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# Sustainable vibrancy

It was a great turnout for the town meeting on Remembrance Day, quite appropriate as many of us remember when Chris Sands was here in 2015.



Maz McGann and representatives from the RDA presented some ideas on how to inject some 'sustainable vibrancy' into the town, mentioning the 'Totally Locally' movement started in the UK by Chris Sands, and how businesses in small towns and villages have collaborated with ordinary people to publicise all that is local.

She talked about 'place', and how well designed and thoughtful centres of small towns and villages can give a sense of character, and create an atmosphere of 'walkability' that encourages visitors to explore.

'Activity' was another topic, focussing on festivals and events. The Market as a big drawcard continues to be popular with locals and visitors. Maz mentioned that a commercial event may not necessarily make a profit, but the community could benefit from the business (and possibly jobs) generated.

Projects for public places could include community art projects (as demonstrated by the artwork at Talunga Park painted by local Graham Westwood).

In small town case studies, the focus is on:

Local Heritage

Nearby bushland (eco tours)

Solar Farms (less invasive than massive power stations)

Local Festivals – with the rider that towns don't replicate what other nearby towns are already successfully doing.

Connecting with other towns to become part of a trail (Gumeracha, Birdwood, Mt Torrens, Springton and Eden Valley).

We could suggest to visitors that they use Mount Pleasant as a home base – as we seem to be 40 minutes from everywhere. Other towns have hired people to do research as to what types of festivals might work in the district (Wangaratta now hosts a Jazz Festival).

Signage is very important, as is

Amenities – make sure there are enough toilets where they are needed.

Develop a town brand – an identity.

## MP Australia Day 2021 Community Awards



On Australia Day, we will be presenting the 2020 Senior and Junior Mount Pleasant Community Awards. Nominations are open until 20<sup>th</sup> January. Is there someone you'd like acknowledged for their community work? Is there a group you think deserves an award?



The Presentation will be held at 9am during the Australia Day Breakfast in the CWA Garden. We request that you simply give us details regarding the reasons for your nomination, via email or on paper.



These can be sent via:  
email to [mpca.inc@gmail.com](mailto:mpca.inc@gmail.com)  
posted to Paula Bartsch - PO Box 130, Mt Pleasant or handed to Paula prior to 20th January 2021.

Australia Day Group - Mt Pleasant Community Association

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Make the most of natural assets – ie: Top of the Torrens.  
Perhaps think of attaining / establishing a multi-use community centre.

Another community hired a Community Development Officer.

Create Pop-Up shops in empty premises

Decorate empty shops or create displays to give the impression to visitors that the community is vibrant and active. (Mannum does this, and Peterborough in the north has also used this successfully. Yackandandah – which was the subject of a 'Backroads' episode - has used this idea, and SACWA is currently doing this in the Adelaide Arcade, something that couldn't have been done without the largesse of the Adelaide Council and the Arcade management.)

Create an exhibition space or a temporary studio for local artists or artisans.

The universal qualities of success include deep and meaningful collaboration (I would also suggest complimenting – particularly in the case of creating ties with other towns in our district).

Have goals that are simple – don't complicate things. Perhaps do projects in stages, and not try and do it all at once.

Planning, participation, leadership are important. Perhaps creating partnerships with the local council, and in Mt Pleasant's case – neighbouring councils.

Be authentic – stick to the character of the town and take care of locals first, then visitors.

Know our strengths.

And above all – be altruistic. Giving of time and energies and ideas will generate good will and create a happier, more inclusive and creative atmosphere.



A few of the locals were happy to talk about some of the initiatives they were currently pursuing – including Dave Swann from the Golf Club, which has been promoting Footgolf for the last few years. The members would also like to establish a Bird Hide – which would be something unique, and attract a different group of visitors.

There was talk of people being able to access a 'volunteer' app, whereby people with little time could put themselves forward for specific times.

During the discussion that followed, we were broken up into groups and some of the ideas that were thrown around were quite good. Generally, many of the things mentioned were duplicated – with talk about:

More should be done to highlight the contribution of the Peramangk people, who were here before European settlement.

Hosting a stage of the Tour Downunder – next year's tour has been drastically modified and won't include overseas competitors.



Redesigning the CWA Gardens as the layout doesn't reflect current usage. Concern that plantings are a haven for snakes, and that there is lack of space for groups to enjoy what was meant to be a peaceful garden dedicated to those who served.

Planter boxes were also mentioned (*we have been asking people to put their names forward if they are interested in forming a garden club – which would be useful in establishing and maintaining these. There are already garden clubs in the Barossa Council area which work in conjunction with the council to that end, and there was an article in this week's Leader about the club at Williamstown.*)

Creating an oval bike path, mountain bike path and walking bike path around / to the Golf Course.

There was a lot of talk about upgrading the Caravan Park – particularly in light of its heavy occupancy during the fires last December, and then later with people using it as a base when COVID restrictions prevented interstate travel. The power situation badly needs upgrading – and it is hoped that this will be addressed soon. Many people thought adding some cabins for low-cost accommodation should be a priority. A camp kitchen was mentioned – and this is on the Masterplan.

A suggestion that overtures be made regarding holding a Tom Quilty again. (Not sure if these events are still being held, but it's worth looking at).

An emphasis on good food and possibly more venues was discussed. Perhaps having more Chefs at the Market on a regular basis, and even the possibility of a Food Truck competition was mooted.

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There was concern that Mt Pleasant – being a part of the Barossa Council, but not the wine region – wasn't promoted at the Barossa Visitor's Centre. People mentioned that Mt Pleasant is more about agriculture than wine and was settled predominantly by people from Scotland and England.

Horses and horse events were mentioned, and that facilities need upgrading.

There is little in the town for young people – either amenities, services, or activities. (A Youth bus funded by the Barossa and Light Councils used to call into the town, but funding has always been a major issue, which is a shame when there are kids at risk here.)

There is a lack of community bus links for those who have limited mobility.

Issues with some parking areas are also a concern, although this wasn't perhaps addressed as it should have been. Whilst there is ample parking in the main street near the hall, there are some areas where customers park along the road, instead of the designated car parks, which does impede some businesses.

