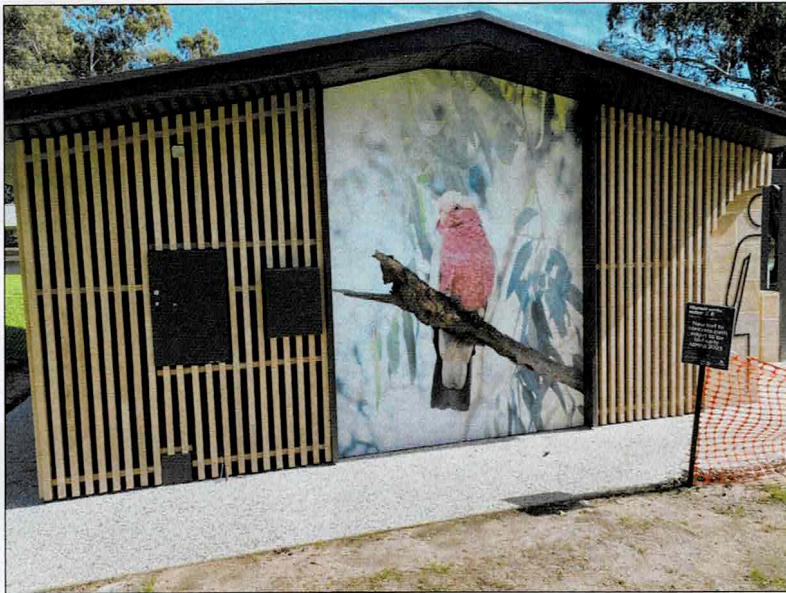


GUMERACHA, FORRESTON & KENTON VALLEY NEWSLETTER

September 2023



Gumeracha Projects

Last year and this year saw the construction of the new toilets serving the Oval and Precinct north of the creek and Federation Park and Courts to the south bank. Both facilities are of excellent construction and provide up-to-date hygienic and appealing decor.

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Gumeracha Projects (continued)

Council has developed upgraded public services in other neighbouring townships, eg Birdwood, Lobethal, Woodside. Well done.

Pathway

In Federation Park, a sealed pathway to the toilets with a reserved parking area for buses for the disabled have been built to design plans, making access to the toilets so much easier.

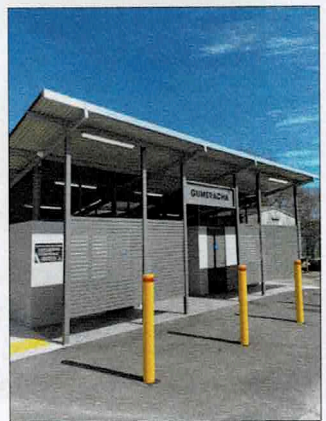
Courts

Along with the “Main Street” undergrounding power lines, water run-off etc., footpaths and road upgrades, the Sports Park facilities were also for a major upgrade. The result - resurfaced and refenced courts.

Watering system

The sourcing and provision of water for the oval surface and the parkland cover were resolved for most needed action. To this end a new bore, needed for water source is being drilled and flow tested for the oval and the parkland. This project is underway centred upon a bore between the oval, the Sports Centre and the creek bed.

Council – Well Done!!!



Gumeracha Spinners & Weavers Open Day

On 18 June the Gumeracha Spinners & Weavers held an Open Day at the Gumeracha Town Hall which was well attended by members and visitors despite the chilly weather.

The Spinners and Weavers meet every Tuesday from 10am - 2pm at Salem Baptist Church Hall and anyone is welcome to visit and see what we do. New members are always welcome.

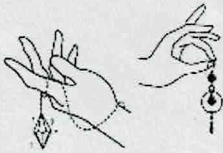


MT PLEASANT FARMERS MARKET PRESENTS

MAKERS on MELROSE

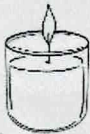
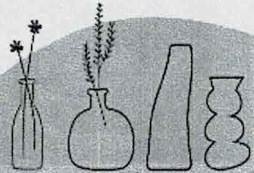
Showgrounds, Melrose Street, Mt. Pleasant SA

Held on the third Saturday of the month
from September to May



Featuring a carefully curated selection
of quality, hand made products from
South Australian artists & makers

Running alongside our fabulous
Farmers Market



Eat, browse, shop and find unique
and beautiful hand crafted goods

Dates 2023/24 Season - Time: 8am-12pm

- * September 16th 2023
- * October 21st 2023
- * November 18th 2023
- * December 16th 2023
- * January 20th 2024
- * February 17th 2024
- * March 2024 - no market
- * April 20th 2024
- * May 18th 2024

Note: No market in March due to Mt. Pleasant Show

  @mountpleasantfarmersmarketau

The Gift of Storm

The thunder rolled all through the night
Lightening lit the sky
Electric was the breath of God
Electric you and I

The crackle and vibration
The scintillating smell
Of rain that washed the darkness out
And rang the morning bell

The bell of magpies singing
Their love song on the breeze
As the water dripped and glistened
From the canopies of trees

The sweet chirps of a myriad
Of birds to greet the dawn
As the remnants of the storms last rumples
Wake slow the early morn

The world washed clean and lying damp
The air is fresh and free
As we integrate the gift of storm
Back into you and me

Bear Soul Poetry
Shane Potter

Gumeracha Primary School News

In week one, we celebrated NAIDOC Week with different activities scheduled daily.

