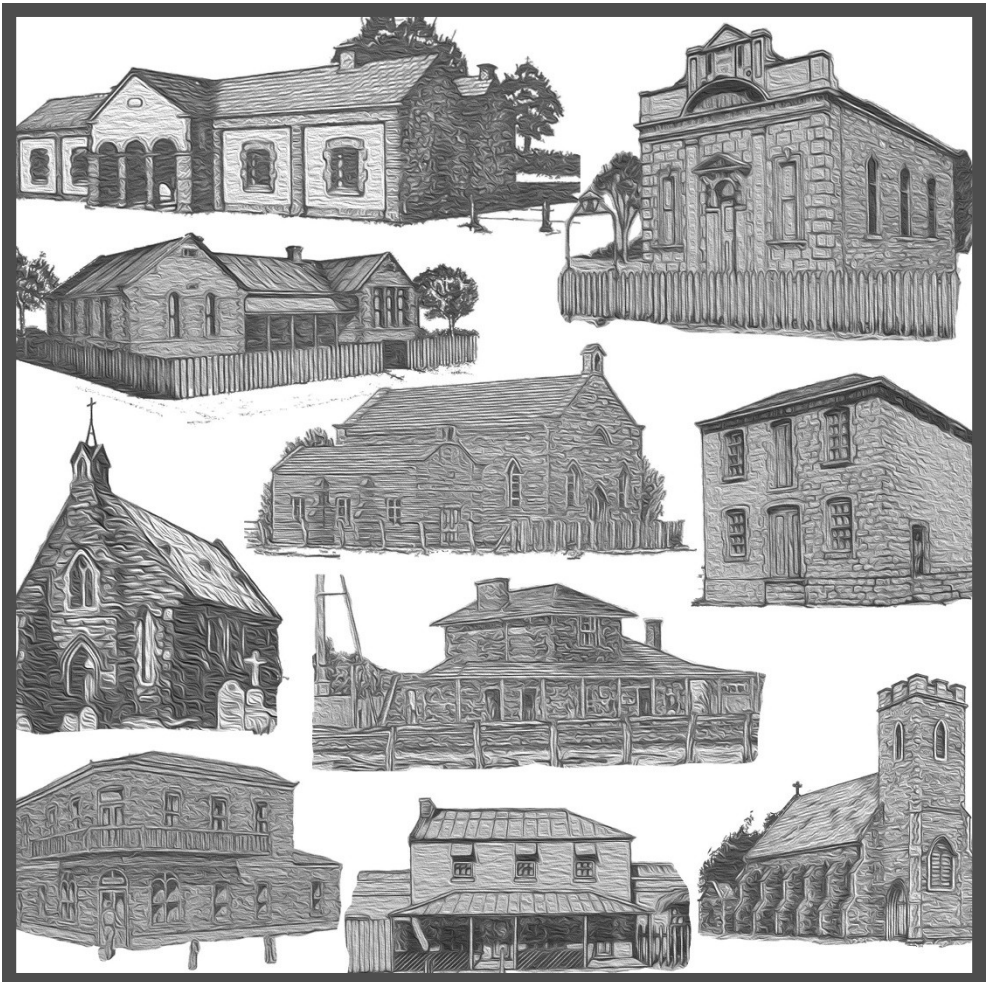
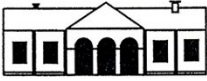


SALISBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

Celebrating over 40 years of "keeping alive the history of Salisbury"



JUNE 2026



Salisbury & District Historical Society Inc.
3 Ann St Salisbury

***We acknowledge the Kaurna people, the Traditional Owners of the land on
which we live today .***

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging

JUNE Wednesday 17th 3.00pm **Parafield Airport – Speaker- Tom Ganley**

JULY Wednesday 15th 2.00pm **Memories of Salisbury 2** – Another wonderful trip down memory lane shared by Marty Guerin & Roy Magor

AUGUST Wednesday 12th 10:45am **Elizabeth Oval Escorted Tour (CDFC)** followed by Lunch.

