



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S
**HISTORY
FESTIVAL**
1-31 MAY 2016

Totally

Out of order



Between the hours of 6am and 11pm of the 22nd of April, a person or persons unknown visited the Public Toilets behind the Soldiers' Memorial Hall and completely smashed two toilet bowls and a sink. It would have taken some time and effort to do this – as well as being extremely noisy. If you saw or heard something during that time, please pass on the information to the police. Mount Pleasant is not often targeted by vandals and for this to happen right before one of the biggest events of the year is disturbing and disappointing.

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WANTED

Are you a **local**?
Do you know what the **district**
has to **offer** a visitor?
Are you interested in the **history**
of the district?

If you answered '**yes**' to any of the above
– your town **needs** you!
The new incorporated body
is proposing that we start a
Visitor's Information Centre,
and we need **volunteers** to help,
and **promote** our town.

Please **call** 0403012339 or **email**
mountpleasantshines@gmail.com
if you are **interested** in
contributing in any way.



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ANZAC commemoration



'Lest We Forget'

Melrose Street and the side streets were packed for the annual Anzac Dawn Service organised by the Anzac committee of the Mount Pleasant RSL Sub Branch, led by Merry Schaeffer. President Wally Birch led the proceedings, with Pastor Brian Teakle once again providing the Anzac Day message. Cadets from the Woodside Barracks were on hand for the catafalque party and our bugler Mr Castle (recovered from his bout of pneumonia last year) did a sterling job of the Last Post. The 'On the Edge' choir was a welcome addition to the hymn singing. Denise Westwood was in charge of the Gunfire breakfast and the Men's Shed reigned supreme over the barbeques, turning out 300 serves. This was possibly our biggest turnout yet, and we were very pleased to welcome many serving and ex-servicemen and women. The display in the hall is bigger and better this year, with a recreation of a WW1 trench amongst other memorabilia from most conflicts, as well as work from local primary & secondary schools. Most of this display will be in the hall during History Month, and we would urge you to drop by (Wednesday to Sunday) and view it, and maybe have a Devonshire Tea on Thursdays. The recreation of a Cheer-Up Hut will reinforce the sense of history on the 14th May.



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Remember our Diggers

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[more photos on the RSL Facebook page](#)

Mount Pleasant Cheer-Up Hut



Soldiers' Memorial Hall,
61 Melrose Street,
Mount Pleasant.

Mag 2016
Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm each week.



Devonshire Tea will be served each Thursday morning. A salute to 'Ye Olde Maye Fayre' will be held on the 14th of May with stalls, and a light luncheon.



Men's Shed-ing Boots for Change - or the Blundstone Bootarama!

The rules of the Bootarama were, apparently, open to interpretation, however the possibility that it could be run as 'Tunarama with a Boot', where local rules apply, was eventually taken on board.

The arvo before the showdown, the track was marked with coloured bunting by Caretaker and sometime Course Operations Manager, Dave Mack, in preparation for the gala event. Also, gaming aficionados gathered at Talunga Park to prepare a field that would test the best boot throwers in the district. A starting barrier was marked in blue paint to ensure that all throwers maintained the integrity of the competition. White paint marked the course at 5 metre intervals to a length of 100 metres. This was discussed over a few cold beers and, after some test throwing, the back stretch of 60 metres was removed and the distance regulated to 40 metres.

Saturday morning arrived with a weather forecast of possible showers; however, the track was rated at 'good' with some grass coverage and cushion to allow for maximum run.

The MPMS Quirky had been situated adjacent to the starting barrier to provide a display area for the trophies and an area for Coco - the Guard Dog and back-up Drug Detection Unit, to keep a watchful eye and rest between duties. Coco was a celebrity with the younger contestants on the day and the subject of many photos.

With the bunting flags fluttering in the gentle breeze, all was made ready for the contestants. Let the games begin!

The official Starter, Line Referee and unofficial Bookie, John 'you can trust me - I'm a builder' Bowd, was at his best when the fillies approached the barrier. The odds John offered were hard to pass up - 'I'll pay you 10 bucks if you can throw 20 metres'; then, as the boot left the heaver's hand, he added, 'And you pay me 10 bucks if you can't!' Bill Bartsch was an early victim of John's odds and \$10 went into the donations box. Murray Henderson approached the starting gate full of confidence and bluster, playing to the punters, looking for long odds. However, Murray stumbled at the barrier and, to his dismay, on handicap, was out distanced by his wife Di. A warning Murray - stand well back when arguing with Di and there is a boot within reach.

