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Homelessness Week

1-7 August 2022

To end homelessness we need a plan



Escaping the cold A brief respite up north

Family weddings are liable to be held anywhere now it seems. When our nephew Ollie and his fiancé Issy named the date, it was pretty obvious they'd get hitched in Darwin. where they've lived for some time. It's been 29 years since we were there, and that trip was the best fun we'd had as a family. It was our first trip in a caravan with the three kids, and we arrived home feeling like we could do it again. This time of course, I was smarter, and flew up whilst Don and his brother - who decided to come along for the ride - travelled up in the car. Sharing a house with the rellies and checking out all the places we remembered was an odd experience. Of course, it was the height of the tourist season, and you could hardly move at the Mindil Beach markets. So, getting the Green Paw Paw salad I'd been looking forward to, proved impossible. But it was great to see so many people having a great time, and we were able to catch up with friends from 40-odd years ago, who have moved back from Malaysia. Darwin has changed so much, there was little I recognised. And then of course there were not one, but three events connected to the wedding - so we were a little partied out. In the meantime, the grandchildren had a ball, with Ruby declaring every day that it was "the best day ever!" Darwin is great for tourists. There are stacks of fab little eateries from all over, and the weather couldn't have been better. Sadly, the shopping for summer gear had to be on hold, as the population declared it was un-seasonally cold, and they refused to stock anything but jumpers, tracksuits and other winter clothing. After the wedding and associated events, we began the long trip home. Don's brother had jumped on The Ghan, and was headed to Alice and the Western MacDonnells before heading back to Sydney, others were flying back, and Ruby and her family were taking the scenic route. We'd decided we were stopping at Nitmiluk to finally see the gorge (Katherine), and catch up with an old friend from Port Augusta days. Fabulous scenery - and a very funny guide. Tennant Creek was next, with the Devil's Marbles, and a stop at the Devils' Marbles pub – highly recommended. Alice was gorgeous, but that too has changed. We had great accommodation and spent a whole day looking at a few gorges in the MacDonnells before going past Namatjira's house and then on to Palm Valley. We want to go back and finish seeing the gorges we missed - maybe next year. The next stop was Coober, and the Mud Hut is definitely the place to stay. The last day was the longest leg - about 900kms, and we were really glad when we got home. Before we moved here, I'd do the 1100km trip from Marla to mum and dad's place about three times a year. Must have been mad. We learned a few things on the way - took notes about things we'd like to get for the 4WD - including long range tanks, and noticed the difference between lay-bys in the Territory and South Australia. Theirs are much better. There is also very little telephone reception - which we expected (Podcasts rule!), but google maps still worked for the most part all the wav down.

It's been really hard getting used to the cold again – which is another reason this newsletter is late!

Sue B



Blithe Spirit

Top of the Torrens Theatre Group shines

It was a great and triumphant return for the Top of the Torrens Theatre Group in July.

Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit is a frenetic and witty play, and the cast were well chosen. COVID has been tough for us all, but never more so than for those in the arts.

Those who kept the group going over that exceptionally difficult time are to be applauded, and even though it is a largely different group, the experience of once again joining with friends for a grand night out was rewarding and fun.

I'm not a theatre critic and can't for the life of me write a proper critique, but if you go to The Theatre Association of South Australia and read Kym Clayton's review, you'll get an idea why we enjoyed it so much. (A link is also on TOTT's Facebook page.)

https://tasaonline.org.au/reviews/blithe-spirit

Congratulations to the cast, Co-Directors Mo Johnson (who you may remember from 'Bunkered') and Kristina Vonow (who many will know as the fantastic Drama Teacher from Birdwood High School), and all the front of house and behind the scenes helpers – you should all take a bow.

Here are some pics I snurched from the Facebook page.







Theatre Workshops

If you go to TOTT's entry in the Clubs and Committees section, you'll find information on some great upcoming workshops. There is also information on the Facebook page. If you, or someone you know is interested in treading the boards- why not give it a go?

Become a member

You can also join TOTT and support them in that way.

Panto for Christmas

In England, the Christmas panto is quite the tradition – TOTT are hoping to put on a production of 'Cinderella' – sounds like a hoot. Get behind this great little troupe and keep it going for all of us.





Lobethal Poultry Club Annual Show - 2022

Lobethal Poultry Club's Annual Show was held in the of the Talunga Park Showgrounds poultry pavilion on Saturday 2 Iuly.

Despite the chilly temperatures and cold winds there were 545 birds entered by the 43 exhibitors. The three judges Gavin Woods, Max Smart and John Arthur were from Yorke Peninsula and arrived in plenty of time before judging commenced at 10am.

This year the Feature Breeds were Sussex and Geese with the Champion Large Fowl & Bantam each winning \$10 and the Champion Sussex winning \$50. Champion Geese Exhibit won \$50 and Reserve Champion \$20. Janet Lambert from Kanmantoo took out the two feature breed top awards.

Reserve Champion Bird of the Show, was won by Kevin Stoodley, a local Mt Pleasant business manager, with a Large Fowl Black Australorp Pullet.

Champion Bird of the Show (\$100) was won by the Hall family with a Blue Red Large Fowl Old English Game Hen
The Lebethal Boultry Club holds its meetings on the first

The Lobethal Poultry Club holds its meetings on the first Sunday of the month (except for the Annual Show) at Mt Pleasant. For more information contact the secretary Diane

Formby on 08 8569 1767.

Pictured left collating the scores are Janet Kuys left and Diane Formby right.

