



Lies, damn lies, and statistics

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or - even the devil quotes scripture

Mark Twain was pretty right when he coined this phrase. Every major event throws up its share of experts, theories and downright confusion. It’s sometimes difficult to get to the truth of the matter, although even a rudimentary check on some of the wilder claims being made recently isn’t difficult. When someone sends you something via social media or mentions something during a conversation that seems a little outlandish, it probably is. Evidence. It’s what our legal system is built upon, and you may say that checking everything isn’t feasible, but harken to a news conference recently where the U.S. President touted the use of disinfectants in a particular way. Now most of us would read the label on the bottle, but some people – whether they are desperate, ill-informed or uneducated take notice of what their leaders are saying, and blindly follow. If you see something that seems a little too good to be true (remembering there are NO free lunches), google it. Check the source material, what website it is hosted on, and head over to the ABC Fact Check.

When I was working in schools, I quickly realised that the least I would do was be kind. That when I was talking to people – be they colleagues, students or parents, I needed to be careful about what I said and how it might be construed. Children especially can take just one word from a sentence and that can change a life. Sound dramatic? Maybe, but I am reminded of a conversation where a former student was visiting the school and spied his favourite teacher. He immediately got her attention and spent ten minutes hugging her, telling her how much her words had meant to him and how they changed his life, and then he went on to catch up with other teachers. After he left, she turned to me and said “Who was that, and what did I say?” You won’t remember what you said – but others will. Ask any woman who was ever called ‘fat’. That stuff stays forever!

A very unusual Dawn Service



We have some very creative people in our district, as witnessed by the amazing array of ways they chose to commemorate Anzac Day. On pages 2 and 3, you’ll see a few more photos – and yes, they are dark – after all, it WAS a Dawn Service!

Top Photo by Terry Cates-Melling of Cromer



Right by Rachel Elizabeth



Anzac Day



Although everything was different for this year's Anzac Day service for the Mount Pleasant RSL it was still a special day to remember those who had served and died for our country. The front yard of the RSL Hall has had a new addition, a silhouette statue of Simpson and Donkey made by the Men's Shed and painted by an RSL member, Graham Westwood. This was a feature in the display which also included mannequins dressed in uniforms from the three forces, memorial crosses and photos displaying history of our defence forces.

For the Service, the RSL Ode was given by the President of the RSL, Mike Williams and there was a minute's silence. Peter Wilde had written a poem specifically for Anzac Day and this was read by Steve Hughes a Committee member who had over 40 years' service in the Navy. Music was organised by Peter Shaw. Wreaths were laid by the President, the Secretary, Steve Hughes and also Peter Wilde and his wife Ann. Thank you to those of you who donated money in our donation tins.

"Lest we Forget"

Liv Andersen – Secretary



Glynn Jackson



Ann Wilde



Glynn Jackson - Birdwood



Mary Vivian



Craig Coburn



Brooke Grigg - Tungkillo



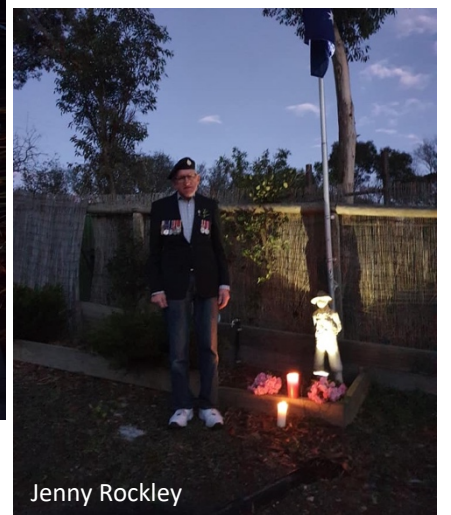
Rodney Freeman



Luke Davies



Theresa Tuthill



Jenny Rockley

Stand in your driveway...

It was a cool and crisp Anzac morning when so many of us met at the end of our driveways – paying our respects and remembering those who served, and those who are still serving. All over Australia, it was an Anzac Day like no other, but every bit as poignant and meaningful. Here are some photos that were posted on social media – thank you to those who gave permission for us to use them.

