.

April 5 The Henley High School Hall was officially opened by the Minister of Education, Hon. H.R. Hudson. Parents contributed \$100,000 towards the cost of the hall and furnishings.

Principal: Mr E. Hasenohr. Chairman of the School Council: Mr M. LeCornu.

April 20 The R.S.L. Hall, North Street, Henley Beach, was opened by a life member of the Henley and Grange R.S.L., Mr J.W. Pearce.

April 28 The Western Community Hospital, costing \$2.1 million, of which the State Government contributed \$1.5 million, was officially opened by the Governor of South Australia, Sir Mark Oliphant.

Chairman: Mr Don Newlands, Secretary: Mr T.K. Reade, Matron: L.J. Pelgrave

November 24 The Henley Community Aid and Advisory Centre was officially opened in the new building, by the Mayor, Mr J.J.B. Edwards.

The building was later named, by a resolution of the Henley and Grange Council, the Iris Macdonald Building.

The building is on Council-owned land.

Also 1974 The Henley Grange and West Beach Association of Church Women was formed at a meeting called by Alderman Iris Macdonald. Officers elected were Iris Macdonald (Chairman) and Mrs Judy Newham (Secretary).

1975

February 2 The Rotary Club of Grange was chartered. The sponsor club was the Rotary Club of Henley Beach.

February The first Rotafest, organised by the Rotary Club of Henley Beach, was held on the Henley and Grange Memorial Oval.

1976

January The Hug (Henley Unemployment Group) Centre Inc. opened its doors, with Department of Community Welfare funding.

April 10 The West Beach Apex Club received its charter.

May 23 The Westminster Village, built by the Port Adelaide Central Methodist Mission, on Fort Street, Grange, was opened by Hon. D. Banfield. The village consists of 38 cottage units for independent living and 74 bed-sitting rooms for those in need of some personal supervision.

June 2 The Henley, Grange and West Beach Women's Service Association presented cheques to local organisations, an annual event.

The funds donated to charities and local organisations are raised in the Association's Opportunity Shop, Seaview Road, Henley Beach.

September 30 At the Grange Bowling Club, 90 men and women planted 'A' green. Three houses owned by the club in Wilson Court had been demolished to make way for the green.

October 15 A ceremony was held in the Town Hall, to celebrate the Granting of Arms to the City of Henley and Grange by the Royal College of Herald. Mr D. McCarthy, as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed Miss Helen Hanrahan, who had conveyed the Grant of Arms from London. The Mayor, Mr J.J.B. Edwards, accepted the Grant of Arms, and spoke concerning the importance of the Sturt Coat of Arms to the City. Other speakers were Mr A. Ramsay, Chairman of the Charles Sturt Trust, Senator Davidson, Mr H. Becker, M.P., Mr David Sturt Bray, and Father D. Cornelius, who offered a prayer specially composed for the occasion.

In 1976 The City's population was 16,589, with 6,322 residential dwellings.

1977

January What is probably the smallest shop in Australia is situated between the Ramsgate Hotel and the jeweller's shop on Seaview Road.

The Henley and Grange Youth Club Inc. Book Shop opened as a Book Exchange Shop, after negotiations were made by the President, Mr Frank Opie.

May 28 There was an overwhelming 'Yes' vote in the Henley Beach Square Poll, which meant an immediate start could be made with the Square Redevelopment Project.

July The Demonstration Mobile Library began service, courtesy of the State Libraries Board of South Australia. The service was shared, on alternate weeks, with Port Adelaide.

August 15 At a meeting concerning C.Y.S.S. - Community Youth Support Scheme - it was decided that a group be formed in Henley Beach.

September The Henley and Grange Memorial Oval Board of Management was established by the Henley and Grange Council to be responsible for the upkeep of the oval and property.

Chairman: Mr Peter Ardill.

December 7 At the annual Christmas Tree Festival in the Town Hall, more than 30 trees were displayed, and \$3,035 raised for local charities.

