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Did you know... Golf professional Warren Symonds runs Golf Clinics during the school holidays for younger golfers? Please contact the golf club for details of the clinic in the upcoming July school holidays.

Mt Pleasant Golf Club A Southern Barossa Gem

The Mount Pleasant Golf Club is located just north of Mount Pleasant at the southern tip of the Barossa District Council. Just 15 minutes from Eden Valley, 20 minutes from Williamstown and the Barossa Valley and only one hour from Adelaide it is a tribute to the community that built it and to the game of golf itself.

At the picturesque 18-hole course, local members, visitors and tourists are welcomed to enjoy a relaxing game of golf in a true bush setting. Kangaroos wander the course and bird watchers will be delighted by the wide variety of bird life attracted by our dams and creeks.

The course offers a good variety of flat and undulating holes, tree lined fairways, challenging greens and is a course for golfers of all abilities. The third hole has been described by The Interstate Golf Rating Group as the best over "water" hole in South Australia.

It is certainly the signature hole of the course. The Par is 69 for men and 71 for women.

The club has a long history of commitment by volunteers and without this, the Southern Barossa recreational facility would not exist.

A part time greenkeeper and a willing group of volunteers maintain the course whilst a fully licenced clubhouse is offered on weekends.

Bazz is so much happier when the machines work.





Know of a good mechanic, or can we buy a new mower? Local volunteers Paul Wright of Mt Pleasant (L) with Williamstown identity Barry Kneebone(C) and Lyndoch 'old boy' Peter Turvey (R).



Local Mount Pleasant identity and volunteer 'Rocket' Hargrave ensuring the hole placement on the 8th is a fair challenge.



Helen, Rocket, Dave and Karen taking a break before tackling the 12th. (not eligible for Warren's junior coaching)

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The History

The Club was first established in 1970 on private land as a 9 hole 'scrapes' course.

In 1976 the present land was purchased with the support of the Mount Pleasant District Council for the golf club. After two years of solid and demanding weekend work by Foundation life members, the first playing season of the Club on the Murray Crafter designed 9-hole course occurred in 1978.

To further improve facilities, and grow the council and community asset, a clubhouse was built by members in 1982. This gave members, and visitors, bar and catering facilities in a club with a beautiful view over the course and surrounding countryside.

In the early 1990's the club had the opportunity to purchase additional adjoining land and with government grants and loans the land was procured. After consultation with members and with the fine tuning eye of Brian Crafter, a plan was drawn to build the dam and alter some of the existing holes and develop new ones. Thousands of trees from Trees For Life were planted to restore a more natural bush setting.

In 1992 the course was opened by then Liberal Member of Parliament, which saw the first playing season of the 18-hole course as it is today.

Over the past 23 years the course has been continually developed to its present high standard and is now a constant challenge to all golfers. The course now presents as one of the best community/council owned country courses in South Australia.

The Future

Golf is a game from 8 - 80 and beyond - for both Male and Female.

This golf course is a council asset, which belongs to the council ratepayers, and in particular those of the Southern Barossa. Despite tough economic times, the course is continually being improved. The next challenge is to 'climate change proof' the greens by upgrading to drought tolerant turf. This volunteer contribution should not be underestimated. It is estimated that the number of volunteer hours and financial commitment, by members and its sponsors in the last 45 years, would amount to **several million dollars** if built privately.

The council has contributed in a relatively small but significant way to ensure that this asset is not lost especially in times where narrow thinking opportunism might see an opportunity to 'cash it in'.

Indeed such action would be an insult to all those in the community are prepared to give there time, money and commitment to produce a meeting place for it's community to recreate, to develop new friendships and to share the many challenges of golf. From 8 - 80, male or female this game is an opportunity for all to enjoy this international game.

At its worst it is a glorious 6 -7 kilometre walk in a picturesque environment. At its best and for a brief moment you have 'mastered' your game.

We invite you to come and join us at the Mount Pleasant and District Golf club and support our continued contribution to your district's sporting facilities.



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Profile:

Alexandrine Seager



I have come to admire this woman who saw a need, and was able to inspire others to work with her to help to provide a solution; firstly with the establishment of the Cheer Up Society and then with the suggestion of Violet Day, as a way to raise funds to bring her dream of a permanent soldiers' club to fruition.

The Cheer Up Society was established in November 1914 and within a week were serving meals to the men who were leaving, hundreds at a time. This continued throughout the war years and afterwards until the men returned home. A meeting held on 22nd June 1915 invited any interested people to attend at the Bentham Street office, in order to plan Violet day, a planned fundraiser, and a suggestion by the Cheer Up Society Secretary, Mrs Alexandrine Seager. The 'modest violet' was seen as a sweet and honoured flower which was a fitting one to commemorate those who would not return, but would keep their memory sweet and honoured for all time.

