



PROSPECT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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Newsletter



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WELCOME

Welcome to our second e-newsletter. Thanks to those who responded positively to our first newsletter. We found a couple of new members as a result.

Membership is free and you can easily sign up via our website at:

<https://www.prospecthistorygroup-adelaide.com.au/>

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PROSPECT LIFESTYLE PRECINCT

We encourage everyone to engage with the City of Prospect in connection with the Prospect Lifestyle Precinct. Find out how to engage here:

<https://cityofprospect.engagementhub.com.au/prospect-lifestyle-precinct>



Photograph Your House

We are quite often asked if we hold a photograph of someone's house that was taken a long time ago. Sadly, we are not usually able to help. For a photograph to exist, two things must have happened:

- Someone had to take that photo
- The photo had to wind up in a public repository somewhere, such as a library or archive.

We can't go back in time and fix that, but we think it would be great if everybody would step outside their front door, take that photo and send it to us for posterity.

So, please make a gift to the future and take that photo!

Then send it to us at localhistoryinprospect@gmail.com for preservation.



CALENDAR

AGM Nov 7th
7pm, Irish Harp
Room, Payinthe

Next Prospect Nov 15th
Air Raid Shelter or 22nd
tour. Date to be
confirmed

45 PROSPECT RD

Currently a Victorian mansion at 45 Prospect Rd is up for sale and marked for redevelopment.

Provided the application complies with the Planning Code, there is nothing to stop it from being demolished.



45 Prospect Rd, viewed from the side

The front of the property is known as Fitzroy Antiques but behind this is an 1880s mansion once known as Gowan Lea and later as Annandale. After being built by a prominent businessman it became the home of Dr Charles Henry Souter. Doctor Souter was also a poet of note and wrote for the Bulletin under the pen-name of 'Dr. Nil'. He seems to have vacated the property by about 1930 after which it became Sister Croxford's Annondale (sic) Hospital. The hospital is believed to have operated until the mid 1940s.



Dr.Souter, Annandale

One would like to think that this property is at least worthy of local heritage listing both for its architectural merit and its historical importance.

It's curious that applying to have a property added to the State Heritage Places Register is far simpler and quicker than applying for local listing. We have previously corresponded with the Development Minister on this matter, as have others, but with no result yet.

PROSPECT COUNCIL BUDGET

Browsing through Prospect Council's Business Plan and Budget for 2024/25, one finds an interesting matter which relates to history and heritage.

Council has budgeted \$60,000 to engage suitably qualified experts to use Council's newly-created Historic Themes to identify additional properties and/or areas for heritage listing and protection.

As Prospect Local History Group has suggested many properties which should be considered for listing over the years, we hope the experts will see fit to engage in community consultation before making recommendations to Council. We have only ever succeeded in having one property added – the former Nailsworth Police Station on Main North Road. (Although we assisted Council in successfully applying for State Heritage listing for the Prospect Air Raid Shelter).

The process of adding properties to the Local Heritage list is complex and very slow and this has resulted in heritage-worthy buildings being lost – the most recent example being the old school hall/church at Rosary Hall



Rosary School Hall 2023

CHARITY STATUS APPLICATION

The Australian Tax Office is introducing new rules for not-for-profit organisations which will require the submission of an income statement annually. Groups may well find themselves liable to income tax. The exception is registered charities, so Prospect Local History Group is now in the process of applying for charity status.

This is not an easy process, believe me! Luckily one of our members who has expertise in this space has come forward to help us. Many thanks, Tim. We'll keep you posted.

FEATURED STORY

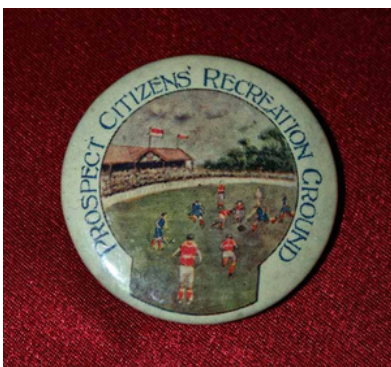
From Campbell's Service Station to R L Pash Reserve

Many locations in the City of Prospect have undergone major changes in usage since the land was subdivided into suburbia. One of these is what is now the Robert L Pash Reserve; in Derlanger Avenue, Collinswood. The reserve is located on land previously occupied for half a century by a Motor Garage/Service Station, plus what was the western end of Collins Street. The service station was opened by the Campbell family when the street name was West Terrace. This was later changed to Darcy Street, then to Derlanger Avenue; and the last has undergone a number of changes to spelling and pronunciation.

William Campbell arrived in South Australia from Scotland in 1865 on the ship the 'Norman Morris'. In 1868 he married Robina Sneddon and they had 12 children, the eldest being James Archibald who was born in 1869. James married Ada Margaret Spence at her father's home near Truro in 1895.

The sub-division of Collinswood was created by George Angas in 1880 and lot 69 on the south eastern corner of West Terrace and Collins Street was acquired by Ada Margaret Campbell in 1906 at which time her husband was a carpenter of Main North Road, Prospect. The Sands and MacDougal South Australian Directory for that year locates him at the second listed property north of Farrant Street. Within about two years they had relocated to 1 Collins Street, with their property including lot 69 and part lot 70.