Although social distancing rules applied, we all tried to do the occasion justice. Peter's Anzac poem is reproduced on page 5. The iron sculpture of Simpson and his Donkey created by John Bowd was installed by the Men's Shed. The names of the photographers are on the photos.



Sharon Mamerow



Noeline Bates



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Social distancing



Glynn Jackson at Birdwood



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Glynn Jackson at Cromer



Peter Wilde



Kath Fisher



History Room veiled



KF



KF

Left and right – Kath and Merry placing poppies on the graves of veterans. As it was Anzac Day, Kath dug out the old CWA cookbook and made Anzac Biscuits. Right: During WW1, the Bax family lived in Melrose House and three of their sons were lost. Paula has written a book about Soldiers of the district and their stories are there in full. When renovations were undertaken a few years ago, a letter of condolence was found. A copy was taken and the original passed on to relatives.



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Pleasant History

Lost love

With the COVID-19 crisis in everyone’s mind currently, I wondered if the previous ‘flu epidemic had affected Mount Pleasant in 1919, and so I started researching the newspapers. In early 1919 there was mention of the restrictions placed on the returning soldiers on their arrival home, and the frustration that caused, as well as the need for reporting of cases of influenza in order to determine the scope of the epidemic. However, it was seen that the benefits outweighed the inconvenience.

In July 1919 there was a reported outbreak of influenza at Cambrai, with eight cases being recognised. Patients were isolated in premises which had been converted into a hospital (where exactly this was the report did not say) with two nurses in charge and Dr. Godfrey of Mount Pleasant looking after the patients. In addition, in October 1919 there was one reported death at Mount Pleasant from influenza.

Dr Godfrey had taken over the general practice in Mount Pleasant in 1918, after the leaving of Dr. Proctor who joined up for World War 1. Dr Godfrey had himself served as Captain. After graduating from University in 1914, he enlisted on 1st May 1915 and was commissioned and sent to 7th Field Ambulance. In that same month he sailed for Egypt and on arrival was sent to the Mena Hospital. He was posted to 6th Field Ambulance in February 1916 and went to France in March 1916, where, during the Battle of Pozieres, in August, he was gassed and so was evacuated to 4th London General Hospital at Denmark Hill, London. He suffered with asthma as a result of the gassing, and so then returned to Australia, with his service being terminated on 7th February 1917. His name is listed on the Glenelg and District WW1 & WW2 Honour Board, and the Hackney St Peter's College Honour Board.

Dr Godfrey purchased the house which, at that time, was traditionally the doctor’s house in Mount Pleasant, at 114 Melrose Street, and stayed until 1925, when he moved to Clare. This means that he would have been involved with the development of the current hospital, which opened in July 1924.

Photo, AWM.6060

The Daily Herald Adelaide 18 Dec 1914
The Mail Adelaide 24 November 1917
Vwma.org.au



Paula Bartsch Historian

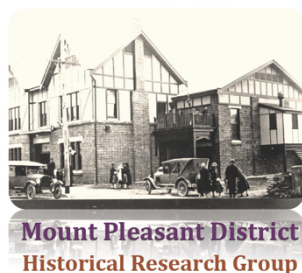


You may have noticed the beautiful Anzac display in the windows of The Bohemian Garden. Jan explained what she’d put there:

“It was a letter from my Nana’s beau when he was fighting in France WW1. My Nana’s name was Florence (pictured below) and he was Jack, they met before the war, and I think they were pretty keen to be together once it was over. Unfortunately, the letters stopped in 1918 sometime, and we don't have any others. As far as we know Jack did come back very wounded and died sometime later. My Nana was later married to my Papa, and I think unbeknown to him she called her first-born Jack, after her earlier beau (or so we can only guess). She kept this and a couple of earlier cards from him in a beautiful old tin, which my sister and I stumbled across when we were clearing out my parent’s house, which also belonged to my grandparents previously, and we were never shown these before. How things can turn out hey! Here’s to Jack and Florence.”



