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Hands up...

...if you remember when we had two banks? What about when we had two pubs? Remember when the hospital was a real hospital? When we had a proper A & E?

The latter, to be fair, is suffering because of COVID-19, but some of the changes and downgrading have been on the cards for a while, and it's only a matter of time before it becomes like all the other ex-hospitals, and then people will move away, and we will be overlooked when people are looking for the 'country experience', because we won't be able to offer even basic services. The \$24M telehealth package announced recently won't help much, and doesn't address the REAL problem. How safe is our Library, and how is the old MP Council chambers to be used for the future? So many services have been lost to rural areas. Federal, State, local governments, and communities should be working together – or there won't BE a rural S.A.

I haven't touched on the sporting clubs that have closed or are struggling.

Service clubs and community groups need help.

In many ways we are typical of a million small towns all over the world. I have often said that if we found the answer to community involvement we'd make a fortune (and maybe able to afford luxuries like a rotunda in the CWA Garden!).

It's in your hands – because frankly, I'm getting a little tired. I will be cutting back this year, and I'm not sure where. Currently I'm on two SACWA State Committees – Marketing and SIFFT (Social Issues Fact Finding Team), as well as our local SACWA branch, the MP Community Association, Red Cross, RSL, Australia Day and Street Party, and I do the newsletter.

I'm not doing any paid work, but I'd really like to spend some time doing some things like – finish renovating the house and spending time with my family. Walking away from things you know are important is really hard, but if you want to stay sane, sometimes you have to do it. I'll keep doing the newsletter, but I have to admit some months it's not as easy as others, and if anyone wants to help (apart from my lovely contributors), that would be really handy.

Sounds a bit whiny and whingey this month, let's blame the weather, as I HATE humidity.

Sue B

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Information from the MP Pharmacy

The pharmacy offers both Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations. Please call 85682005 to book your appointment.

At this stage they are hoping that Rapid Antigen Testing packs will be available mid February.





MP Pharmacy

MP Bakery Australia Day!





Hats off to the management and staff of the Mount Pleasant Bakery! Not only have they been getting into the swing of Halloween and Christmas - providing also some fantastic workshops over the holidays for bored kids and frazzled adults - but in January they decided that if the main event had to be cancelled, they'd step in and step up. Because they held a sausage sizzle, it was much more COVID-19 safe, as people would just be buying and moving on. Well done, and congratulations for showing some initiative! Support your local businesses and they will support you.

To be, or not to be?

Local Theatre club faces closure after 23 years.

Top of the Torrens Theatre Group, based in Mount Pleasant, are facing closure from diminishing membership. At the

upcoming AGM there are likely to be vacancies for all of the office bearing positions as the reduced volunteer base for the club has been further reduced due to age and ill health of some adult members.



The club has staged popular performances about twice a year, specialising in comedy and musicals, bringing homespun entertainment that sends people away with a smile on their face. Previously, shows were held in surrounding nearby towns, but in recent years, the resetting for different venues has been too taxing, so all the shows of each season have been presented in the home town of Mount Pleasant. The last two years have been difficult with COVID restrictions, but one well received show 'LOVE! LOVE? LOVE...' was successfully presented in May 2021 and enjoyed by over 300 faithful regulars and new audience alike. The club has seen a recent increase in budding and enthusiastic young members, with some of them

participating at committee level, but many more adult volunteers would be necessary for the continuance of the

Two special meetings are scheduled at the **Mount Pleasant** Soldier's Memorial Hall for 7pm Friday 4th and 11th **February**. The first will be open to the public to discuss the future of the club and give an opportunity for persons willing to be being involved a chance to register their interest and meet the current members. The second meeting will be for members only to vote for or against the proposal to wind up the club. Opportunity to become a member for half price will be available at the first meetings and the start of the second meeting. COVID conditions will be adhered to at both meetings. If you value this creative outlet for local hills residents, please consider coming along and showing your

For any inquiries please communicate via Facebook page 'Top of the Torrens Theatre Group Inc. or website www.tott-

tg.com.au



Meg Stephens for TOTT

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.



Help in the lead-up, or on the day - all assistance will be appreciated.

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



FoodBank thank you

To all the wonderful individuals, churches and clubs:

On behalf of the Community who have been receiving Food parcels, I would like to say 'Thank You' for your contributions - for donating either goods for the pantry, money,



packing of the parcels, or delivering for the community pantry, based at the Birdwood United Church.

As Rhonda Loechel stated in her Birdwood United Church AGM report for 2021:

"The most exciting part about the food pantry, apart from the support we are able to offer those who are struggling, is how the community pulls together to enable this service to be so widespread and effective. Every church in this area and many organisations continue to support the Pantry, including the BUC Op-Shop, some of the schools, the Lions Club and (SA)CWA, and money raised from the Passover Meal. Many individuals who cook meals and deliver food parcels.

Not only does this service assist with food deliveries, it also assists those who are struggling – by the encouraging words, a hug, or helps in some other way such as provision of firewood, a bunch of flowers, or a friendly chat or an understanding ear when a family member or pet has passed away. This service has also helped with transport, gardening, shopping, house cleaning and doing laundry, plus other chores. It is wonderful that in our church and the wider community, many of these activities are unplanned and may even be unnoticed but they 'just happen' as Jesus lives in us and we share in his work."

In 2021 leading up to Christmas, there was again a wonderful response of donations for the Christmas Hampers which assisted many families and single folk to have a much better Christmas than they would have been able to manage otherwise.

