



# PROSPECT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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# Newsletter



Chapel at North Road Cemetery

## WELCOME

Welcome to our first e-newsletter!

The purpose of the e-newsletter is to keep the community informed of our activities, comment on happenings around Prospect and offer some interesting stories about Prospect's history.

Of course by 'Prospect', we mean the whole City of Prospect, not just the suburb.

We welcome contributions from the community – just drop us a line at our email address:

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## 5 FITZROY TCE, FITZROY AND STATE HERITAGE BROCHURE

Earlier this year we distributed a brochure covering all the State Heritage listed properties in the City of Prospect.

Subsequently, the owners of 5 Fitzroy Tce contacted us to request that their property be removed from the tour.

If you happen to have a copy of the brochure, could you please respect their wishes



## CALENDAR

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

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



Prospect Air Raid Shelter

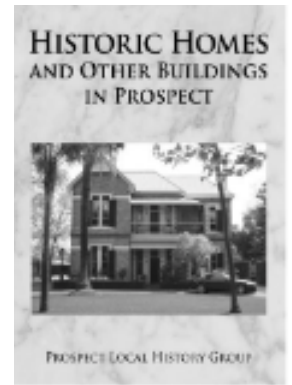
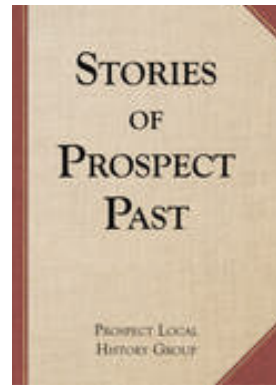
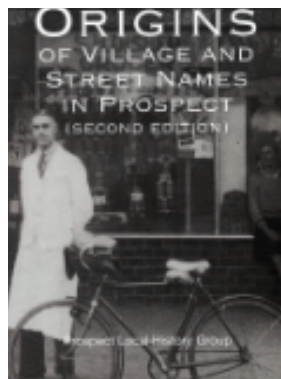
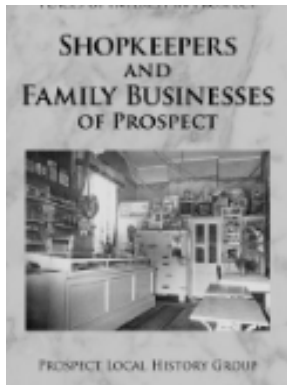
## Prospect Lifestyle Precinct

The City of Prospect is creating a Lifestyle Precinct based on and around the Oval and Memorial Gardens. The Precinct will become a thriving community destination, which contributes to the day-to-day vibrancy of City of Prospect's lifestyle.

This new precinct will provide an exciting opportunity to showcase the history and heritage of the area where it is located, and we are looking forward to working with Council on this aspect. Some of the heritage areas covered include the Oval grandstands, the Memorial Gardens, the Ken Farmer Gates, the Croquet Club, the display panels, the old Air Raid Shelter and other historic and heritage features.

[Click here for further information](#)

# BOOKS



## Online eBookshop

We made the decision this year to place most of our publications on-line via our website. They can be purchased via a card and most of them cost \$5.00. Buyers can then download the publication in PDF format.

We have a wide range of publications about Prospect's history – schools, teachers, hospitals, doctors, matrons, lost buildings, current historic buildings, street names, businesses, how we began, how we've developed and a range of entertaining or informative stories about ourselves.

Check us out at:

<https://www.prospecthistorygroup-adelaide.com.au/e-books-for-sale.html>

Our new display stand at the Library

## Hard Copy Books at Prospect Library

If you prefer your books in good old fashioned hard copy, please visit our new display stand at the Prospect Library. It's located on the ground floor, adjacent to the stairs and the Library of Things

After browsing the books, you can buy copies from the front counter on the ground floor. As with the e-books, most are priced at \$5.00.

Many thanks to City of Prospect for installing this stand for us.



# REPRESENTATIVE BUILDINGS REVIEW

We welcome Council's Representative Buildings Review, which covers a further five of our Historic areas. Until the new Planning Code came into being recently, these buildings were known as Contributory Items. This is an important step forward in protecting Prospect's historic nature.

From City of Prospect website:

'In 2010 and 2012, Council conducted surveys to preserve our city's historical areas and places. These surveys identified 431 significant buildings in certain areas that were not included in the city's previous Development Plan.