The card reads:
*“Somewhere in France, Aug 27/16
My Dear Florie, Just a note to say I’m still in the land of the living and in good health hoping this will find all well at BT (Bordertown).
With this you will find (illegible) view which I took in Egypt. As news is scarce (sic) and limited a card is all that is necessary, my best regards to all, I remain yours ...”*



The History Room
is closed for the duration.
You can still find us on
Facebook or contact us via:
85682126 or
Pleasanthistory@gmail.com

Peter's poem

Anzac Day + COVID19

It's not a big deal that my team cannot play,
But I'll miss the Dawn Service on this Anzac Day.
Where we bow our bare heads, in the pre-morning chill,
As the new daylight glims, on the far Eastern Hill.
For...

*"They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old."*

To sing the old hymn, to recite the old prayer,
Grandkids, young parents, the Veterans there,
The Crosses of Sacrifice, garland be-decked,
Across all Australia, to show our respect.
And...

*"Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn."*

It saddens my heart that some of us horde,
That sharing and caring is being ignored.
Our Nation has ample for all when we share,
Surely this is a time for compassion, and care.
Then...

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

But we two can stand, mid the dawn-chorus call,
Just over the way from our R.S.L. hall,
For one minute of silence, then a small prayer to pray,
That will be OUR Dawn Service, on this Anzac Day!

"Lest We Forget"

Peter – the peripatetic poet



(Peter attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Mount Pleasant, where he read this poem.)



*'Anzac Bugler'
Illustration by
Sarah Hughes*

Mt Pleasant Hotel Motel to close



Sadly, the Management has had to make this tough decision, and they posted this on Facebook recently:

On behalf of the Mount Pleasant Hotel Motel, I would like to say thank you to all our loyal customers. Unfortunately, we are closing the doors in mid-May and have been unable to negotiate a new lease.

We will hold onto our memories of the Mount Pleasant Hotel Motel and what an amazing ride it has been over the last 2 years. We have met many wonderful people and have made some great friends that we hope to catch up with on a regular basis.

From all the family & team, we want to say thank you for making the Mount Pleasant Hotel Motel a place where everyone felt welcome and had a good time.

Thanks for your support & understanding in these uncertain times, let's all stay safe and well and look out for one another.

All our best to Vicki, Ore and their family. They have worked hard for their business and we will miss them.

Thank You and Good Luck!

Council snippets

With the Covid 19 restrictions a bit of history was made at the last Council meeting on the 21st of April, 2020 when the meeting was livestreamed with no public in the Council chamber.

After discussion Council instructed its CEO to develop a budget, business plan and rate policy setting, excluding the impacts of valuation changes that achieve a zero-percentage general rate revenue increase for 2020-21.

Additionally, new initiatives shall not proceed unless they are legislatively required, address areas of extreme or high risk or deliver significant savings or efficiencies.

Unfortunately, the Mount Pleasant Tennis and Netball Clubs were unsuccessful in their Grassroots Football, Netball and Cricket grant application to upgrade the courts and install floodlighting. Another round of Grassroots funding has opened and Council staff have resubmitted the application, I wish the tennis and netball clubs better luck second time around.

Councillor Don Barrett

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author.

CFS news



On behalf of our brigade, I am thrilled to announce that due to the many kind donations from our Mount Pleasant community and beyond, we have taken delivery of our long awaited FLIR camera. This thermal imaging camera will greatly improve our effectiveness when mopping up and blacking out at rural grass, tree, forest fires by showing us hot spots or confirming the effectiveness of our work.

Thank you to our Community, we the Brigade sincerely appreciate your support in increasing our ability to further protect you all.

Reflections May 1 2020

Open letter to Mt Pleasant CFS and Mt Pleasant Community:

April 30 2020 marked the official end of the 2019-2020 Fire Danger Season. Therefore, I feel it is pertinent that I reflect on my first season as Captain of our Mt Pleasant CFS Brigade. Pardon the pun but what a 'baptism by fire'.

My tenure as Captain unofficially began when I was elected by members at the 2019 AGM back in August 2019 and then became official September 1 2019. To say I was hesitant and a little reluctant to take on the role offered to me, would be an understatement, having only been back in CFS for just 4 years after an absence of about 10 years or so. My hesitancy was borne about by my oft voiced feelings that I hadn't in my 4 years with Mt Pleasant or my previous 10 years with Piccadilly, faced and worked in any really major fire situations. Little was I or others to know what awaited me a mere 3 months later. I agreed to the Captaincy because I knew I would have the support of very experienced firefighters within the brigade to cover my 'large fire' experiences and knew I would bring to the role my skills in people skills, communication and also the passion to serve my community and in turn support those members of the brigade where I could.

