



Prospect Road



PROSPECT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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Newsletter



Gloucester St, Prospect, 1925 & 2010
Four Generations
Beautifully restored
Story will appear in Prospect in Photos

WELCOME

Welcome to our September 2024 newsletter. If it hasn't already done so, spring will be springing shortly! The prunus on Galway Avenue is already out and the football finals are over. Before we know, the clocks will go back and we'll all be basking in the sunshine and watching cricket. But history, of course, goes on for ever....

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PROSPECT FAIR

The Prospect Fair will be held on Saturday 26th October, at the Broadview Oval. This year, we're partnering with the Prospect Residents Association and the Prospect Local Environment Group to hold an information stall. We won't be selling books but they will all be on display for people to browse. They can be purchased on-line via our website or at the Library.



CALENDAR

Prospect Fair	Oct 26th
AGM 7pm, Payinthe	Nov 7th
Connections 2025 Conference, Brisbane	March 2025 21st-24th



Connections 2025 Conference

We are incredibly proud to announce that PLHG committee member Anna Graves is the South Australian Ambassador for the Connections 2025 Conference to be held in Brisbane from 21st - 24th March 2025.

Presented by The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations and the Genealogical Society of Queensland, this event will bring together local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists. With an outstanding line-up of speakers and the opportunity to network with an extended group of people in this field, we highly encourage you to take a look and consider attending.

<https://www.connections2025.org.au/conference>

PROSPECT IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Prospect Local History Group has been funded by The City of Prospect to produce a book called 'Prospect in Photographs'.

The intention is to draw on the Prospect Local History Collection to develop an A5 sized booklet containing photos of the City of Prospect, which will further illustrate Prospect's history to the community. With permission, photos may come from other sources as well e.g. the State Library, National Archives, National Library.

The photographs will relate to a number of themes:

- Transport
- Homes
- Other buildings
- People
- Work
- Leisure and sport
- Health and wellbeing
- Religion

Photographs will be captioned



Northern Community Hospital Maternity Ward

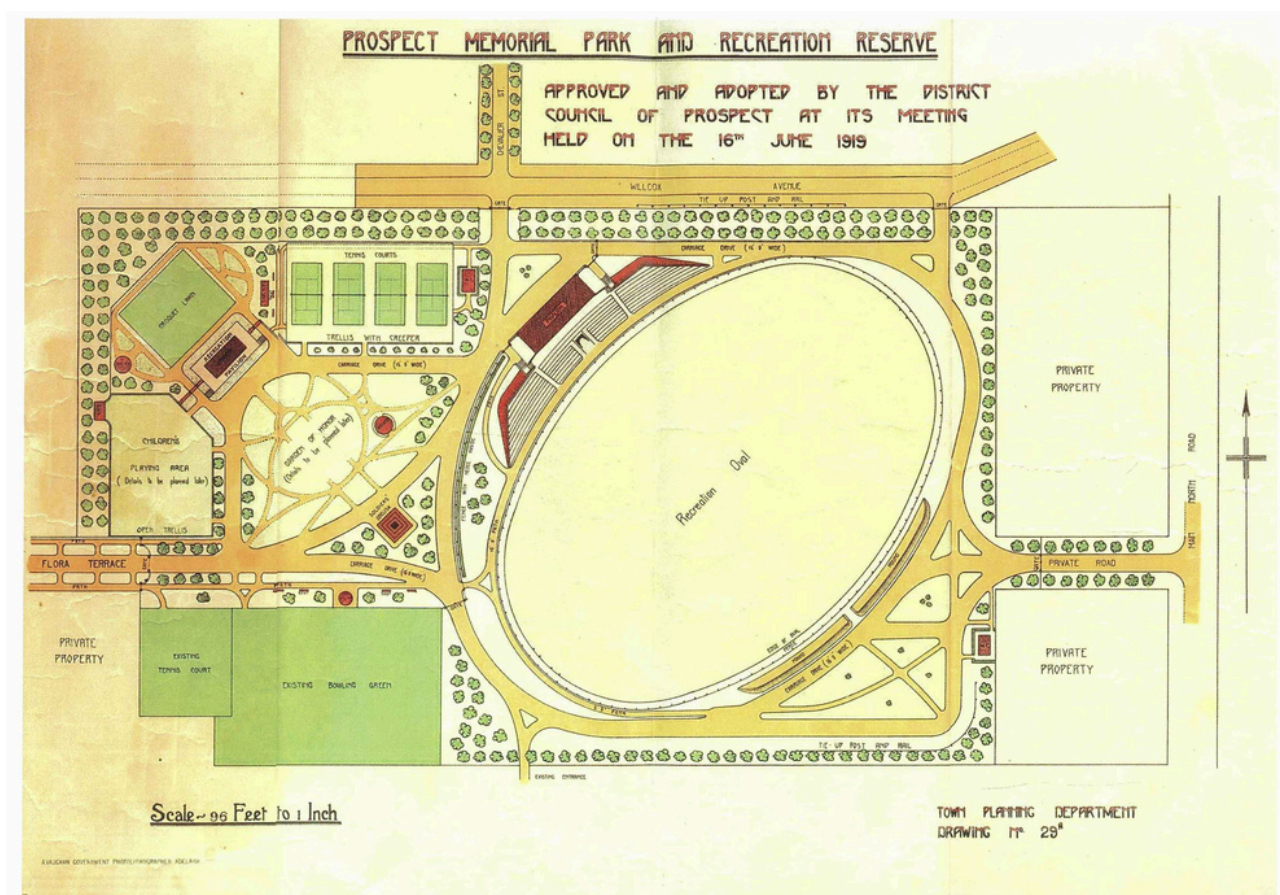
INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

