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Welcome 2022?

It’s been another ‘year’ – and you don’t need me to tell you it’s all feeling a bit weird. Same, same – but slightly worse. It appears everyone will know someone or be affected themselves, but we are still not up to the 90% predicted target, and that is worrisome, although with the waiting times for some of the testing stations, it seems a lot of people are choosing to stay home instead. Someone told me it was quicker to drive to Tailem Bend than wait in line in town. Thankfully – in some ways – it’s better to be living in a rural area – although for the rest of the time – not. Our Health system seems to need an ICU more than anything. For those of us who rarely need a hospital, and who are faced with an emergency, the lack of services can come as a very rude shock. Our doctors are under pressure, and although many groups have been tasked with fact finding, we are still to have any resolutions. I should remind anyone over 18 that it is an election year – for both State and Federal governments. Use your voice. Tell them current situations aren’t good enough, and support your local health care professionals, as they are doing a brilliant job in the face of government mismanagement and fear mongering.

Sue B



COVID-19 Boosters

Information from the Talunga Clinic

SA Health has officially decreed that people eligible for a 4 month (from second dose) booster may receive them from the 4th of January. Currently the January clinics are booked out, but there may be more available in February, so please ring the clinic to book on 85680080. If you want your booster earlier, you may have to try another venue. It is possible that the time may be taken down to three months, and this may be announced at the end of January.

Like many practices in rural areas, Talunga Clinic is experiencing a shortage of doctors, and the hospital, a shortage of nurses, so please be patient. At this stage, the clinic doesn’t have the personnel to be vaccinating children from 5 to 12, but they will schedule some if they are able.

You will appreciate that not only does the clinic need to schedule clinics for vaccinations, but the doctors also have a duty of care for their patients, and to keep the hospital operating. Gumeracha Hospital is also operating under reduced staffing.

Talunga Clinic



It is with regret that the MP Community Association has made the decision to cancel this year’s Australia Day Breakfast. We do not make this choice lightly, as it is an event that we all enjoy bringing to our community, and it is also a way to acknowledge those within the community who have contributed and made a difference. We’ll still take submissions, so if you would like to nominate someone or perhaps a group or event, please feel free to drop us a line. It doesn’t have to be a novel – just a paragraph will suffice. The current situation is volatile and changing and there are too many vulnerable people within our community who could be impacted by a spread. Please take care.

MP Library

Have your say



The Australian Library and information Association recommends formal external reviews of public libraries are carried out every five to seven years. The last review of Barossa Council Public Library services was undertaken in 2008.

In June 2020 the University of South Australia provided a report to the Barossa Council regarding library services across its 5 library locations, e.g. Angaston, Lyndoch, Mount Pleasant, Nuriootpa and Tanunda. The report was one of 27 conducted at regional and city locations across South Australia. The research report was the first stage in a broader research project exploring the impacts of libraries to communities being conducted for the Public Library Services.

Upon receipt of that report Council undertook an internal review and recommendations were made seeking to provide an overarching strategy for provision of contemporary library services at all five library locations.

The review is comprehensive and makes many recommendations, some of which may have an impact upon the delivery of library services in Mount Pleasant. One such recommendation is:-

- Mount Pleasant Library adapt current library services and programming to develop a Southern hub for a full-time council customer service experience along with extended Council services. Staff members to be fully trained in Council customer service to provide Council services, library holds pick-ups and returns, and a community space with public access to Wi-Fi, photocopying/printing and computers. Existing library staff offered the opportunity to transfer into this customer service role.

The review was presented to Elected Members at the Barossa Council meeting on Tuesday the 21st of December, 2021. Elected members voted to endorse the Draft Barossa Library Review and that the CEO is authorised to enter a phase of public consultation for the period of 21st of February, 2022 to 1st March, 2022.

Should anyone wish to do any pre-reading on this topic, the full review and recommendations can be found, commencing at page 337 of the Barossa Council Agenda dated the 21st of December, 2021. As I said, it is a comprehensive review running for some 114 pages.

It is your library, through your rates you pay for the facility and the services, I urge everyone, when the consultation period commences that you have your say as to the delivery of library services.



In the lead up to Christmas, Meg Stephens made good on her promise and the Carollers were out again. Judging by all the positive comments on social media, they were a big hit!

Remembering Forgetting '21

How much do you remember of 2021? Or do you not want to remember? As someone who loves quizzes, I thought I might try this - <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-12-31/friday-news-quiz-how-much-do-you-remember-from-2021/100726852>

I have to say, I did very badly, so I tried this:

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/dec/26/the-great-australian-summer-quiz-day-one>

Similar result. Clearly, I have not been paying attention!



TOTT – is this the end?



It is with great sadness that we reprint a letter from Meg Stephens:

Dear TOTT supporters
After recent discussions at the TOTT theatre group committee meeting, we are, sadly,

considering winding up the group due to insufficient volunteers to run the club. This decision would not be made lightly, but the remaining acting members are worn out from running the club with reduced members for so long. Some key members have recently resigned, and Pete and myself will be resigning from office bearing positions at the end of our term, next year, but are happy to facilitate the winding up process if that is decided on. The final decision would need to be made by a majority members vote late in January. If the club were to continue, it would necessitate the recruiting of several willing and able volunteers to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General committee members, Public Officer, Directors, Publicity officer, Set designer and Costume manager. If you, or someone you know, are in a position to fill any of these roles, we would love to know before January 6th.