Of course, any competition that has a starting line also has to have one that marks a finish, and our Distance Judges and, often, targets on the day were Colin Forbes and Don Barrett. The Distance Judges had a tough assignment as the boots were flying thick and fast from all directions and not always directly from the thrower. Missiles came out of the trees and off the shed - it was a war zone out there.



General Commentator and Information Distributor on the day, before he departed for a different style of missile delivery, lawn bowls at Mannum, Kim Yap was saddled with a further task. As Kim had done a First Aid course, he was directed to take over the triage, if required, as a result of any serious injury. Due to the vigilance of officials this, fortunately, was not required.



Our official Photographer and Photo Finish Adjudicator, Bob Long also had the added responsibility of boot retrieval when a miss-directed Blundstone landed on the shed. Although the rules were that, 'If the boot lands on the shed or up the tree, it is the responsibility of the thrower to retrieve said boot', often this rule was not adhered to.

As with all competitions, results have to be recorded and a leader board was updated and on view to all as judges called through the distances. As the official Penciller on the day, the ledger and betting sheets were meticulously kept by myself. Although the results did end up going astray for a few days they were eventually found safely stored in my jeans hip pocket.

Final handicap results on the day:

Apprentice Filly, 12 & under:	Ebony Weber - 19.9m
Apprentice Colt, 12 & under:	Dallas Flanagan - 20.0m
Mare - Open Handicap:	Heidi Giersch - 22.5m
Stallion - Open Handicap:	Connor Grant - 30.0m

Due to the official status of the event and team, the stewards ruled that Judges' decisions would be final and no objections would be entered into. Subject to committee discussion the Official results will be forwarded to the Guinness Book of Records.

As one can gauge by the results, the innovative decision by the groundsmen on Friday afternoon, to restrict the distance to 40m, although a bold move, was the correct one. It just went to prove that decisions made while imbibing an amber fluid is able to change the 'course' of an event, pun *not* intended.

**John Macgowan:
Men's Shed-der**



Boots!

Get your tickets for the Tasting Australia Event May 7

A snippet of the tasting menu...

Starter - Antipasto Grazing plate

TnT Homemade's artisan wood oven ciabatta served with Amberlane extra virgin olive oil, The Berry Farm's unique raspberry vinegar reduction and Green Farmhouse's nut-free Aussie dukka, which features native quandong and wattleseed

Marinated South Australian olives by Joe & Maria's Bakehouse, TDM's Free Range Berkshire Pork bier sticks processed right here in Mount Pleasant, marinated mushrooms by Yummy Veggies, accompanied by Smoked SA caught tuna by Zimmerman's Fisheries

Entrée - Just warming up

Oven roasted seasonal vegetables provided by local growers Kenton Hill Growers Co-op and the Dogan family farm

Locally grown rocket and D.J. Citrus Valencia orange salad dressed with Baker Creek Vineyard's Verjuice

Smoked free range chicken wings from the pastures of Barossa Birds. But wait there is more Main, Dessert and Cheese & Greens Platter.....

COST

\$30 adult

\$25 adult concession

Tickets may be purchased from the market admin desk.



Easter Twilight Market



bloomin' beautiful

Merylin from the Market is back! She has beautiful native flowers for sale - you can buy one of her colourful arrangements, or design your own for Mother's Day.



CWA Catch-up

How many CWA members does it take to hug a big gum? In this case – around thirteen. The group and members of other CWA branches including Adelaide met at Fiona MacLachlan’s for a leisurely lunch, chat and walk around the gardens. It was a great opportunity to discuss projects we are all working towards, things we’d like to see done, future gatherings, gardening.... and yes, recipes!

The CWA has its roots in Canada, when Adelaide Hoodless and others joined to form an organisation that would help in the education of rural women. Today those ideals have been expanded to include many more, but always with the base of supporting rural women. Mount Pleasant, like many other centres has two CWA groups – a day one and an evening one – both working for and supporting our community, and both very active. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month and welcome new members.



Mother's

Jan the florist from the Bohemian Garden, is taking orders for Mother's Day, which must be in by Wednesday, 3rd May. She sells flowers as well as stocking unique and unusual gifts. Right next door to Star Books – another gem of a place.

Why not **shop locally**? There are plenty of places in Mount Pleasant to buy lovely gifts throughout the year – not just for Mother's Day. Ann & Rose from the Post Office have a wide range of gift items as well as gift cards, and the Mount Pleasant Pharmacy stocks a great range of gifts for all ages.