Many people were involved in donating, preparing, packing and distributing these hampers.

It would be wonderful if we could continue to live in this attitude of Sharing and Caring throughout 2022, please don't hesitate to contact our Community Pantry if you hear of anyone in need, and please continue to donate food items as you are able.

You may be interested to know, over the past 12 months there were at least 99 Food Parcels delivered or collected around our wider community, this is apart from the many Christmas Hampers that were delivered.

Thank you again for all your assistance.

Birdwood United Church - Community Care Pantry

Adelaide Hills Council news

Libby Barber earns civic award

Libby Barber has worked tirelessly for the Gumeracha Main Street Project and was awarded a Civic Award by the Adelaide Hills Council on 26^{th} January. You can see the fruits of their labours when you drive through the picturesque main street – it is a credit to the group, the AHC and the people who support them.

Libby is a true Gumeracha advocate and an active member of the Gumeracha Main Street Project Working Group. Through her leadership she has tripled the vendor participation of the Gumeracha Fifth Sunday Market, and has happily acted as one of the 'Gumeracha Garden Fairies', maintaining flowering garden beds along the main street.



Libby was presented with her award by AHC, Councillor Malcolm Herrmann at the Gumeracha Fifth Sunday Market on Sunday 30th January.

Congratulations to Gumeracha

"Gumeracha streetscape upgrades dazzle for summer

The Gumeracha community is ready to show off their upgraded main street after a community-led project to help revitalise the town.

Formed in 2016, the <u>Gumeracha Main Street Project</u> came together with the aim to achieve economic sustainability for local businesses, in part through improved aesthetics and tourism-appeal of the town centre. This committed group of volunteers has worked closely with Council on a variety of opportunities, even <u>winning the Public Engagement and Community Planning award from the SA Planning Institute</u> in 2018.

Cycle Trails



Recreation Trails and Cycling Routes under the microscope

In August 2021 Council endorsed the Trails and Cycling Routes Management Policy, a key document that sets the tone for Council's position regarding the provision of recreation trails and cycling routes on public land.

We are now consulting with the community about how recreation trails and cycling routes should be managed, and to what standard.

If this topic is of interest to you, then <u>head over to our Have Your Say platform</u> and provide your feedback by 8 February 2022.

Comment:

* In the 25th January Minutes, AHC received a personal letter from the parents of Amy Gillett which was very moving. The upshot is that her parents wish to proceed with the next stage between Mt Torrens and Birdwood. AHC resolved to approach Deputy PM Barnaby Joyce to accept the Federal Funding of \$2.6 million, and request an extension to 30th June 2022 in order to negotiate with the state government concerning the construction and delivery of the project. But if there is no extension in time it will be brought back to the council for further consideration. There are a large number of points listed for consideration should that happen, far too many to list here, but if you are interested, go to the AHC website and read pages 7 and 8.

Also:

* The Great Australian Wine Trail was a topic listed in the Barossa Council Mayor's January report – here's hoping the extension of the Amy Gillett Bikeway to Mount Pleasant is considered, as ratepayers in this area of TBC consider this a priority. The Amy Gillett Bikeway forms a part of the Great Australian Wine Trail – linking the Adelaide Hills and Barossa wine regions.

Barossa Council news

MP Library - have your say



Last newsletter I touched upon the public consultation about to be conducted by the Barossa Council regarding library services. The council documentation underlying the public consultation contains a raft of recommendations for library services throughout the area of the Barossa Council. I urge people to take the time to read the documentation and respond to the public consultation, because without a strong response from this area, I fear for what lies ahead for our library.

As I added last newsletter, under the heading of Library operations and services appears the following:

 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.

What does this mean? Is it code for a reduction in full time library staff, as it certainly reads that way, with the current staff offered the opportunity to transfer into this <u>customer service role</u>. That's why a strong response from this area is so important to the continued provision of our current library service, not a potential lesser library service.

Although it doesn't appear that there will be a reduction, another item in the Council recommendations is as follows:

 The Barossa Council purchase a large vehicle fitted out as a mobile library; providing collection and program services to the community via an outreach schedule that includes visits to community events, smaller Barossa towns and preschools...

With the purchase of such a vehicle and the staff member within the Mount Pleasant facility providing a 'full time customer service experience along with extended Council services' will we end up having to visit a mobile library? It may not happen, but the potential is always there for a reduced library service.

You may want to compare what is being contemplated for this area, and then see what is being considered for Nuriootpa and Tanunda. Here are some of the recommendations:

- Consideration to be given to opening Tanunda Library on Sunday afternoon instead of Nuriootpa.
- Nuriootpa Library to be open later one night per week (e.g. to 7pm or 8 pm), and to 5pm on the remaining four weekdays.
- The grassed area outside the Nuriootpa Library be fenced and funding sought to furnish the space with a community and/or sensory garden.
- Nuriootpa Library be modernised to provide a vibrant, contemporary, welcoming space to the community. This could range from a small budget option of reorganising existing shelving to provide a variety of spaces for community use and greater vision of the whole library, to a full library refurbishment.
- A community coffee shop be established in the foyer of Nuriootpa Library to encourage library customers to stay longer in the library and provide a community atmosphere...

From those remarks it does appear that some areas will benefit greatly if the recommendations are implemented, and for others, their futures are somewhat shrouded in mystery, e.g. Mt. Pleasant and Lyndoch.