Also 1977 The High School Old Scholars Football Club and Henley United Football Club amalgamated to form the Henley District and Old Scholars Football Club in Amateur League.

1978

Grange Girls Hockey Club and Grange Mens Hockey Club amalgamated, to form the Grange Hockey Club.

July West Beach boundaries are to remain as at present.

August 3 The Henley Square Shopping Centre was officially opened by Mayor Bronte Edwards.

September 23 A new Demonstration Mobile Library was received. The vehicle was a Dodge truck, specially fitted out for the purpose.

October 16 Mayor Bronte Edwards resigned because of ill-health.

November 1 The first meeting was held re the proposed Henley and Grange Historical Society.

December Peter Gordon Cates began a term of over 6½ years as Mayor of Henley and Grange.

Also 1978 Estcourt House was bought by the State Government for approximately \$1 million, for use as a villa-type annexe of Strathmont Centre. (It is now the Ru Rua Hospital).



Tennyson—West Lakes area near Audrey Street, before redevelopment in the West Lakes Scheme, 1970.



Tennyson—Military Road in background, 1970.



Henley Square, looking NW from The Ramsgate Hotel balcony 1979

1979

January 8 Henley High School student Paul Franzon was top student in the State in 1978 Matriculation Examination, with the following results: Chemistry 100, Economics 100, Mathematics I 100, Mathematics II 98, and Physics 95.

February 16 A group of cottages for retired people, on Cudmore Terrace, was officially opened by Bronte Edwards, and named in his honour.

March 3 Henley Square, City of Henley and Grange, was opened for public use by Hon. D.W. Simmons, D.F.C., M.P., Minister assisting the Premier.

Among the work involved in the redevelopment was the construction of car parks, the renovation of the old Institute building, new shops, paving and the formation of the cascade.

The State Government subsidised the work.

March 20 The death occurred of Donald J. Newlands, who was Mayor from 1952 to 1962.

April 17 J.J. Bronte Edwards, who was Mayor from July 1969 to October 1978, died after a long illness.

July 23 The first practice was held of a nucleus group of musicians, as a preparation for the formation of the Henley and Grange Orchestral Band.

July 24 The Libraries Advisory Committee, Henley and Grange, was formed. Officers were Alderman F. Angus (Chairman), Miss H. Hanrahan (Secretary), Dr. M. Wilkinson (Deputy Chairman), and Mrs A. Reynolds (Mobile Librarian).

September 3 The Henley Beach Branch of the Savings Bank of South Australia moved to a new location at 269 Seaview Road.

September 18 The Henley and Grange Historical Society was formed, with the following officers: Mr Ted Hasenohr (President), Mr David McCarthy (Vice-President), Mrs Betty Edwards (Secretary) and Miss Helen Hanrahan (Treasurer). General meetings are held in the staff room, Henley High School.

November The Henley Beach Little Athletics complex, near the Henley and Grange Memorial Oval, was opened by Mayor Peter Cates.

Also 1979 Grange became the first cricket club in South Australia to receive permission to wear an advertising motif on their shirt pocket.

1980

January 29 A Volunteer Youth Programme commenced at 4 Charles Sturt Avenue, Grange, with C.Y.S.S. occupying



Henley Square prior to development in 1979

the same premises. The first chairman was David J. McCarthy.

February 28 Mr Ron Klopp, Chairman of the School Council, officially opened the Henley High School Biology Garden - a landscaped area, with lake, to the south of the main school building.

July 9 The Grange Marine Residences ('The Marines') are now on the State Heritage Register.

August 6 Mr Ron Nash, Town Clerk, retired after a record term of 30 years.

September 1 The Mobile Library was purchased. (It was sold to the Mitcham Council in October 1984).