Uncovering Mt Pleasant's past: Soldier Settlers

Soldier Settlers Welcomed at Eden Valley

The residents of this district have wished for a long time to express some welcome to the soldier settlers in this district. As they have had to pitch their tents on the new blocks before homes can be established, an invitation was sent to each returned soldier and his friends and relatives to visit Eden Valley on Saturday evening, October 17.

The President of the Institute, Mr. J. L. Murray, and the President of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. John Murray: also the Chairman of the Council and Mrs. Lillecrapp, received the

guests at the door of the Institute, and when their names were read out, after the Chairman had explained the object of the meeting, the audience rose and bid their guests welcome. A program of songs and recitations was submitted, and those who took part were Miss J. Lander and Mrs I. Bayes (pianists), the Misses Loechel and Messrs. Bartholomeus and Lillecrapp.

Recitations were contributed by Mr. A. E. Hannaford, and the school children.

The Chairman of the Council (Mr. A. W. Lillecrapp) extended a hearty welcome to the new settlers, most of them being settled on that portion of Mr. W. Gilbert's estate, which has been allocated for soldier settlement. Lieutenant J. E. Murray extended a welcome to his fellow Diggers and wished them success as grand as their past achievements. Mr. W. H. Woolford and L. Harding responding on behalf of the soldiers. A dainty supper was provided on daintily decorated tables, and the project was voted a great success by the large number who attended.



Angley Verrall

One of the Soldier Settlers in the Jutland district was Angley Verrall who married Elsie Kemp in 1923... and descendants of this family still farm in the area today...

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser - 26 January 1923, page 3

At St. John's Church last Tuesday morning a very pretty wedding took place, when Miss Elsie Kemp was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. H. Angley Verrall. The bride looked very charming, being beautifully gowned in a frock of deep cream crepe-de-chine, with a handsome veil and blossom. Miss May



Verrall was bridesmaid, and was prettily attired in frock of apricot satin, and wore a black hat. Mr. Walter Dewell was best man. Miss F. Langford was at the organ and played the "Wedding March" and hymns for the service. The Rector. Rev. R. V. S. Adams was the officiating clergyman. The church was crowded with the numerous friends of the bride and bridegroom, and was nicely decorated for the occasion with flowers, foliage, a wedding bell, and horseshoes. The reception and wedding breakfast took place at the residence of Mr. R. Dewell, brother of the bride, who also gave her away. The happy couple afterwards left for the city en route for Kangaroo Island, where the honeymoon will be spent. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Angley Verrall will be near Eden Valley.



The Rhine Water Reserve Memorial



Paula Bartsch - Historian

Mount Pleasant Gem: Merry Schaeffer

When it comes to enthusiasm, Meralyn Schaeffer has it in truckloads. It is this enthusiasm which has begun a Returned Services League (RSL) tradition in Mount Pleasant. Prompted by other RSL members who had plans to create a replica trench and display World War 1 memorabilia in 2015, the seed of an idea took off in Meralyn's head, and the Anzac Expo was created as commemoration for Anzac Day in 2015, and again this year, with plans to continue until 2018. Merry (as she likes to be known) not only came up with suggestions, such as involving the local schools, Red Cross, History Room and RSL members, but her enthusiasm has continued the momentum, and encouraged support from many in the community. As a result we enjoy the Barossa Light Horse Brigade life-size replica horse and soldier, complete in uniform, memorabilia from Michael Seager, whose father served in the 10th and 52nd Battalion throughout World War 1, appropriate flags from the countries involved during the war, and students work from Birdwood, Springton and Mount Pleasant schools. Without Merry's continued enthusiasm and encouragement this event would not be the success it has been. She is ably supported by the RSL committee who each have responsibility for the various requirements that are needed in order for an event such as the Anzac Expo to be the success it is, such as advertising and following up so that the Dawn Service runs smoothly, and the gunfire breakfast is enjoyed by many.

Merry is also a Mount Pleasant CWA and Red Cross member and assists where she can with these organisations. She also helps out at the Mount Pleasant District History Room, where 'filing' is her self-determined job, and in order to make sure there is plenty to do, she comes along each week with the local articles from the various newspapers, in hand, just to make sure she doesn't run out of work. With the advent of the Mount Pleasant Cheer Up Hut for 2016, Merry has managed to find time for researching the various battles of 1916, in order to bring the detail of World War 1 to all who wish to understand, and is always willing to lend a hand where-ever she is needed.