It was also suggested that perhaps Mt Pleasant could host some Fringe events. This was done a few years ago by the Birdwood High School which has some excellent facilities.

Encouraging people to work together for the common good is paramount.

The meeting was closed, with Maz asking us to think about all of these ideas over summer, talk with our neighbours and business people, local council, and groups in the town. We'll meet again in February and perhaps start to formulate a way forward for our town so that we could become a destination, rather than a drive-through.

Even though there was an air of Déjà vu about it all, remembering that the people who were involved in establishing the progress association hosted Chris Sands, courtesy of the RDA, and he put forward many of these ideas for us to mull over, I am hoping that this time, something more will come of some good, robust discussion.

We are so lucky here in that we have a great location, and a friendly, inclusive community. We already (normally) host a couple of terrific events – the Show and the Christmas Street Party and Parade – and have people who continue to work hard in volunteer positions. We still have some traces of culture from the Peramangk people around the extended district, and many historic buildings still standing and in good repair. Our Caravan Park is a gem, although needing upgrades, and we also have some great sporting and special interest clubs.

Sue B



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# MPPA Inc.

(Mt Pleasant Progress Association Inc.)

Mount Pleasant Progress Inc. General meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, at the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed.

The Minutes of the previous General meeting of September were adopted.

Moved: John Bowd,

Seconded: Paul Johnson.

Present were: John Bowd, Wendy Harvey, Genevieve Hebart, Don Barrett, Paul Johnson, Pete Stephens, Gareth Saunders.

Apologies: Chris Hebart, Di Anderson, Tracey Spargo.

## Business arising/ongoing:

- No further information about the Show Office building progress at this stage. Ongoing.
- No further information about the Council Brief regarding the Soldier's Memorial Hall Lift proposal. Ongoing.
- The Brass plaque regarding tree donors is in the process of being created. The tree stump where the plaque will be fixed to is awaiting painting.
- Graeme Westwood's shearing theme mural on the Showgrounds shed, facing the roadside, is progressing well.
- A meeting with Barossa Tourism was held recently. It is unlikely that funding will be forthcoming for 'Project Informed' (the interactive electronic information kiosk unit), but there will be funding for a local MP trail pamphlet. Waiting for further information from Jo Seabrook.
- The Barossa Council has attended to the ruts in the oval.
- All dead trees have been replaced.
- No further action of SM Hall hiring fees.

## Finances:

- MP Progress Inc. has \$9,177.42.
- The MP Community Dinner has \$10,408.08.
- SALA has \$814.42
- 'Fit and 50s' group has no deposits as yet.
- Paperwork to change banks for MP Progress Inc. business was tabled for signing.
- Council finance reports were emailed to members. Waiting for audit report.

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Project updates:** Project Informed will be kept on ice until further notice.

## Sub Committee reports:

**Talunga Park:** No specific issues

**SM Hall:** No further issues. Waiting for Rob Nies to attend to current problems already reported to the Council.

**The Community Dinner:** The community dinner attendance was good last time. Next dinner was scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> November and was to be a Christmas dinner. Cancelled due to COVID outbreak.

## Councillor Discussion:

- Discussions are ongoing in relation to Talunga Village between Council, SA health and Junction housing.

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- Tenders have been advertised for Tennis/Netball courts refurbishments.
- There has been discussion about the grant funding streams available for communities, but Council staff are unable to devote the time to this at the moment.
- A reminder about citizenship awards pending.
- There has been no further response about the electrical engineer's report for Talunga Park power system. Seems to be working well again.

**Risk Management:** Nil

**Strategic Plan:** Nil

**New initiatives:** Nothing further at this stage.

**New Business:**

- There was discussion about the Regional Development Australia meeting with MP business and community reps. Our Town meeting was held at the Pavilion on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- It was suggested that we should restore the old information bay next to the SM Hall in preparation for any future use whether it be electronic or onpaper.
- It was also suggested that the information Bay at Talunga Park should be renewed.
- The Men's Shed are restoring the wooden animal sculptures in the playground at Talunga park.
- Wendy talked about the Information and History Boards in the main street of Loxton and suggested that the MP Progress Inc. group should investigate having something similar in Mt. Pleasant.
- A meeting with Dave Mac, Council and Belgravia re the future management of the CaravanPark has taken place.
- Gareth reminded members that he is still involved as a MP Community Rep. within the 'My Home Hospital' SA Health project.
- Gareth informed us that his wife, Shari Saunders, has been awarded the Best Family Day Care Educator for the Adelaide Hills and Barossa area and will go on as a nominee for the stateawards.
- Genevieve asked Gareth if he would be interested in being a community representative of the Hills Area Health Advisory Committee. He agreed to look it over. Information to be forwarded to him asap.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed at 7pm.

**Gareth Saunders**

**on behalf of the MP Progress Assoc. Inc.**



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# Goodbye Hazel

Let us all pause to remember the Matriarch of the Mt Pleasant SACWA Branch - Mrs. Hazel Wilton.

Hazel was an amazing lady, and her contribution to the branch and her community was selfless.

Before the COVID-19 restrictions kicked in, the SACWA branch members were able to present Hazel with her 50year badge, which totally surprised and overwhelmed her.

Over her time with SACWA, Hazel had served as President, Vice President, and President / Secretary of our branch, and had worked at the SACWA Tea Rooms during the Royal Adelaide Show.

Even though Hazel had resided at Glenview in Gumeracha for the last few years, the branch scheduled meetings there a couple of times a year, to keep her involved and up to date. As well as the Tea Rooms, Hazel had also volunteered at the Show Sheep Pavilion between 1987 and 1999. Closer to home she had been a Church Warden at her Church since



childhood - St John's Anglican - and a convener of the Suffolk Sheep at the Mt Pleasant Show for many years. She was also a convener at the SACWA Mt Pleasant Market Tea Rooms for many years.

Many people will remember Hazel for her generosity and as someone who would welcome any new residents. She supported many township activities, the Christmas Street Parade and Party in particular. I can remember one year

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when the parade was a bit light-on, so she and her husband Ross got out the old ute (sides on, of course), decorated it with streamers and balloons, and with Ross driving, Hazel stood in the back with her beloved pet sheep and her grandchildren, waving to everyone as they went past. That's what I call dedication to the community.