Pictured below are Judges left John Arthur and Gavin Woods right. Bottom – the queue for the barby!





Around the town

Mt Pleasant Bakery celebrates!

A year! Well, OK, the Bakery is older than that, but Tab and her team have been in business here for a year, and celebrated in style on Sunday. Well done!



MP Hotel Beanies

Not necessarily the height of fashion – but much needed at this time of year. Beanies in the Bar at the Pub.



Terry Keen

Although not strictly a local, we think Terry qualifies for inclusion as he has been driving Mt Pleasant and district students to and from the High School for years! He called into the Bakery where Roger Pfeiffer and Martin Reeves (also former drivers), and Don Barrett sprung for his coffee. Happy Birthday,



(He was actually a lot happier than he looks!)

Pleasant History Ross Smith and Dewell families

A recent visitor to the History Room enquired about the Ross Smith family. Whilst I knew the name, and that the surname was always 'Ross Smith' I knew little of the family generally. But these enquiries often lead one down a great rabbit hole, and this one certainly did.

I did know that we had photos of the funeral of Willie Ross Smith, so grabbed those to show our visitor whilst I sorted out what else we had in the collection. Alongside the funeral photos there were also some family photos, so our visitor was very happy to be able to capture these with his phone, as is common these days.

With investigation in "The Quiet Waters By" (QWB) which is our go-to history book for the region (written by Reg Butler) we were able to put a small amount of detail together as well. The visitor was only 11 months old when his father, Ronald Ross Smith, died, and he knew his grandmother was wife of



Willie Ross Smith, Ada nee Dewell (pictured left), and that she had owned the property 'Dew Vale'. I certainly knew of the Dewell family and that they had originally arrived in the Mount Pleasant region in 1855, after landing in Melbourne, Victoria and then travelling to South Australia on the boat Havilah as members of the 29 family contingent who had travelled with James Phillis after his visit to England in 1854-1855. I am learning that all

enquiries lead back to the Phillis family, as it happened that Ann nee Phillis was the sister of James Phillis, our original settler, and she had married Robert Dewell. They had 7 children, who all came here at the same time. I also knew of the property 'Dew Vale' but had not really investigated just where that was...

Charlotte Dewell



One of the children of Robert and Ann Dewell was Charlotte. (pictured left) Now I have found her an interesting person, as at a time when it is thought that women did not have the where-with-all to own land and make their own way in the world, she certainly did that... she also had a son, Franklin Dewell, and a daughter, Adelaide, who died as a baby at just 2 months of age. Ada was the daughter of Franklin and Jane nee Spavin, (Franklin

and Jane
pictured
right), and
she had a
sister,
Florence,
whose
wedding
photos were
amongst the
family photos
in the collection.



When visitors call in, we don't always have the answers immediately, but I always try to give clues to where to search next, and of course, my curiosity is piqued and I always end up doing more research than is necessary in order to add detail to the enquiry and the collection.

After our visitor had left, I remembered that we had a Mount Pleasant Heritage Survey conducted in 1987 (which is now available on-line) so did a quick check for detail regarding 'Dew Vale'. Whilst it is not listed as such in this document, detail in QWB led me to the property, which I had been told was the place of the first Tungkillo District Council meetings, and comprised several dwellings. My new offsider, Fran, knew this property well, so we could nut out more detail which I could pass onto our visitor who had left his details with us.



'Dew Vale' (pictured above) is situated on Ross Smith Road (which seems appropriate given the circumstances). Further investigation of the land titles found that Charlotte Dewell purchased lot 78 in Totness from Henry Giles in 1862 (which is on Pentelows Road) and in 1863 held the mortgage on land in the Clare region, due for repayment by February 1866. She also held mortgages on various properties throughout the state, and generally with the interest payment stated and short-term loans. In 1872 she purchased what became 'Dew Vale'. On her death in 1915 the property was left to Franklin, and on his death in 1948 to daughter Ada Elizabeth Smith. In 1893 a gold discovery prompted Charlotte to open the land to prospecting... for a time it seemed to be successful, although open to controversy with disputes over claims. The following articles are just a snippet of what can be found in the newspapers via TROVE.



Great Podcast

Forgotten Australia tells the stories we didn't hear in history class. Forgotten Australia is created by Michael Adams, a Sydney-based writer. author. and television producer.

August, 2022



Adelaide Observer (SA: 1843 - 1904), Saturday 5 August 1893, page 20

Gold at Mount Pleasant

... Application, was recently made to the Government that a considerable area of land near Mount Pleasant belonging to Miss Dewell should be thrown open to prospectors under the Mining on Private Property Act. Following the usual course men were put on to test the ground. In various parts of the ground sixteen holes were bottomed with most satisfactory results. In no less than thirteen of them payable gold was found, the best result obtained being $1\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. to the tub. Miss Dewell has informed the Inspector of Mines that she will in all probability throw the land open at once without waiting for the Government to resume under the provisions of the Act. This is regarded by Mr. Parkes as the most promising of all the land which the Government have been asked to resume

Inspector Parkes is in receipt of a nice sample of gold from the new find near Mount Pleasant. It is contained in a small bottle, and consists of several fairly sized pieces of nuggety, shotty, drift gold of excellent quality. It was obtained at a depth of from 3 to 10 ft. (the average sinking being about 4 ft.) by the prospectors sent there by the Government. The locality upon which the find was made is private property, and the owner intends throwing it open to the general public. The men who obtained the gold referred to are so satisfied with present results that they have applied for "reward"

claims, but they cannot work the ground until the land is declared open by the proprietor.