In the last few years we have produced video interviews with the Presidents of four local sporting clubs:

- North Adelaide Football Club
- Prospect District Cricket Club
- Broadview Bowling Club
- Prospect Croquet Club.

We asked each club to tell us about their history, their current plans and challenges and their plans for the future.

These are all fascinating interviews and are available via the Prospect Library's Local History Collection.



Prospect Oval and Memorial Gardens Map 1919

FEATURED STORY

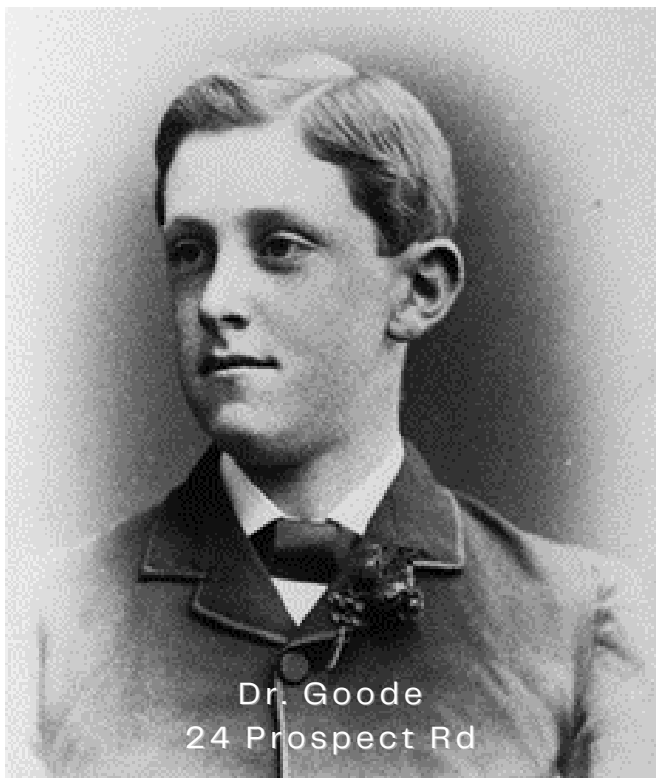
Some Historic Medical News:

Dr Joseph Ernest Good (1887-1935)

Prospect had its first permanent doctor when Dr Joseph Ernest Good arrived in the 1890s. Described by Lamshed as 'such a pleasant man and a good doctor' he had graduated from Edinburgh University in 1894. He lived and consulted in Clifton Street and in a cottage on the northern corner of Prospect Road and Ballville Street before building a home and surgery on the northern corner of Prospect Road and Methuen Street in about 1898. For a time he also consulted at Medindie. He is said to have made his rounds in a carriage driven by a groom in livery, but if the man was off duty, attended urgent calls on a bicycle or horseback and served the district until 1935. Then his home became Aston Hospital.

Mrs Good became a leader with the Red Cross and hosted numerous fundraising and other functions.

After Doctor Good's death, two floors were added to the rear of the house and it became Aston Private Hospital. The first matron (c1936-42) was Ina Margaret Lorimer; the last Winifred O'Leary (c.1942-54). When the hospital closed the building was converted



Dr. Goode
24 Prospect Rd

into seven flats and Miss O'Leary continued to live there until her death in 1974. This magnificent house still stands.