The public consultation starts on 21st February and concludes on the 1st March. To quote Joni Mitchell's words from 'Big Yellow Taxi', 'you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone'. We know what we have here, two excellent library staff and a serviceable little library. If you want to keep what we have then I can't urge you strongly enough to respond to the public consultation, as without feedback we may end up with a reduced, and I would say inferior, library service.

Think about our Library - how you use it.

Could it be better?

Are there things you want to see offered in the Library? Do you think the space could be used by the community better?

The information on the review goes from page 339 to page 445 inclusive of the December TBC Agenda – available to download from TBC website. Please send your feedback to TBC PO Box 867, Nuriootpa 5355 or email:

barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au

Caravan Park upgrade





Mount Pleasant Caravan Park Upgrade - Update from The Barossa Council

Community Update via the Beat Newsletter

The Barossa Council is pleased to notify that work on the Mount Pleasant Caravan Park Upgrade has commenced! Recently Council's the Big Project Team were successful in securing State Government grant funding of \$817,286 to provide an upgrade and expansion of the ever-popular

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Caravan Park. Council has contributed \$1,225,930 toward the project making a total budget of \$2,043,216.

Over the past few months, the Big Project Team, Rebecca Tappert and Zana Irwin, along with Mount Pleasant Inc representatives, Wendy Harvey and Genevieve Herbart and the Management team from Belgravia PRO, have been working with architects, engineers, landscape designers, and hydraulics and electrical experts to finalise the detailed Caravan Park plans, guide the development of project,



complement the existing qualities of the site and ensure the new design is fit for purpose.

The project will see a significant amount of stormwater, drainage and ground levelling works across the site to address the current drainage issues. There will be 24 designated/powered sites, a new camp kitchen and separate BBQ area, landscaping including irrigated lawned areas, garden beds and tree planting (but no tree removal), as well as sealed internal roads.

The project will also include the installation of 6 cabins to the Park. 2 x new, modular 2 bedroom, all access cabins, fully equipped with kitchen and bathroom facilities and 4 x cabins that have been relocated from the Barossa Tourist Park at Nuriootpa, each offering 2 bunkbeds / 1 x double bed and a small kitchenette. The introduction of cabin accommodation will provide visitors with an additional accommodation option and will attract a new market of holiday makers to the Park. The open tender is currently out for the new cabins and the 4 repurposed cabins have been relocated and are onsite waiting to be installed. A Development Consent Application for the cabin installation is underway.

We have started some minor works on site during the final planning stages and have completed the clean out and fixing up the old storage room / office space that will see the installation of shelving for increased storage purposes. One of the onsite sheds has also commenced cleanout and fit out as the new reception / office area where visitors will be able to check into the Park. There has also been work done to remove old fencing around the site, clearing the space for earthworks to commence.

The next steps once the final ticks and approvals are achieved is to go out to tender for the full construction works, issue a contract and mobilise. We anticipate these to be in a number of months' time. Council is thrilled to see this project commence and look forward to watching it develop further over the coming months. We will keep the community updated with further progress via the Beat, or you can email communityprojects@barossa.sa.gov.au

18 January 2022

Comment:

If you read the details above, even though the works were supposed to have commenced months ago, tenders for the refurbishment of the cabins haven't even closed – then there is a selection process. THEN, tenders will be called for 'full construction works'. The office / reception area will be repurposed from a storage space.... ?? A shed? With extra shelving?

As has been stated in a previous newsletter, the process which was undertaken when permanent residents were asked left a bit to be desired. Vulnerable community members were requested to vacate many months earlier than necessary. (The state legislation clearly states the amount of time that mut be allowed for this to happen.) They were told to leave by September, which seems premature, as clearly they could still be there. This should have been handled much more sensitively by both Belgravia and TBC, taking into account the various approvals, tenders and work required at the Caravan Park. Social media discussion recently has shown that many people are dissatisfied with the response, and also concerned that the response has seriously impacted the income form the summer tourism season. Previously to 2021, I have driven past the park on many occasions and noted the numbers of caravans - over thirty each time. That's pretty good levels for a small country caravan park. Not now, though.

Why wasn't all this done BEFORE people were told to move? It seems that the process has been longer and more drawn out than it should have been.

Pool Closures

Whilst maintenance of the leisure pool was occurring over the Christmas period additional work (whilst empty) was identified as requiring urgent attention. These further works will mean a delay to the reopening of the The Rex - Barossa Aquatic and Fitness leisure pool.

The lap pool will continue to be available for lap swimming and some recreational activity during this time, plus all aquatic members of The Rex can use their membership at Nuriootpa War Memorial Swimming Pool and the Williamstown Swimming Pool. Progress on this work and reopening dates will be provided as soon as they become available.

For more information on availability of the lap swimming pool and the centre opening hours phone 8563 2766 or go to barossarfc.com.au.

It's Grant time!

Grants can provide entities (business and community) with much needed financial contribution to help get that next project become a reality.

Local, State and Federal governments, regularly provide a range of new grant funding opportunities to assist with economic and community outcomes.

RDA Barossa, Light, Gawler, Adelaide Plains is keen to support entities in securing funding to achieve those same outcomes through;

provision of links to grant search engines,

linking to subsidized service providers to help write grant applications for you through our Business to Business (B2B) network,

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provision of information to make self-assessment and applications easier.

offering guidance on grant applications you are writing vourself, and

providing alerts to new grant opportunities through our newsletter.

https://barossa.org.au/grants/



February 5, 2022, marks ten years for the town of Mt Pleasant and their ever-popular farmer's market. The market has had much to celebrate in their ten years of trading. It has every week given local & neighbouring communities the opportunity to shop local for their fresh food produce, to support SA growers, and a place to socialise. With the market membership constant at 500 members, the market is still going strong after 10 years.