South Australian Chronicle (Adelaide, SA: 1889 - 1895) Saturday 17 March 1894 - Page 8

Judging from the specimens taken from the leader on the property held by the Mount Pleasant Mining Syndicate, which were exhibited at Mr. A. H. Scarfe's office on Monday, very rich stuff is being met with. The stone, which is of a loose soft character, is literally studded with the precious metal. For the most part it is very fine, but in places the gold adheres to the stone in rough pieces about the size of peas. With the specimens was also shown 124 oz. of clean gold which had been washed out of the stone, as much as 67 oz. being obtained in one day.

On Saturday in an hour, a pound weight of gold was washed out of a 70-lb. bag of stone. Apart from the leader the walls on each side are showing good gold, and it is estimated that a foot on either side of the leader will yield 3 or 4 oz. to the ton. The leader has been followed to a depth of 10 ft., while the run of the stone is to the east and underlays in a northerly direction. All the gold washed up to the present time has been obtained from 13 bags of stone. The manager (Mr. C. Hunt), who was formerly connected with the Woodside mines, the Lady Alice, and the Murchison Consolidated, has had great experience in gold mining, and he entertains strong hopes of meeting with a good reef.

It is amazing just where a simple question may lead... but a visitor such as we had makes my work at the History Room make sense in a way.

Paula Bartsch

Historian





Advanced Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market Inc.

To be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 29th August 2022 at the Natural Resource Centre, Mt Pleasant

Positions are available on the Management Board.

1 Community positions for 2 years:

Position held by Wendy Harvey, who may wish to nominate again

2 Stall Holder position for 2 years:

Position currently held by Kerrie Hillier and Kerryn Fry, who may wish to nominate again.

Nomination forms available from Admin. desk on Market day or at the front desk at Natural Resource Centre, Mt Pleasant (Mon - Friday 9-5)

Only a member of the association can nominate a person for a position.

A retiring member shall be eligible to stand
for re-election without nomination

Nominations in writing must have been received by 12noon on the 1st August 2022



Marketing
Online Shopping



Have you tried our online store yet? Order your market goodies on our website from home in your pj's by midnight Thursday, and on Saturday morning our lovely volunteers will pack up your order like busy bees while you're having brekky at Shed 2 Full or chatting your way around the market. When you're ready to go, head over to the information desk and we'll send you on your merry way with a basket full of goodness. And if you're a market member, you get 10% off of your order. How good is that?!!

Ready to try it out? Click the link below:

https://mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com.au/collections



Get creative with

Florals

with Lucy from Ellamore Flowers

at 9:30am (1hour duration)

inside the Wisteria Atrium, Mt Pleasant Showground \$50 per ticket

Join Lucy from *Ellamore Flowers* for a floral workshop that will demonstrate the process of putting your own table centrepiece together. Lucy will share some tips & tricks when it comes to working with flowers. Participants will be able to take home their own floral arrangement.

Market Members receive 10% off workshop tickets! For more information or to book www.mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com.au

Wanted

The Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Board is urgently seeking a person/s with specialist skills that might assist the Farmers Market as a Board Member. The specialist skill person could be for example a Lawyer, Accountant, or has experience in



marketing or in IT. The volunteer Board position has a time requirement of 2 hours per month minimum. Board Meetings are held once a month on the third Monday of the month. Interested? Contact Chairperson Ashley: ashley.c.dent@gmail.com



Recreate

Community Pantry – what is it?



We've created a community pantry to go beside our free library and grow free cart. If you've got anything clogging up your pantry or your bathroom that you're never going to use why not bring it in. Someone else might love it. A great way

to reduce waste and share with the community

Jewellery

We have a new jewellery display thanks to Sonya one of our legendary volunteers. All of this amazing jewellery has come from donations.

Thanks donators!





Garden Centre

We've got lettuce!!!
Thanks to our volunteer
Nat for bringing them in
and potting up.

Special on veggie seedlings: \$3 ea or 5 for \$10.

Bec Lane



mp beat

Peter's poem To a journeyman builder

Ev'ry morning at site you'll see him arrive, Sometime between 7 and 7.05.

Tools in the back, ladder on top,
Keen to get started, damn hard to stop,
BIG JOHN.

Or over at Men's Shed, working with wood, shavings and sawdust sure smells good, Or photography group, Wednesday, OK? Got a good eye, or so they all say... BIG JOHN.

He can fit new kitchens at the RSL, just one of the jobs he can do so well, Or else in the Show Hall, fixing a table. At all of these tasks - BJ is able! BIG JOHN.

Safe and reliable, steady as a rock, He'll be there on time in the grey Amarok. Concrete, timber, all good with him, he'll cut, shape and fashion, all neat and trim. BIG JOHN.

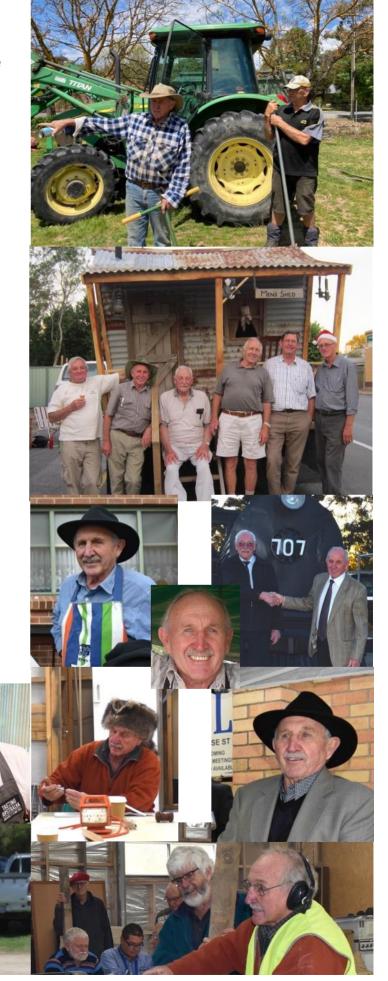
Making up formwork, threading in screws, there's never a tool BJ can't use. Have YOU seen him beaten? Yeah, nah, never, Just a wry smile and 'What's-a –name, whatever!' BIG JOHN.