Things rolled along nicely until 4 weeks before the opening of the fire season when we started attending a rash of fires in our region. Kersbook, Eden Valley, Springton, Mt Pleasant, Angaston, were all indicators that we could be in for a torrid fire season. Major fires commenced in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and in our own state at Yorketown. Your Brigade had members not only support our community but they also went off to fight on the front line in NSW and QLD and Yorketown in strike teams overseen by Group and

Regional Officers from Region 2. Very dangerous unpredictable fires and weather conditions faced those on the firegrounds. Much has been said of the bravery and professionalism of our deployees and their colleagues from other brigades to these major incidents. The pride I felt in those members was beyond anything I had experienced before.

Then my turn for active involvement came with the Kangaroo Island fire and our very close to home Cudlee Creek Fire, the largest fire since Ash Wednesday 1983. Many read my reflections at the start of Cudlee Creek and at the end of it and my expression of my feelings towards what I had seen and experienced. The courageous efforts, the saves and the losses, the heartache and the communities pulling together. My heart was broken at times but also bulging with pride at my brigade members and their efforts battling 'The Beast'. The support both physical and financial to our brigade from our community was huge and so very much appreciated. Donations of cupcakes through to meals, just a casual drop in at the station when it was manned to simply offer words of support and then also \$\$ that at first, I was reluctant to have the brigade accept preferring the monies offered to go to the CFS Foundation. These things coming from a not very big community again filled me with pride, admiration and love for our community.

When exhaustion both mentally and physically set in, there was always someone or some way to find that bit extra to carry us along. The comradeship, the training, the team work and the sense of family and community is what in my mind enabled us to face and carry on to beat 'The Beast'. My eternal admiration and pride in my members who aided in any way our efforts will always be a part of me.

I can now say that I have 'large fire' experience on my resume and a more confident feeling in my ability to fulfil the role of Captain - Mt Pleasant CFS.

Glynn Jackson
Captain - Mt Pleasant CFS

Support your local business

The Post Office has a great range of Mothers' Day gifts and ideas. You can even order flowers! Be aware that - because of the current situation - Australia Post is experiencing a surge in popularity - so get in quick if you need to post.

MP Inc update

Here is an update overview from the recent April Mount Pleasant Progress Inc. meeting held on Tuesday, 7th April, 2020, via Skype on line.

Present were Genevieve and Chris Hebart, John Bowd, Gareth Saunders, Paul Johnson, Peter Stevens and Wendy Harvey.

Business arising:

The re-development of the ATCO toilets at the MP Show grounds is still ongoing. The plumbing proposal has been accepted by Light Regional Council as per regulations. John Bowd will get quotes on removal of asbestos sheetings.

The MP Show grounds Shed Mural has been completed and Graeme Westwood has been paid for his work.

The new submission for the MP interactive Information Kiosk Project has been sent to Council.

The Grant for funding of the submission to develop the hall Kitchen into industrial standard will not go ahead at this stage, given the quotes coming in at around \$130,000 and \$160,000. The current use of the kitchen does not warrant this expenditure. Committee to look at gaining costing for a lift in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Other ideas for this grant funding at the end of the year are for wall lining and a new floor in the catering shed, The CWA garden and air conditioning in the pavilion.

Information re drought funding and new initiatives was not discussed due to absence of Don Barrett.

Finances:

The MP Progress Association Inc has \$11,513.06.

The MP Community Dinner fund has \$19,942.97.

SALA has \$814.42.

The Audit of the MP Progress Inc. financials for 2018/2019 has been completed. Other outstanding years finances to be completed asap.

Correspondence: Nil.

Project updates: Nil.

Caretaker report: Nil.

Sub-Committee reports:

Talunga Park:

- Caravan Park is full.
- The Oval irrigation work is ongoing.
- The pavilion ceiling has been painted.

The Soldiers' Memorial Hall:

- No further issues have arisen to date.

The Community Dinner:

- Has been cancelled for the time being due to Covid19.

Risk Management issues: Nil.