Hazel's funeral service was held in St John's – the church she had attended since childhood – and although COVID-19 restrictions were in place, it was heartwarming to see so many local people there. Members of her beloved SACWA Branch formed a guard of honour as her casket was taken from the church and placed in the hearse.

**Kath Fisher**

**Secretary SACWA Mt Pleasant Branch**

## Remembrance Day

Once again, the Hall was dressed in red poppies for Remembrance Day



# Pleasant History

## Christmas Past

With Christmas on the horizon, I was intrigued at just what did Mount Pleasant have on offer in days gone by.... The following article gives an insight to the important issues of the day... note that J. C. Herriot's store is where Pet Birds Galore is now operating... A. C. Follett's Store is John and Jan's Bohemian Garden and Star Books, John Reek's store was opposite the Hall, H. & H. A. Giles Store is where Lovell's is now, the Totness Hotel remains the same, but the Talunga is now the Mount Pleasant Hotel, and F. Gregory Bakery is now Mount Pleasant Bakery. The remainder of the article mentions a flu case, and an outing on the recent train, which began operation in September 1918...

Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880-1954), Friday 20 Dec. 1918, page 3

## Christmas in the stores

### J. C. Herriot's store

For originality and up-to-date facilities for catering for his far and wide clientele, the popular "Jim" can't be beat. In the winter-time when, we had to carry lanterns to grope our way, he came as a ministering angel with his up-to-date electric plant to guide the weary wanderer. And in the summer he comes forward with an up-to-date soda fountain and cool drink emporium to slake our thirst. Some say he holds a brief for the prohibition movement, but our opinion is he is too broad-minded for that. He has got his whole establishment painted and decorated, and by local men, too. To describe all the goods he has in stock would take a full page of "The Courier," and as much as we like "Jim," we could not afford that space, as paper is dear now. The only way we can possibly epitomise is that you can buy from a motor car to a sheet of pins. We cannot close without a word of praise to his assistants who are at all times anxious to please the customers.

We will always find during our sojourn through life that a good master always extracts the best out of his assistants, and the popular "Jim" is no exception. We leave the rest to our readers to sample the goods.

### A. C. Follett's store

This particular store, as usual, is brimful of Christmas attractions and novelties, a feature of which is a very choice selection of ladies' and children's millinery, at prices which compared with even "sale times" in Adelaide will sink into oblivion. Amongst other bargains will be found a big range of ladies' dress goods. Also, ladies' and children's boots in white, tan, and black. Mr. Follett is also showing a very choice display of Christmas goods suitable for presents including toys, Christmas cards, etc. Anyone requiring groceries, tin ware, crockery, and glassware, combining freshness with utility, may go farther and fare worse. This store has been thoroughly renovated, and as Mr. Follett always encourages local industry he placed the order with a local firm of painters and decorators.

### John Reek's store

Mr. Reeks, as usual, is abreast of the times, and he announces that he is fully alive to the wants of his numerous customers for the festive season. He has a great stock of men's ready-to-wear tailor-made clothing in navy serge and summer weight Tweed suits and owing to the high price of measured garments he has considerably increased his stock in this department. Amongst other features there will be a guessing competition for a large Christmas stocking; also toys, Christmas cards, and Christmas crockery and glassware.

### Messrs. H. and H. A. Giles' store

Messrs. H. and H. A. Giles would take it as presumption on our part to refer to their store in any way, as they are the pioneers of storekeepers here, but we would only like to add a word, if such were necessary, that they have not forgotten the wants of their customers for the festive season.

### Totness Hotel

Mr. James Longmuir wishes us to state that he has made special arrangements for catering for a large number of visitors during the Christmas holidays, and now that we have train facilities, to avoid disappointment, it would be well for intending patrons to ring up 'phone No. 7, Mt. Pleasant. This hotel is becoming a very popular resort; as an instance of its popularity it may not be out of place to mention that a fortnight ago Mr. Longmuir was able to accommodate twenty visitors from Adelaide for a week-end, and did not interfere with the ordinary business, but anyone who has the pleasure of knowing Mr and Mrs. Longmuir would not think that anything out of the way as the over-anxious disposition to please is proverbial.

### Talunga Hotel

Mr. George G. Sharp informs us that he is fully prepared to house all visitors who may favour him with their presence during the holidays. As "George" is a true sport, we need not enlarge on his willingness to please. There is extensive stabling and motor garage attached. Ring up Mount Pleasant, 'phone No. 5.

### F. Gregory's Bakery

We cannot close without a word for Mr. F. Gregory. He informs us that he has a large assortment of Christmas cakes, stockings, and the usual novelties to make the young folk happy. He has also a good stock of cool drinks and lollies. The best bread always kept.

Chaplain Rev. J. Ford (minister in charge of the Presbyterian Church here), we regret to say, is quarantined in Western Australia, owing to an attack of influenza. He was on his way home, and we hope he will recover and get back to us safely.

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On Friday last the parents, children and friends along the new line between Balhannah and Mount Pleasant (including Springton and Eden Valley) were afforded a picnic at the Semaphore. There was great excitement and preparations prior to the journey and as the day drew nearer the smiles on the little faces grew broader, and it proved a day which will remain long in the memories. They saw so much—tunnels, a viaduct, new towns and last, but not least, the sea, and many amusing remarks were passed and even the most timid ventured to paddle in the "big dam." Each and every one, young and old, thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing, and returned home tired, but well satisfied, and the hope is expressed that it may be an annua] affair.

Paula Bartsch – Historian

## Christmas Eve

'Twas the night before Christmas, all alone in his bed,  
Was a cheeky little puppy, whose name was Fred.

Presents were wrapped, and the household was quiet,  
All except Fred, who had planned to run riot.

Not afraid of his actions or the trouble he faced,  
Fred ran for the presents without a moment to waste.

With one giant leap, the tree crashed to the ground  
Christmas baubles and tinsel were one giant mound.

In amongst all the mess sat a present so neat  
With message attached – 'Merry Christmas Fred, enjoy your treat!'

Reading that... Fred smirked and danced with joy  
Before returning to bed with his new Christmas toy.