The possibility of ‘mothballing’ the group was raised, but with current running costs the finances of the club would be reduced to zero within two years instead of being made available to other clubs and/or the local community.

A special members meeting is required to be called for all current financial and life members to enable discussion and to vote on the decision to continue or not. The nitty gritty details would then be decided by the committee, and any practical helps from members or general public with the many tasks would be appreciated.

According to TOTT theatre group Constitution and Association rules all assets need to be dispersed to other theatre and/or community groups. Theatre specific items could be offered to other theatre groups. Financial assets could be shared out to benefit many local groups. Many of the practical assets, such as sound and lighting equipment, could be donated to the Mt Pleasant hall to enable their continued use in the local community. Photos and memorabilia could possibly be located in the hall under-stage area, under the oversight of the Mt Pleasant history records.

A new opportunity could arise after winding up for small groups of people to develop shows, using the hall and/or under-stage to rehearse. I have hopes to take on the position of hall bookings, and bring Fringe shows to Mt Pleasant, and encourage local artists of diverse genres to showcase their talents.

The club has existed for 23 years and presented many happy occasions to the community. Whatever the future holds, those memories will remain for all to hold dear.

We’d love to hear your comments.

Meg Stephens

On behalf of President, Pete Stephens and all the committee.

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0437 647 247 PO Box 258, Mt Pleasant SA 5235

MP Show – wanted!

The Show Society are looking for Convenors and Stewards to assist in the successful display and organisation of the exhibits in the Exhibition Hall. The Pet Section has a vacancy for a Convener.

The success of the Mount Pleasant Show depends on the volunteers who assist in the set-up of the event generally. For more details please check the website:



Calling all wearers of hats, caps, boots, shirts and belts...

You are invited to enter in this year’s section of the Mt Pleasant Show

Old or new, dusty or used... cobwebs and dirt make those hats and boots unique.

It all makes a show - and it's a bit of fun!

www.mtpleasantshow.com.au

<https://www.mtpleasantshow.com.au>

We would love to have some more people to help share the load. It is a fun way to assist our great Show.

Paula Bartsch – Convener

Bakery cooks up some fun!

The management and staff at the MP Bakery have been having fun over the last month or two, starting with Halloween, and moving on to Christmas. Hosting some great Christmas workshops for kids and older, they have really ramped up the atmosphere in town. Good on them!



Above: A group of kids ranging in age from very young to young teens who managed to turn out a stack of amazingly decorated Gingerbread Houses.

Right are staff getting into the Halloween spirit



The Dad @thedad

I’ll be honest, the “Santa is watching!” threat does about 90 percent of my parenting in December.

4:20 PM · Dec 8, 2021

Pleasant History Reimagine



This year's theme is 'Reimagine', and we have been brainstorming some ideas for our contribution during the History Festival in May. One of these is 'reimagining' a Cheer Up Hut – and many of you may remember how we have done this in the past. Our aim will be to do it a little differently this time. Watch this space!

Paula Bartsch – Historian



Mount Pleasant District
History Group

mountpleasant.sa.au

Villages Townships and Trails Network launch



On 8th December, Paula and I went to Tanunda for the launch of this group featuring the launch of the Villages Townships and Trails (VT&T) suite of maps, videos and itineraries.

VT&T project was initiated by the team at the Barossa Visitor Centre who saw a big opportunity for smaller sub-regions and townships of the Barossa to collaborate to promote different and unique areas of the Barossa, encouraging greater visitor dispersal across the region. Tourism Barossa were quick to get on board and collaborate to help bring the project to life. Mt Pleasant's brochure was produced by a group of volunteers overseen by the Mt Pleasant Progress Association, and including representatives from the Mt Pleasant Community Association, the Mt Pleasant District Historical Research Group, the Mt Pleasant SACWA, the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed and others.

"Now here we are, one year on and after many hours of work, numerous emails and edits! We are proud and very excited to have worked with each of your groups to deliver a suite of eight beautiful, useful and inspiring maps, videos and itineraries."



These maps are utilised on a daily basis in the centre and really help us to help promote all areas of the Barossa. Our team love sharing them with visitors to encourage them to stay longer, enjoy more activities and explore our beautiful region.

We would like to officially acknowledge your hard work and commitment on this project as well as share some useful tips and ideas on how each of your groups and individual businesses can get on board and promote these great resources."

Jo Seabrook – Manager Tourism Services



Left: The brochures at the launch. (Please note that Bethany produced a map, rather than a three-fold brochure.)

Top: Manager of Tourism Barossa, John Durdin, welcoming guests.

Bottom: Representatives of the groups who collaborated and produced the brochures. Paula is second from left.



