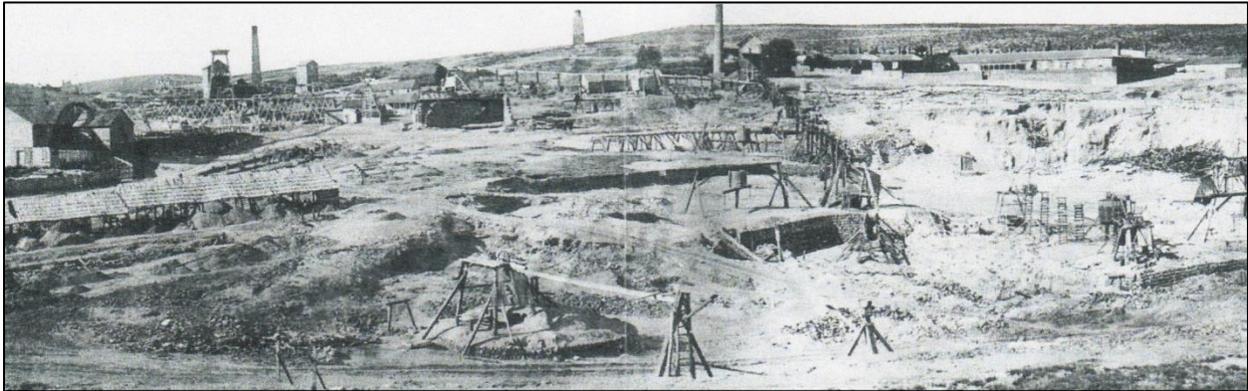




BURRA 2022: Information Circular No. 1

The **26th Annual Conference of the Australasian Mining History Association** (postponed from 2021 due to Covid-related travel restrictions) **will be held in Burra, South Australia, from 19-23 September 2022 with a post-conference tour to Moonta-Wallaroo on 24-25 September.**



Burra Mine ca.1867

Copper ore was discovered at Burra, 160 km north of Adelaide, in 1845. The discovery proved to be an extremely rich oxidised ore deposit, and a large mine (the “Monster Mine”) and a nearby township were soon established. The mine created a settlement of about 5,000 people, the largest inland town in Australia before the gold rushes. Cornish technology was imported to develop the mine and by the 1850s the first large-scale Cornish mining landscape in Australia had been created. Mining continued until 1877 when rising costs and a downturn in the copper price brought about its closure. Further mining by open cut took place from 1971 until 1983. Burra encompasses one of Australia’s largest and best-preserved nineteenth century mining towns and both the township and the mine site were proclaimed a State Heritage Area in 1994 and included in the National Heritage List in 2017. The township retains many buildings and structures from the time when mine was one of the world’s great copper producers. The former mine site includes three surviving Cornish engine houses, one of which has been restored as an interpretation centre, and several other significant masonry structures such as the powder magazine.

Venue

The main conference activities will be held in the **Burra Town Hall**, Market Street, Burra. The front entrance is reached by steep stairs. There is a ground level entrance on the north side, which can be reached on foot by a ramp from Market Street, or by car via Mount Pleasant Road.



Burra Town Hall, 1874

Conference program outline:

18 September: Arrival at Burra, registration from 4.00pm and welcome reception at 6.00pm.*

19 September: Conference papers.

20 September: Tour of historic Burra mine and township.

21 September: Conference papers.

22 September: Excursion to historic Kapunda minesite and town.

23 September: Conference papers and Conference Dinner.

24-25 September: Post-conference excursion to Moonta and Wallaroo with overnight in Kadina or Wallaroo and returning to Adelaide on the afternoon of 25 September.

**It is recommended that attendees arrive in Burra not late than the afternoon of Sunday 18 September.*

Registration forms for the conference will be available early 2022 on the AMHA website at: <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/>

There is no specific theme for the conference - papers will be welcome on any topic relevant to mining history. A call for papers will be made early 2022 along with a date for submission of abstracts.

Accommodation – book early:

A wide variety of accommodation is available in Burra. There are several hotels, 2 motels, numerous B & Bs or self-catering cottages and a caravan park. Information and reservations are available on the Burra Visitor Centre website <https://www.visitburra.com/accommodation/>



Morhpett's Engine House 1875



Morhpett's Engine House and Museum 1986

Post-conference excursion accommodation

Participants on the post-conference excursion are responsible for their own accommodation for the night of 24 September. For details of accommodation available in Kadina and Wallaroo see the following websites.

Kadina Gateway Motor Inn

<https://www.kadinagatewaymotorinn.com/>

08 8821 2777

Kadina Village Motel

<http://kadinavillagemotel.com.au/>

08 8821 1920

Anglers Inn Hotel/Motel, Wallaroo

<https://www.anglersinn.com.au/>

08 8823 2545

Sonbern Lodge Motel. Wallaroo

<https://www.sonbernlodgemotel.com.au/>

08 8823 2291



Wallaroo Smelter Chimney 1861

Transport:

There is no convenient public transport to Burra. It is a two hour drive from Adelaide. If you do not wish to drive yourself, there will mini-buses, driven by AMHA members, to transport people from Adelaide to Burra* on Sunday 18 September and from Moonta to Adelaide on Sunday 25 September. Transport will also be provided those requiring transport from Burra to Adelaide on Saturday 24 September and Moonta to Burra on 25 September. Further details will be contained in the registration form. Larger buses with professional drivers will be used for the excursions.

**You will need to arrive at the Adelaide airport before 3.00 pm.*

Weather:

Average September maximum temperature in Burra is 17°C, and average minimum 6°C. Bring clothes suitable for cool days and nights and possibly showers. Field trips call for sturdy, closed footwear. Carry water on tours.

Environmental Policy

In order to run an environmentally responsible conference we aim to minimise waste by using conference bags of recyclable material and we ask you to provide your own pens and notebooks. If you have a 'keep cup' for coffee/tea please bring it. Plastic bottles of water will not be provided on excursions so please bring your own refillable water bottle.



Market Square, Burra

Further information

Please consult the AMHA website (<https://www.mininghistory.asn.au/>) for updates of information. For other inquiries contact the Conference Convenor Dr Peter Bell at pbell2@bigpond.com

After the Conference:

Many options are available for those with private transport wishing to make more extended visits. These include the Clare Valley wine district, Peterborough Heritage Rail Centre, Wilpena Pound in the Flinders Ranges and the Blinman Heritage Copper Mine.