Retiring Market Co-Manager Genevieve Hebart said, "The gate fundraising initiative proudly sits as one of the massive achievements the market has supported, with almost \$130,000 being collected by local community groups, through gate donations on market days and then fed back into those participating groups."

Co-Manager Terese said "The market has also made an impact at the showgrounds & caravan park with improvements to the show/market hall infrastructure and building of the community's undercover wisteria atrium. With the help of the People & Places Grant and The Barossa Council, local & market communities have raised the extra funds needed to complete and modernise the kitchen facilities in the catering shed and also to build a new much needed toilet & shower block. The showground has also had a facelift with some murals painted on the existing buildings by local artist Graeme Westwood. Murals depicting the history of the region."

"The market has been supplying the Mt Pleasant community with an ATM every market day since opening and with the closure of the local bank, this too has been a real benefit to both the local community and to the travellers staying in the caravan park."

"The market introduced a major drawcard event in the SA Spring Garden Festival in 2016, which has brought a different audience to Mt Pleasant. The event is run in conjunction with the Farmers Market, and pre covid drew 3500 people to the Mt Pleasant district for the one-day event. Our other major events on the market calendar are the very successful Twilight Christmas, Easter Farmers Market and Bee Day events which attracts a surge of people to the town." A full calendar of events is planned for the 10th birthday celebrations. Market stalwart, celebrity chef Simon Bryant, will be returning to the market to celebrate. Simon with his effervescent personality & quick wit will be sure to be a crowd pleaser. Simon attended the opening of the market 10 years ago and has been a staunch supporter since. On the birthday market day, he will be showcasing the diverse

products at the market in an inspired cooking demonstration. Simon will be at the market on Saturday 5 February, 2022.

A gala dinner event will also be held in Mt Pleasant to announce and present market stalwarts & life members with awards. Chelsea Honner, incoming Co-Manager "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 Mt Pleasant Farmers Market is open every Saturday between 8am – 12 noon at the Mt Pleasant Showgrounds. For any enquires Terese 0418 301 121 or email info@mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com.au

Volunteer at the Market

Want to help keep our Farmer's Market running and successful? How, you may ask? VOLUNTEER!

The Farmer's Market is a community run & managed project & volunteers are the key to our success.

Right now, we need help at our Admin Desk. Signing up new members, sales of merchandise, taking stallholder payments, some cash handling, providing information to stallholders & customers, and answering general inquiries. A couple of hours, fairly light duties and a chance to socialize with likeminded people.

What's not to like? We'd love to talk to you! Contact us by heading over to the Admin desk on Saturday or call 0418 301 121 or email.

Even the veggies celebrate!

Graham Westwood is slowly taking over Talunga Park – pictured below is his latest offering.



This one isn't quite finished, but as it's the 10th Birthday of the Market – and Graham celebrates his birthday in February – we thought it appropriate to add it here.

Amber animals nearly done



Thank you, John Bowd!

Recreate

We're baaack!



The fantastic Recreate mob are back in the shop, busily recycling providing a seller's space for all those wonderful produced locally personal products, art and jewellery items, as well as offering a array of recycled home goods. One of the interesting collections is a range of pet supplies - including handmade doggy beds.

Craft

There is always a great range of craft ideas and supplies available – for just about anything.

Plants

The garden section is just bursting with any amount of Australian native and cottage garden plants. Priced very reasonably, they are already acclimatised to our conditions





- why go elsewhere?(Pictured below is Margaret with her plant 'babies')

Faye McGoldrick

Verging on the sublime

This looks like a great idea! If you spend any time at all visiting other places, you will see that over the past few years, many small towns have used their time and volunteer efforts to 'beautify' their spaces – not just for the tourists – but for themselves. (Gumeracha, Woodside, Strathalbyn, Middleton, Port Elliott, Goolwa to name a few. Angaston in the Barossa has a very active gardening group, as has Williamstown.)

Adding nature back into an urban environment has many benefits – some not readily apparent – but as you can see by

This is Rotherham where council have planted 8 miles of wild flower verges. It has saved 25k in mowing costs. These photos posted by British Beekeeping Association!









the caption above, the bees love it! Sophie Thomson – Red Cross' special guest at the Garden Party this month would totally agree. Recreate's community garden has many elements of these plantings – including places for bees and other beneficial insects.

In the past we have endeavoured to establish a gardening group, but the response has been lukewarm. In a great community minded gesture, Faye McGoldrick has offered the use of Recreate's tools for this.

We encourage people who love gardening – or even those who understand the correlation between gardening, nature and good physical and mental health to consider how we could achieve a better Mt Pleasant.



Pleasant History

Our annual Australia Day Breakfast was cancelled this year as it was felt that with the current restrictions on numbers it was not feasible for our small group of volunteers to both offer a scrumptious breakfast as well as make sure all attendees could be kept 'safe' from Covid or that we would be able to make sure we adhered to the current guidelines. So, I thought I would search for an article about a former Australia Day celebration in Mount Pleasant and the following demonstrates the willingness and enthusiasm of the community for Australia Day in 1917, which was celebrated on August 4th.

Just imagine the time and effort that was required to create the various displays, and the exhaustion at the end of the day after the procession, fete, supper and concert. Certainly, a full day. Do you recognise the names of some of those involved... I am sure you will. If only I had a photo or two of the event... Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954), Friday 17 August 1917, page 3

And a warning – this copy from the archives contains passages which today we find extremely offensive. It is retained in this article as a part of the newspaper report on the day, and in no way reflects current thinking. We've thankfully come a long way.

