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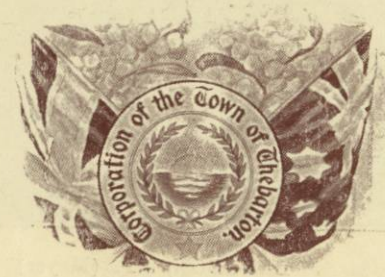
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# JUBILEE CELEBRATION

of the

## PROCLAMATION

of the

### TOWN OF THEBARTON

Proclaimed February 7th, 1883

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The following Gentlemen have occupied the Mayoral Position during the past fifty years in the order in which their names appear:

Mr. Benjamin Taylor, J.P.	Mr. A. A. Collins, J.P.
Mr. E. J. Roland, J.P.	Mr. Thompson Green, J.P.
Mr. B. J. McCarthy, J.P.	Mr. A. W. Lemon, J.P.
Mr. James Manning, J.P.	Mr. A. J. Blackwell, J.P.
Mr. Hemingway, J.P.	Mr. J. L. Leal, J.P.
Mr. R. Burns Cuming, J.P.	Mr. A. H. Pretty, J.P.
Mr. W. Weber, J.P.	Mr. E. T. Isley, J.P.
Mr. C. B. Ware, J.P.	Mr. H. S. Hatwell, J.P.
Mr. W. H. Goodenough, J.P.	Mr. M. Watson, J.P.
Mr. A. W. Styles, J.P.	Mr. J. Langdon, J.P.

#### STATISTICS, 1933.

Length of streets, 25 miles.  
 Main roads, 3 miles 61½ chains.  
 Main roads paved with wood blocks, 51½ chains.  
 Main roads paved with bituminous concrete, 122 chains.  
 Total assessment for 1933, £748,496.  
 Total rates declared 5d. in the £, yielding £15,593/13/4.

Thebarton comprises the subdivisions of Torrensvile, Mile End, Southwark, West Thebarton, Hemington, Fremanton, and Torrenside. The area is 1,098 acres, and the population estimated at 17,000, number of houses 3,761, Capital Value £2,500,000.

## Information relative to the Town of Thebarton

Compiled by C. E. Wyett, Town Clerk.

The celebrations will take the form of a social to those who were either born, or resided in Thebarton fifty years ago. This will be held in the Assembly Hall on the evening of Wednesday, November 1st, and will be followed by two complimentary concerts to be held in the New Town Hall on November 2nd and 3rd. A Sports Programme on the Oval for children on the Saturday afternoon will conclude the proceedings. Adults are of course, invited to attend the Oval without payment. The programmes for the two concerts are printed herein.

Thebarton was formerly part of the West Torrens District Council, and fifty years ago Thebarton only had a rate revenue of £714, with a population of probably less than 1,000, whereas to-day the Rate Revenue is £15,593. What is now known as the Old Town Hall was built in 1885, only two years after the Town was proclaimed, and it still stands as a monument to the enterprise of the then Citizens, and the splendid workmanship of the builder. The New Town Hall, Assembly Hall, and Office Block were constructed in 1928. These buildings are recognised as the most up-to-date and best equipped of any Municipal Buildings in the Suburbs of Adelaide.

The Thebarton Oval is also recognised as one of the best in the State, the playing area being the second largest. Adjoining the oval is a very fine building known as the Thebarton Technical High School, at which boys are taught many useful trades.

Thebarton also has the proud distinction of having had among its citizens the late Colonel Light, who for some years resided in the Town, while he planned and laid out the City of Adelaide. The Council erected a Memorial Tablet at the site where his home was built. Governor Hindmarsh also lived in Reid Street, Southwark.

The Bakewell Bridge makes an imposing entrance to the Town. The Bridge was erected and is maintained by the Municipal Tramways Trust, and much credit must be given to them for their broad outlook.

The general progress of the Town is too apparent to need comment other than to say that the best thanks of the Citizens are due to past and present members of the Council for their co-ordina-



tion of effort which has resulted in a Town replete with good roads and footways, together with the many other comforts of a modern Town.