Caustic Cover Critic

@Unwise_Trousers



Just learned that as a child my dad was demoted from being Joseph in a Nativity play to being the innkeeper, due to bad behaviour, so, in revenge, when Joseph enquired if there was any room at the inn he yelled loudly YES, HEAPS

8:41 AM · Dec 8, 2021





Marketing Twilight Market

Another successful Twilight Market in perfect weather – and despite the restrictions – a fantastic crowd. Some came for the shopping, some came for the music, some came for the food – and all left happy.



10th Birthday!

A full calendar of events is planned for the 10th birthday celebrations. One of the market's favourite son's, celebrity chef Simon Bryant, will be returning to the market to celebrate. Simon will be cooking up a storm with market produce, with his usual flair & style. Simon said, "I am humbled that the Market Board has considered me to be part of the celebrations".



A gala dinner event will also be held in Mt Pleasant to announce and present market stalwarts & life members with awards. Event organiser, Terese Stephens said that the event will host and reunite the many stall holders, volunteers, members and staff that have been involved with the community not-for-profit group over the past ten years. The Tenth Birthday also marks the 'retirement' of Market Manager Genevieve Hebart. The market management board have recently employed Barossa Valley local, Chelsea Honner to co-manage alongside market veteran Terese Stephens. The market is open every Saturday at the Mt Pleasant Show ground from 8am – 12 noon. For any enquiries, please phone Terese 0418 301 121 or email info@mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com.au



Simon Bryant is always a popular guest at the Market.





Recreate



We are resting

We are taking a break. To rest, to be with family and friends, to re-energise.

Normal open hours will resume on Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

There may be the occasional random open day during this time so keep an eye out on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

Thankyou to our volunteers, supporters, makers and recreate community. Couldn't do this without you.

Craft Kits update

Our kits make great prezies for kids and adults. Complete with materials and instructions these are a great way to flex your upcycling muscles and rethink the creative and useful potential of many common 'waste' items.

Available in our bricks and mortar in Mt Pleasant....and we are working on getting these ready for online sales and postage Australia wide



Faye McGoldrick



Hills JPs Christmas

During December the Hills Group of JPs celebrated the end of another good year, serving their communities by providing JP services to hills residents. Our Guest Speaker was Ken who spoke on Native Orchids, which was a very interesting topic, particularly when so many are endangered and incredibly hard to find.



Pictured top: from left to right are Malcolm Herrmann JP & Adelaide Hills Councillor, Don Barrett JP and Barossa Councillor, Elizabeth Herrmann, Murray Henderson JP, Di Henderson, Guest Speaker Ken Adams and Mary Adams.

Bottom: Sitting down to another great Gum Hotel meal.

A justice of the peace (JP) acts as an independent and objective witness to documents people use for official or legal purposes. For example, a JP may:

- certify a true copy of an original document
- certify a person's identity
- witness an affidavit for use in court
- witness a statutory declaration
- witness the signing of a document.

To find a local JP, visit the Consumer and Business Services website: <https://bdm.cbs.sa.gov.au/>

If you are interested in becoming a JP, please feel free to contact me on 85682985.

Don Barrett JP



CFS

Grass fire

The MP Brigade attended a grass fire at Sheoak Log recently.



Photo: Daniel Mamerow

Fire Danger Season

1st December 2021 to 30th April, 2022



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

 **BE BUSHFIRE READY**

Haystack Temperature Guide



Less than 50°C

- ✓ Check temperature daily

50°C to 60°C

- ✓ Check temperature twice daily. Remove machinery from shed

60°C to 70°C

- ✓ Check temperature every 2 to 4 hours. Move hay to improve air flow

Over 70°C

- ✓ Potential for fire. Call 000 immediately. Avoid walking on top of haystack

Check cfa.vic.gov.au for more information



Bushfire Safety



Survival Plan – do it now!

Glynn Jackson – Captain



Peter's poem

Roughly... how far?...

Barossa Ranges stood lush and green,
with blue-sky glimpses spaced between,
As we set off in the four-wheel drive,
filled with excitement, feeling alive.

Going in search of the ill-defined track,
going in search of The Great Outback,
Where the men are rugged, where comforts are few,
Where the Nation's heart beats, steadfast and true.

Quorn, that day, was as far as we'd get,
And I asked at 'The Overlander', 'Is this Outback yet?'
He just shook his head, turned back to his bar,
'The Outback here? Not really, nah!'

So, I bought us a beer and asked, roughly "how far?"
Then he called for the Yardman, wrinkled and tanned,
Saying "Jack here has swagged it all over this land.
He's seen quite a bit, where sand dunes meet sky,
And he'll know the answer better than I."

So, I bought Jack a beer, and voiced my request,
'Does The Outback lie North, or more to the West?
Do I follow the track, or some wandering star?
But give us a pointer, And roughly - how far?'
Jack scratched at his beard, and with voice soft, but clear,
Said, "Let me just think (I think best with a beer)."

"The Outback, eh? I'm not sure that I know,
But I nearly got there, as a boy, years ago ...
In the stock camp one night, where The Boss was a thinker,
The Boss said, it's way out, beyond Innaminka.
But there's no sign-posts there, as a matter of fact,
I don't even reckon there's much of a track."