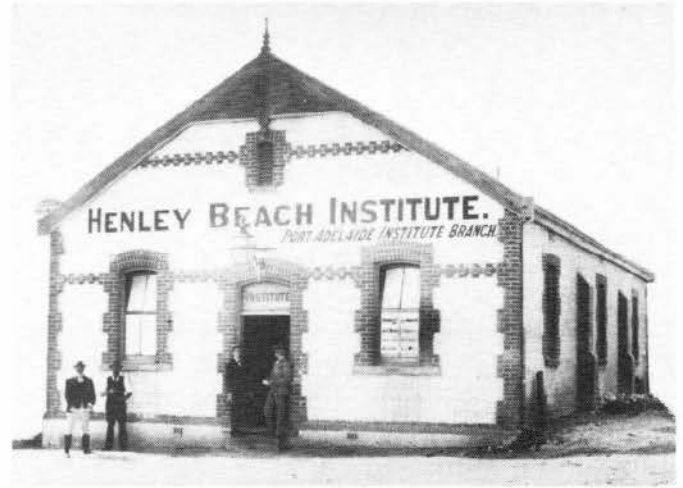
September The Henley Beach branch of the Commonwealth Bank moved into its newly enlarged building on the north-east corner of Seaview Road and Main Street.

November 11 Henley Harriers held their first annual general meeting.

November Henley Beach storm damage, caused by a fierce storm in June, was repaired by the transfer of 35,000 cubic metres of sand from the beaches at Grange, Semaphore and Largs Bay.

1981

January 6 The Henley and Grange Library, Henley Beach Mall, was opened to the public. More than 100 people joined the new free library, and by the end of the first week the total was about 350.



The Institute building, Henley Square c1895, later to become a billiard hall and now a cafe in the remodelled square.

The library was officially opened on February 5 by Hon. Murray Hill, M.L.C., Minister of Local Government.

February 12 The Henley and Grange Community Bus Service was established by the Henley and Grange Council and the State Government, with the purchase of a 9 seater mini-bus. The service is managed by a Community Board of Management. Shopping and hospital services are rendered.



Opening Day of the renovated Henley Square 1979

February 17 The Henley and Grange Stamp and Coin Society held its first meeting in the Temple Church Hall. Officers are Rev. Murray Chambers (President), and Mr Russell Gill (Secretary and Treasurer).

March 26 The Rotary District 950 Conference, hosted by the Rotary Club of Henley Beach, opened in the Henley High School Hall. About 500 members attended, from Ceduna to Alice Springs. Matriculation students assisted with the Ceremony of Flags.

March New rules were made by Council, to help improve the appearance of the western side of Seaview Road. Early builders had constructed Esplanade houses facing the sea, and many back fences and garages were in need of upgrading.

May The Australian Hockey Championships were held at Grange, as part of the celebrations for the Club's 50th year. Grange became the first South Australian club to conduct the National Senior Hockey Championship.

June During this month, the Grange Baptist Church celebrated the centenary of Baptist worship at Grange.

July 3 A first storm in June had brought the highest tides ever recorded in this State.

On July 3, the high tide broke the new record by about ten centimetres.

Much damage was done along the foreshore.

July 5 The extensions to the Grange Surf Lifesaving Club's rooms, completed at a cost of \$100,000, were officially opened by Mr Warren Rennie, Chief Superintendent, Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia.

September 7 The Henley and Grange Council's new office accommodation was occupied for the first time.

September 16 The State Government provided \$320,000 to repair damage to storm-lashed Henley and Grange beaches.

Also 1981 Susan Claire and Robyn Standish were awarded the Queen's Badge, the highest award in Girls Brigade.

And in 1981 The City's population was 15,519, with 6,424 residential dwellings.

1982

February Council proposed a summer ban of dogs at local beaches.

June 13 The West Beach Rotary Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Henley Beach, held its Charter Night.

August The Grange Baptist Netball Club's A team won the Co-op Building Society goal scoring award in the South Australian United Church Netball Association. The team, by averaging 60.71 goals a match throughout the season,

outscored more than 600 other teams in the Association. Coached by Audrey Willoughby, the team also won the premiership of its grade.

October 5 At the inaugural meeting of the Probus Club of Henley Beach, officers elected were Fred Angus (President), Martin Darso (Secretary), and Ted Barry (Treasurer).

December Classes were held for the last time on the old site of the Grange School.

