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Time for the Street Party – it must be Christmas!

Parade and Party back after COVID

So much happening in the lead up to Christmas! Starting with the return of the Christmas Street Party and Parade on Saturday 3rd December at 5pm! Wow! It's been a bit of a drought, but the Street Party group could finally plan for the event, and we hope you all get out there and support it! For the first time in years, the weather report is fantastic so it should be a great night.



Remembrance Day

On the 11th day at the 11th hour, Remembrance Day was commemorated at the RSL Mt Pleasant Sub Branch, with RSL members, many locals, and the children and staff from the Mt Pleasant Primary School.



Chris Sands visits again

Chris Sands of Totally Locally fame was back to spread the word, thanks to Rural Development Australia BGLAP. Paula and I went over to Freeling for Chris' first gig and were able to ask for a booking for Mt Pleasant. His message is simple, but effective, and if towns all work together, they are able to do great things.



Paula and I with Chris Sands at 'The Barns of Freeling' RDA event.

Paula and I first met Chris in 2015, and it's because of him that we started the newsletter. Those first ones were 8 pages long. He remembered us, and our photo is still on his Instagram page. I was unable to attend the event in Mt Pleasant, but went along with Don to the Southern Barossa Alliance event. It was really interesting as Lyndoch (and Williamstown) have a different approach to many things, but we still have a lot in common. I know we all took a lot away from each experience, and we thank Chris for his insights and unfailing good humour.

During the session, Chris spoke about his experiences and starting Totally Locally. He explained that after he and a friend had started things for a community, it made sense to give the tools away. It was a way to create a peer-to-peer support network. It was useful to democratise place branding so the community could own it, use it and get behind it and then expand on it – build the brand. Community feeling and perceptions are important, so reflect and amplify feelings in a clear, concise message. Investing in your town is an investment in the future, and reconnects communities.

His main takeaway - love where you live - you might just make it better! Chris pictured below at the Southern Barossa Alliance session in Lyndoch.



Blood Moon

Who was out and abut to see the blood Moon on the 8th November? If you were sat inside watching telly, you missed a treat. John Bowd took this great photo.





DON'T' FORGET!

Christmas Parade and Street Party Saturday – 3rd December Melrose Street – from 5pm

Around the town The Queen's Platinum Jubilee avenue

Gareth Saunders – secretary of the Men's Shed applied for a grant from the Queen's Jubilee Program and when it was granted, the Shedders took it upon themselves to plant an avenue of trees in Old Talunga Park, which they hope will provide shade and shelter for many years to come. On the 10th anniversary of the first meeting to establish a Men's Shed, President Murray and Gareth, invited Deputy Barossa Mayor Cr Dave deVries along to do the honours, after which the blokes pout on a barby. Lots of good times and networking ensued, and we hope these trees prove to be a great asset. Dave A has already devised an inventive watering system. (See Men's Shed article.)



MP Bakery spreading the joy!

Christmas is almost here and our kids' Christmas colouring competition is back! It's free to enter, so come in and grab a colouring sheet from our friendly team. Lots of prizes up for grabs for the kiddies.

Age categories: 0 yrs to 3 yrs - 4 yrs to 6 yrs -7 yrs to 10 yrs - 11 years to 16 yrs Let's spread the joy!



Carollers colouring our Christmas



Want to be part of spreading some 'JOY TO THE WORLD' this Christmas in Mount Pleasant ? Come and join us for a gentle walk around

the streets singing traditional Carols.

People of any age, prams, strollers, bicycles, gophers, & well behaved dogs welcome! (Each night is about 3kms but if you wish to join for less, contact me for info of route.)

7pm Monday 19th December

from the Front of Market Hall in Talunga Park

7pm TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

from Eastern corner Melrose & Saleyard Roads PLEASE RSVP to Meg - 0437 647 247 or mysticmeg@adam.com.au

(So that we have enough words books available)

Singing up a Storm!

The mob from the On the Edge Choir have been rehearsing and getting ready for their first performance – BUT – although the calibre of wonderful female voices is pretty impressive, the NUMBER of men has dropped dramatically, due to a couple of stalwarts moving on, or sadly passing on.

Remember - ANYONE can do it!



Farewell to a giant

Recently the large old gum in the back left hand corner of the CWA Garden finally succumbed to age and the weather, and fell into the Torrens, taking part of the back fence, and the corner of the Robber's Dog yard. It was a mammoth job to then cut up the tree and get it clear of the Torrens, as there was no way of knowing whether it would be subject to a large rainfall, and therefore block the river. It was THAT big. Now the grand old dame lies in large chunks at Talunga Park. It would be nice to think that some of the wood could be repurposed and maybe used as part of a Nature Playground? A couple of large cranes had to be brought in to handle this huge tree.