"You could try Arkaroola, there's a pilot named Doug."
Then he eyed off the taps, and then eyed his mug.
'Arkaroola? Never been there, it's a bit far away,
But I just might make it in one longish day,
And it's roughly how far?'

But Arkaroola came and went, in a swirling billow of dust,
If I'm gonna find The Outback now, it's The Alice or bust.
On past sandhill and dune, there's no turning back,
By the light of the stars, on the tortuous track,
To eventually cross the boulder-strewn Todd,
Finding our way, by guess, and by God.

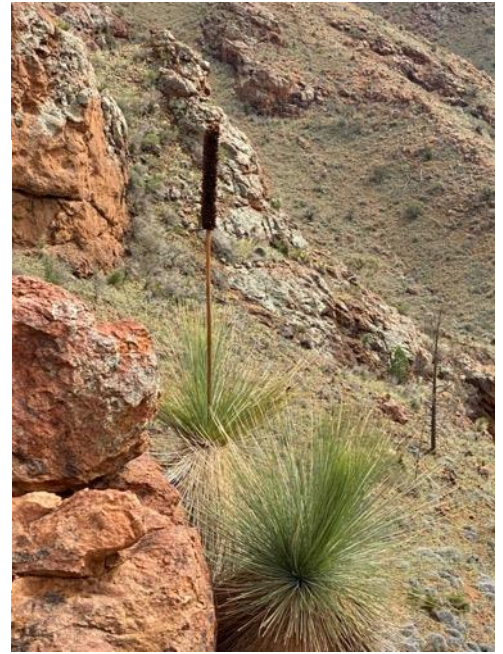
It's as rough and as dry as a River can get,
Then out through Pine Gap, And still not there yet!
It can't be THAT far!
Onward we follow The Afghan's track,
And the Telegraph posts for The Great Outback.
Finally, Darwin, dusty and worn past belief,
We sit at sundown, on Casuarina Beach.

There's a dusky old man, in the still-warm sand,
'G'day mate, there's a trip that I've planned,
Need to see The Outback, before I'm too old,
But I'm thinking is just a tale I've been told.
There's a place, where desert and dune meet the sky,
But I can't get there, as hard as I try."

He spread his arms wide, and flashed me a smile,
'It's not this far North, not by a mile.
It's more to the East, but a bit to the West,
And if you let it find YOU, that's probably best."

Back inland I turned, not sure what to say,
But I asked The Old Man to point out the way,
And followed the lure, of the Evening Star,
And whispered, "At Least Can you tell me, HOW FAR?"

Peter – the Peripatetic Poet



As many of you may know, Peter and Anne are inveterate and enthusiastic photographers, so when Peter said he had some snaps from their outback odyssey, I was happy to add them here.



Congratulations

Happy

Belated

Maurice Collins

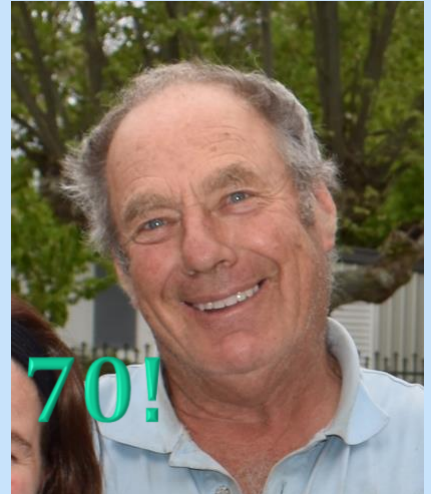
Margy Wilson



70 is the new 60.*

Please let us know of any celebrations coming up.

Happy



Heather Reekes-Parsons



Doreen

Kuszczakowski



Susie Gaston-Guthrie



Jennie Hackett



Tracey Spargo



David Evans



Michael Seager



Pauline Williams



Happy Anniversary!

George Anne & Peter Keynes



Road Safety sessions

The holidays can be a good time to brush up on skills – whether you may be a brand new driver, or someone who got their licence decades ago. The South Australia Police (SAPOL) Road Safety Centre works to contribute to a reduction in the frequency and impact of road injury, trauma and deaths in South Australia. Road safety sessions are free and can be conducted at the Road Safety Centre or off-site.

Sessions include:

Older road users' road safety sessions (60 minutes).
Fitness to drive road safety session (60 minutes.)

- young road users
- senior road users
- country road users
- Indigenous road users
- international/new arrival drivers
- cyclists
- pedestrians
- motorcyclists
- heavy vehicle drivers.

For more information on SAPOL's road safety programs and resources please visit <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/road-safety>

Or email SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au.

Senior Sergeant Susan O'Connor - Program Coordinator

Clubs & Committees

MP Inc



Here is an update

overview Precis of the minutes from the recent December Mount Pleasant Progress Inc. General meeting held on Tuesday, 14th December, 2021, at the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed.