Kath Fisher



## What Bird is That?

The last year it seems, we have had a large number of birds in our backyard, and the latest addition has been this little treasure. He is a Rufous Whistler, and it took a while to find him in the foliage of the ash trees, as he is very small, but his wonderful whistling is hard to mistake – and for a little bird, he certainly belts it out. One of the main reasons we might be seeing lots more wildlife than we have in previous years, is probably because of the devastating loss of habitat that occurred last Christmas. Pop along to Recreate to see what you can plant to encourage not only our little Rufous Whistler, but also other native birds, butterflies, bees, reptiles, etc.

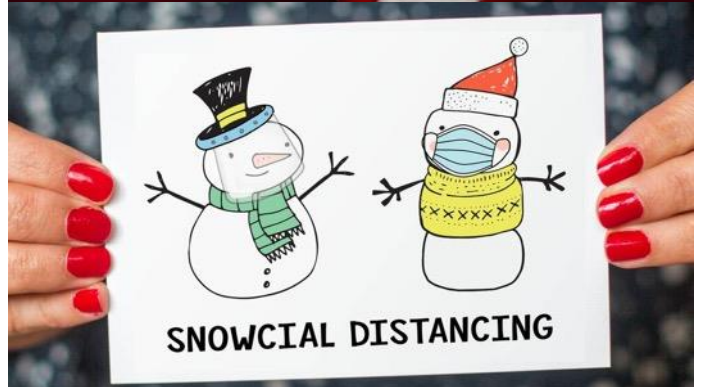


# Peter's poem

## Death of a Cottage Industry

"I'll be busy on Tuesday" my lover told me,  
 "God knows what I'm going to give you for tea,  
 No washing, no ironing, if you're wondering why,  
 I've got thirty ladies coming over to dye."  
 HELLS BELLS! Is it poisoning, old age or what?  
 Thirty dead ladies, that's a hell of a lot!  
 I can manage a prayer for thirty dead souls,  
 But the ground's way too hard to dig thirty holes.  
 "My idiot husband ", a laugh in her eye,  
 It's the Spinners and Weavers coming over to DYE.  
 Phew, what a relief, no mass fun'ral service,  
 Just for a while there she had me quite nervous!  
 We set up some trestles, and a huge microwave,  
 Less work than digging a communal grave.  
 She wanted the lawns cut, the garden beds weeded,  
 In fact, there were lists of all that was needed.  
 The weekend flew past, as I toiled in the sun,  
 And by dusk Monday arvo, I had it all done.  
 As I viewed the arrangements, with a critical eye,  
 I thought it was me, most likely to die.  
 The great day arrived, the ladies all dyed  
 To the deep satisfaction of my darling bride.  
 By the time I got home, at the end of the day,  
 the ladies had dyed, and all gone away.  
 Just one fatality, nothing too serious,  
 My pumpkins assumes a colour mysterious,  
 A multi-hued rainbow, but basically red,  
 By the end of the week , the pumpkins looked dead!!  
 Oh well , these things happen , one aspect of life,  
 For a man with a wool spinning, wool dying wife.  
 I dug in the pumpkins, shed one furtive tear,  
 There'll be no pumpkin soup in our house this year.  
 But Annie is happy , the day has gone well,  
 They'll be back to dye again someday, I can tell.  
 It's a small price to pay, my pumpkins in tatters,  
 But my spinner is happy, and that's all that matters.

## Peter - the Peripatetic Poet

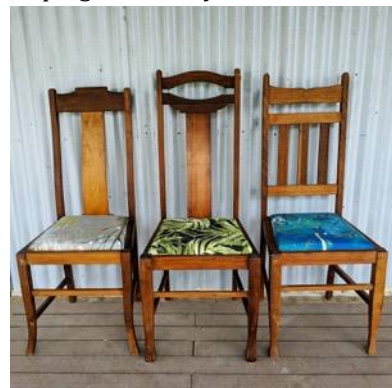






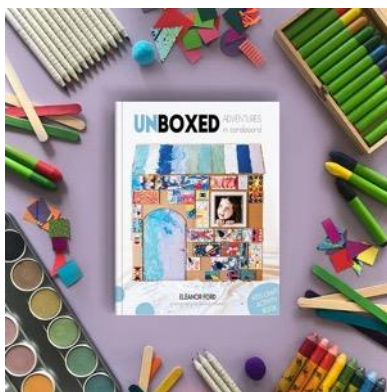
# Recreate

Wow. Wow. Wow. A big thankyou to everyone who visited and supported us today @sophiespatch Open Garden. This fundraising is essential for our community work. And a super big THANKYOU to our amazing volunteer team who have put hours into making, creating, setting up, and helping on the day. Couldn't do this without you!



A fully refurbished trio. These oak beauties have been re-glued and reupholstered. Ready to service another generation of sitting and conversation!

Join Eleanor from @minimadthings in a FREE workshop making mini art houses. Local creative Eleanor has just published her first kids upcycled craft book and to help celebrate she will be hanging out in our Recreate Share Shed on Saturday 19th December exploring the versatile wonders of the humble cardboard box. Bookings now open, so head to



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../adventures-in-cardboard...> for all the deets and bookings. Bookings are essential so we can run a COVID Safe event. Spaces are limited so get in quick.

Mt Pleasant local Cate has been busy drawing and has added new colour in booklets to her range. Not just for kids, these feature the most beautiful and whimsical line drawings to add your creative spin too.

We also have a great range of @ecocrayons and natural paint made here in Adelaide. Plant based with no hidden nasties they smell good enough to eat (literally like chocolate!). Most crayons and paints contain plastic, however any unwanted drawings using these can happily be added to your worm farm or compost.



Check out this cute combo! For those of us who kill indoor plants we have the perfect crochet cacti solution. And for those of us who dream of vintage caravans but don't have the space we have the perfect little car and van softie.

We are expanding the nursery! We have a great range of native

tubestock, hardy cottage garden plants, water plants, succulents, herbs and more.

Looking to provide habitat and food for our resident koalas? We have tubes of Rough Bark Manna Gum (Eucalyptus viminalis ssp cygnetensis) on special for only \$2. If you want to add other species that would have been common in Manna Gum Woodlands we also have Drooping Sheok, Silver Banksia, a range of Acacias and smaller understory species. Don't have a big yard? Remember you can always coppice and prune gums so they stay as a bushy multi-stemmed shrub rather than growing into a 20m specimen!