Top: The tree completely blocked the Torrens. Above left: Clearing up the small stuff the next day in preparation for the removal. Above right: The Robber's Dog fence. Below and right: The heavy equipment brought in to complete the job.







Calling all kids!

There's a little competition at the street parade that's just for you!

Decorate your bike and ride it in the parade!

Judges will be watching and announcing the winner during the street party.

Entrants will need to be at Talunga Park no later than 5pm. Parade starts at 5:30pm.







BEST FLOAT COMPETITION

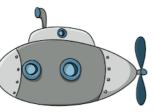
MOUNT PLEASANT CHRISTMAS PARADE AND STREET PARTY

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE AND SHOW US YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS FLOAT!



Saturday 3rd December 2022 - Parade starts at 5:30pm

A love letter from John Mac Or Sub-terfuge in Mt Pleasant



In late September, Peter Malinauskas announced that

Australia's fleet of nuclear-powered submarines will be built in South Australia and, although not made public, a prototype was to be built in Mount Pleasant.

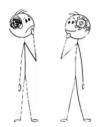
An ABC analysis report stated, 'Twelve months on there is absolutely no clear decision on a new sub, and the most apparent choice is one that hasn't been designed yet.'



Little did the ABC and the general public know of a long-time friendship that had developed on the rugby field when Anthony Albanese (Albo) was a water boy for John Bowd's (Jobo) Paterson River rugby team in regional NSW in the 70's and that friendship blossomed when Albo gave Jobo a much-needed drink as he was struggling to breathe after a spear tackle had flattened him.

Now, advancing forward to 2022, Albo needed advice – and a vision!

Having heard from Peter Malinauskas of Jobo's part time construction expertise in the building of the Trojan Horse, the Time Capsule Rocket, Smith and his Donkey and the Steam Locomotive, Albo achieved that vision.



With so many options in the water, Japan, Spain, Sweden, France and now AUKUS, a leaked cabinet minute revealed that a delegation headed up by Richard Marles travelled to SA and, accompanied by Peter Malinauskas, made a covert visit to the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed to discuss the possibility of a prototype sub being built

along the lines of the Time Capsule Rocket and the Steam Loco. As a result of the meeting, although no minutes were to be kept, a tight select committee was formed, a roll of butcher's paper was 'borrowed' from Jamie at the Mount Pleasant Butcher Shop and a rough plan drafted.

By utilising the expertise of John Bowd, the MPMS and associated groups in Mount Pleasant, billions could be saved from the Federal Government's bottom line – a bonus after the October budget release. The fiasco of Australia's nuclear submarine defence dilemma had been averted by that chance drink of water on the Paterson River rugby field.



Bob Long was brought out of retirement to run as Chairman and Rostering, together with Barr(ie) Mills - Treasurer to oversee the Budget, Don Barrett - Council Rep and Transport, Murray Henderson – Law Delegate (Hill's JP's) with Sue Barrett – Communications (although restricted due to security), Lester Fisher – Security and Radar (because of his expertise with a metal detector), Roger Trudgen - Catering, Bill Bartsch – Bright Ideas, Hartley Ramm - Electrical, Kim Yap to draft a Mandatory Code of Conduct and Barry Liddicoat, in cahoots with Dave Ainsley to source a depth sounder, periscope and a reversible anchor. (No Secretary was required as no minutes were to be kept due to secrecy.)

First and foremost, a lockdown security post with sandbag fortifications coordinated by the AFP, ASIS, Border Force and SAPOL with a Regiment from Woodside Barracks and the Mount Pleasant RSL on rotation, was set up at the Talunga Park Road entrance to the MPMS. Working to Bob Long's roster, the security teams combined to ensure a 24/7 impassable line of defence was maintained. The Bowls Club membership and visitors were given blanket entry for pennants, competition days, Night Owls and bingo night however the Tennis and Netball Clubs entry was limited to via the Soldiers Memorial Hall suspension bridge.

John Bowd was given free range to wherever his mind took him, whatever that direction might be. As an example, Jobo remembered that George 'Lumberjack' Harrison had told him of a self-sustaining centrifugal motor that he had developed, could run for up to six days on a gallon of old fish and chip oil. John Bowd brought in his 'project collaborator' Peter Wilde, (Pewi) and, although neither had built a sub before, Barr(ie) had overseen the construction of a houseboat built by his 'First Wife' and reckoned that he may still have the plans in his back shed. Project 'SUB SA' had set a course.

First and foremost a Heads of Agreement was formed to ensure that a 'cone of silence' was maintained as Les Fisher had heard 'on the grapevine' that spies were circling.

