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PRESS RELEASE

LEWIS BOARD BACK TO MANAGE BURRA'S PAXTON SQUARE COTTAGES

The Regional Council of Goyder has adopted the recommendation of the Paxton Square Cottages Operations Committee to bring back the 'Lewis Board' as the name for the new Council committee to manage and operate the Paxton Square Cottages for the next three years.

The new Lewis Board will comprise of seven community representatives that reside within the Goyder Council area and one Elected Member.

In 1913 the Hon John Lewis purchased at auction the Paxton Square Cottages from the South Australian Mining Association and formed a 'Lewis Trust' to administer the leasing of the Cottages "for the use of indigent and deserving people".

Prior to Mr. Lewis' death in 1923, the Cottages were incorporated by an Act of Parliament into a Trust (Lewis Trust) to be administered by a Board of Management.

In 1980 the Burra Burra (Vesting of Land) Bill 1980 was passed by Parliament that enabled the Cottages and land to be vested in the District Council of Burra Burra. The Lewis Trust became the Lewis Board of Management with Councillor Andrew J Gebhardt and Chairman.

The process of management, restoration and adaptation of the Cottages for visitor accommodation had begun.

Thirty years on, the new Lewis Board will pick up and continue the proud tradition of the management and operation of the Burra Paxton Square Cottages.

Council is now calling for applications from residents within the Goyder Council area for the seven community member positions on the new Lewis Board.

Application forms are available from the Burra office of the Council or the Paxton Square Cottages Bible Christian Chapel booking office and can be downloaded from the Council website www.goyder.sa.gov.au or the Paxton Square Cottages website www.burrapaxtoncottages.com.

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