Where would we ever find such another? Perhaps we should check, does he have a brother? We're all gonna look incompetent fools, should John ever decide, to lay down the tools. BIG JOHN.

Homage from....

PeterThe Peripatetic Poet

Pictured is John in some of his many incarnations. With partner in crime Peter, the blokes from the Men's Shed, with George and the train. Cooking for the RSL, and directing traffic for the show, and getting tips from Simon Bryant.



People

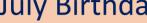
Please contact us if you know of any celebrations or significant events happening.





Нарру **Birthday**







How could we forget Lisa? Here she is hamming it up at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon last year.

John Cussadia





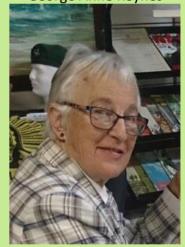
George Anne Keynes













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Clubs & Committees



Awards Night

It was the turn of the Barossa Group to have our 6 brigades have recipients of the National Emergency Medal for committed endeavours during the 2019/2020 Fire season Cudlee Creek, Kangaroo Island and Interstate Deployments. So proud to have worked with all these volunteers from our group during this time. Congrats to all.

I have included some images here of Mt Pleasant Brigade and couple of recipients - Sue Streich (top) and Hartley Ramm (middle), along with the brigade recipients as a whole.







Comedy Night returns!!

The proof is in the pudding - or the ticket online reporting! Tickets for our 7th annual Mt Pleasant CFS fundraiser Comedy Night have been on sale since 9am on Monday, the last week of July. Already 1 third of the tickets have been purchased. Please don't be a "wish I had got my tickets because I missed out" person for this fantastic, hilarious evening. Get yours ASAP as we cannot guarantee how long they will last before selling out. Don't forget, if you would rather purchase at the Post Office in Mt Pleasant, it is cash only. (Poster for the event on the 'Coming Events' page)

Training – 6th July



This training was a Road Crash Rescue, using a donated van. As it was decided to use the van for a couple of trainings, the team focused on door and front of van removal for extracting a trapped driver. Great turnout for this valuable resource. RCCF grants available

The Regional Capability Community Fund (RCCF) grant program allows farmers and farming business to purchase equipment to create or support the safe use of FFUs. The fund will reimburse approved purchases such as new pumps, water tanks, and UHF radios, either in full or a portion of a purchase from \$200 to \$3,000 (GST exclusive). Only one application per individual or business can be made.

Grants are open from 25 July - 21 August, find out more at https://fal.cn/3qtR5



Glynn Jackson - Captain



MP Inc

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant Progress Association Incorporated

Notes from the Mt Pleasant

Progress Association Inc. Board Meeting

Held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.00 pm. in the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed

Present: Genevieve Hebart, Wendy Harvey, Gareth Saunders, Pete Stephens, John Bowd.

Apologies: Chris Hebart, Peter Wilde, Don Barrett, Pauline Williams. Anne Moore

Guest: Cath Davies from Robbers Dog interested in finding out about the organisation.

Minutes of the previous meeting of June were adopted.

Business arising / ongoing:

Wendy has contacted the Engineer who did the concept plan for the Hall lift. He will now provide a quote for a comprehensive engineering plan for the lift.

Pete Stephens presented an old list of required maintenance items for the Hall. This list is to be updated and sent to the Barossa Council.

Wendy gave an overview of progress re caravan park and the savings that have been made through changes to the original plans.

Further seating has been installed at the oval with support from Simounds Transport, as well as the new works manager from the council. There will be a few seats left over and these will be offered by the football club to the tennis club for their court area.

Genevieve provided a list of town events to Meg Stephens for graphic design.

The Old Pump Jack to be kept on the agenda for future renovation.

The Northern gate on the playground has been repaired. Gareth reminded the group of the success of the Men's Shed in gaining a grant for an avenue of trees to be planted for the Queen's jubilee celebrations.

Wendy is exploring the option of gaining Deductable Gift Recipient status for the Inc. Body to encourage donations.

Community Dinner: Next dinner is on the 28th of August. Neil Wilson from the Totness Inn will be the guest speaker.

Fleece and Fibre fair: Planning is ongoing for this event. There have been 41 stalls booked so far. Yacka Ridge alpacas will have alpacas on display.

The next meeting will be held on the 9th August 2022.



Wendy Harvey for MP Progress Inc.

Men's Shedding

Meeting news

Uncle Tom's Cabin has moved a step closer with the arrangements for the contractor for

the concrete slab being confirmed. Pictured below is mover and shaker David A, with his trusty weed sprayer pack.



Women's Workshops

The next Women's only woodwork session is on the first Wednesday in August (3rd). If you have a project you are working on and need a hand, or even if you want to try something, come along and take advantage of the blokes' expertise and willingness to lend a hand.



Photography

The next session will be on Wednesday, 3rd August at 9.30am – Don't forget to bring your favourite photos for inclusion in the 2023 calendar!