This promotes young fresh growth which is a fantastic food source for koala rescue and rehabilitation volunteers working in the region.



If you are like me and forget which pots have bulbs once they start dying off or what seeds you planted last week then this is a practical and beautiful solution! Plant tags handmade locally by Megan @forest.road

Look for us nestled in our Community Share Garden, Wednesday to Friday 10am till 3pm and Saturday 10 till 2,

corner of Phillis Street and Showground Rd in Mount Pleasant.

Faye McGoldrick  
Recreate



# Marketing!

Landcare

Landcare was again represented at the Market, with their ongoing commitment to assist in the revegetation of the hills. If you want to help with Landcare's efforts, speak to Wendy at the Market and she'll let you know just how easy it is to do your part in this essential work for our environment.



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## COVID UPDATE

The Mt Pleasant Farmers Market will continue to remain open as a food service to the local community each week, thereby ensuring that people do not have to travel far to get their fresh food supplies whilst also providing ongoing support for stall holders. This support will help stallholders remain viable as small businesses during this difficult time.

In order to do this we ask for everyone visiting our market, including Staff, Stall holders and Customers

- Sanitize your hands on entry to market & keep hands away from your face
- Use credit card facilities where possible
- Please remain at least 1.5 metres away from market staff, stall holders & other customers
- Don't touch food you are not buying - Use produce bags to pick up your food or gloves provided
- Please respect social distancing rules and those that are implementing them for everyone's safety
- Could we please ask that if you are at all unwell please stay at home until recovered.

If you are comfortable in doing so, we would love to see you this Saturday supporting our stallholders, otherwise *try our click & drive through option at our online store. Order before midnight Thursday to pick up (FREE) or have delivered in Mt Pleasant (DELIVERY \$10) on Saturday.*



Singer and Artist Danny Tschopenko can occasionally be found at the market, proving once again that live music is alive and well in the hills.

Danny's contact details can be found on the beat website [mtplesantbeat.org](http://mtplesantbeat.org) under live entertainment.



# CFS

As if you needed reminding – but it doesn't hurt to hammer home a few points. These are the ratings, and below is also a fact sheets. Go to the CFS website to download information on being Bushfire Ready, and if you have any queries, check out the MP CFS Facebook page, always ready to help.



## UNDERSTANDING FIRE DANGER RATINGS **SEVERE**

Hot, dry and possible windy conditions.

Fires can quickly get out of control.

Well-prepared homes that can be actively defended can provide safety.

Do your 5 Minute Bushfire Plan, visit [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)



Fire Danger Rating	What Should I Do?
<b>Catastrophic</b>	<p><b>YOU NEED TO ACT NOW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put your survival first and leave bushfire prone areas the night before or early in the day – this is your safest option.</li> <li>Act immediately – do not wait and see</li> </ul>
<b>Extreme</b>	<p><b>YOU NEED TO GET READY TO ACT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only stay with your property if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to have been constructed to bushfire protection levels and you are able to actively defend your home if a fire starts.</li> <li>If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving early in the day is your safest option.</li> </ul>
<b>Severe</b>	<p><b>YOU NEED TO BE AWARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety.</li> <li>If you are not prepared, leaving early is your safest option.</li> </ul>
<b>Very High</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check your Bushfire Survival Plan and monitor conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>High</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be prepared to act or leave if necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>Low - Moderate</b>	

Glynn Jackson  
Captain MP CFS



# Firefighting Equipment



For a comprehensive range of farm firefighting equipment – you can't go past Coopers of Mt Pleasant. If they haven't got it – and it's hard to think of anything they don't stock – they'll get it in for you. No excuse for not being prepared. Anthony is cleverly modelling a personal backpack – one of those 'must have' accessories for close work!



**6 SURVIVAL PLAN WORKSHOP**

SUNDAY FROM 13:00 UTC+10:30-16:00 UTC+10:30

**Bushfire Survival Plan Workshop - Williamstown**

Williamstown Memorial Hall

### Details

Sunday from 13:00 UTC+10:30-16:00 UTC+10:30  
10–18°C Partly cloudy

Williamstown Memorial Hall

Public · Hosted by SA Country Fire Service

Tickets  
[forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx)

If you live in or near Williamstown, come along to our Bushfire Survival Plan Workshop. You'll take home your written plan to discuss with your loved ones.

Registrations are essential to ensure this free presentation is COVID safe.

# Congratulations & Celebrations



*Di Minge, Marilyn Ramm, Merry Schaeffer, Jan Vivian and Anthony Simounds, who all celebrated their birthdays in November!*



Shari Saunders of Country Central Family Day Care was a winner in the recent Excellence in Family Day Care Awards – in the Regional Educator Awards for Adelaide Hills & Barossa.



2020 Award Winners



Well done to those who decorated their houses this year – setting the bar high!



Vicky & Paul Johnson



Doreen & Steve Kuszczakowski

# Clubs & Committees

## Men's Shedding

### Amber Animals receive some love



Les, Murray, David and Roger have been busy assessing and mending the Rex Amber Animals at Talunga Park. These have been such a feature of the picnic area for years, and it's great that the MPMS are able to do this for our community.

### Williamstown Shed open

Murray, Don, Hartley and Bowdy pictured with Tony Pasin at the opening of the new Williamstown Shed.



November, 2020



Opening the Williamstown Shed (above).

### Photography Classes start

November saw the start of the long-awaited Photography classes at the Shed. Gareth is a photography teacher and has years of experience teaching those of us who are a bit challenged about apertures, exposures and F stops. Although some of us are a bit slow on the uptake, it's been a real eye-opener, and I am hoping that means the quality of the newsletter photos will improve! Paula is also finding it really interesting and she will definitely find it useful for the history Room.



Gareth (top) talking about exposure, and the group trying it out for themselves.

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### Upcoming events

Stay tuned for the recommencement of more health workshops in the new year.

### MPPS Engagement

The students from Mt Pleasant Primary School have started doing some metalwork this year, the first project being butterflies, and have produced some interesting results.