To kick things off a second large piece of butcher's paper was hung on the wall for people to make suggestions although everyone knew that the final draft would come seeping



out of Jobo's mind as his tinsnips clicked, the mig-welder buzzed and the smells came wafting from Roger's BBQ. An idea put forward by Bill Bartsch was to partially dredge the Torrens from Mount Pleasant to Gumeracha to eliminate some of the tight turns, while transporting the SUB to Outer Harbour was given a tick of approval.

As Chairman, Bob liaised with the security groups at the Talunga Park Road fort entrance, together with Roger on the BBQ and the Red Cross and CWA ladies, so that a roster to ensure a supply of catering to the team was maintained. Working 'under the counter' Don Barrett plied his magic to get seed funding from the Council to finance the catering – Roger had big plans for the BBQ after speaking with Fiona MacLachlan who had just bottled a new batch of tomato relish.

With his previous experience as a school bus driver, on the butchers' paper, Don listed a number of strategies that could be utilised to transport the finished sub from Mount Pleasant to Outer Harbour. The RSL, Simounds Transport and the Mount Pleasant Show Society were called onto a parallel





committee to look into the logistics of Bill Bartsch's idea to launch the sub in the upper reaches of the Torrens and then float downstream through the Hills to Athelstone, via the City to West Beach or to divert to the Pat and then around to Outer Harbour. An alternative route was to launch in Mannum, motor downstream to Goolwa and then on a high tide out to sea and around to Outer Harbour. A diversion

could be made to Penneshaw for a top up of fish and chip oil in case of rough weather across Backstairs Passage.

Whatever the route, camouflage would be needed for going through built up areas, vineyards, wineries, apple orchards and farms which was where the RSL, the CWA and the Mount Pleasant Primary school could work their magic. Bill's wife Paula, who had co-ordinated the annual Christmas street parade, put forward some workable ideas to include the 'sub' in a parade as it passed through each town to try and keep Jobo's SUB SA under wraps.

When in the UK for the Royal Funeral, Albo spoke to President Macron about the possibility of a portable nuclear motor that could assist George's chip oil turbo-power plant when longer journeys were planned. When not required in the sub, the nuclear motor could be stored at the MPMS for Hartley to run the lights, aircon and fridges in the Shed and the Bowling Club and via an extension cord the lights for Tennis and Netball Clubs in the evenings.

With input from the Mannum Men's Shed, Jobo had come up with a design for the SA SUB. Based on the conversion of a disused servo fuel tank, fitted with the umpire's chair from the tennis club for a tower, a prototype bulkhead construction shell assembly with periscope, tapping into a global programme using 'State of the Shed' blast and paint technology and building on advanced technological and digital capabilities, the Sub was taking shape. A metalworking team with Danny and John W under the guidance of Dave A was assembled. Spare panels from Tom and Lucia's crash repairs would be 'refashioned' with Tom's help to create multi-lateral stability fins and a forward and reverse propeller. With George's chip oil motor installed, the interior fit-out was being designed by Recreate and the team from the Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital.

As the work on the Mount Pleasant 'sub' progressed, hammering and clanging seeped out of the MPMS 'cone of silence' although on Saturday morning it eased off as the members were 'on the gate' at the Farmers Market. This was a welcome break for the Shed 'construction team' in particular Roger who had been running the BBQ for 5 days straight.

All the team filtered back to SUB SA after the market and construction was back in force when Les Fisher called through – there was a leak. Where could this be? The hull had been regularly pressure tested although the vessel had not yet been in the water. It then transpired that it was a security leak that Les had discovered and the tension remained as to 'who was the mole'?

While Les, Murray and Don went over the listings on the butchers' paper for clues, work on SUB SA was nearing completion. Using Whats App messaging Bob Long brought the SUB committee to an emergency meeting and it was decided that with the floods in NSW and Vic a head of water would be flowing down the Murray which the team could take advantage of. Barr(ie) with his maritime knowledge reckoned they could use the flood to 'float' SUB SA down past Murray Bridge and Goolwa to the mouth of the Murray.



Albo flew in on a Blackhawk to help with the launch in Mannum and SUB SA was on its way. With George's motor running the power train, a double adapter and extension meant that, with the main hatch open, Jobo and Pewi could also operate the mig-welder to make running

repairs on the hull while navigating the snags brought down river with the floods.

Soon the entourage was through the mouth and heading out to sea then calling into Penneshaw for a fuel top-up before charting a direct course to Outer Harbour and the Osborne Naval Shipyards. On arrival secrecy was optimal. SUB SA was lifted out of the water and taken into one of the warehouses for the final fit-out and the installation of Macron's nuclear power plant.