Present: John Bowd, Genevieve Hebart, Steve Birrell, Wendy Harvey, Cr Don Barrett, Peter Wilde, Anne Moore, Pauline Williams, Gareth Saunders, Pete Stephens.

Apologies: Di Anderson, Chris Hebart.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November were adopted.

Business arising / ongoing:

- The SMH Lift project. Nothing further at this stage
- SMH stairs – minor issues to be followed up with Barossa Council
- CFS will assist with watering of the trees as part of their training programme.
- Work is starting on the office for the caravan park.
- The football seating has been assessed for regulations and work on installation won't start until February, 2022.
- Work on the repairs and painting of the playground animals continues. The wooden Rex Amber sign has been turned around and repainted. The Rex Amber plaque appears to have been buried under mulch and rubble. We will try and find it. More donations have been given towards the renovations of the animals. Rex Amber relatives have been contacted and are keen to be involved on any future dedication services. It was suggested that a competition to name the animals be undertaken with the school children in the new year.

Councillor Report:

- The new town signs have been installed and there are many comments. The signs will rust fairly quickly, and the wording will then be more obvious.
- The drainage at Talunga Park will be attended to in March, 2022.
- The shelters over the picnic benches can go ahead when appropriate drawings have been put to Council.

Sub Committee reports:

Talunga Park: We have been contacted about a malfunctioning toilet door. A follow-up will occur asap.

SM Hall: The hall committee has been reconvened and will meet bi-monthly. The minutes of the meeting were presented. There was discussion about the importance of concerns about the Hall being sent to that committee.

Community Dinner: The Community Dinner was a success and the next one will be held in February, 2022.

SALA: Nil to date.

Fit and Fifties: Nil to date.

FOCS & CC: A report was emailed to members.

New Business:

- There was discussion about the difficulties with the booking system for the Soldier's Memorial Hall. It was recommended that a meeting be set up with the Council to discuss the issue.
- The small garden area at the main gate entrance to Talunga Park will be renovated asap.
- An extra gate on the Playground may be installed in the new year.

The next meeting will be held on the 8th February 2022.

Wendy Harvey for MP Progress Inc.

Men's Shedding

Grandkids in the Shed!



It was 'bring your grandkids to the Shed day, so a few of the blokes took advantage of the situation and got the kids making Christmas gifts. It was a great day and we all enjoyed the experience.



mp beat

AMSA Visitors

AMSA's Mel and Tony visiting the MPMS guys to introduce Tony as the new SA/NT AMSA Rep. Tony will be assisting sheds in their functioning in their respective communities.



Rex Amber sign upgrade

Thanks to John Bowd for the new lease on life he has given the sign (below) by repainting it and turning it around to face the park now where it can be seen.

Pictured left the blokes making minor adjustments on the snake ensuring it will be able to withstand the elements for another few



years, and right is Bowdy with his fire pit cover.

Christmas Get Together

Once again, Murray and Bob, ably assisted by John W put on a fabulous spread for our Christmas get-together. It was a

great afternoon with a full shed and lots of laughs. Tall tales and true abounded, and old members remembered, and current ones acknowledged when John W was presented with a certificate. And then there was the washing up!



Farmer's Market Gate

It wouldn't be a month without the blokes being on the Market gate! It was a slower day than usual, so they took the chance to slack off and chat.

Next Meeting

The next Men's Shed Meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th January.



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Women's Workshops

Women's only woodwork sessions begin on the first Wednesday in February (2nd).

Photography

The next session will be on Tuesday, 18th January.

Gareth Saunders – Secretary - 0430 026 993

Join the Shedders - Mon & Wed from 9. ALL WELCOME!

SACWA

Meeting news

During our first meeting on 1st February, we'll fine tune the calendar and lock in events for the year. There are a few interesting things planned and it is hoped that all of our members will be able to attend. We are also hoping that we might be able to attract some new members this coming year and maybe some new ideas.

Poppies needed

We again 'veiled' the hall with red poppies for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day in 2021, but noted that our stocks are looking very low. We'd love to continue this tradition, but will need donations of completed crocheted poppies, or balls of red and black wool. Any donations will be gratefully received. We are also hoping to use poppies to 'yarn bomb' trees within the town during these times.

Foodbank

Although many people generously donated food items for Christmas, Foodbank has reminded us that many people are still struggling, and even more so now with now government assistance during these worrying times when the news continues to get darker and darker.

Library donations

Donations of Library books were also made by the branch through our local Library. Even though there are many other amusements available for young people, books continue to be appreciated and enjoyed.

Dorothy Dolling Memorial Trust

The Dorothy Dolling Trust was started in 1967 aims to benefit women and children of the country districts of South Australia, serviced by The South Australian Country Women's Association Incorporated.

The Board of the Trust anticipates that finances will be granted to students in need of assistance for the provision of education, training, or other purposes in keeping with the general aims of the Trust. Applications for 2022 are now open, and our branch supports this wonderful initiative and encourages eligible people to submit an application. You do not have to be associated with SACWA to apply, and forms may be found on the SACWA website.