For information regarding the Men's Shed please contact:  
Chairman – Murray – 0439385291  
or Secretary – Gareth – 0430026993  
or email -  
mtplesantmensshed@bigpond.com



**mt pleasant walkers**  
8am Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
call Murray - 0439 385 291

### SACWA



### Branch news

This year with COVID-19 continues to throw up challenges, which has certainly put everyone to the test, but ever resilient, our SACWA branches and communities throughout the state have bounced back with great humour and determination. Our local branch held an extremely successful stall at the Spring Fling, and other branches across the state joined in to make a Trading Table Trail, while the Marketing Committee of SACWA has come up with some great strategies to raise funds helping to replace those missed by cancelled events. The most visible is probably the Pop-Up shop, in the Adelaide Arcade. This came about when the association was offered the use of a shop for five weeks, and the call went out to get cooking, sewing and knitting all those wonderful goods the SACWA is famous for. The shop has been stocked with jams, pickles, sauces, biscuits, and a range of Christmas crafts. Branches statewide have supported the venture with gusto, proving our motto 'Sharing and Caring With Action is more than mere words. Once again during this last month, we were in a lockdown situation, although thankfully not for long, but members again were contacted, kept informed and their welfare taken care of.

Below are some of the items donated by our branch.



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### 85th Birthday

In November the branch celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and all being well, we will celebrate this with the Red Cross Branch at our Christmas Luncheon. The actual first meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1935, and it's an amazing effort that our little community has managed to support the branch over the decades. Our thanks must go to all the past and present members who have worked so hard. A great achievement.

### Market Stall

On the 5th December, we will be having a stall at the Farmer's Market, together with the Friends of the Hospital and the Red Cross, we will be offering a good range of plants, scones & jams, plus Christmas crafts. Please come along and support our SACWA branch last fundraiser for the year.

### The Craft Group



Melbourne Cup Luncheon



Once again we travelled to Gumeracha for our Cup Lunch. A smaller group than normal, but we all enjoyed the day immensely – some of us even won prizes in the sweep! Joining us in the dining room was a group from the Day Care, under the watchful eyes of Leanne Barker. Always fun!

Claire (left) won best hat, our group (below) Day Care Group (bottom)



Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA



Jenny and Bethany have joined our little group this month, and hopefully will go on to join the branch (remember – you don't have to be a member to join the Craft Group). Craft Convener Jan Bransbury is rapt, as both of these ladies are very keen crafters. Elizabeth (right) came by to show us her 'cloud' shawl. It's so light, it's almost like a cobweb – amazing work. The sessions will resume on 2nd February, 2021, and on 25th February, Jan and Kath will travel to Murray bridge to meet up with members from other branches to be taught new crafts for 2021- all being well!



### Tea Rooms

The Tea Rooms continued until the last week of November, which was cancelled because of the lockdown, but the ladies are looking forward to getting back as soon as possible.



Claire (right) and Dorothy and Janelle (next column)

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## Red Cross

### Branch news - Op Shop visits

The October meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and it was well attended. Arrangements had been made prior to the meeting to visit the Angaston Op Shop and Cambrai Red Cross Shop, but both visits had to be cancelled because of the recent COVID-19 mini shutdown. Our branch is however always positive and we are hopeful that we'll be able to re-schedule the visits before Christmas.

### Christmas Luncheon

We were scheduled to have a combined luncheon with the Mt Pleasant SACWA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, but this will also be re-scheduled. Members will be advised as to what the new arrangements will be as soon as we know.

### Market Stall

The branch will hold a stall at the Farmer's market on 5th December, offering lots of Christmas goodies. Strawberries will be for sale, plus plenty of home cooked biscuits and cakes. Please come along and support our Red Cross Branch continue to contribute to the important work that Red Cross Australia does.

### 2021 Garden Party with Sophie Thomson

Our annual Garden Party is scheduled to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, again with the wonderful Sophie Thomson. At this stage it will still go ahead with restrictions, at the time of writing.

### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

## Kath Fisher - Secretary

Friends of  
the Mt  
Pleasant  
Hospital



### Meeting report – Christmas Stall

The last meeting was held at the Men's Shed on 10<sup>th</sup> November, and although our attendance was a bit light on, arrangements were finalised for a stall to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Farmer's Market. Christmas goodies will be available for purchase and the money raised will go to the hospital to buy equipment and items to enhance the lives of aged care residents and enable staff to care for them more easily.

### Market Gate:

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Friends will also be on the Farmer's Market Gate on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Next meeting:

The next meeting will be our Christmas Lunch at the Totness Inn on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Kath Fisher for the Friends





# RSL Report

Remembrance Day November 11th 2020 was commemorated at The Mount Pleasant RSL on Wednesday, commencing at 10.30, with a minute's silence at 11.00



This is a National Day of Service in Remembrance of all those who donned various Service Uniforms - Navy, Army and Air Force, all bearing the RISING SUN badge.

Two extra new flagpoles were purchased and installed by Tim Sutcliffe enabling the National Flag as well as flags of The Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force to be raised and lowered.

It was disappointing to see that Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin has stopped supplying The Australian Flag to Councils which enabled the National Flag to be flown on Council owned flagpoles.

The service was conducted by Mike Williams, Mount Pleasant RSL Sub-Branch President with over sixty members of the public attending the service. Six RSL members wore their original Military Uniforms. Assisting with the service were Tim Sutcliffe, Liv Anderson and Committee members.



The flag raising and lowering were done by Steve Hughes on behalf of Royal Australian Navy, Tim Sutcliffe for The Royal Australian Air Force and Ray Martin for The National Flag which represents the Royal Australian Army.



Wreaths were laid by President Mike Williams, Vice President Tim Sutcliffe, Councillor Don Barrett and Ex Serviceman Peter Kaines. Members of the public and Springton Primary School students came forward to lay wreaths as well.

On the RSL lawned area, 100 crosses in Remembrance of those that served in WW 1 from our district and 13 named crosses were displayed, remembering those who did not return.

The assembly were honoured to have two ex-locals travel from Hilton & Elizabeth to attend the service, one of whom was ex Royal Marine Brian Watkins, who has kindly loaned our RSL his Commemoration Shield.