After reviewing the State Government's Planning and Design Code, we found that six historic areas in City of Prospect have recognised Representative Buildings.

However, in five other areas (North Ovingham, Medindie Gardens, Ballville/Gloucester, Prospect Lanes, and Highbury), there are currently no Representative Buildings listed.

Based on the previous heritage surveys, Council conducted a Historic Areas Matrix Analysis in 2023. This analysis involved examining the streetscape of each property in the affected area, leading to the recommendation for a total of 454 Representative Buildings within the five identified historic areas.'

Stay tuned for further information!



## RESEARCH WORK

Did you know that Prospect Local History Group will undertake research work for residents, businesses and others?

A popular topic is house histories but we also do family and business history research as long as it's related to our area.

The first hour of research is free. Second and subsequent hours attract a fee of \$20 per hour, up to a maximum of five hours..

# FEATURED STORY

## JAMES TREVAILL AND FAMILY

James Trevaill and his family were well known around Prospect in the last part of the nineteenth century and built many of our fine villas and homes, especially in Clifton St.

It has long been supposed that they came from Canada and settled in Ovingham, where they named Toronto St after their home town.

Recently we have had contact with a descendant who gave us a different picture.

James was actually born in Cornwall in England in 1830, where he learnt to be a carpenter. He married Harriette Hitchings in Cornwall in 1855 and prior to 1861 they moved to Canada with their young family – Mary Harriett, Thomas Hitchings and Fanny Jane. They may have lived in Toronto at some stage but certainly lived in Guelph. Then they returned to Cornwall for a time and migrated to South Australia in 1866.

Sadly, Harriette passed away the same year they arrived, dying of tuberculosis. She was about 28 years of age.

James later visited England and married again – to Christiana Goldsworthy. The couple returned to South Australia in 1878. The family lived at various addresses in the City and North Adelaide before moving, we believe, to Ovingham and then to Clifton St around 1884.

Mary Harriett Trevaill, known as Hattie, married John Short at her parents' house in 1883, aged 22. Tragically, she also died of tuberculosis aged just 23.

Thomas Hitchings Trevaill also became a builder, building some of the Prospect houses too. He married Louisa Ellen Clark in 1879.

## FEATURED STORY

Fanny Jane Trevaill married her first cousin Thomas Williams, a mining engineer and returned to live in England and then Toronto. So the Canadian connection remained strong.

James's older sister Catherine Turvey also lived in Adelaide.

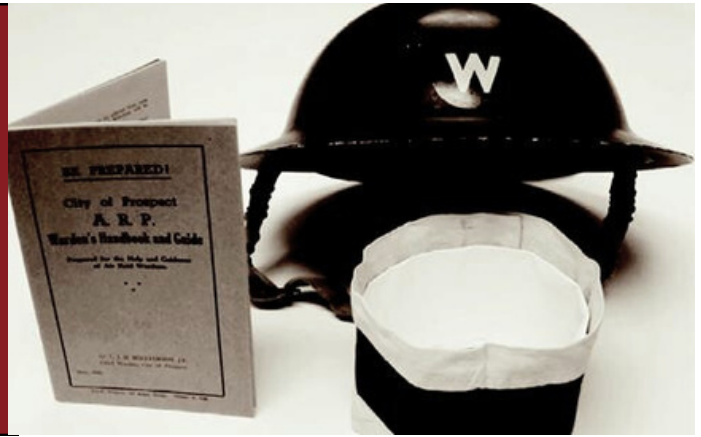
Harriett Hitchens' sister Frances also lived in Adelaide. Her son Josiah Joseph William Walters is buried in Hindmarsh cemetery.

James is buried in the West Terrace Cemetery.

More detail can be found on our Old Prospectors website:  
<https://www.oldprospectors.com.au/>



# HISTORY FESTIVAL



We had a very successful History Festival this year. Our talk on Researching Your House History in Prospect was well attended. The attendance fee included a complimentary copy of one of our books. Our book sale went well and as always it was great to talk to residents and others about Prospect's history.

Neil and Jenny Rossiter ran successful public tours of the Prospect Air Raid Shelter and also conducted special events for children – about training to become an air raid warden.

In total, we had 47 people attend the session 'On Guard' and another 24 attend the 'Train as an Air Raid Warden' session.

Our session on 'Researching your House History' was attended by 23 people.

## 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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