Next Meeting

The next Men's Shed Meetings will be 10th and 24th August.

Gareth Saunders – Secretary

0430 026 993

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

Kindling for Sale

8 Kg/\$10 kindling bags for sale. Call Gareth

(AKA *George the Lumberjack) on 0430 026 993 for purchase details. * Like the Phantom, George lives on.



Community Dinner

The next Mt Pleasant Community Dinner will be Sunday 28th August.



Dinner will be roast beef and chicken with vegetables. Dessert will be Apple Sponge Pudding and Fruit Salad. Guest Speaker will be Neil Wilson from the old Totness Hotel to discuss the future plans for the premises.

Please note we will be increasing the price of dinner to \$25 per person (children \$15).



SACWA

Winter with its icy weather has slowed our activities down this last month, and we are all trying to keep safe while the Omicron variant is still about.



Annual Meeting news

After a light lunch of a selection of soups made by three of our members, with crusty bread, we held our annual meeting. Our Office Bearers for 2022-2023 are as follows: President – Heather Reekes-Parsons, Vice President: Jan Bransbury, Secretary: Kath Fisher, Treasurer: Paula Bartsch, Assistant Treasurer: Doreen Kuszczakowski, Craft Officer: Jan Bransbury, Floriculture officer: Jan Gardner, Competition Officer: Claire Simounds and Birthday Steward: Merry Schaeffer.

SACWA at the Royal Adelaide Show

As the show looks like going ahead, the SACWA will once again open the Country Café. Sue Barrett will be volunteering to stack the dishwasher again, but if others are able to help, they will try to do so. The Merchandise Tent will also be open – so go there and grab a bargain!

Hills and Murraylands Group

The H&M group will be holding their Annual Meeting in the St John's Anglican Church Hall on the 8th August. This gathering is always enjoyable and we look forward to catching up with friends from our wider district.

Cuppa, Craft and Chat

We have changed the name of our gathering before the meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, as realistically, many of us just get together to catch up. We share stories, discuss what's happening in the district and even what's making the news. We may even indulge in a cup of tea or coffee with a shared morning tea, and in this way, we support each other, which is probably a better reflection of what we do (as more than a few of our members have many UFO's! – Un-Finished Objects). Come along on the first Tuesday of the month – enjoy a cuppa, work on a project or learn a new one, or just sit and chat. Our craft Officer Jan will be there, and sometimes Paula – both of whom have knowledge of many and varied crafts - and are willing to help. Remember - you don't have to be a member of SACWA to join in - we welcome everyone.

Winter Warmers

Please also continue knitting Beanies, Scarves and Rugs. We join together with the Red Cross and Friends of the Hospital to make these items for those in our community who are most vulnerable – and as this weather has been colder than usual, it is even more important that we do our bit.

Foodbank

Foodbank is always in our thoughts, and particularly during this extended cold and frosty weather. Please dig deep, and continue to donate non-perishable goods wherever you see the purple Foodbank sign – Mt Pleasant PO, Birdwood Op Shop, etc. Those who are struggling in our district need all of our help – no matter how small.

New Memberships

If you are interested in joining this wonderful association, please contact branch President Heather Reekes-Parsons, on 85682084.

Next Meeting

Our next branch meeting is on 2nd August at 1.30pm in the SM Hall. Paula Bartsch will be guest speaker – re-scheduled from June – and we are looking forward to hearing what she has to say as she is always interesting and we learn so much about the history of our district.

Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA

Red Cross

Annual General Meeting

Office Bearers for the 2022-2023 years are as follows: President: Margaret Seager, Vice president: Merry Schaeffer with Kim Yap, THE PO Secretary: Kath Fisher and Treasurer: Liv Andersen.



Meeting news

Ups and downs are continuing for ours and most other groups, but we battle on. Several upcoming events we are hoping to participate in are the Spring Fair, a Christmas Stall and at this stage, the Street Party. Visits to the Angaston and Cambrai Op Shops will be finalised at the next meeting.

Organising for our Annual Glen Devon Garden Party is well under way, and the date has been confirmed as the 14th February. We are also once again honoured to have the remarkable Sophie Thomson as our guest speaker.

Community Work

As the extremely cold weather continues to cause concern, we encourage members to join with the SACWA and Friends of the Hospital to continue to knit Beanies, Scarves and Rugs for those whose need is greatest.

We also will be continuing our support of Foodbank and the Community Pantry.

Vale Peter De Salis

This last month we noted the passing of member Wilma De Salis' son Peter, in Darwin. Our condolences go out to Wilma and her family and loved ones at this sad time.

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

Will be held on the 25th August at 2pm in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Kath Fisher - Secretary

Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital

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As with other groups, at this time of year there is not much to report, but we are

hopeful that after the AGM, we'll have more members and possibly an event or two to report on.

Father's Day Raffle

Tickets are selling well for this raffle, and they may be purchased at the Springton Store, Coopers of Mt Pleasant, the Mt Pleasant Bakery, Mt pleasant Post Office, the Birdwood Newsagency, and Blumberg Café at Birdwood. Please support this raffle as monies raised goes to assist the hospital and the aged care facility purchase items to ensure the comfort of those who need it. The gift hampers contain some lovely items that any Dad would love to receive.

New members

We welcome any people who are interested in contributing to and aiding our local hospital – please contact Virginia Carnell on 04002756027.

mp beat

Next meeting

AGM at 1.30pm, 9th August in the St John's Anglican Church Hall.