(Meet at Grand Central 10:45am)

SEPTEMBER Wednesday 16th 7.00pm **St John’s Church – Speaker Jacky Young**

OCTOBER Wednesday 14th 7.00pm **A.G.M. and Show and Tell and Quiz**

DECEMBER Christmas Break-up Date and venue to be advised

All meetings held at **3 Ann St Salisbury** unless otherwise advised, followed by afternoon tea or supper. More information about the **Salisbury and District Historical Society** can be found on the **Web Site** or **Face book** page. You are also very welcome to have a chat to the Society’s president, **Terry Sloan**, by phoning him or texting on **0427 277 302** or by sending an email to ‘**salisburyhistory706@gmail.com**’ .

President's Report for June 2026

In an effort to increase the awareness of our Society's activities, I have accepted invitations to give Historical style presentations to five groups of generally older Salisbury residents, totalling about 80. I hope it produces an increase in our membership or visits.

With 45 people attending our two Walks Around Old Salisbury during History Month, I believe it will also make more people aware of us.

Each participant is given a copy of our Guest Speakers timetable, and the museums opening times.

To up-date our pictorial display, I ask if some members would join 2 or 3 working bees with me, in an effort to help put into action our recently purchased multi-panel stand. Please give me a ring if you are willing, and we can arrange a convenient time.

It is getting near time when we start to look for potential Guest Speakers.

If you know of any please also let me know.

Terry Sloan



Quite a large crowd came to hear Lyn Bain, Betty Polkinghorne, Jim and Glenyss Trenorden and Yvonne Windsor sharing their memories of Old Salisbury.

James Lindsay Potter

James was the seventh and youngest child of George and Linda Potter. He was born at the home in John Street, Salisbury on 12th July 1926.

He received his primary education at the Salisbury Public School which was followed by three years at Adelaide High School. He commenced work as a postal assistant with the Postmaster General's Department at the Salisbury Post Office in 1942. He was postman when mail deliveries to households first began in Salisbury in 1943.

In April 1946 he joined the A.I.F. In the batch of enlistments for occupation of Japan. He was allocated to The Royal Australian Survey Corps in which he served in Australia for the next two years. During this time he worked on preliminary surveys for the Snowy River Hydroelectric project and served much of his two years at the A.H.Q. Cartographic Company at Bendigo. On discharge from the army in 1948 he entered the South Australian Mines Department as a Geological Draftsman. He gained his matriculation and Survey Draftsman's Certificate at the Adelaide School of Mines.

On September 11th 1953 he married Marilyn Hastwell at the Salisbury Methodist Church. They made their home at Edwardstown and their first two children, Kathryn and Mark, were born while living there.

In 1956, James left the Mines Department and joined Rio Tinto Exploration Company which was based in Melbourne. The family, moved to Melbourne and took up residence in Black Rock. The two other children, Gail and Darryl were born while living there. While with Rio, James was engaged in mineral exploration doing field work in Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria and the Pilbara in Western Australia.

He spent one year with the Victorian Gas and Fuel Corporation working on survey investigations, and on 22nd March 1965 joined the Department of Civil Aviation in their Aeronautical Mapping Section. In February 1968 he moved on promotion to the Bureau of Meteorology in charge of mapping. He was appointed examiner for Civil Survey Drafting for Higher Technical Courses for the Victorian Education Department.



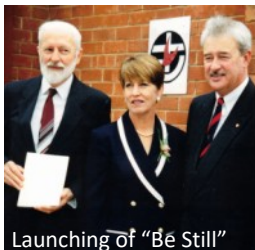
The S.A. School of Mines restructured to form the S.A. Institute of Technology and established a School of Surveying. James was appointed to the staff as a Senior Instructor in February 1969. The family then moved back to a new house in Salisbury S.A.