Christmas Get Together

Our Christmas get togethers are always fun affairs and we had a good crowd despite COVID-19, and luckily it was before things got really serious. Thank you again to the wonderful Management and Staff at the Gumeracha Hotel.

Next Meeting:

Our first meeting is on 1st February at 1.30pm in the SM Hall.

New Memberships

Please contact state office if you are thinking about becoming a SACWA member – they will be able to give you all the

information you need. You can call on 8332 4166, or email sacwa@sacwa.org.au

The borders will be open and many of our community may be welcoming family members for the first time in nearly two years, we wish people all the best and hope that they stay safe. a Safe and Happy New Year in 2022.

Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA



Pictured above: Kath Fisher Secretary MPSACWA and Red Cross with Heather Reekes-Parsons – President MP SACWA and Margaret Seager – President MP Red Cross. Below is a photo from our Christmas show.

Red Cross

Meeting news



Our last meeting for the year was held mainly to discuss arrangements for the Glen Devon Garden party in February. Bookings may now be made via Eventbrite or by contacting Kath Fisher (details at the end of this article). Information may also be found on our Facebook page.

Christmas gathering

Our Christmas break up was celebrated together with the Mt Pleasant SACWA branch at the Gumeracha Hotel on the 7th December. (Pictured above) We always enjoy these events – especially as many of us have a foot in both camps!

Farmer's Market Stall

Our Market stall was very successful for us and we would like to thank the Market Management and our community for supporting us once again.



mp beat

Red Cross Calling

A reminder that once again we will be supporting Red Cross fundraising efforts during March. Once again, we will be in front of the MP Bakery and a couple of other places and we thank you in anticipation.

New members

We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to join us at our next meeting, you will be made most welcome – or contact Kath on 84582 294

Next meeting: Glen Devon arrangements.

Kath Fisher – Secretary



The Mt Pleasant Red Cross branch invites you to our annual

Glen Devon Garden Party

'Glen Devon', Glen Devon Road, Mt Pleasant

15TH FEBRUARY, 2022

Entry \$10 - includes Devonshire Morning Tea and Guest Speaker.

Gardening Australia presenter Sophie Thomson has been a regular guest at the Glen Devon Garden Party for nearly 30 years, and she will again share her wit and wisdom.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
VIA EVENTBRITE.
ENQUIRIES:
85682985 OR 0403012339

Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital



Meeting news

Several changes have occurred in the Nursing area, including staff and a new Director of Nursing, starting in 2022. Our group have supported aromatherapy to create a peaceful atmosphere in palliative care and also for clients and residents of the hospital and aged care facility.

New members welcome

Once again, we are putting a call out for any interested people who would like to contribute to assisting our hospital - please come and join us – you will be made very welcome. Our numbers are falling and we would appreciate the help.

(If interested, please contact Kath on 8568 2294)

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year.

Kath Fisher - Publicity Officer



January, 2022

RSL Report

December Social Night



The Mount Pleasant RSL social night on Tuesday December 7th was enthusiastically attended by many members. A raffle was held with the winner being Collette Benton who subsequently donated it to be re raffled. Monies raised go toward the kitchen upgrade.

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday December 21st saw 22 members gathered for a Christmas lunch at The Gumeracha Hotel, including Secretary of Gumeracha RSL, Bob Brooksby. Sadly, they were all having so much fun, they forgot to take photos!

MP Visit



Later in the afternoon Committee members met with Member for Parliament Tony Pasin, representing the Barker electorate at the RSL building.

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a grant from The Department of Veterans Affairs to upgrade the 1950s kitchen.

Mr Pasin expressed a desire and a commitment to support our application as he has strong views regarding the support of Veterans and their families and in particular the RSL buildings which are very much dated and in need of refurbishment.

A sub-committee has been formed to gather information and quotes on cabinetry, electrical and plumbing work which the Committee thank very much for their time and efforts.



Cyclone Tracy

Forty seven years ago on Christmas Day, Cyclone Tracy flattened the City of Darwin killing 70 people and injuring hundreds more. Two Royal Australian Navy sailors died when their ship HMAS Arrow sank at its moorings. Wind gusts up to 375 km/h destroyed Eighty per cent of the City's buildings, with 30,000 people evacuated South by whatever means were available.

The Australian Defence Force were recalled from their vacations to assist with the evacuation mobilising The Royal

mp beat

Australian Air Force, Royal Australian Navy and The Australian Army.

The Red Cross, Salvation Army together with the ADF coordinated 2700 volunteers to help with locating the missing and setting up shelters, blood transfusions and 24hr donation hotlines.

Thirteen RAN ships were deployed to assist as well as every RAAF transport plane that was available.

Clubrooms and the Community

The RSL Clubrooms are available for the use of local organisations, and on November 24th the Anti Wind Farm Committee AGM made good use of the Clubrooms and we thank them for their kind donation of a painting depicting The Light Horsemen.

New Members

The Mount Pleasant RSL Sub Branch welcomes new members. A military background is not necessary and membership is open to people interested in furthering the aims of The RSL

Contact Dennis Rockley on 85682417 or Meralyn Schaeffer on 85682382

Our next Social night is Tuesday 1st February at 7 pm. All welcome.