Kath Fisher - Publicity Officer

RSL Report Kokoda Track



During July and August, 1942, the Australian Army 144th

battalion fought with the Japanese Imperial Army on what is known as The Kokoda Track in Papua. During the battle Australian troops were pushed back towards Port Moresby, and it wasn't until November 1942 that Australian troops managed to retake the Kokoda Track.

The loss of life was 600 Australian soldiers with 1600 wounded. The Japanese lost 10,000 soldiers.



The battle halted the most southern advance of the Japanese war effort, as the next stop could have been Australia.



Meeting news

On Sunday 17th July, the bi monthly meeting took place, after which hot soups and Sourdough bread were supplied. Thanks to Meralyn Schaeffer and Jenny Rockley for making the very welcome soups.

Kitchen and refurbishment update

On Tuesday 5th July, the Mount Pleasant RSL Sub Committee met to discuss the fit out of the new kitchen, coming to agreements regarding colours and appliances.

Members removed the ancient air conditioner from the wall with Graham Westwood bricking up the opening.

Upon completion of the reroofing of the Mount Pleasant RSL Sub Branch at a cost to The Barossa Council of \$32,000, work recommenced on the refurbishment of the interior of the building.

Interior window frames have been painted and made ready for the installation of Vertical blinds. On Wed 27th July, all



interior windows were fitted with Vertical Blinds installed by Stan Bond SA Pty Ltd.

All the interior lighting has been replaced with LED downlighting, and the ceiling fluorescent fittings have been modified to accept LED tubes. The work was carried out by Darren Waterhouse Electrical of Mount Pleasant.

Final measurements are taking place by Supreme Kitchens to enable the installation of new kitchen appliances and fit out. Much work has been going on behind the scenes which includes the removal of 2 tree stumps, making a solid foundation for the flagpoles, repairs to the front door and removal of scrap metal and other debris.

On Wednesday all interior woodwork was primed and made ready for the top coat by Roger Benton with assistance from Wally & Marie Birch, with Collette Benton making good the many rawl plug holes in the kitchen walls prior to cabinetry replacement.

Next Social Night

The next Social Night is on Tuesday 2nd August at 19.00 hrs (7pm) and anyone who is interested is welcome to come along and share the experience. The Mount Pleasant RSL welcomes all new members as either Affiliates or Service members. Having a Military background is not necessary, contact President Walter Birch on 0428 854 886 or Vice President Dennis Rockley on 0431 731 403

Roger Benton - RSL

Community Association

Street Party meeting – 2nd August – SM Hall @ 7pm.

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Become a TOTT member

After the hugely successful production of 'Blithe Spirit', why not think about joining,

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TOP OF THE TORRENS
THEATRE GROUP INC.

and putting your money where your mouth is? Having a theatre group in the town, is a great thing for our district, and as many will attest, attending one of the productions is a 'grand night out'!

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Treading the boards? Why not try a workshop?

FUN THEATRE WORKSHOPS!

Have you ever wanted to audition for and be in a play or musical but didn't know where to start? Then the following workshops might be for you. If you or anyone you know have ever wanted to learn about auditioning for a dramatic/musical production, from knowing your type, choosing your song or dramatic piece, working with an accompanist and audition room etiquette then this series of workshops is for you. Hosted by James and Charissa McCluskey-Garcia, on and off stage theatre practitioners with many years' experience between them, the 'Auditioning for Theatre' Workshops x 5 and performance showcase are designed for those with little or no experience in musicals or plays but have always wanted to be on stage and give it a try.

Where: Top of The Torrens Theatre Clubrooms (Pentlowes Rd, Mt Pleasant)

When: Saturday the 6^{th} of Aug to Saturday the 10^{th} of Sept, 2022

Time: 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

Cost: \$50 per person (Payment is due at the first workshop)

Bookings: Please email kristina.vonow@gmail.com to book a spot

Workshop Information:

Workshop 1: Introduction to theatre

Learn about the history of musical theatre, finding your vocal and character type, and find out why people sing and dance to tell a story.

A lot goes into creating a theatre production – lighting, sound, props, costumes, choreographers, directors and more. In this workshop you will learn about the different roles within a theatre production and what you can expect in an audition, theatre terms and superstitions!

Workshop 2: Acting

In this workshop we will cover the basics of acting and working with a director in theatre. You will learn about "cold-reading" in an audition, acting styles, character development, understanding and interpreting theatre dialogue as well as working with a director.

Workshop 3: Music/Song

We will take you through the process of choosing and performing your song for a musical theatre audition and cover how to choose a song, preparing correct sheet music for the accompanist, audition etiquette, and what audition panels look for in a singing audition.

Workshop 4: Dance

Learn some basic dance moves for your musical theatre audition. Learn how to pick up basic dance moves quickly and learn how to listen to music and rhythms. Learn a short dance to be a part of your group performance in the showcase.

Workshop 5: Putting it together

Bring together your skills and get ready to perform! In this workshop, you will learn about listening for your cue, theatre and "wing" etiquette, warm-ups, confidence and putting everything together.
You will also have the chance to perform a mock audition with Iames and Charissa.

Showcase: Performance of new learnings

Join together this week and per 'audition' for friends and family. Draw on skills and ideas gathered over the weeks to contribute to this group show.

Book now to secure your spot.