Too much praise cannot be given to those societies, who, year in and year out, give their services to assist the poor and needy, and also assist and advise Mothers in the care and proper feeding of babies. The Societies are: The District Trained Nursing Society, the Women's Service Association, and the Mothers and Babies' Health Association. Other Societies do good work in many directions.

A large portion of what was known as Torrensville and Mile End was in the early forties, the first racecourse in Adelaide, and several streets have been named after famous racehorses of those days, including Falcon Avenue, Norma Street, Ebor Avenue, Lurline Street, and Cowra Street. Adam Lindsay Gordon frequently rode on the old racecourse. Portion of the course is now covered by the New Town Hall.

Another interesting feature is that in the early fifties and during the exodus to the Victorian goldfields, only one man was left in Thebarton.

The first Council of the Town of Thebarton (1883) consisted of the following:

Mayor—B. Taylor, Esq.

Councillors—

T. Pritchard	J. Vardon
E. C. Hemmingway	W. Pepper
J. Stephenson	J. Manning
J. Broderick	R. Wilson

Your Council feel that you, as Citizens, should feel proud of the Town you live in.

## EARLY HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF THEBERTON IN ENGLAND.

As a matter of interest, and as a comparison with the times we live in, the following items in connection with the English Town of Theberton, which has a history dating back over 800 years, are included here.

In the time of King James I, after people had attended Divine Service, they were allowed to indulge in games such as dancing, archery, etc.

That our forefathers were not without a sense of humour was shown in the year 1633, when by command of the King, congregations were told that they could play games on Sunday. One Parson concluded by reading the Ten Commandments, and saying, "Dearly Beloved, you have heard the Commands of God, and Man, now obey which you please."

The following item will sound very familiar to present-day Citizens: "When Dutch William was on the throne in 1705, his Parliament spread such a net for taxation, that no man escaped its meshes. We all have to be born, to die, and then be buried, and all men living are either bachelors, or married, or widowers. An ingenious act swept them all in. A tax was imposed on bachelors and widowers, on marriages and births; dead men had to pay, too, for there was a tax upon burials. The Tax only lasted 5 years. I wonder if the last sentence will apply to-day.

In 1348, the Black plague visited England, and in one Diocese of which Theberton was a part, 2,000 Ministers of Religion met their death. In London, then only a small City, 50,000 died.

Up to the 17th Century, forks were not in use, and a man of the upper classes would take his own knife in a sheath to a dinner party, sit there with his hat on, use his fingers for fork, and dip his unwashed spoon for each mouthful into a common dish.

In 1759, a medical man named Manning attended the poor folk in the Parish. In the Parish chest is a "Theberton Town Bill" of his, "for looking after John Hurrard."

	s.	d.
To a bleeding and a blister for his neck .. .. .	1	0
Journey and a half pint of mixture against convulsions ..	3	0
Box of nervous pills .. .. .	1	6
Glass of cordial drops .. .. .	0	6
A journey and a vomit .. .. .	1	6
Bleeding him twice .. .. .	0	6
A small glass of smelling drops for his wife .. .. .	0	4

# LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF OVER 500 YEARS AGO IN ENGLAND.

In these days of falling wages, it should be some comfort to the present generation to read that in 1682 the following scale of wages was obtained:

By the Year—

	£	s.	d.
A bailiff in husbandry .. .. .	6	0	0
A chief husbandman or carter .. .. .	5	0	0
A second hind or husbandman and common servant above 18 .. .. .	3	10	0
A fourth under 18 .. .. .	2	10	0
A dairymaid or cook .. .. .	2	10	0
The best hired servant with meat and drink for harvest .. .. .	1	2	0
An ordinary harvest man .. .. .	0	18	0
Wages by the Day—			
A man Hay Maker with meat and drink .. .. .	0	0	5
A woman Hay Maker .. .. .	0	0	3
A man reaper in harvest .. .. .	0	0	10
A woman reaper .. .. .	0	0	6
A Common Laborer at Other Times—			
In summer .. .. .	0	0	6
In winter .. .. .	0	0	5
Women and such persons, weeders .. .. .	0	0	3

Without meat and drink their wages were doubled.