He retired on 27th March 1986 after 40 years of Cartographic work. He was a member of the Institute of Cartographers and on his retirement their newsheet recorded *“over this long period Jim has gained the respect, admiration and affection of many students in South Australia and it can truly be said that Cartography in this state owes him a great debt.”*

In 1970 James Published *“Salisbury Public School 1877 -1970”*. He was one of the Foundation members of the Salisbury and District Historical society in 1981 and served on the committee in the offices of Secretary and President for many years. In 1986 he compiled *“John Street, Salisbury - A Pictorial History”*, which was published by the Society as a South Australian Jubilee 150 Project. He subsequently



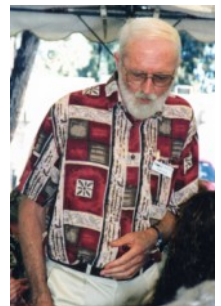
Opening of the museum



Launching of “Be Still”

assumed the role of local historian and over the next 30 years conducted over 200 school history excursions and delivered over 70 lectures to local groups. In 1988 he published *“The Potter’s Weal”*, a family history. 1996 saw the publication of *“Be Still”* and in 1997 *“Little Para Pilgrims”*; a history of the Methodist Church in Salisbury.

In 1997 James was honoured as the “Senior Male Citizen of the year” for the city of Salisbury. In 2003 he was awarded an O.A.M. In the Queen’s Birthday Honours List. In 2009 the city of Salisbury honoured him with a “Living Legend” Award, and in 2012 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources honoured him as a “Heritage Hero”.



Standing to accept an award 1999

Marilyn sadly died in October 2025. Jim now resides in ACH Elizabeth South.

We wish him all the best on his 100th birthday on 12 July 2026.

Submitted by Lynette Potter sourced from *“The Potters Weal”*

MICHELL WOOL PTY LTD

Michell Wool began with George Henry Michell, who arrived in Adelaide in 1866 from Cornwall aboard *The Trevelyan* with his mother Catherine and his wife, also named Catherine. He initially worked as a bootmaker before moving to Cuddlee Creek, where he took up farming and developed an interest in stripping wool and tanning leather. In 1870, the family moved to Undalya, a small rural town on the southern edge of the Clare Valley in the Mid North, approximately halfway between Auburn and Rhynie at the junction of the Wakefield River.

That same year, George started a wool-scouring and combing business in Undalya. He began by buying wool directly from local farmers and processing it on the banks of the Wakefield River, where water was diverted into a series of vats used to wash the wool. Once processed, the wool was packed and sent to Adelaide, then shipped to London for auction. The business expanded in 1874 to include trading in wool, hides, and skins.

His operation was highly successful, and in 1896 he relocated to Hindmarsh. George's four sons joined the business upon his retirement in 1909 and continued managing it after his death in 1918. In 1937, carding and combing equipment was installed at the Hindmarsh plant. The family business grew significantly, becoming G. H. Michell and Sons, a family-owned company involved in wool processing and export.

The company continued to expand, and in the late 1960s plans were initiated to build a processing plant in Salisbury at 1506 Main North Road, Salisbury South. This facility was completed in 1973.

The third generation of the business consisted of two brothers, Ron and Will, and their cousin Howard. Ron served as Managing Director of the Michell Group for forty years and was the grandfather of David and Peter. In 1992, Ron's son John and Will's son Ray took over the running of the business.

In 2004, brothers David and Peter Michell bought out other family members to secure the company's future in the international textile industry.

The business expanded again in 2006 with the construction of a processing plant in China. This move allowed the company to stay ahead of competitors and

remain globally relevant while maintaining its status as a major Australian wool exporter.

Michell is Australia's oldest and largest exporter of Australian wool fibre and has been associated with the international wool textile industry for more than 150 years. From its global headquarters in Adelaide, South Australia, the Michell family



oversees a company with manufacturing and processing facilities in Australia and China. Together with a network of local agents and business partners, Michell is renowned as a consistent and reliable supplier of quality wool fibre.



Michell utilises more than 150 years of experience and expertise to process wool to exact customer requirements. The Michell team is made up of highly experienced experts who source the best possible greasy wool, ensuring that the carbonising or scouring process meets or exceeds customer expectations. This is paired with efficient logistics to guarantee on-time delivery.

The company continues to be a major player in the global market

Submitted by Jennifer Paine from various internet sites.



Salisbury & District Historical Society Inc.

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The Salisbury & District Historical Society was established in 1981. The Society was formed to promote the discussion and study of South Australian and Australian history, particularly within The District of Salisbury.

Other tasks include the collection, recording and classification of works, source material of all kinds relating to the history of the District of Salisbury and to facilitate access to the collection by the community.

SDHS Committee 2025

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