
THE QUEEN ADELAIDE CLUB LTD.

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The Queen Adelaide Club, a ladies residential social club, was established in Adelaide in 1909 at the instigation of Mrs. George Box of Medindie.

A meeting to discuss the establishment of the Club took place on 12 March 1909 in the offices of Mr. W. B. Wilkinson in Brookman's Building, Grenfell Street. Those present were Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, chairman, Mesdames J. W. Bakewell, G. Box, J. Corpe, H. P. Gill, G. Dean, Percival Stow, L. W. Bakewell, Albion Tolley, W. B. Wilkinson, Gordon Ayers, M. S. Hawker, and J. R. Anderson.(1)

At this meeting it was decided to send application forms for membership to a list of people furnished and approved by the Provisional Committee. Subsequently membership has been determined on the basis of nomination by 2 members and approval by the General Committee.

The Club was officially opened on 1 July 1909 by Lady Bosanquet.(2)

The first meeting of the General Committee (as distinct from those of the Provisional Committee) was held on 23 July 1909. Present at this meeting were the President, Lady Katherine Way, the Vice-President, Mrs. Percival Stow, Mesdames L. A. Jessop, A. Tolley, O'Leary, W. B. Wilkinson, H. P. Gill, L. W. Bakewell, M. S. Hawker, A. Murray, R. Rymill, G. Ayers, S. Ralli, G. Dean, J. R. Anderson, A. McCulloch, S. Newland and F. Makin and Miss L. Peacock. Apologies were received from E. Bowman, J. R. Corpe, and H. H. Dutton.(3)

The Queen Adelaide Club was registered as a limited company on 5 May 1909. The initial capital consisted of 500 "founders' shares" at £1.00 each, and 100 debentures at £10.00 each bearing interest at 5% p.a.(4) Of these shares Mrs. Box held 496, the other 4 shares being held by Annie Louise Brown (née Anderson), Emily Gertrude Wells, Charles T. Hargrove Jnr. and George Dutton Green. (5)

On 19 May 1911 a Special General meeting of debenture holders and members was called and a decision was made to take up the offer made by the Managing Director, Mrs. Box, to make her shares available for application by the membership as a means of ensuring the continuity of the Club.(6) As a result the Club ceased to be a proprietary club and ownership passed to the members, the 496 shares being offered to members and debenture holders at £2 per share.

From its establishment the Club has occupied premises in Stephens Place. The premises originally being owned by the South Australian Company and leased to the Club.

At a meeting of debenture subscribers held on 25 May 1920 it was resolved to make an offer of £16,000 to the S.A. Company for the purchase of the premises then occupied by the Club and the adjoining property, the lease having expired and renewal of the lease being unavailable.(7)

On the suggestion of the Board of Directors the existing Club and Company were wound up and a new Company was formed to purchase the assets and the freehold of the Club premises and adjoining property, with the power to issue mortgage bonds and debentures of £25 each towards the cost of the purchases and any future issues deemed necessary. (8)

The resolution that the Company go into voluntary liquidation was passed at an Extraordinary General meeting on 16 June 1920.(9) The new Company was incorporated on the following day.

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2. Register, 1-2/7/1909.
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8. Circular notice to members, February 1920 (series 13).
9. Minutes of Shareholders meetings, 16/6/1920.

Minutes of the Provisional and later the House and General Committees 1909- Oct. 1952, thereafter of the General Committee only. 1909-1966. 10 volumes. [For House Committee minutes from Nov. 1952 <u>see</u> series 2.]	<u>1</u>
Minutes of the House Committee. Nov. 1952 -1969. 1 volume and 1 bundle. [For minutes prior to Nov. 1952 <u>see</u> series 1.]	<u>2</u>
Minutes of Directors' meetings. 1918-1960. 2 volumes.	<u>3</u>
Minutes of Shareholders' meetings. 1911-1960. 2 volumes.	<u>4</u>
Minutes of Annual General meetings. 1909-1960. 1 volume	<u>5</u>
Monthly report book: presumably reports made by the Secretary to the House Committee. 1931-1952. 1 volume.	<u>6</u>
Cash receipts and payments journals. 1909-1948, 1961-1976. 16 volumes and 1 bundle.	<u>7</u>
Cash payments journal - house and wages payments. 1911-1942. 4 volumes.	<u>8</u>

Sales journal. 1955-1959. 1 volume.	<u>9</u>
General journals. 1909 – 1961. 3 volumes.	<u>10</u>

Ledgers. 1909-1974. 4 volumes and 1 bundle.	<u>11</u>
Annual financial reports from the company's accountants. 1947-1975. 27 items.	<u>12</u>
Annual reports, notices of meetings, minutes of annual general meetings. 1913-1965 (with gaps). 1 bundle.	<u>13</u>
Register of shareholders. 1909, 1911, 1948-1965. 1 volume. [Entitled register of members.]	<u>14</u>
Register of shareholders (founders shares only). 1909-1919. 1 volume. [Entitled register of members.]	<u>15</u>
Register of transfers of ordinary shares. 1909-1919, 1948. 1 volume	<u>16</u>
Registers of debenture holders. c.1909-1951. 5 volumes.	<u>17</u>
Register of debenture transfers. n. d. 1 volume.	<u>18</u>
Registers of interest paid to debenture holders. 1948-1955. 1 bundle.	<u>19</u>
Registers of subscriptions paid by members. 1934-1949, 1952 -1953. 4 volumes.	<u>20</u>
Membership lists comprising chronological and alphabetical lists, most giving date of election. c.1953-1976 (with gaps). 2 folders.	<u>21</u>
Nomination forms (including brief biographical details of nominee's father and husband). 1941-1968. 4 folders.	<u>22</u>
Visitors book (sample only held). Dec. 1923 - March 1950. 1 volume.	<u>23</u>
Articles of association. 1920-1977. 1 folder.	<u>24</u>

Papers relating to the proposed re-development of the club site, including a survey of members requirements. 1973. 1 folder.	<u>25</u>
Plans and specifications of the Club premises, 1960-1974. 10 items and 2 envelopes.	<u>26</u>
Scrapbook of autographs of famous people of the nineteenth century. Compiled by an early S.A. State Librarian (Ifould?), the "major portion of this collection comprises items which belonged originally to H.M. Queen Adelaide given to the Institute (The library) by H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar in 1879". 1860-1880s. 3 cm. (1 volume)	<u>27</u>