Australia Day at Mount Pleasant

Perfect weather prevailed on Saturday, August 4, for the Australia Day celebrations at Mount Pleasant. The residents of the district showed considerable enthusiasm in the proceedings, and the result was well worth the effort, for nothing to equal the demonstration has ever been witnessed in the town. The procession assembled at the school road at 12.30 p.m., and from there proceeded to the pound yards and back through the main street to Henrytown. (sic) A motor car, decorated as a boat, and driven by "Uncle Sam," contained several young ladies to represent the Allies. Following closely behind came one of Adelaide's "tanks," which was a sight to behold, and a credit to the driver, who brought it safely all the way from town. The Blumberg Brass Band rendered valuable service. Ouite a number of young ladies, mounted on beautiful ponies, and jockeys on fine draught "remounts" found a place in the procession. The draughts were stirred by the excitement and gaiety of the surroundings and pranced along as though they had Arab blood in their veins. The nerve trying "giant pair," who towered high above the crowd, caused roars of laughter over their taking ways and their modest bows to the onlookers. They were indeed a perfect pair, but I doubt if anyone would care to meet them in the gloaming. A pair of blacks from Springton seated in a vehicle, evidently built for two, were very amusing with their painted horse. The black gin sat comfortably on a pumpkin. A trolly containing a wurly and its usual occupants was arranged by a party of children. The "Mount Pleasant Orchestra," composed of school children, armed with tin whistles, trumpets, accordions, a drum, mouth organs, and the like, caused much amusement. The Telegraph Department was represented by a tangle of wires, and a card bearing the words, "Talk is cheap, 500 miles for 9d." Visitors from Murray Bridge, in fancy dress, and a party of sailor girls, also joined in. Handsomely decorated motor cars, resplendent with patriotic colours, made a fine display; and one containing the "nosey brigade" caused much amusement as a weird-looking nose peeped out from among the foliage. Other burlesque vehicles were responsible for much merriment, and last, but not least, came the school children, attired as milk maids, geisha girls, girl guides, black gins, Red Cross nurses, cow boys, footballers, soldiers, &c. The jubilant expression on their little faces proved how proud they were to be able to "do their bit." The procession finally wended its way to the agricultural hall, where the Minister of Education and Repatriation (Hon. D. J. Gordon) made a splendid speech in declaring the fair open. The first glimpse of the hall aroused a sense of admiration, for no time nor pains had been spared in the decorations. Each stall was artistically arranged and well stocked with goods, and at each brisk business was done. One portion of the hall was set apart for refreshments, and here, too, the attendants were kept extremely busy. An exhibition of war curios, of which the Revs. J. A. Ford and F. W. Wilkinson, had charge, proved most interesting. A guessing competition, in which the prize was a fat sheep, was won by Mr. Hoad, who gave the animal back to be sold on the Bugler system. Mr. Longmuir won the supper cloth, Mr. B. Bax the dock, Mr. W. Dewell the ham, and Mr. Standish the cake. One dusky skinner participant afforded everyone the "pleasure" of contributing coins to his fund, and by this means raised over £6.

The stallholders were:-Produce, Mesdames Proctor, Wellsman, Tapscott; meat stall, Mrs. Hillam and the Misses Wilkinson and Berghoff; fancy goods, Mesdames Thomson, Harding, Tamblyn, and Reeks; work stall, Mesdames Destree and Neagle, and Nurse Anderson; cake stall, Mesdames McBean, Ford, and Miss F. Langford; sweets, Mesdames Herriot, Smith, Misses Tamblyn (2), Talbot, and Adamson; flowers, Miss South; refreshments, Mesdames Hicks, Tapscott, Harms, F. Dewell, Sharp, Verrall, McGorman, Giles, B. Fulwood, Jensen, G. Talbot, and Miss Cooper; buttonholes and buttons. Misses E. Talbot, F. Laing, A. Seidel, and Zeliger. In the evening an excellent concert was given by Miss Hilda Felstead's company, assisted by Miss Rose O'Mahony and needless to say the programme presented was enthusiastically received. The hall was packed, and many had to be turned away. A supper, followed the concert and concluded what was undoubtedly a most successful day. The total proceeds amounted to £330.

Paula Bartsch – Historian mountpleasant.sa.au







CFS

Vale Louise Hincks

On January 25 2022, as a mark of respect and condolence at the tragic loss of Louise Hinks of Happy Valley CFS during the Callendale/Lucindale bushfires, Mt Pleasant CFS Siren ran



continuously for one minute, followed by a minute's silence.



Obituary

Louise Hincks joined the CFS as a volunteer at the Eden Hills Brigade on 27 July 1994 before transferring to Region 1 Operations on 12 November 2008. Between December 2008 and 2019, Louise took a break from volunteering whilst studying, using her skills to go on and support fellow emergency services workers through the Stress Prevention and Management program.

A loved and respected member of the Happy Valley Brigade, Louise held the positions of Brigade Finance Officer and Senior Firefighter. A passionate volunteer firefighter, there was nothing that Louise would not do to help someone. Yesterday, tragically, Louise lost her life on the fire ground, doing something she loved. Louise was a much-Loved member of the CFS and will always be in the hearts of the CFS family.