World War 1 had a devastating impact on medical services in Australia.

On 25 January 1916 the Express and Journal wrote that, 'No profession has been affected so much by the war as the medical profession, and no association of men has responded more nobly and made such enormous sacrifice

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financial and physical. Out of 250 members of the South Australian Branch of the British Medical Association, 140 are serving abroad or at home. In the metropolitan area out of 120 members, 27 are serving. The casualty statistics have shown that the death-dealing properties of modern artillery surpassed all previous calculation, and this has called for augmentation of the medical service.'

At that time Prospect doctors on foreign service included C Bollen, CGG Moody and JRSG Beard. HF Kollosche was on full time home service at a hospital; and on part time home service were C Corbin (recruiting) and AV Benson (camps).

By April 1918 there was a severe shortage of doctors in country South Australia with many practices covering large districts. The removal of one doctor from any of these districts could result in 50 to 100 miles being left without any medical assistance. While volunteers were available, the situation was such that it was not possible to dispatch one overseas until his place was filled by a returning doctor.

This story is drawn from two of our books:

- Early Doctors, Dentists and Chemists of Prospect, and
- Historic Homes and Other buildings in Prospect.

Both books contain numerous others stories about our historic area. They can be purchased at the Prospect Library or downloaded from our website for \$5.00 each.

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HISTORY OFFICER

We are excited to announce the appointment of Catherine Manning as Local History Officer, City of Prospect

Catherine comes to this position with a wealth of experience, including 15 years as Migration Museum curator, and work in the History Trust's digital/curatorial team. We are looking forward of working with Catherine on some exciting projects.

MORE ON DERLANGER AVE

Last month we talked about the corner of Collins St and Derlanger Ave, Collinswood/Nailsworth. We reported on the possibility of a bus service along Derlanger Ave. One of our long-term members has confirmed that there was indeed a bus route there:

'I can confirm that there was definitely a bus that ran along Derlanger Avenue in the late 1940s and 1950s. The bus met the Walkerville tram at the Buckingham Arms Hotel, ran up Northcote Avenue, across Nottage Terrace and north along Derlanger Avenue. I am not sure, but think it terminated in Howard Street. I think passengers had to obtain a transfer ticket from the tram conductor.

I believe the bus service may have been less frequent than the tram. My grandmother lived at 19 Derlanger Avenue (opposite Charlbury Road) until the 1970s, but my memories are more from the late 1940s to 60s. I remember that coming from town there were two options. Either to transfer to the bus or stay on the tram to the corner of North East Road and Cassie Street. I remember doing the latter on some occasions, so presumably the buses were less frequent than the trams. I think the bus had stopped running by the mid-1970s, but am not sure.

My belief that the bus terminated in Howard Street springs from the fact that a great aunt lived at number 57 and I seem to remember a bus along there in the 1950s. I have vague feeling that it may have terminated at the shops near Collingrove Avenue. I think I must have read the last rather than remembering it. Early newspaper reports confirm the terminus was once near Collingrove Avenue. However The Advertiser 22.11.1941 reports



MTT Bus 1940 (SLSA B37395)

the Broadview bus route being extended to Hampstead, which was much before my birth. The Northern Suburbs Weekly of 07.06.1956 has a letter asking for the bus to be returned to the original route and indicating it then followed the tramline. I assume this would have been as far as Galway Avenue. It was an MTT bus.'

Many thanks to David J for this information.

A (NEARLY) LOCAL HERO

Until very recently science was a man's world and we should honour the women who became pioneers. Louise Webster was born in 1941. The family lived at No 3 Smith St Walkerville in the 1960s and 1970s, just over the border from Prospect. Louise graduated in physics from the University of Adelaide in 1961 and obtained a Ph.D. in astronomy from the ANU in 1967. She later worked at the Royal Greenwich Observatory in London from 1969, being only the second woman appointed to the staff. Working with her colleague Paul Murdin, and using the Sir Isaac Newton telescope, she discovered the first known Black Hole in our galaxy, located in the constellation Cygnus, while researching an x-ray source. Louise married another astronomer Tony Turtle in 1978; the couple had a son Michael. Tragically Lousie died of cancer in 1990 at the young age of 49. So why is she a local? Because her ashes are interred in the North Road Cemetery in Nailsworth, along with other family members. Think of her pioneering work next time you pass by.



Source: The Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of SA, September 2024.

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