And just 10 days later the first Violet Day was held; with sellers in the street with badges and bunches of violets from as far away as Melbourne and western Victoria for sale. All money raised went towards the cost of a permanent club building, which was to be used as a haven for wounded soldiers who may not have the comforts of home after their release from medical care.

The first Violet Day, held on 2nd July 1915, preceded the commemoration of Anzac Day, the first of which did not happen until 1916, and it was hoped it would be a day of sentiment when '*... every man, woman, and child in South Australia will wear violets out of respect to the brave lads who have fallen at the Dardanelles. No flower could more fittingly symbolize the love of Australians for the soldiers who have sacrificed all for their country's honour.*' Anticipated to be a success, it did in fact continue annually until 1970, with the date changing in 1928 when it was then held on the first Sunday in August, this being the nearest date to the beginning of World War 1.

A woman I admire

It was while I was researching my family tree that I first learnt of the Cheer Up Society, with photos of a parade at Cowell, featuring a float, and when asked to speak to the Red Cross Conference in 2014, which was held at Mount Pleasant and hosted by the local group, I decided to make this my topic. This led me to the Cheer Up Hut and its founder, Alexandrine Seager, and I became enamoured with Alexandrine (called Ina and Alexandra) Seager, grandmother of our local Councillor, Michael Seager.

Alexandrine Seager felt much compassion for the soldiers who were leaving home soil to fight during World War 1, and it was after her visit to Harold at the Mitcham Training Centre that an idea came to fruition, aided by the then Editor of *The Register* newspaper, Mr William Sowden, who also saw a need to recognise the men who were leaving Australia to fight for King and Country. Many men did not return and others came home broken and Mrs Seager felt that the community should send these men off in a happy frame of mind, and ultimately welcome them home.

Paula Bartsch
Historian



Community Meeting

A meeting of those people who expressed interest in either being on the Incorporated body or supporting the process of formulation of that body for the purpose of managing the Section 41 Committees will be held on Thursday 30th July at 7.30 pm^(11 SEP) in the Westphalen Room of the Mt Pleasant Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Agenda items are:

- Clarification of direction of this group
- Sharing of reasons for being interested in this process
- Information and discussion with Craig Grocke about the process from here.

Veiling the Hall for Violet Day



The Hall will be veiled in violets during July to celebrate Violet Day. The first Violet Day was held on the 2nd July, 1915. It's not too late to add yours to the veil! See Paula Bartsch for details. Violet pattern: Visit History SA and click on the link under Resources on the right hand side of the page.

Links for information on the commemoration:

<http://www.weekendnotes.com/violet-day-commemorations/>

(If you look carefully, you might see a local icon!)

<http://sahistoryhub.com.au/events/violet-day>



Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market 2015 Photo Competition

THEME
We are looking for digital images on the theme: "Celebrate the people, products, & spirit of the Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market". Photos should highlight the diversity of people, products and events at the Market.

OPEN TO ALL AGES

WHAT TO ENTER
Include images of market days, scenery, people, market special events, & or products. Let your imagination guide your creativity....
Images can be either in black & white or colour !

1ST PLACE: \$100 Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market gift voucher
2ND PLACE: \$80 Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market gift voucher
PEOPLE'S CHOICE: 1 year Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market Membership

HOW TO ENTER:
Pick up Information sheet & release/entry form at the administration desk on market day or go to our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mount-Pleasant-Farmers-Market-Inc-South-Australia/> or go to our website www.mpfm.org.au or email managermpfm@bigpond.com

Photo Images can be submitted any time from June 1, 2015 through contest close at 5pm on August 31, 2015. Images are not limited to those taken during those months.

FARMERS MARKET

Violet Day High Tea

A High Tea to celebrate Violet Day will be held in the Soldiers Memorial Hall on 19th July at 2 pm. Please call Pauline Taheny on 8568 2617 or Paula Bartsch on 8568 2126, to RSVP.



+ Did you know? Mt Pleasant golf trivia...

Soon after MC Walter Jones arrived in Mount Pleasant during 1935, he persuaded fellow enthusiasts to join him in laying out a golf course directly behind the police station, on land across the Torrens River. Indeed, play proceeded around the remains of the township's first tavern – the Mount Pleasant Inn. A new Torrens footbridge of wooden slats laid over railway girders provided convenient public access from the railway station and main road. Unfortunately, the river proved as unkind to golf balls as it had to long-gone hotel customers and quick drying rank grass everywhere on the course proved an almost unbearable additional detraction.

Read the rest in 'The Quiet Waters By' – Reg Butler



SACWA:

85 years young and still going strong!

The CWA in South Australia began in Burra in 1926 and was known as the Burra Country Women's Service Association. A branch was started in Adelaide in 1928, and the South Australian Country Women's Association was formed in 1929. The association's slogan is 'Sharing and caring with action'.