The 'motor garage' at 31 Derlanger Avenue is first listed in directories in 1926, indicating a probable opening the previous year; at which time the street was named Darcy Street. The initial proprietor was James Archibald Campbell, senior.



Over the years a number of family members appear to have been involved with the business. Colin Lawrance Campbell who was born at Enfield in 1902 and is thought to have been the third of nine children was described as a motor mechanic in 1919. He was proprietor until his death in 1931. He was succeeded by his eldest brother Raymond Richard who was born in 1896.

FEATURED STORY

In 1951 when many service stations were choosing to stock one brand only, Campbell's were one of the businesses who remained independent. R. R. Campbell died in 1968, but the service station was still being listed in directories into the 1970s.

After James Archibald Campbell's death in September 1962 the property was progressively sold with much of the land being purchased by the City of Prospect and this, together with the portion of Collins Street mentioned previously, was

converted into a park, thus turning the remainder of Collins St into a cul-de-sac. The Nailsworth Senior Citizens Club was also created at this time.

Older people will remember when Collins St connected with Derlanger Avenue and on to Ellen St. At No. 48 Derlanger Ave. we had Thompson's Salt Damp Specialists and at No. 50 we found Keith Martin's butcher shop. Keith lived in California St and was well known in the district as a Councillor and Alderman. We've been told that at one time a bus service ran along Derlanger Avenue, although we have not been able to verify that. These were the days before large shopping centres, when residents could walk to the local shops.

The Pash family were also well known in a variety of ways. Bob Pash, for whom the reserve was named, worked for the Council from the age of 15 until his retirement in 1979. He became Town Clerk in 1950, succeeding Charles Cane. He was only the fourth Town Clerk since 1872.

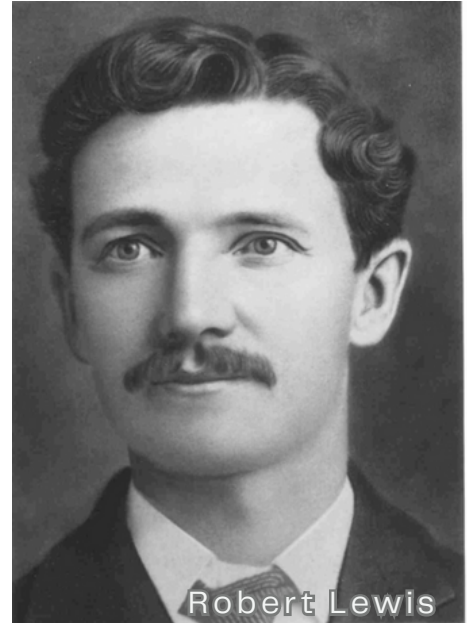
Unfortunately a photo of Campbell's garage has not been found, nor a photo of the family.



RL Pash

PROSPECT LIFESTYLE PRECINCT

Background information for the project refers to the Prospect Oval dating back to 1898. This is not entirely accurate. The land on which the Oval stands was of course Kaurna land initially. By the 1890s it had become Whitfield's Cow Paddock, which had become an informal recreation ground, popular with the locals. When it came on the market in 1897, a group of local citizens advocated for it to be purchased by the Prospect Council for the public benefit. An unsuccessful attempt at 'crowd-funding' was made as Council was loath to spend the money.



In the end, one of the Councillors proposed that Council buy it. The votes evenly split and the Chairman, Robert Lewis used his casting vote to authorise the expenditure. The land then became the Prospect Recreation Ground, opened by the then Premier, Charles Cameron Kingston in 1898. A tree was planted by Miss Eliza Lewis, Mr Lewis' daughter. It wasn't in fact until 1922 that the Oval was laid out and fenced, and the grandstand built. The Recreation Ground was renamed Prospect Oval after the First World War as part of a grander plan to establish the Memorial Gardens. North Adelaide Football Club and Prospect Cricket Club opened clubrooms there in the early 1920s.

Robert Lewis became Chairman of the District Council at the tender age of 27 and kept the job for ten years, in his first stint.



Robert Lewis Stand

He was also a fine sportsman, playing tennis, football and cricket. He played in North's 1900 Premiership team. For many years, the 1956 grandstand was named after him then one day the name plate mysteriously disappeared. We understand the name plate will be restored - a welcome move.

LOCAL HISTORY OFFICER

Prospect Council has now advertised for a Local History Officer, to work two days a week.

The job advert states:

In this role of Local History Officer, you will be responsible for a range of council local history programs and artifacts. Advocating for the City of Prospect's local history collection, through stories, events and displays.

- Be responsible for the Council's local history programs and artifacts; monitoring, maintenance, preservation and documentation
- Promote for the City of Prospect's local history collection and stories through programs and events.
- Be the first point of contact all enquiries from the community and local history groups
- Coordinate the local history volunteers

Prospect Local History Group has an MOU with the Prospect Library. It reflects both parties' collaboration and commitment to (a) the ongoing management and improvement of the Prospect Local History Collection; (b) provide assistance with storage and display of Prospect Local History Group's publications in the Library and (c) facilitate the holding of Prospect Local History Group events and meetings in the Payinthe building.

We welcome the appointment of a new Local History Officer and look forward to working with the lucky person who gets the job.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROSPECT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP IS FREE!

Just fill out the membership form on our website [here](#)

We love hearing from the community!

Got a local history matter to tell us about? Want to contribute a story or photos?

Send us an email at the address below!

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