Also 1982 The Henley District and Old Scholars Football Club joined the South Australian Football Association.

1983

January 9 The Greek Orthodox Church celebrated the Blessing of the Waters - 'an annual event symbolizing the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan'.

February 13 The Western Community Hospital's \$300,000 Nursing Home was opened by the President of the Senate, Sir Harold Young. The home is for local people who are no longer able to care for themselves.

February 19 Henley Rotafest received good publicity when the Adelaide City Council refused permission for the Pipes to play in the Rundle Mall, so that the parade marched to drums only. Media coverage proved very effective advertising. There was also a bottomless boat in the parade, carried by girls in bathing costumes.

March 2 In a period of three hours from 3 pm to 6 pm, between 50 mm and 70 mm fell throughout the Adelaide area. The intensity of the rain caused the storm water drainage system to overflow, but flood protection in Henley and Grange was significantly better than that achieved in many other parts of the metropolitan area - in fact, only one house was reported as being flooded.

July 1 Major extensions to the Grange School were officially opened by the Minister of Education, Mr L. Arnold.

Principal: Mr A. Lawson, Chairman of the School Council: Mr D. Conlin.

November 13 The Temple Church Hall had been rebuilt and extensions made to commemorate the Centenary of the Church. The plaque in the foyer of the hall was unveiled by the Governor, Sir Donald Dunstan.

December 6 The Ladies Probus Club of Henley Beach had their first meeting at the Temple Uniting Church Hall. Officers elected were: Mrs Kathleen Glasson (President), Miss Helen Hanrahan (Secretary) and Mrs Naomi MacDonald (Treasurer).

December Henley and Grange won prizes in two categories of the Kesab Tidy Towns Competition. The 'Henley Beachcombers' took out the prestigious \$250 community



*Tennyson—Grange foreshore,
April 1975. Grange Recreation
Reserve is beyond Military Road.*

action award for the best single activity in the metropolitan area. The beachcombers physically cleaned and maintained the beaches at Henley, Grange and West Beach. Henley and Grange also won a certificate of merit plaque for foreshore improvements which were described as 'significant, attractive and functional'.

Also 1983 Street signs were being changed to the Council's colours - royal blue and white. New Council vehicles were also to be in those colours.

1984

January 7 The first Australian Pee Wee Championships were held at the Grange Recreation Reserve, the home of the Henley and Grange Baseball Club. Teams from all states and territories competed.

May 11 Grange Scouts began their 50th birthday celebrations.

June The Fun and Games Project was started by Kath Cantlon and Chloe Coffey who interviewed Senior Citizens about games they played in their schooldays.

Material resulting from the project is based in, and can be borrowed from the Henley and Grange Library.

November 8 The Fulham Retirement Village was officially opened by Attorney General Chris Sumner.

Stage 1 of the Village, on the south-west corner of Tapleys Hill Road and Henley Beach Road, had been completed and 22 independent units were occupied.

The village is on the site of Charles White's former residence, which has been retained.



*Charles White's residence, 'The
Oaks', at Fulham 1880's, now
incorporated into a retirement
village.*

1985

March 29 Peter Cates Court, a \$1.1 million South Australian Housing Trust and Henley and Grange City Council joint venture, comprising 31 pensioner cottages in beautifully landscaped grounds, was officially opened by the Minister of Housing and Construction, Mr Hemmings.

The cottages are on the corner of Grange Road and Cudmore Terrace.

August 11 The President of the Baptist Union of South Australia, Rev. John Knights, dedicated the land at Frederick Road, Seaton, upon which the Grange Baptist Church will build its Life Care Centre, 'Carisfield'. The guest speaker was Mr John Bannon, Premier of South Australia.

August 16 The Grange Cricket Club held a dinner to celebrate its 100th anniversary, and to launch its centenary publication: 'From Saltbush to Turf'.

August 20 The Henley Aid and Advisory Centre has raised about \$200,000 over 16 years.

September 6 Mayor Peter J Cates died in office. He had served as Mayor of Henley and Grange since December 1978.