Incidents 20th Jan





Mt Pleasant CFS attended with many others at the Callendale / Lucindale fire. It was stressful, but despite what some people may have heard Mt Pleasant crew and all the Barossa strike team emerged safe and well, just exhausted.

10th Jan



Early on the afternoon of the 10th January, heart rates may have fluttered a little as the pagers went off for a Barossa Group Strike Team to Sampson Flat. Memories run deep. Fortunately, this fire was quickly contained and blacked out within 5 hours in preparation for the next ensuing high-risk days. Above is Mt Pleasant 34 and crew assisting with the blacking out. Thanks to those from our brigade that attended as well as all other brigades and crews.

Bushfire Readiness

Regularly check all preparations and your Bushfire Survival Plan. Reflect changing circumstances like sickness, injury or having visitors.

Glynn Jackson - Captain



Peter's poem(s)

Poets and Lovers

(just because it's Valentine's Day)

Deal gently with Lovers and Poets, a troubled and troublesome breed!
On a good day they may be aware what they want, but they'll never perceive what they need.

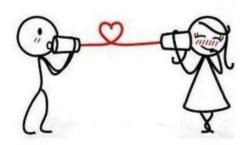
How much emotion is TOO much? What to show? Aaah - but what to conceal?
To love from afar, or close in, to touch.
To express or deny what we feel?

With a mind too crowded for leisure, and a heart lost between joy and pain.

There are times when the world holds no pleasure, No words are enough to explain.

So be patient, be gentle, forgiving.
With your poet, your lover, your man.
He may never know what you need or desire, but he's doing the best that he can.

Peter, The Peripatetic Poet. (When much younger)





Mad Dogs...

"Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the Midday Sun"
But it hasn't got to mid-day yet, and it's already thirty-one!
The rest of the world's holding its breath, BOY, it's gonna be

It's hushed and still all over, but in Annie's Kitchen - NOT.



I was out in the Raspberry Patch, just after rise of sun,

It's a bumper year in The Raspberry Patch, which means there's work to be done!

So, my Little Pommy Treasure says - "They must not go to waste!

I'll make another batch of jam, you know you love that taste!"

"But Little One, it's thirty-one, and the kitchen's nice and cool. Can't it wait a day or two? I find this heat so cruel!"
But No – It's making jam today, no matter what the condition, Me and You and the dog endure, here in Annie's Kitchen.



And that's not all on the go today, there's more that must be made, There's Pickled Onions, Beetroot, and her famous Marmalade! I missed the call last evening, to man the fire truck,

THEY'RE blacking out at She-Oak Log- Half their bloody luck!



I'M in Annie's kitchen, in its furnace-like condition.

My Lovely's impervious to all that stuff, when she is on a mission.

So I peel, and chop, and stir (when told), obedient as can be,

Then carry out the chook-scrap bowl, with all that fresh debris.

Plus, There's veggies in the crisper, so get them in the loop, (Annie has a recipe, for Cauliflower Soup)!

Prospects for my girth and weight are looking very grim,

I love to eat her cooking, thus never will be slim.

At last, the mid-day hour has passed, the preserves have all been done.

Now I can don my broad-brimmed hat, and garden in the sun.





Congratulati ons

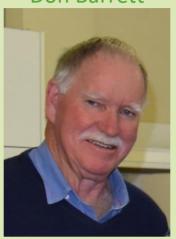
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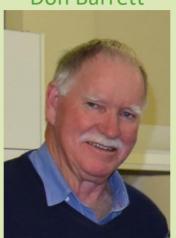
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Liv Andersen



Don Barrett





Margaret Seager

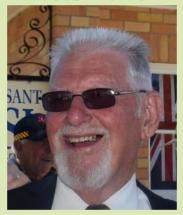
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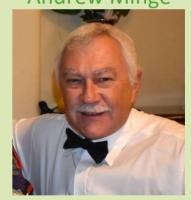
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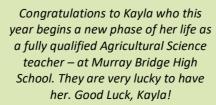


Happy Anniversary! Nick and Ash



Well Done to Graham Westwood who continues to paint everything in sight at Talunga Park.

Great job, Graham, and a really talking point for locals and tourists alike.



Clubs & Committees

MP Inc



No meeting in January - next meeting February.

Wendy Harvey for MP Progress Inc.

Men's Shedding

Holiday

The Shedders took it easy over the holidays – the weather played a big part. Most picked a day when it wasn't too bad to pop in and use the machinery for special projects.

One of the projects was upgrading this lovely old garden

bench. We think it's come up a treat.



Next Meeting

The next Men's Shed Meeting will be on Wednesday, 2^{nd} February.

Women's Workshops

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

Photography

The next session will be on Tuesday, 8th February

Gareth Saunders – Secretary 0430 026 993



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

SACWA

2022 continues to throw up problems for us, but we are pressing on regardless.

Our first meeting for the year will be on 1st

February, when we'll discuss the programme and make any changes needed. In March we will be visiting Gully Fruits, with the hope that our Homelink branch – Angaston – will be able to join us.

Poppies needed

We have an eager band of ladies who are busy knitting or crocheting poppies, and we welcome newcomers. Our aim is to have 1,000 poppies made in time for Anzac Day, where we will decorate and yarn bomb the hall. So, come on you

talented ladies and gents in the community, please come and join us and help us reach our goal. Wool will be supplied – just bring yourselves and your enthusiasm!

Foodbank

With grateful thanks to so many people who have generously donated non-perishable items in 2021, we have heard that apart from the Christmas Hampers, over 90 food packages were donated were given out to members of our wider community. With hard times continuing, please keep supporting this wonderful project.