As a break from these commitments, Merry is an avid member of the Top of the Torrens Theatre Group, and will be seen once more, treading the boards, as a character in the up-coming production, which will be held at Gumeracha in May and Mount Pleasant in June. There is always a character into which Merry fits



perfectly and somehow it seems these roles were written for one such as her!

Without people like Merry in our community, it would be a very quiet, uneventful place to be, and I for one, am glad that we have such people as Meralyn Schaeffer in our midst.

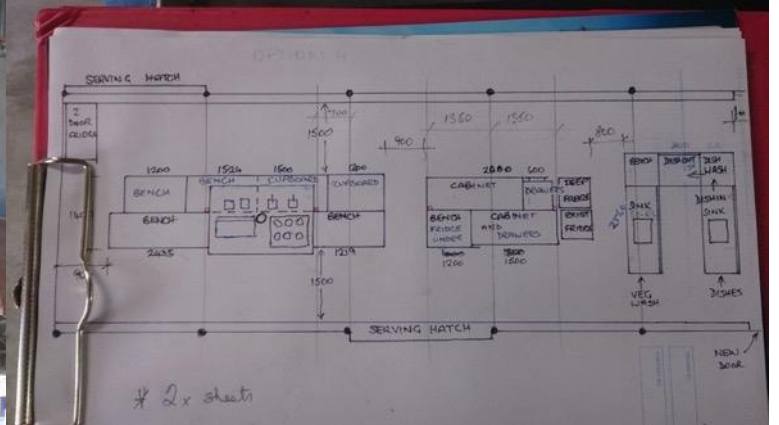
Paula Bartsch

Gallery 102



Gallery 102 is a great place to find that special something for the mum who has almost everything!

Atrium kitchen upgraded



Once again, the inimitable David Bradley has put on his Project Manager's hat and overseen the total refurbishment of the Atrium kitchen – with a little help from his friends. Wow! What a difference – and all of this in only a week!

Out & About


Harmony Club



Paula, Merry and Michael Williams at the Barossa Community Radio station where they were interviewed about the upcoming Anzac Expo and the re-creation of the Cheer-Up Hut – a major coup for Paula and our little town.

The Lobethal Harmony Club Male Voice Choir has it's origins as far back as 1842, before the official inception in 1878. It exists to support local charities and groups with fundraising. We were treated to a full programme of classical, sacred modern and popular music, which didn't disappoint. Ruby Washington (pictured below, with her father), Clara Serena Scholarship recipient was the guest soloist.

T.O.T.T. What I did at school today
 TOP OF THE TORRENS THEATRE GROUP INC.



An adult comedy by John Mee, courtesy of Comedy Plays UK.
What could possibly go wrong in the Staff Room of Lloyd George Primary School?

Gumeracha Town Hall 7.30pm Sat. 21st & 2pm Sun 22nd May (matinee)
 MP SM Hall 7.30pm Fri 3rd, Sat 4th & 2pm Sun 5th June (matinee)
 Adults \$22, Concession \$18, Students \$10
 Tickets from www.stickytickets.com.au or 85682496
 Cabaret seating. Bring your own nibbles & drinks.



(Below) Who needs the TDU (that's Tour Down-Under to the uninitiated)? We had - whatever this was on 2nd April...

Community Dinner



(Above) This month's Community Dinner was catered for by the Pony Club, and the Torrens Valley FC provided the drinks. That new pavilion kitchen is getting closer!



May events and meetings + History month* + Mother's Day

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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2 Talunga Pk Advisory group	3 CWA meetings 7.00: CFS Training	4 7pm: Men's Shed -AGM Westphalen Room, SMHall 7.30: Bwood /MP T/Tennis BHS Gym	5 10-12: Rustic Writers - MP Library MP History Rm - Devonshire Tea	6 9.30-11.30: Playgroup @ Mt Pleasant kindy 10-2 MP Art	7 8-12: MP Farmers Market Medieval Fair - Gumeracha	8 Mother's Day Medieval Fair - Gumeracha
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30	31 Newsletter					

* **During History month, the SM Hall will be open, showcasing the Anzac Expo and the Cheer-Up Huts. Open from 10-4, Wed to Sun. See flyer on p2 for details.**

+ Contributions:

If you would like your community event or meeting added to the calendar (to be published at the end of the month for the next month), or you would like to make a contribution in any way (writing, compiling, photographing, distributing), please contact us. Details below.



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