Tim Sutcliffe presented Social Officer Meralyn Schaeffer with a framed and mounted Navy Uniform White Shirt (Flannel)



that belonged to her Father who served with the Royal Australian Navy on HMAS Torrens in Darwin during WW 2.

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The RSL members supplied poppies and rosemary to the attendees and light refreshments were served after the ceremony.

On Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>, the RSL Mount Pleasant Sub Branch held their bi-monthly meeting where a debrief on Remembrance Day was discussed. This was followed by a BBQ tea cooked by Dennis Rockley and Roger Benton, and salads were supplied by the members.

Members of the public are reminded that it is not necessary to have a Military background to become an Affiliate Member. Community-minded residents are welcome to join. Contact Mike Williams on 0419 863 574 or Tim Sutcliffe on 0407603081

## Roger Benton

## Community Dinner

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with the current COVID situation November's Community Dinner was cancelled.

We appreciate everyone's attendance at the dinners this year, it has been a pleasure to cook for you all.

Over the Christmas period we will re-evaluate how and when we will deliver dinners next year, keep following for updates. Thank you again for your patronage and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



You are invited to our Christmas social night, BYO drinks, chairs, nibbles/dinner (BBQ will be available for use) from 4pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Obviously COVID-19 regulations will be adhered to but there's nothing to stop us having a chat and a drink. Food can't be shared though. Call me on 0407 863 575 if you have any questions.



Pauline Williams for Friends of Cromer

## Angela Slagter

## Street Party Group

The Street Party Group will be organising a large Christmas Tree that will be erected in the SA CWA Garden on 12<sup>th</sup> December, when the Street Party would normally have been held. Come along to see it light up.

Sue Barrett – Secretary

## Cromer news

### Car Boot Sale

Friends of the Old Cromer School House enjoyed another successful 'Car Boot Sale' on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>. This one was widely advertised and brought people from many districts, and all site holders enjoyed it and said they did well. Next year we hope to encourage more of you to have a site and turn your unused goods into some cash and it's a great way to recycle. So here is your challenge - get a box and walk around the house and gather a few items you don't need, want, or never use and put them in the box, mark the box 'Cromer Car Boot sale' and do this a few times in the year and before you know it you will have a collection for the event next year! Remember - one man's trash is another man's treasure. You just never know what people are looking for and it's a great way to meet new people.

### Christmas Social Night

## Gardening Group

During the Our Town meeting, the establishment of a Gardening Group was again brought up. A few people have shown interest. If you are interested, please call 0403012339.



**Community Card Players**

After a long 8 months (due to covid-19), 28 card players were happy to be back at the Tungillo Soldiers Memorial Hall in October, for a lovely shared afternoon tea and a serious game of cards.

**Winners for the day were MEN: Kevin and LADIES: Helen R.**  
**Boobies MEN: Neil Colette and LADIES: Pam Gray**  
**The Rummie playing ladies, Marg & Erna, tied.**

All card players are very excited for our December Card Luncheon, which will be a full Christmas Roast and Pudding on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. Full details in the December Gazette.



# Tungkillo news



## GAZETTE SUBSCRIPTION

The Tungkillo Gazette is available as both an Electronic Copy and Hard Copy. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive an electronic copy by emailing us at [TungkilloGazette@gmail.com](mailto:TungkilloGazette@gmail.com)

## Sports &

### *Mt Pleasant Bowling Club*

#### *Night owls*

#### *Thursday nights*

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and activities.

Raffles and prizes to be won.

Great music to help you cheer on the bowlers.

Full bar facilities available.

Have a try ,you may even win a prize.

\$5.00 includes,

great bbq meal with salad,  
light supper,coffee and tea,  
bowls and friendly coaching.

All ages are welcome.

Players need to wear flat soled shoes.

**Meals to be ordered by 6.30pm,  
Bowlers start at 7.15pm.**

Presentation of prizes and light supper  
after the game.

For more info please phone Bo Hambly 0417047812

Covid rules apply

**See you there!**

Courtesy: Tungkillo Gazette

## Fitness

### Mt Pleasant Fitness Group

Meets in the Talunga Park Pavilion, the cost is \$2, and we always welcome new members.

If you'd like to join, or just enquire whether this group is what you need, please call Pam Gillespie on 0428445022, or Heather Reekes-Parsons on 85682084.

# Bits & Bobs

Lost and maybe found?

## Trailer tailgate

This was mentioned as 'found' on one of the local community pages. If you know of its whereabouts, or have information about it, please call 0428685112, or contact the police. The trailer was borrowed from Roger & Barb Beverage in Birdwood and returned without it – and the trailer can't be used as the tailgate includes the number plate. Please ask around and let's see if we can find it for them.

## YAC

Great news young people of the Barossa!!!!  
We are again offering subsidised training courses

There are limited spaces available for young people living in the Barossa region. To book in please follow this link.....

<https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/.../skilled-programs...>

## JOBSEEKERS WANTED

**Do you want to UP SKILL to join the HOSPITALITY workforce or PROGRESS your CAREER?**

Regional Development Australian Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains are currently recruiting individuals to upskill and increase employability for hospitality positions within the Barossa region.

Successful applicants will be invited to an exclusive recruitment event, in which you will meet with current hiring employers and interview directly with them.

You may also have an opportunity to receive fully funded training in the areas of:

- Responsible service of alcohol
- Hygienic practices for food safety
- Customer Service/Service Excellence
- Tourism Ambassador
- Practical Restaurant and Function Skills
- Intensive Barista course covering extraction, milk texturing and latte art and functional service
- Basic knife skills

**If you are looking to kick start your career in hospitality or would like some extra skills for your resume, APPLY NOW!!**

Email your resume with a covering message letting us know why you want to work in hospitality and which areas interest you, to:

[careerecoach@barossa.org.au](mailto:careerecoach@barossa.org.au)

**CAREERS IN HOSPITALITY OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!**



**YOUTH SPACE** *Connecting young people to opportunities*

**DEC-JAN HOLIDAY GET SKILLS**

**BARISTA COURSE**

Become a coffee expert and learn what you need to know to get a job in the hospitality industry

DEC 17 14-25 YEAR OLDS

**Creative Writing Workshop**

WITH AUTHOR Jordan Hawkey

JAN 20 8-25 YEAR OLDS

**HOW TO ADULT GETTING A JOB**

Guiding you through the recruitment process for the job you want!