In 1827 a Churchwardens meeting drank 8/3 worth of beer at the Lion Hotel. Just how many gallons that represented is not stated, but it must have been a good many.

In the year 1644, charitably minded people evidently existed (in a small way), for by consent of the Townspeople, 2/- each was given to two soldiers, one having his leg shot off, and the other an arm.

As far back as the thirteenth Century, a Brewer who adulterated the Englishmen's ale (Barley Wine), was treated in a nasty fashion by being driven round the town in a manure cart.

A recent slogan in South Australia was "use more wool," which is only history repeating itself, for 500 years ago in the village of Theberton, an English Law was in force compelling that every person who died should be buried in a thick woollen garment, the avowed purpose being then, as now, to assist the Wool Industry.



MR. BENJAMIN TAYLOR  
First Mayor of Thebarton (February, 1883, to September, 1883)

## COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

in NEW TOWN HALL, on

Thursday, 2nd November, 1933, at 8 p.m.

## PROGRAMME

SELECTION .. THEBARTON MUNICIPAL BAND  
 OPENING REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR  
 (Mr. J. Langdon, J.P.)  
 THEBARTON MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA  
 SONG .. .. HAROLD FARLEY  
 ELOCUTIONARY ITEM .. .. JAMES ANDERSON  
 THEBARTON MUNICIPAL CHORAL SOCIETY  
 { "May Morning" .. .. (Mona McBurney) }  
 { "Moonlight" .. .. (Eaton Fanning) }  
 XYLOPHONE SOLO .. .. MISS AUDREY DREW  
 QUARTETTE—Selections from the "Desert Song"  
 THE NIGHT LARKS  
 SONG—"Conqueror" .. .. J. BINNEAR

## INTERVAL

SELECTION .. THEBARTON MUNICIPAL BAND  
 RECITAL .. .. JAMES ANDERSON  
 THEBARTON MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA  
 "Excelsior" .. .. (Balfe)  
 SONG .. .. NORM. MORPHETT  
 RECITAL .. .. MISS HORSFALL  
 THEBARTON MUNICIPAL CHORAL SOCIETY  
 XYLOPHONE SOLO .. .. MISS AUDREY DREW  
 QUARTETTE—"A Little Sunshine" .. THE NIGHT LARKS  
 RECITAL .. .. MISS C. GLASTONBURY, F.T.C.I.

Pianist—MISS DOROTHY MCGREGOR

Stage Manager—  
 Alderman H. S. HATWELL, J.P.

C. E. WYETT,  
 Town Clerk.

## COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

in NEW TOWN HALL, on

Friday, 3rd November, 1933, at 8 p.m.