On the Wednesday, we gathered in the garden and the JP class shared their dance and singing of Koori Dreamtime. Suzanne taught us a traditional Torres Strait Islander song called Kaiape, complete with some challenging clapping stick choreography. We enjoyed a campfire, some yarning and toasted marshmallows. It was such a lovely time to come together.

On the Thursday, we painted our own boomerang and flag cookies using edible icing paint. This was a fun and delicious activity tied to our flag raising ceremony on the Monday where we learned more about the history of our two flags.



Did you know?

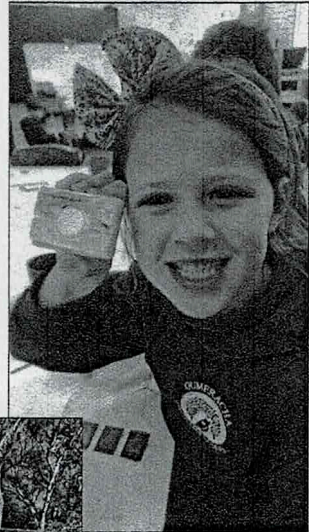
- The Australian flag was chosen in EARLY 1901 (122 years ago) after Federation and we became an independent country. It was chosen in a public competition and includes the union jack, as a nod to our British Heritage and the Southern Cross and Commonwealth Star which represents Australia as a unified nation

- The Australian Aboriginal Flag was designed by artist Harold Thomas and first flown at Victoria Square in Adelaide, South Australia, on National Aborigines Day, 12 July 1971 some 70 years after the Australian flag was chosen.

(Claire with her painted cookies)

The Aboriginal Flag is divided horizontally into equal halves of black (top) and red (bottom), with a yellow circle in the centre. The black symbolises Aboriginal people. The yellow represents the sun, the constant re-newer of life. Red depicts the earth and peoples' relationship to the land. It also represents ochre, which is used by Aboriginal people in ceremonies.

(Adeline with her painted cookie)



(Students gathered around the campfire)

Lyndsey Martin
Principal



Gumeracha Community Association would love your help!

You are invited to become a member of the **Gumeracha Community Association**. We meet at 7pm on the second Wednesday of every month (except January) in the RSL room behind the Gumeracha Library.

Maybe you don't want to attend meetings but you'd like to help in some way at our apple and pear juice stalls at the various markets we attend, or help in some other way! We'd love to hear from you. Email us on pcleith84@gmail.com or come along to a meeting and see what we are about and we will answer any questions you may have.



With VIP Guest Speaker
Hannah Moloney
ABC's Gardening Australia

SA SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

- MOUNT PLEASANT -

Saturday 23rd September 2023

MT. PLEASANT
SHOWGROUNDS
Melrose Street, Mt. Pleasant

8am-3pm
ENTRY: \$10/person
SENIORS/CONCESSION: \$7
CHILD (U12): Free

Explore a great range of stalls featuring quality plants, garden furniture, décor & garden care products. Meet our guest speakers, take a workshop & uncover the secrets to a successful garden!

Visit our website for more information and to purchase tickets, and follow us on socials for updates and announcements.

The SA Spring Garden Festival is proudly run in conjunction with

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We are excited to announce that
CE Property Group now offers
property management services!

Property Manager, Sherrie Dedman, has spent her entire career in customer service. Having worked at CE Property Group for 8 years, Sherrie is familiar with the real estate industry and the requirements of both landlords and tenants. She is eager to support investors with their property management needs and looks forward to helping tenants to find their new homes.

For more information about this service, please give Sherrie a call on **0428 972 871** or visit **www.cepg.com.au/rent**.

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Fresh Pressed Apple Juice

After a winter break, we are now back making our wonderful fresh pressed apple and pear juice.

All fruit is crushed and pressed on site and sold by the cupful fresh to you. No additives, no preservatives, just the freshest, purest juice - straight to you. Also available is the delicious hot spiced apple juice - tastes like apple pie in a cup.

This is a Gumeracha Community Association initiative - all profits are used to fund our projects in Gumeracha. So enjoy our delicious juice and support your community at the same time.



You can find us at:

- Mount Pleasant Farmers Market every Saturday morning. This includes the special events - Makers on Melrose and the Spring Garden Festival.
- Sunday 29th October - Gumeracha 5th Sunday Market at Federation Park
- November 26th - Torrens Valley Christmas Market at Mount Torrens Oval

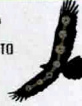
On Country. KIDS. Connect

Join in the only **Nature Festival** event being held in **Gumeracha**. Come along for a **fun day** celebrating, learning and experiencing first hand our **Indigenous culture**



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SOUTHERN CULTURAL IMMERSION

PAINT YOUR STORY ON A BOOMERANG * NGARDI GUWANDA (DEEP LISTENING) AND CONNECTING TO COUNTRY WITH OUR EARS * SOW TO GROW GUSHTUCKER PLANTS * SING ANCIENT SONGLINES



Supported by



Sat 7 Oct. 2023 9.30am - 2pm
Federation Park - Gumeracha



GET TICKETS AT [HTTPS://WWW.NATUREFESTIVAL.ORG.AU/EVENT/ON-COUNTRY-KIDS-CONNECT](https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/on-country-kids-connect)
OR CALL 0438 639 353 FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Gumeracha Community Resilience Group
presents an event you don't want to miss!**

Facing a severe heatwave and a day of catastrophic fire danger

What will you do?

Save the Date - November 9, 2023 6.30-8.30pm

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