Roger Benton – RSL



MP Community Association

Ribbons!



The Ribbon Fairies once again decorated the trees in Melrose Street. Thank you to Fairy Virginia, Fairy Paula, Fairy Heather, Fairy Liv and Elf Kim!

Community Tree

Thank you to Jack and his offsider from Santa's Christmas



trees who delivered the Community Christmas tree.

Thank You also to Paula and Bill Bartsch for putting it in place and decorating - not to forget Rob from Robbers Dog - who helped steady the tree and filled up our water bucket!

Christmas gifting

As we weren't able to hold our Christmas Parade and Street Party again this year, we had some gifts left over that we passed on to various organisations in the community, including the Primary School students and home-schooled students, and the CFS. (pictured below) We were happy to do this and hope we reminded parents and children that we are still out there and hopeful that 2022 might be different – but don't hold your breath! In the meantime, we would welcome anyone who wishes to be a part of the organising group. It's a small group, but very organised and we are anxious to pass on our knowledge and expertise to the next generation.

Australia Day



As you will have seen on the front page, we have regretfully



cancelled the Breakfast in the Garden this year. This was a difficult decision to make, and it was only done after much discussion and research. There may be a time when we might be able to hold some sort of event to thank and acknowledge community members, groups and events, but until that time, please listen to the health professionals and stay safe.

If you'd still like to nominate, please put pen to paper and drop us a line about what you think – it's OK – you don't have to write a novel. Send it to Paula at PO Box 130, or email us at mpcainc@gmail.com, or given to Paula directly prior to 12th January.

Sue B – Secretary

Kindy News

New at the Kindy

The new fence is close to being finished, and the Teepee is! The children should really enjoy this new addition.

Bridget Klingberg



Sport

Darts!

Torrens Valley Darts Association is located in the Torrens Valley district of South Australia.

New season starts on 31st January, 2022. Competition night is played on a Monday starting at 7:30pm.



Torrens Valley Table Tennis

Wednesday nights in the BHS Gym. For more information, please contact Todd Gripton - 8568 5512

Email: todd.gripton@bigpond.com



Mt Pleasant Bowls

Night Owls continues in 2022. 7pm start with BBQ Hamburgers at 6.30p. Cost is \$5 for the burger and the game. Flat shoes required and bowls available.



Bo Hambly – President

Mt Pleasant Golf Club

A club like Mount Pleasant Golf is able to bring affordable access to golf and footgolf because of the tremendous efforts of volunteers. And we are always on the lookout for people who can ensure a unique sporting experience in wonderful parkland setting. Congratulations for all the volunteers who helped ensure a great day for the recent VETS Christmas Show. Led by Beth W. in the kitchen and Paul S and Mike H. in the bar the team managed to once again promote the club in such a positive manner.

Also a big thank you to Beth W., Paul W., Steve T., Paul B., Paul F. Mike H. and Paul S. for their efforts this Monday passed as they cored the 8th, 11th 12th and 17th and spreading cores on 13th and 4th fairway extensions. (below)



Dave Swann – President



Torrens Valley FC

Preseason Training

Preseason training will commence on the 12th of January at 6:15pm at Mt Torrens Oval. Come out & have a kick!

All welcome!

New Recruits

Jordan Portarianos - joins us from the Ramblers FC.

Jordan (right) is a 6'3 Key defender who recently won a premiership at Ramblers. He is an up-and-coming Senior Footballer, who we are excited to have join our club. Welcome, Jordan.

Ben Lucas - Ben joins us from the Hahndorf FC where he was involved in multiple senior premiership sides. As a talented utility, big bodied player, he will



add to our already talented side. Ben (left) is a participation coordinator with softball SA & a PT. We are very excited to have Ben join the club. Welcome, Ben.

Lukass Blicavs - Lukass joins the Torrens Valley Football Club after a short season playing in the South Australian Mallee league with Peake FC.

He also previously played Senior Football in Queensland for the Bakers Creek FC and Western Border league for East Gambier, Mt Gambier. Prior to football, Lukass (right) was a high-level basketballer playing across Australia for various teams. Welcome, Lukass.

Brendan Smart - Brendan joins us from the Hahndorf Football Club. He was a consistent player for 7 years whilst being awarded leading



goal kicker consecutively for 4 years. Brendan (left) has won four premierships with the Hahndorf Football club and looks



forward to joining Torrens Valley Football Club. Welcome, Brendan.

Brad Hartman - Brad joins us after recent premiership success with Ramblers F.C. He is a highly talented & versatile player



who also spent time with the Sturt and Geelong Football Clubs in his earlier senior years of football. At 1.88m tall, he also represented S.A 3 times in Basketball.

Also joining Brad, is his cousin, **Cyril Sizzla Trevorror** (pictured left with Brad and Coach) or CG

to his mates! CG is a mid size forward who can take a good mark, and he is a strong lead with good history of goal kicking. He has the ability to play various positions. CG has played for both Meningie and Ramblers League sides. Welcome to you & your family!