September The Henley and Grange Swimming Pool was closed. Repairs over the next ten years would have cost \$600,000.

Also 1985 Mervyn Rankin achieved the remarkable record of playing 54 consecutive seasons for the Grange Hockey Club.

Also 1985 The Council has acquired the Henley Beach Masonic Hall on the corner of East Terrace and South Street, and will redevelop and refurnish the building to provide a new location for the Henley and Grange Municipal Library.

Also 1985 As part of the Torrens Linear Park Sesquicentenary Project, landscaping and the construction of pathways has extended to our seaward end of the river. The further development of the Grange Recreation Reserve, aided by a Government grant of \$40,000, is a Council contribution to sprucing up South Australia for its 150th anniversary.

And in 1985 The population of the City of Henley and Grange was estimated as 15,800, with 6,584 residential dwellings.



A float in the Grange Primary School Centenary Procession, October 8 1983

1986

February 15 - February 23 The Jubilee 150 Back to Henley and Grange celebrations have been arranged for this time.

Saturday, February 15 Historical Exhibition, in the Town Hall

Old Style Picnic, at Sturt House, Grange.

Launching of 'From Sand and Swamps to Seaside City', in the Town Hall.

Sunday, February 16 Grange Sailing Regatta, Grange Sailing Club

Historical Exhibition

Rotafest, on Henley and Grange Memorial Oval

Arts Society-Open Day

Western Community Hospital - Open Day

Monday, February 17 Historical Exhibition

Arts Society - Open Day

Henley and Grange Council - Open Day

Old Style Council Meeting and Civic Reception

Tree Planting - R.S.L. Memorial

War Memorial Viewing

World War Model Aircraft Display in Grange Institute

Tuesday, February 18 Historical Exhibition

Arts Society - Open Day

St. Michael's Church - Open Day

War Memorial Viewing

Two Plays, Henley Drama Group

World War Model Aircraft Display in Grange Institute

Wednesday, February 19 Historical Exhibition

Arts Society - Open Day

St. Michael's - Afternoon Tea

World War Model Aircraft Display in Grange Institute

Senior Citizens Club - Open day

Elizabeth O'Grady Kindergarten — Open Day

Thursday, February 20 Henley Community Aid and Advisory Centre - Open Day

Arts Society - Open Day

St. Michael's - Afternoon Tea

Jubilee Spectacular, at Henley High School

Friday, February 21 Arts Society - Open Day

Old Colonial Ball, in the Town Hall

Two Plays, Henley Drama Group

Saturday, February 22 Beach Breakfast, in the Car Park, opposite Grange Hotel

Arts Society - Open Day

Flowers in the Square

Procession, Jetty Street, Grange to West Beach Car Park

Sea Rescue Demonstration, West Beach Car Park

Seaside Carnival

Henley and Grange Cup, West Beach Car Park,

Henley Sailing Club

Announcement, Henley and Grange, West Beach Car Park

Night Flares, West Beach Car Park

Bush Dance, West Beach Car Park

Two Plays, Henley Drama Group

Sunday, February 23 Floral Display, Henley Square

Back to Wesley, Wesley Uniting Church

Windsurfing Carnival, Henley Beach

West Beach to Henley Swim

Surf Lifesaving Carnival

Surf Boat Carnival, adjacent to jetty

Ecumenical Service - 'Tribute to Past and Present Citizens',

Henley Square

Closing Ceremony, 9 pm

The Henley and Grange library will present a continuing display of its collection of South Australian books.

Full details of the Programme are set out in a booklet issued by the corporation.

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James Hugh Sinclair, S.M. Dec 1915 - Nov 1916
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 William Frank Harrison, J.P. Dec 1918 - Nov 1920
 David Julius Beck, J.P. December 1920 - November 1921
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 Harry May, J.P. December 1925 - November 1927
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 Ewart Wilfred Mitton, J.P. Dec 1929 - Nov 1931
 Walter Barrey, J.P. December 1931 - November 1932
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