Kind regards,

Gordon Combes

Sport

Torrens Valley FC

Good to see footy back at the oval! Well done to John Bowd and Peter Wilde for overseeing the installation of the pavilion seating,



Lyn Wilhelm - Vice Pres





Mt Torrens news

Thanks to everyone who came to the Mt Torrens Winter Market. The Soldiers Memorial Hall is a lovely venue and we were all very happy to be out of the cold. Another great fundraiser for the Mt Torrens History Centre. Next market is Sunday, August 28th. Look out for updates.

For more information contact: roseeposee60@yahoo.com.au



Palmer news

Palmer Hotel August Events Cars and Coffee on the 13th Home Made on the 20th



Springton news

SALA Exhibition Opened $30^{\rm th}$ July - Edenmae both sponsoring & contributing with "veraison." Terrific to see both Sarah there with her art class samples and our favourite vignerons Ingrid & David.

If you haven't been to a Springton SALA exhibition before – do yourselves a favour and pop along to the Springton Hall – always beautifully created, you'll find it packed with fantastic artworks.



Eden Valley news

Well the first weekend of SALA over, a few red dots, and a

verv pleasant Mini Opening with live music, thank you Greg and Janet. A special thanks also to Greg, Janet, Eve and Catherine who have transformed the somewhat shambolic Workshop space into a Gift Shop, filled with bargains. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10-3.



Tungkillo news

Community feedback

The Tungkillo Progress Club Inc. would like to hear from you. Whether it be events or items of what can be done around the district. Please feel free to send your ideas in via tungkillogazette@gmail.com or attend committee meetings held on the first Monday of the month, and present your ideas.

Tungkillo Gazette

Available on the Beat website under 'Other newsletters'.

Classifieds, courses & community info Trees for Life

Treesforlife Tree Scheme orders are now open!

The Tree Scheme is the perfect way to source native plants to make a start, enhance existing vegetation on your property, or build on the revegetation you've already done. It's easy to order with over 200 species on offer, including many shrubs and grasses.

Whether your aim is to increase productivity or provide food and homes for local wildlife, Trees For Life can help you source the right native seedlings.

Grow your own, or have one of their volunteers grow seedlings for you. Order your seedlings now and they'll be ready to plant in winter 2023.

Discounts* are available for:

- 2019 to 2022 fire-affected landholders with support from the Wildlife Recovery Fund.
- Landholders with an ElectraNet easement.
- Schools and small community groups.

You'll find more information on the Trees For Life website, including Frequently Asked Questions and order forms with a species list for your area at treesforlife.org.au. You can also phone 08 8406 0500, or email info@treesforlife.org.au. Orders close 31 August 2022.

*Conditions apply and discount doesn't apply to membership.

Scam Alert



Murray Mallee Police are warning residents and local businesses to be wary of people approaching them offering to do small bitumen laving work for a cheap price.

Generally, this type of scam involves customers being offered a quote for cheap prices, but the workers then complete a sub-standard effort and then further inflate the price and demand payment.

Sellers are usually equipped with small trucks and equipment that appears legitimate.

Police are reminding the public to be cautious of these types of offers where the deal seems 'too good to be true'. Police urge the community to check the details of any door-to-door sale persons before entering into an agreement and not to be pressured into making deals.

Police urge anyone being offered suspicious or 'too good to be true' door-to-door construction offers to make appropriate enquiries with Consumer and Business Affairs, or contact police. Further information can be found at www.scamwatch.gov.au

https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/news/bitumen-bandits-back-sa

Seniors Photographic competition



Through the Lens is part of International Day of Older Persons celebrations. The competition and exhibition promote ageing well by celebrating the skills of older South Australians through the art of photography and demonstrate that people can learn and create at any age. All South Australian Seniors Card members are eligible to enter by submitting up to four original photographs. Submit your best photos for a chance to receive great prizes! Judges are looking for good photographic technique, creativity and clear photographs. Portrait, Active Ageing, Landscape and Nature, Artistic Photography.

Through the Lens is a wonderful opportunity for Seniors Card members to share photos they have taken that reflect their lives and interests, Meaningful Connections and Judge's Choice.

Entries close 19th August.

https://www.seniorscard.sa.gov.au/benefits/through-the-lens

Webinar – Livestock SA

#LivestockSA is hosting the SA Emergency Animal Disease Industry Update and Q&A Webinar next week - Thursday 4 August. Find out what's happening locally, nationally and overseas to protect our industry, get biosecurity tips for your farm and have your questions answered. More info at https://bit.lv/3zDcdCG

Thanks to Clare Scriven MLC and Department of Primary Industries and Regions for supporting this session.





Need help with your tax?

Tax Help 2022

Do you need assistance lodging your tax return online? Tax Help is back at the Torrens Valley Community Centre.

If your income is around \$60,000 or less please call 8389 1711 to check all the eligibility criteria and book an appointment.



RDA Leadership



TAFESA



Explore your study opportunities

Whether you're looking to broaden your horizons or venture into a new career path, TAFE SA offers a range of short courses to help you explore the world of travel, food and beverage or embark on a rewarding career in the hospitality or tourism industry. Courses available in: Bakery, Cooking, Food Technology, Meat Processing, Food Safety, Hospitality, Tourism, Wine and Spirits, etc. Plus personal hobbies.

For more information and many more options, please visit the TAFESA website: https://www.tafesa.edu.au

Apprenticeship info

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

Jobs website:

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

Do you have a vacancy?

If you have read the papers, listened to the news, or even checked out Mt Pleasant's social media pages, you will have noticed that the housing crisis is affecting more and more people. Not just low-income housing is in drastically short supply, but there is little movement on rental accommodation. There are many theories as to why this is so, but reading the selected data from the ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Census is very telling.