The Mount Pleasant Branch was started after a meeting was held of the X Club on Friday 15th November 1935 at 3pm in the hall, which members of the state committee attended. The 60 women who attended decided to hold their first meeting on the 3rd of December, 1935. 70 women were present from surrounding areas – Mount Pleasant, Tungkillo, Mount Crawford, Birdwood, Springton, Eden Valley & Sanderston – attended this meeting.

President Mrs L D Cowling explained one of the aims of the club was to help the needy of the district as the Mount Pleasant Ladies' X Club had done prior to the amalgamation with CWA. Office bearers were - Secretary, Mrs W. T. Rollond, Treasurer, Miss Mary Meakins, Handicraft Secretary, Mrs A. Britten Jones. Executive, Mrs Bruce Forrest (Springton), Mrs E. Hoad (Sanderston), Mrs D. Gordon (Mount Crawford), Mrs E. Owen Brown (Cambrai). They decided to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm. Mt Pleasant C.W.A. will be celebrating their 80th birthday in November this year.

The Association's slogan was carried out by the Mount Pleasant women in many ways including the holding of balls, which raised money which was distributed to needy causes. In 1937 a ball raised £25 which was given to the Hospital Fund, the fence and garage fund and the Traveller's Aid Society.

At the Annual General Meeting in 1940 the members were told of the how funds raised had helped local needy families and hospital cases.

+ Check out our new look website – www.mountpleasant.sa.au

We were required to change our provider, and Johannes Hartzenberg from Barossa Computer Services has agreed to sponsor the site for us. He has spent much time developing a bright, modern site, which is easy to manoeuvre throughout, and even managed to bring all the information across from our original site.

We hope you enjoy the information that is available and should you want to make suggestions and give reminders as to just what should be on the site, please contact Paula Bartsch via the Contact Us page, or mtpsmhall@gmail.com.

+ Did you know:

There are two CWA groups in Mount Pleasant? On the first Tuesday in the month the day group meet at 1.30pm, in the CWA clubrooms in the SM Hall.

Later the same day, at 6.30pm, the evening group meet in the SM Hall kitchen.

(see calendar)

They had also made up clothes and collected together hampers for the Cheer Up Hut, knitted for the Comforts Fund, collected for the Thrift Campaign and sent money to the War Emergency Funds.

Catering for off-shear, and normal sales dates back to the 1950's.

International Day was an interesting activity celebrated by all branches. In 1941 the Mount Pleasant branches birthday coincided with America Day, The Star Spangled Banner was sung, a mannequin parade was led by 'Uncle Sam' and a paper on America was read.

One of the most popular activities was learning handicrafts of many kinds and it is recorded that in 1937, 240 women attended a handicraft exhibition held at Mt Pleasant. Cookery contests and Flower competitions were also held.

In 1945 the C.W.A. instigated the formation of Mothers and Babies Health Association group at Mount Pleasant.

Pauline Taheny



AT NEW CANTEEN:

WOMEN'S PAGES

At the Elders-GM Mount Pleasant off-shears sale held on Friday, November 10, CWA members were able to enjoy facilities of a canteen rebuilt on the site of the old canteen, adjacent to the saleyards. This was the first use of the canteen since it had been modernised and re-equipped. Our photograph shows Miss Joy Starkey, Mrs. J. A. Deane, Mrs. A. J. McGilvray, Mrs. A. B. Rundle, Mrs. E. Gardner and Mrs. M. Halren ready to pass around the cups for luncheon, a service which raises funds for the association's projects.

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+ Woodpatch Quilters - Quilt Exhibition - Lobethal Centennial Hall on August 1st and 2nd. Entry \$4. Trading Table, On-site quilt shop, Light refreshments.

July events and meetings



School holidays

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2 7.00pm: Choir SM Hall	3	4 8-12: MP Farmer's Market 2.00pm: ToTT Bingo	5
6	7 1.30pm: CWA Day 6.30pm: CWA Night	8 9.30am: Men's Shed (Bakery)	9 7.00pm: Choir SM Hall	10	11 8-12: MP Farmer's Market	12
13	14 7.00pm: RSL social gathering	15	16 7.00pm: Choir SM Hall	17	18 8-12: MP Farmer's Market	19 2.00pm: Violet Day High Tea
20	21	22 9.30am: Men's Shed (Bakery)	23 7.00pm: Choir SM Hall	24	25 8-12: MP Farmer's Market	26 5.00pm: RSL Meeting No community dinner this month
27 Showgrounds Committee meeting	28	29 	30 7.00pm: Choir SM Hall 7.30pm: Community meeting	31		(1 st & 2 nd August Woodpatch Quilts @ Lobethal)



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, please contact us. Details below.



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