The MP progress Inc. Strategic Plan is on hold.

Barossa Councillor Discussions: Nil due to Don Barrett's absence.

New initiatives: Proposed Drainage work in front of the Mt Pleasant Show grounds Atrium.

New Business:

Genevieve talked about discussions she has had with Simon Taylor about an e-community support system for people within the Barossa area. This would have information on activities, support services, what is open and what is not etc., relating to individual towns. It was agreed that Sue Barrett

would be the most appropriate person within the town to manage this. Genevieve will speak with her and refer her to Simon Taylor.

Paul Johnson talked about the system we currently use for e-storage of MP Progress Inc. archiving being Drop Box, which is owned and funded by the Farmers Market. Genevieve has concerns that this should be removed. It was recommended that we buy an external hard drive to remove and store information until a more long-term solution is found.

The meeting closed at 8pm. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 12th, via Skype at 6.30pm.

Gareth Saunders

MP Progress Association Inc



In a local response to the wide reaching effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic The Barossa Council, supported by the Southern Barossa Alliance, Tourism Barossa, Feros Care, RDA Barossa and Barossa & Districts Health Advisory Council are pleased to be launching a platform, aptly known as Barossa Cares, to connect vulnerable community members with the services they need most during this crisis.

The aim of the Barossa Cares platform online is to:

- Engage community supports to ensure that Barossans in need can access the practical support they need
- Provide access to a wide range of trustworthy support providers both on a local and state level
- Promote community engagement through connectivity and kindness

"The Barossa Cares website is a 'one-stop-shop' approach which will enable community to easily and quickly connect with the services they need with the peace of mind that they are accessing reliable and qualified providers," said Mayor Bim Lange.

The platform also aims to connect volunteers with existing organisations that may be requiring additional volunteers to assist with delivering support or services to those in need.

"Our region's sense of community spirit always makes me proud, and I know that this unique spirit continues to prevail during this crisis, so I encourage you, if you are interested in lending a hand, to connect with one of the many excellent support organisations via Barossa Cares," said Mayor Lange. Barossa Cares will continue to evolve and grow as organisations mobilise their response to the needs of the community during the pandemic.

To find a support or service that you or someone you care for may need, go to barossacares.com.au or contact Council's Customer Support team on 8563 8444 for more information.



Recreate

Vegie seedlings galore
Punnets \$4 each. Varieties include silverbeet, spinach, cabbage, coriander, salad mix, snow peas, sugar snaps.

Visit our 'Book Now' button on Facebook to book an appointment to browse further and make any purchases.



Our creative reuse makers bags are chock full of upcycled craft materials. Fabric, paper, vinyl, flooring samples, interesting bits n bobs, timber, beads and buttons, yarn, and lots of other goodies. Organised in handmade paper pouches, and packaged in a reusable fabric bag. Hours of open-ended play and creativity.



Build, make cards and stamps, weave, stack, glue, stitch, stick... the choice is yours! Available in two sizes, the medium \$5 bag and the jumbo \$10 bag. You can pre-order and pick up by appointment, or we offer contactless delivery for \$5 to some townships (check first). Send us a direct message or text order to 0427 998 553.



Looking for a feature piece for your garden? Or perhaps a large outdoor fire pit that is built to last? Check out these beauties handcrafted by Glen. A whizz on the welder and creative front, Glen also volunteers at Recreate. These are all currently available and free delivery for the big pieces is included within 100km of Mount Pleasant.



May, 2020



Marketing!

Shop with Ease

Welcome to Mount Pleasant Farmers Market! Our online market features many of our stalwart stallholders and a selection of their products. Order online for Saturday morning drive-through & pick-up.



Orders placed by midnight Wednesday will be available from 9.30am Saturday at the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market. Please call (0418 301 121) on entry to showground for direction to our social-distancing compliant pick up point.

Presentation of confirmation email (screenshot preferred) will be required for order collection from our drive thru pick-up point or alternately from the market's administration desk.

Please note orders placed AFTER midnight Wednesday will not be available until the following week.

Mothers Day is Saturday May 2nd!

What about a market bag full of all her favourite market goodies?

chocolates – biscuits – cheeses – wine – cider – dried fruit – fresh fruit – mettwurst – market bag

EASY!