If you have some accommodation you'd like used, check out those pages and make someone's day.

If you type in 'ABS Census' on google, and then click 'news', you will see articles on this and other topics that have been selectively released as the data is analysed.

Thought about running for Council?



Nominations open on Tuesday 23 August You are eligible to be a candidate for election as a member of a council if you are:

- an Australian citizen
- at the time the electoral roll closes:
- enrolled in the council area you are contesting, or
- the designated person of a body corporate or a group that has its name on the voters' roll for the council area
- left off the voters' roll for the council area in error.

Candidate briefing sessions

Register for one of our candidate briefing sessions available as either a face-to-face session or as a webinar.

https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections

Electoral Commission of SA



Charcoal drawing on wood: getting started

Book online through Eventbrite*

Workshop run by artist Frances Griffin www.francesgriffin.com Saturday 6 August 1:30-4pm Saturday 13 August 1:30-4pm

Springton Gallery, Graetz Terrace, Springton



Wanting to try your hand with charcoal drawing on wood?

The workshop will cover

practices and tips for using these natural materials.

No experience needed.

TAKE HOME your charcoal drawing on wood panel

*\$40

Happy Birthday, Cedar!

OK, technically not a local, but Cedar is a horse belonging to my daughter-in-law's mother, and she grew up with him. He celebrated his 35th birthday on the weekend, with his favourite people and stablemate Axel around him. We think he's pretty special!



Markets







Farm Gate Garden 806 Springton Road,

Eden Valley Farm Stand 1823 Eden Valley Rd





COUNTRY MARKET





Sunday, 21st August

MT TORRENS SPRING MARKET SUNDAY, AUGUST 28[™], 10-3 Please join usl In AND around the Soldiers Memorial Hall this time. People enjoyed this setting in June and, as August can still be 'cool,' we will be

there again. But several stallholders wanted to be outside so they will be out the front, down the South side and at the rear. Don't miss them!

Please join us and enjoy Live Music, Face Painting, Raffle (3 nights in Arno Bay), Apple Juice, Tea/Coffee, Bakery & BBQ.

Lots of great stalls again too, including spinning!

We are still looking for fresh produce stalls and sourdough bakery.

Contact Mt Torrens History Centre: roseeposee60@yahoo.com.au









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Events





At Mt Pleasant in the Wisteria Atrium.

AND AT SPRINGTON IN THE HALL





FLEECE AND FIBRE FAIR

Sunday 14th August, 2022

10-am to 3pm

Talunga Park Market Hall

Spinning and Weaving, Woollen crafts, Garments, Felting, Sable Wool Yarns, Coloured Fleeces, Textiles, Craft Demonstrations



Devonshire Tea & Coffee Soup and Crusty Bread



Contact Genevieve Hebart 0458884439



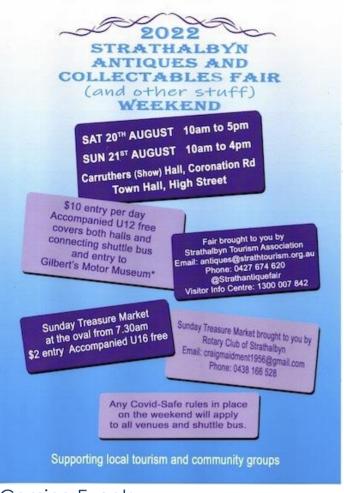






open mic - light meals available

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







SATURDAY 24 SEPT, 2022

MOUNT PLEASANT SHOWGROUNDS 8am-3pm

ENTRY: \$7/person

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

Melrose St, Mount Pleasant

For more information or to become a stallholder, contact us: saspringgardenfestival.com.au

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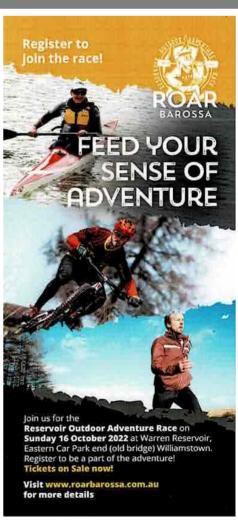


The SA Spring Garden Festival is proudly sponsored by and will be run in conjunction with the

MOUNT PLEASANT FARMERS MARKET INC







19 August, 2022

August calendar

There are many events over the next few months – too many to add to the newsletter. Please go to the Beat's website to see whether there is something you may be interested in.







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!







Events

Date	Event	Details
6, 13, 20 & 27 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers' Market	8-12, Saturdays @ Talunga Park
3-10	Homelessness Week	Australia wide
2	Street Party meeting	7pm – SM Hall
14	Fleece and Fibre Fair	10-3 Market Hall, Talunga Park

Meetings

Committee / Crown / Organization	Details
Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2nd 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, 2nd Tuesday @ Men's Shed
MP Fitness Group	Talunga Park Pavilion - Thursdays
MP Men's' Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am.
MP Photography Group	2nd and 4th Wednesdays - 9.30am @ Men's Shed- \$5 a session
MP Show Society	2nd 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	2nd and 4th Friday from 10am-2pm, @ MP Library
Red Cross	Bi-Monthly, 1.30pm, 4th Thurs @ SM Hall
RSL Social	1st Tuesday - Social gathering @ RSL Hall
RSL Meeting	Alternate month, 4pm 3rd Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting @ RSL Hall
St John's Card Group (500)	1st Thurs month. 12 noon \$10 - 2 course meal + beverages @ St John's Hall
SACWA	1st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
SACWA Craft Group	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30pm @ 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

Newsletter:

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

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