New Memberships

If you are interested in joining this wonderful association, please contact branch President Heather Reekes-Parsons, on 0438290148.

Next Meeting:

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

Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA

MT PLEASANT SACWA FIRST MEETING FOR 2022



Murray and Hills SACWA Group Floriculture Competition Entry

Come along and find out what we are planning for 2022.

Meeting starts at 1.30pm

Members and non-members welcome, join us for afternoon tea after the meeting

All ages welcome, we are always looking

Some of our activities throughout the year are: Running a canteen at the Mt Pleasant Saleyards, Trading tables, guest speakers, outings to places of interest, pub lunches, group competitions and more...

Craft Sit and Chat will be starting again in March. 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please observe social distancing and Covid requirements while in the hall

February 1, 2022 at 1.30pm

Soldier's Memorial Hall, Melrose St. Mt Pleasant



Red Cross

Meeting news

Our first meeting for the year was held mainly to discuss arrangements for the Glen Devon Garden party in February. Our Vice president Kim Yap, together with Hartley Ramm will be doing a letter



drop, and Anne and Rose at the Post office have been kind enough to agree to put flyers in letterboxes. This year Henry Carter will be handling the event for us, which will help us greatly and take some of the pressure off.

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.

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Red Cross Calling

Don't forget the Australian Red Cross' annual fundraiser will take place 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. Please help us support this amazing organisation.

New Members

We welcome new members at any time – please contact our Secretary Kath on 0437 195 597, if you'd like to know more.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the Garden Party on the 24th February.

Kath Fisher - Secretary

Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital

Meeting news

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)

Kath Fisher - Publicity Officer



RSL Report

Renovations

Work has been underway with minor renovations to the inside of The Mount Pleasant

RSL sub branch building prior to a Department of Veterans Affairs grant being hopefully forthcoming.

The grant application written by Roger Benton and Michael Tapscott was submitted on January 17th and successful applicants will be notified over the next 4 months.

The grant if successful will enable the 65 year old building to be bought up to a modern standard.

The work involved is quite considerable with major upgrades to cabinetry, plumbing and electrical work.

The members are very grateful for the support of The Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin and staff of The Barossa Council.



Since 1920, when 12 returned soldiers from this area met to discuss setting up a local branch of the RSL and the formalising on December 13th 1929 the Mount Pleasant sub branch has welcomed new members.

The current building was constructed in 1956 by donations from members of the community but is now owned by The Barossa Council and leased back to the RSL for a nominal fee.

Members are responsible for the upkeep of the interior of the building which does take a lot of effort and fund raising. The grant requested if successful may still see a shortfall of money required for the upgrade.

Any donations are welcome, and are tax deductible. Contact the treasurer on 0434 627 190.

Farmers Market gate

Members were glad to assist at short notice with the Farmers Market Gate on January 8th with the assistance of Hartley, John, Roger, Gus, Dennis and Jenny.

Welfare and Wellbeing

A Welfare and Wellbeing Officer has been appointed to support members who are incapacitated.

Members have been quietly communicating and assisting other members who have been incapacitated with shopping and driving them to attend appointments.

Anzac Day 2022

An Anzac Day Committee has been formed which will enable Anzac Day Dawn Service to go ahead.

Bi-Monthly meeting

The recent Bi Monthly meeting on January 16th welcomed 5 new members to the RSL and a new addition to the committee. At the conclusion of the meeting supper was supplied by the committee which was greeted most favourably. The meal was much appreciated with the earlier starting time of 4 pm enabling this to happen.

New Members

To be a member of the RSL does not require having a military background most people would have someone either a family member or friend who has served in the military one way or another.

Membership for Service Members is \$40 pa or Affiliates is \$30 pa. We welcome everyone.

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

The Mount Pleasant Community Association provided a letter of support for the Seeds of Hope Reflection Bench project



during 2021, and whilst there has been some delay in this project it is now on track and so I am inviting you, the community, to become involved in the planning, design and creation of a Reflection Bench for Mount Pleasant.

Our meeting to be held on February 22nd, at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, at 7pm will include guests from Seeds of Hope, to hear about their work and to discuss the planned project with Kristin Wholer the mosaic artist.

It is also the community who will decide just where the Reflection Bench will be placed so if you have an idea or two, please come along to the meeting and share your ideas.

Paula B – Chairperson



Sport

Torrens Valley FC

Preseason Training

Preseason started Wednesday 12/01 at 6:15pm Mt Torrens Oval (Please remember to bring own water bottles)

We will train every Wednesday up until March 29th where we will then revert to Tuesday / Thursday nights.

Trial game vs Houghton FC is scheduled for March the 26th at Torrens Valley 1pm, combined As / Bs over 6 quarters! The club is excited with the playing group that has been retained and new recruits joining, we are looking forward to season 2022! All welcome!

New Recruit



Welcome to Malcolm Aston & his family.

He comes to us from Murray Bridge, where he coached the reserves to a premiership last year.

He is an 8 time premiership player, with 150+ A grade games including Div 2 SAAFL, Div 1 Hills, RMFL, SFL& GSFL.

A good Half back & utility player! Welcome to the Lion's Den, Mal.

Lyn Wilhelm - Vice President

Darts!

Torrens Valley Darts Association is located in the Torrens Valley district of South Australia. New season started on 31st January, 2022. Competition night is played on a Monday starting at 7:30pm.



Please checkout the Facebook page for details of games, venues, and membership.







Mt Pleasant Gems Netball

Golf - FootGolf?