Shop on-line

choose her favourites

pay on line and pick up ready to go

Saturday 2nd May

Shopping Done!



Men's Shedding

The blokes have been busy adding to their extension and getting the corrugated sculpture ready for the RSL in time for Anzac Day. Pictured from top are Murray and Bowdy working on the extension, the extension exterior, and John, Murray and RSL members at the installation of 'Simpson & his Donkey'.



The Men's Shed is closed until further notice.
For information please contact:
Murray – Chairperson –
0439385291
or Gareth – Secretary –
0430026993
or email -
mpmensshed@bigpond.com



Clubs & Committees



CWA & Red Cross



The Mt Pleasant Branch of the South Australian Country Womens' Association was formed in 1935 and we are a very happy and talented group, always busy and supporting community minded projects and SACWA. One of our major sources of fundraising is the Market Tea Rooms, supplying pies, pasties, sandwiches, soup and cakes to the farmers. Our branch also supports the 'personal packs' with St John's Anglican Church and the Birdwood United Church. FoodBank is another group we support and there is a box for donations in the Mt Pleasant Post Office. Any donations are appreciated.

Our Craft Officer Jan Bradbury has many craft ideas for our members to attempt, and we are opening up the craft day for any interested people who would like to join us, once the exile due to the COVID-19 virus ceases. These will be held on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Mt Pleasant Red Cross members (formed in 1939) have joined in with SACWA and community members with the FoodBank donations, and have been asked to knit squares to make up into rugs for the homeless, not forgetting those people affected by the bushfires. As winter draws near, a warm rug will be appreciated – so girls, find the wool and needles and keep knitting! Wool may be purchased at the Birdwood Newsagency. Let's support our locals any way we can.

Another project includes saving the plastic tops on bottles. Lovell's at Birdwood are collecting these to be repurposed into prosthetics, which is a great humanitarian cause.

The First Aid course that was due to take place at the Men's Shed on 1st April will be re-scheduled, and those Red Cross and SACWA members who added their names to the list will be able to update their basic first aid skills.

Our girls continue to ring each other to keep their spirits up and just to say "Hello" and "Are you OK?". Our motto – 'Care, Share, and the Hands of Friendship' extended to everyone.

If you are interested in joining the SA CWA, please contact Secretary Kath Fisher on 85682205

Red Cross are also keen for new members, and if you are interested, please contact President Margaret Seager on 85682368.

Kath Fisher

Secretary SACWA Mt Pleasant Branch

MPCA Inc



The Community Association has been unable to meet, like all other committees. Hopefully, we will be able to proceed with the Street Party as planned, even if the meeting is postponed until later. Whatever happens, we always welcome new members.



Street Party Group

Although we were unable to hold an April meeting, the Street Party group is cautiously making some plans for this year's event. Some planning can go ahead – such as requests for road closures and permissions from the council, etc. We may be able to book some entertainment, but we won't know until later. Think about helping this year – there are all sorts of jobs – big and small – that you could help with, for this great community event. We welcome new members with energy and great ideas. Contact Secretary Sue Barrett on 85682985 to register your interest.

Habitat Recovery Alliance



UPPER RIVER TORRENS
LANDCARE GROUP

A project of the Upper River Torrens Landcare Group in partnership with



Grants secured

Collaboration of local groups secures bushfire recovery funding grants

Early in 2020, in response to the widespread Cudlee Creek bushfires, the Upper River Torrens Landcare Group (URLTG) formed an alliance with seven local community groups. This collaborative group, named Habitat Recovery Alliance (HRA) was assembled to further develop and advance the activities that the URLTG had already established to support habitat recovery within the bushfire scar.

Kim Thompson, Secretary of the URLTG said “This grass roots project had already attracted much volunteer support and there was a real opportunity to increase engagement with the community and deliver wildlife habitat outcomes on the ground. The formation of the HRA will strengthen those efforts in the road to recovery.”

The collaborators for the project include Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre Inc., Cudlee Creek Fire- Garden Recovery, Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Inc., Kersbrook Landcare Group, Barossa Bush Gardens, Mt Pleasant Progress Association Inc., and Seeding Natives Inc.