JAN 20 14-25 YEAR OLDS

**PROVIDE FIRST AID**

PREPARING FOR EVERYDAY EMERGENCIES

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STRICTLY LIMITED NUMBERS DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS... BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE 89-91 MURRAY STREET, GAWLER

Gawler



### CAMBRAI AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

28 Kings Road  
CAMBRAI SA

The Museum has a fine collection of pioneer items and extensive local archival material for research

Open first Sunday of each month  
Except January

11am to 3pm  
Open by appointment for tours

Contact

Ivan Bormann 08 8564 5013  
Marj Nuske 08 8564 5025

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## Artists in Action



## Collective

### (Angaston)

Has lockdown released your creativity? The Artists in Action Collective is looking for 2 more artists (painters / ceramicists / creators / sellers of quality Object d'art). We are planning to open a small shop in Angaston in January 2021 and have 10 people lined up ready to go - just need 2 more. This is a not-for-profit venture - equally sharing rent, insurance and utilities (estimated total cost \$35/week) No commission charged on sales. Need to be able to work 2 days/month in the shop. Contact Adele Wood via Facebook. (Mount Pleasant Community group)



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# Events



From 11am 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Bank Road, Sedan  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** Want a fun and relaxing afternoon? December's feature band is Little Black Dress from the Barossa Valley! Be entertained by our OPEN MIC performers, resident band 'the Bad Lands' and enjoy delicious food... licenced bar. Enjoy a Christmas gathering with some friends... and we'll see you there.  
 Contact us on our FB page, Messenger or Julie on 0413 314 749 for table bookings or for a performer's time slot.

# New Year's Eve Party



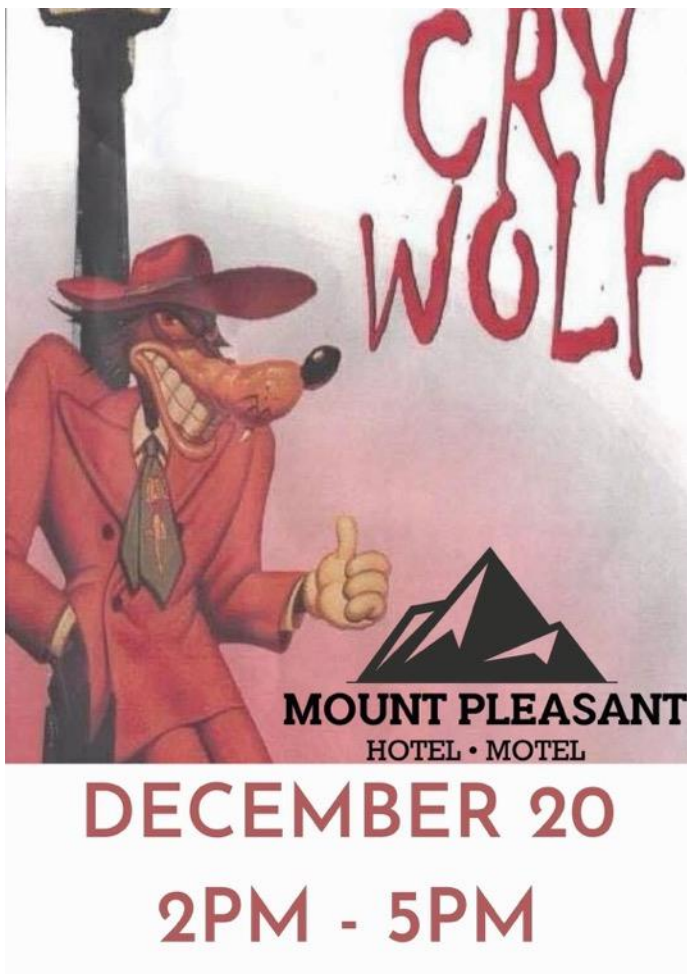
Wondering how to spend New Year's Eve? How about a fun night of fancy dress (black & white theme), great music and dancing (finger's crossed)? Tickets just \$25 – includes supper & live music entertainment all evening – 7pm til late.  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** <https://theoldbarn.com.au/nve2020/>  
 Entertainment by the Bad Lands, the Generators and guest spot by Bobby Hunter – all included in your \$25 ticket. Camping (for free) encouraged, \$10 bacon & eggs brekky!

# School Holiday Cinema

It is hoped that the community Association will be able to put on a School Holiday movie for the kids at some stage. Please check the Facebook pages for details in a week or two.



Mt Pleasant Community Association Inc.



# December calendar



To all of our readers and supporters, and most of all to our wonderful community, all our Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Let's hope it's a safe one!

Sue, Paula, Peter, Kath, Don and

## Events

Date	Event	Details
5, 12, 19 & 23 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers' Market – 5 <sup>th</sup> includes CWA, Red Cross & Friends of Hospital stalls.	8-12, Saturday @ Talunga Park
23	Twilight Market	5pm to 9pm
12	Christmas Tree	Late afternoon, SM Hall

## Meetings

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
CWA Craft Group	1 <sup>st</sup> and third Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30am @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in month (October return)
Men's' Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am. Social distancing rules apply
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 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ SM Hall
MP Fitness Group	Talunga Park Pavilion - Thursdays
MP Photography Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – 9.30am @ Men's Shed- \$5 a session
MP Show Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday @ Talunga Park
MP Spinners & Craft Group	St John's Church Hall, 10-3 on Wednesdays (0448 150 015)
MP Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Pleasant Painters	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday from 10am-2pm, @ MP Library
Red Cross	Bi-Monthly, 1.30pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs @ SM Hall
RSL Social	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday - Social gathering
RSL Meeting	Alternate month, last Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting
St John's Card Group (500)	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday every month. 12 noon start. \$10 for 2 course meal + beverages.
Writers' Group	Please email: mrdonblataceaser@gmail.com

## Newsletter:

Newsletters are published at the beginning of every month, and generally available in the Wisteria Atrium at the Market, Star Books & the Post Office. If you'd like a hard copy, please ask Anne or Rose @ the PO to reserve one.

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