Lyn Wilhelm - Vice President



Mt Pleasant Tennis Club



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8am Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

call Murray - 0439 385 291

The Thursday Fitness Group

Meet at Talunga Park at 10am every Thursday.

Cromer news

Friends of the Old Cromer School



It was pretty hot for the working bee, too hot for painting but we got some good jobs done! Liv is working away upholstering the second chair. Between Mike, Dean and Tim, they cleaned up the fire pit, sealed the window and cleaned it and tidied the path up - after being caught inspecting Tim's mustang! While Pauline cleaned, tidied and sorted inside. We had some early starters - Andrew mowed, Dave weeded and Anne painted some doors.



Thank you, Angela N for the amazing muffins. Our Christmas get together was another great evening, enjoyed by all. Photos: Pauline Williams



If you're on Facebook but haven't joined our group yet - here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/OldCromerSchool>

Pauline Williams

Springton news

Edenmae rocks on

The Edenmae Winery continues to provide locals with a great experience – the Rizz and Fizz evenings are always well attended and who knows, one day we might uncover another Picasso? Congratulations to Michelle and her crew for providing such a unique and valuable experience in our backyard!



DID YOU KNOW?

That the Springton Exchange is located in Od Tailm Town?



Tungkillo News

The Tungkillo Progress Club Inc. Committee Members for 2021-2022 are:

- President - Stephanie Rollond
- Vice-President – Alan Lintern
- Secretary – Joyleen Burton
- Treasurer – Glenda Rogers
- Council Representative – Robert Guthrie
- Committee Members - Tony Farrow, Robert Guthrie, Meredith Baynes, Mandy Lintern, Malcolm Reynolds

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Membership

Become a member of the Tungkillo Progress Club for just \$2 a year or Family \$5. If you haven't renewed your membership, please be advised that you will not be able to vote on future projects, AGM or constitution for the club to help us with the township and surrounds into the future. You can renew online just send an email or note in letterbox and the details will be given.

Card Luncheons

The last card luncheon for the year was held on Thursday 16th December. Numbers were down a bit as some players had other Christmas time commitments. 24 card players & 5 hard working volunteers enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas roast lunch with all the trimmings, followed by a delicious home-made Christmas pudding & custard for dessert. As a special treat for Christmas, pavlova shells with whipped cream & strawberries were served for afternoon tea, they were very popular.

Clem Borman thanked the Tungkillo Progress Club & volunteers for putting on the card luncheons, & said how much they all enjoy the day.

I'd like to thank Elaine, Neil & Ian Day & Carole Evans for all their help on the day & throughout the year.

Plus, our volunteer ladies who are here at every card luncheon, you know who you are & we couldn't put these luncheons on without your valued help. Thanks everyone.

All being well the first card luncheon for 2022 will be Thursday 17th February.

Bingo

The Progress Club would like to advise that there will be a Bingo Night in February, 2022. Please keep an eye your emails or letterboxes for a flyer with all the details.



Tungkillo Gazette (Joyleen Burton)



Classifieds, courses and community info

TAFESA

Now might be a good time to check out what's available in 2022.



<https://www.tafesa.edu.au>

Jobs website:

<https://www.barossaplainsjobs.org.au/>

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Markets



Farm Gate Garden
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COUNTRY MARKET



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While the Gumeracha Fifth Sunday Market committee are enjoying some downtime after our October Market, we are also looking ahead to 2022 and our Market schedule. We will be planning 4 Markets in 2022 (dates below) and as you can see the 1st market for the year is not far off, so mark it in your calendars now!

30 January 2022
29 May 2022
31 July 2022
30 October 2022

Due to popular demand we have opened applications already. If you'd like to join us as a stallholder in 2022, please apply by completing and sending in an application form. You can access it here:
<http://www.gumerachamainstreet.com.au/fifth-sunday-market/>



Because of COVID-19 and the ever-changing regulations, please check online before visiting markets – as they may have been cancelled since this newsletter was printed.

For a more comprehensive list, go to the Beat's events page:
<https://www.mtpleasantbeat.org/events>



January calendar



Events

Date	Event	Details
8, 15, 22, & 29 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers' Market	8-12, Saturdays @ Talunga Park

Many groups are still on hiatus during January, please contact secretaries if in doubt.

Meetings

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd Tuesday 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 (MP Progress)	7.00pm, 2 nd Tuesday @ Men's Shed
MP Fitness Group	Talunga Park Pavilion - Thursdays
MP Men's' Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am.
MP Photography Group	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays - 9.30am @ Men's Shed- \$5 a session
MP Show Society	2 nd Monday @ Talunga Park
MP Spinners & Craft Group	St John's Church Hall, 10-3 on Wednesdays (Call Elaine on 0411276190)
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
St John's Card Group (500)	1 st Thursday every month. 12 noon start. \$10 for 2 course meal + beverages.
SACWA	1 st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
SACWA Craft Group	1 st and third Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30am @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
TV Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Women's Woodworking	1 st Wednesday every month in the Men's Shed
Writers' Group	Please email: Dwainecelie@gmail.com

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