In February and March, the HRA worked together to build an “adopt a box scheme” and facilitate volunteer seedling workshops. Upon the completion of each of the workshops, the volunteer growers were able to take home the growing kit they had prepared and take care of seedlings until planting season.

Stephen Anderson, workshop co-ordinator said, “These efforts produced 16,750 seedlings, over 6 Saturdays with 18 workshop sessions, with 220 individual volunteers growing, with 42 different plant species. The workshops became a very practical way for the wider community to support the recovery process for wildlife, habitat and the people who live in these areas.”

To further financially support efforts of the HRA, the group applied for, and was successful in receiving a Landcare Australia Bushfire Recovery Grant and a Lockheed Martin Landcare Grant. Of the 23 Landcare Australia Bushfire Recovery Grants awarded nationally, HRA's strong application made it one of three South Australian groups to receive this grant. This grants program focuses on supporting farmers, Landcare groups and other community groups with essential wildlife habitat restoration, shelterbelts and fencing projects.

Kim Thompson said, “Funds from the Landcare Australia Bushfire Recovery Grant and the Lockheed Martin Landcare Grant will enable the Habitat Recovery Alliance to deliver essential habitat restoration across the fire scar. This will include site assessment and preparation, provision of appropriate plants, guards and stakes, facilitation and coordination of planting, building and installation of appropriate wildlife nest boxes for each site.”

Extra challenges due to the recent coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, and the ongoing daily changes to government requirements in attempts to stop the spread of this pandemic, the HRA are now finding ways to co-ordination of collection, planting and distribution of volunteer grown seedlings. The Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board (AMLRNRM) have offered assistance to support the HRA, with these many tasks.

Kim said, “This collaboration and assistance will add to the existing capacity of the Alliance to support our volunteers, communities and environmental restoration in this challenging time.”

The Habitat Recovery Alliance anticipates the project will extend into the next three years at least, with the initial grants to be acquitted late 2020. For more information or enquiries about the project, contact Terese Stephens torrenslandcare@gmail.com or phone 0417 330 343.



Pictured is Gillian Hall-Smith from Keyneton

May calendar



No, you haven't gained that much weight during the quarantine. Come on...chin up. No, the other one.



ALL face-to-face meetings are suspended until further notice.

Most businesses are closed unless deemed essential. The Mount Pleasant and Totness Inn Hotels are doing takeaway. You can still go to supermarkets, but social distancing will apply. Please be sensible, limit visits and only get what you NEED. Klose's have an online service, as do a few other businesses. Check on the net for these.

CFS – an essential service – this group like other emergency services will be observing social distancing guidelines as per instructions.

MP Farmers' Market - as the only place the public can buy fresh fruit & vegetables in any quantity in the town, the market (and most others) are considered essential services, and remain open, following strict social distancing protocols. Ordering online is now available.

MP Bakery & Lovell's Bakery have some grocery lines.

Events

Date	Event	Details
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	MP Farmers' Market – ALSO ONLINE	8-12, Saturday @ Talunga Park

Meetings

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
CWA Craft Group	1 st and third Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30am @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Community Dinner Group	1 st Tuesday, 6.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd Tuesday in month
Men's Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am. Social Night – second Friday in month
MP District History	1-4pm, every Thursday @ History Room, SM Hall
MP Farmers' Market	8-12, every Saturday @ Talunga Park (unless otherwise advertised)
MP Inc	6.30pm, 2 nd Tuesday @ SM Hall
MP Show Society	2 nd Monday @ Talunga Park
MP Spinners & Craft Group	St John's Church Hall, 10-3 on Wednesdays
MP Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Pleasant Painters	2 nd & 4 th Friday from 10am-2pm, @ MP Library
Red Cross	Bi-Monthly, 1.30pm, 4 th Thurs @ SM Hall
RSL Social	1 st Tuesday - Social gathering
RSL Meeting	Alternate month, last Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting
SM Hall VAC	Bi-monthly 7.30pm, 4 th Monday @ SM Hall (Jan, March, May, July, August, October)
St John's Card Group (500)	1 st Thursday every month. 12 noon start. \$10 for 2 course meal + beverages.
Writers' Group	Please email: mrdonblataceaser@gmail.com

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