Alexander Komljenovic (AlexKommy to his friends) plays for the Western Strikers (round ball game), and posted a video on his TikTok account about things to do, and it was blokes having fun playing FootGolf at the Mt Pleasant Golf Club. Went viral and certainly put us on the map with a wider audience. Not had a go yet? You could be missing out on the experience of a lifetime. Get in touch with us and the company of the country of the coun

Dave Swan - President

Congratulations to Swanny and Deb on becoming grandparents to Sophie – Best Wishes to Megan and Chris!

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.



Cromer news

Friends of the **Old Cromer School**

The venue is now taking bookings so if you are looking for somewhere to have an event get in contact with us!

Next month the **People's Choice Credit Union** Lottery will be drawn. Get your \$2 ticket here! 100% of proceeds go the venue for improvements. We need a shed and would love you to help us raise funds, share this with your family and friends. https://bit.lv/3IfT8bl

https://www.facebook.com/OldCromerSchool

Pauline Williams

Springton news

The Springton Progress Association is calling for responses from the community:

HAVE YOUR SAY? It's your Springton!

The Springton Progress Association constitution has not been reviewed in over 10 years and we're looking to bring this into the 21st Century and make it more accessible to those living in the area.

We need YOUR help.

Have a read of the letter attached for more information, however, what we need is your response to two questions.

1. What would make Springton better for you?

2. I would be more involved in the Springton Progress Association if...

Contact us via Facebook and comment or send us a direct message.

Thank you in advance and we encourage you to stay tuned as we look to make change happen!

SALA

The annual SALA event will again be held this year. Always a stunning addition to any SALA lineup – it's not to be missed.

SPA Committee

Edenmae loved by horses...

Miss Molly thought she'd pop in for a glass in the rain yesterday. We all know how calm & peaceful cellar door feels... horses seem to agree & simply love our courtyard



Tungkillo news

Mail: PO Box 141, Tungkillo 5236

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tungkillocommunity Committee Email: tungkillohall20021947 @gmail.com Gazette Email: tungkillogazette @gmail.com

Subscribe to our Gazette Online by sending us an email.

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

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



Tungkillo Gazette (Joyleen Burton)



Bits & Bobs

Medieval Fair

The word is out, and the Medieval Fair that was previously the iewel in Gumeracha's crown, will now be located in Paracombe. A beautiful venue for



sure, but I don't think I'll be going.

I wish the organisers well, and hope that the Paracombe community benefits from it.

I hope with all my heart that Gumeracha finds another experience that will make up for losing this iconic event.

Robber's Dog

Did vou know Robber's Dog now serves snacks? So, not only can you enjoy a dark and stormy (or whatever the cocktail of the week





is!), you can now partake of some pretty yummy food - stroke of genius! There is also now a great little outdoor area for those balmy afternoons.

Classifieds, courses and community info



BAROSSA • GAWLER • LIGHT • ADELAIDE PLAINS



Get work-ready with free workshops

Access free one-on-one workshops to get you work-ready and gain a competitive edge, available every first Thursday of the month from February.

Book a time that suits you and get free expert advice on job searches and applications, career planning, interview preparation, navigating Centrelink, and much more.

With thanks to Regional Development Australia, Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, these workshops will be available at the Torrens Valley Community Centre in

Book by emailing workforce@rdahc.com.au or phone 0478 559 154, and make 2022 your year of career success!

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Learn all you need to know about cyber security so you can protect and stop cyber attacks on your business.



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Open your world to the possibilities of farming with drones and the latest technologies available to improve and enhance your farm techniques



RENEWABLE ENERGY

HYDROGEN FUNDAMENTALS

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INTRODUCTION TO NAVAL SHIPBUILDING

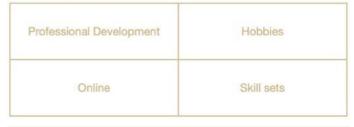
Developed in close partnership with the Naval Shipbuilding College this course prepares you for employment in the industry.



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

BOOSTING REVENUE IN TOURISM

Explore the principles of how to sell the products to the right customers at the right price at the right time.



Jobs website:

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

Apprenticeship info

https://www.skills.sa.gov.au/apprenticeships

Markets



Farm Gate Garden 806 Springton Road, Mt Crawford



COUNTRY MARKET



Saturday 5th February



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.









19th February A selection of locally made arts, crafts and tasty goodies. Every third Saturday in our beer garden from

Palmer Hotel

10am-2pm, weather dependent. Stall holder enquiries 85694054 **CASH ONLY**



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



February calendar







Apart from Rob's killer Cocktails, Robber's Dog is now offering Home Made food! Do yourselves a favour!





Dine in or Takeaway Pizza deals!



Date	Event	Details
5, 12, 19, & 26 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers' Market	8-12, Saturdays @ Talunga Park
12	10 th Birthday celebrations	Book online – limited numbers
4 & 11	TOTT meeting, & TOTT AGM	7pm SM Hall.
15	Red Cross Glen Devon Garden Party	10am Glen Devon – bookings ESSENTIAL

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	1st Tuesday - Social gathering
RSL Meeting	Alternate month, third Sunday @ 4pm - Bi-Monthly meeting
St John's Card Group (500)	1st Thursday every month. 12 noon start. \$10 for 2 course meal + beverages.
SACWA	1st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
SACWA Craft Group	1st and third Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30am @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
TV Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Women's Woodworking	1st Wednesday every month in the Men's Shed
Writers' Group	Please email: Dwainecelie@gmail.com

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