## PROGRAMME

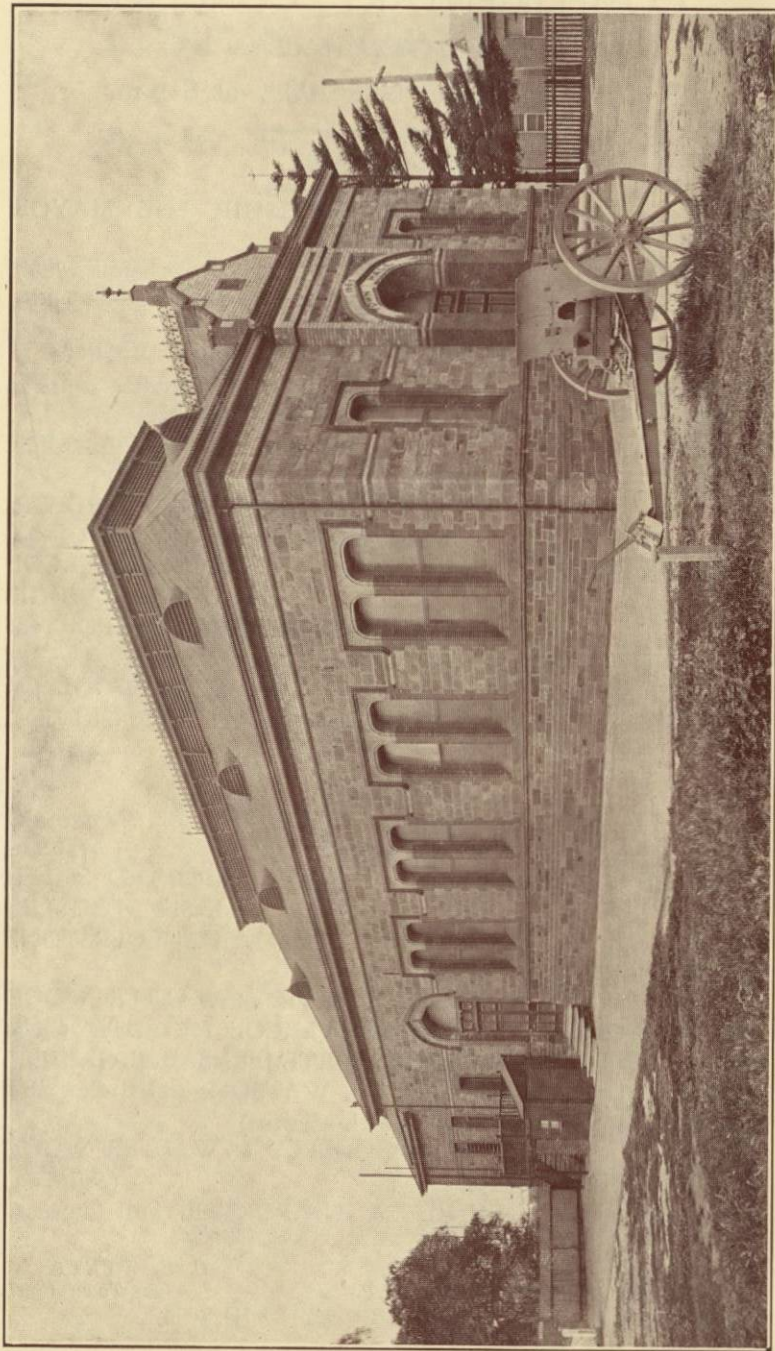
OPENING REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR  
 (Mr. J. Langdon, J.P.)  
 CHORUSES—(a) "The Viking Song" .. (Coleridge Taylor)  
 (b) "Love is meant to make us glad" (German)  
 CHALMERS CHORAL SOCIETY  
 Conductor: Sable Grivell Pianist: Gladys Woolley  
 XYLOPHONE SOLO .. .. RICHARD SMITH  
 SONG—"Waltz Song of Spring" .. ADA WORDIE, A.M.U.A.  
 RECITAL .. .. THELMA BAULDERSTONE  
 QUARTETTE—"Regular Royal Queen"  
 FLORENCE DAVEY, IVY GRIVELL  
 WILL MORTIMER, ALEC CAUSBY  
 VENTRILOQUIST .. .. MALCOLM VERCOR  
 SONG .. .. WALTER WOOD  
 DANCE .. .. BERYL KENNETT & INA PORTER  
 SONG—"The Wayfarers' Song" (by request) (Ariel Shearer)  
 ELSIE WOOLLEY  
 DIALOGUE .. GWEN STRICKLAND & SABLE GRIVELL

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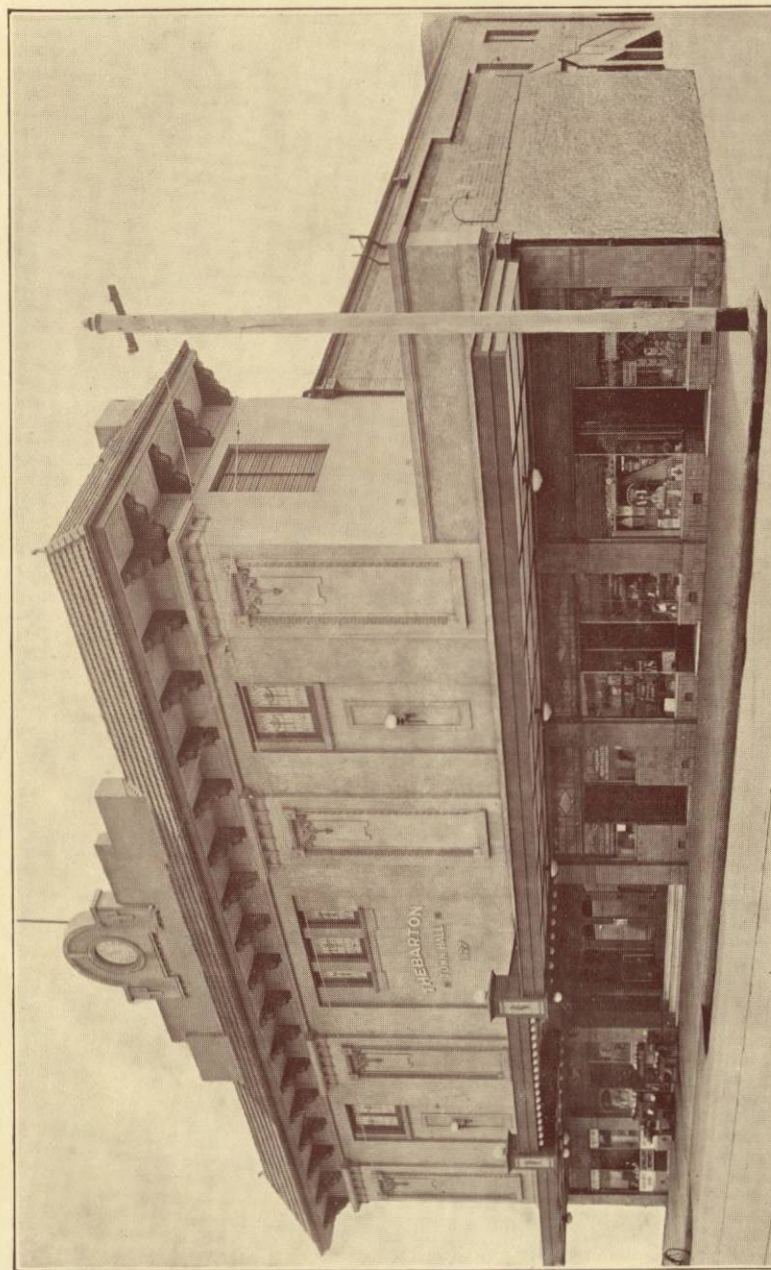
CHORUSES—(a) "Moonlight" .. .. (Fanning)  
 (b) "Hymn to Music" .. .. (Buck)  
 XYLOPHONE SOLO .. .. RICHARD SMITH  
 SONG—"Homing" .. .. ELSIE WOOLLEY  
 RECITAL .. .. THELMA BAULDERSTONE  
 DUET—"A Night in Venice"  
 ADA WORDIE & WALTER WOOD  
 VENTRILOQUIST MALCOLM VERCOR (5CL Boys' Club)  
 MALE QUARTETTE WILL MORTIMER, SABLE GRIVELL  
 STAN. WATSON, ALEC CAUSBY  
 SCENE from "Il Trovatore" (with Chorus)  
 ELSIE WOOLLEY & WALTER WOOD  
 CHORUS—"The Cachucha" .. .. (Sullivan)  
 Dancers—BERYL KENNETT & INA PORTER. Full Chorus

Stage Manager—  
 Alderman H. S. HATWELL, J.P.

C. E. WYETT,  
 Town Clerk.



OLD TOWN HALL (Erected 1885)



NEW TOWN HALL (Erected 1928)

## *Jubilee Thoughts*



There's a God-given gift called memory,  
Its wonders are still unsurpassed,  
It brings to our mind living pictures,  
As the by-gone years are unmasked.

Fifty long years! and over,  
What memories the old Town brings;  
Be it loved ones, playmates, or workshop,  
These thoughts to our hearts strongly cling.

We think of the old pioneers,  
Some are living who once played their part,  
Toiling from daylight to darkness  
Toiling along with strong heart.

May past memories bring forth a vision  
To those who are following on,  
To plan for, and bring forth, a model—  
A City, our Pride, THEBARTON.

Let us all get the Jubilee spirit,  
Lay aside all parties and creeds;  
Play the Jubilee game like the Torrens,  
We can do it, if all are agreed.

*Composed by*  
*Mr. G. A. CLARKE,*  
*Henley Park.*

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