However, that was it for the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed SUB SA programme. Jobo's latest masterpiece had been handed over to the Dept of Defence although secrecy of the project had to be maintained. The crew boarded the bus that Don had borrowed from Tom and Lucia complete with trailer to cart back Jobo's equipment and George's standby motor.

Then back to the Shed for a special treat of Roger's piece de resistance, a gourmet steak burger with Fiona's Tomato Relish and a complimentary glass of red! As a thank-you to Mount Pleasant, Albo promised to sponsor the Mt Pleasant Walkers for 12 months.



John Mac

Wild West Correspondent (and Charmaine – Partner in Crime)

Merry Christmas from John and



Grants are available to rural students of any age to continue or further their studies.

The Trust was formed in memory of Dorothy Dolling, a founding member of SACWA. Following her death in 1967, the Dorothy Dolling Memorial Trust was established in her memory. The Trust aims to benefit women and children of the country districts of South Australia, serviced by The South Australian Country Women's Association Incorporated. The Board of Trust anticipates that finances will be granted to students in need of assistance for the

provision of education, training, or other purposes in keeping with the general aims of the Trust.

SACWA contact details in the article on page 16.



Pleasant History Seeking singing history

With the 'On The Edge' Choir reforming once more I wondered if Mount Pleasant had previously had a choir. I could not find information to this effect, however am happy to hear if people do know of a time when there was a choir based here.

I did, however, find references to the Mount Pleasant Band, which played in the 1860s, during the annual celebrations of the Loyal Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 49, an Oddfellows Lodge branch. This Lodge was opened at the Talunga Hotel on 31 May 1861, with 14 members joining members from other Lodges, and enjoying a dinner with toasts and various songs sung throughout the evening.

Plans for the second anniversary included a banquet and ball at the Talunga Hotel. The Lodge members assembled at 12 noon "... and shortly after formed into procession, starting at about one o'clock; P.R. Smallacombe and P.G. Farr took the lead, carrying the dispensation board. Next came P.G. Swan, of Mount Torrens Lodge, and the G.M. of the Mount Pleasant Lodge; then the large and handsome district banner, borne by four brothers; after it came the Mount Pleasant band, playing some pretty marches in very creditable style; next came the officers and brothers of the Mount Pleasant Lodge and the visiting officers and brothers, most of whom were dressed in full regalia, making in all quite an imposing procession..."

What a sight this would have been. The newspaper article goes on to comment that some of the participants carried cricket bats and wickets and wondered if it was perhaps an "emblem of an honourable order" but realised that a game had been organised as the entourage halted at the property of James Phillis and conducted a game of cricket until almost 5pm. They then re-formed in procession and marched back to the hotel, where a dinner was held for 60-70 people, followed by a ball with 150 patrons. Host Lowe of the Talunga Hotel served the Lodge well, and the large assembly room was well lit and tastefully decorated, and the festivities continued until the early hours of the morning.

When the time came for a similar celebration in 1864 the idea of a procession had been discarded for "…want of the inspiriting strains of a band… It seems that the general din here, and all over the colony at this season for the services of musicians threw difficulties in the way of obtaining a band from town, and that, local talent is not sufficient to furnish the requisite number of instruments. …"

In 1907 Mr R. T. Melrose became patron of the newly formed Mount Pleasant Band. A meeting was called and it was decided that a brass band would be formed locally, with "president, Mr. H. Hughes; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. A. Giles, G. B. Sketheway, and W. S. Lawson; bandmaster. Mr. G. Barclay; hon. Secretary and treasurer. Mr. A. Townsend; auditors, Messrs. S. Gent and H. Hughes. The committee, guided by past experience, decided that the instruments, music. &c., belong to the town, and the following trustees, to act as a board of control, were appointed: — Messrs. R. T. Melrose, H. A.Giles, H. Hughes, and G. B. Sketheway and Rev. R. A. Adams. The committee have rented the agricultural hall for practicing." They played at the Mount Pleasant Show that same year, followed by a Christy Minstrel Concert at the Institute Hall in May, to raise funds for the band and the

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tennis club. I have not been able to find just how long this band existed... they must have been too busy practicing and playing to place articles in the local paper.

I have in the collection photos of a school band, when Mr P. T. Gehling was head teacher. This was taken in 1922 and in August 1923 ... Arbor Day was observed at the local public school last Friday- Some of the parents and friends visited the school in the morning and heard the message of the King and Queen which had been sent to all the schools. The gramophone used was kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. McBean. Several fine records were put through for the entertainment of the visitors, after which, headed by the drum and fife band, and led by the headmaster, Mr. P. Gehling, and Miss Mahony, the scholars marched to the main street, where trees were planted to commemorate Arbor Day.



If you can tell me more about the various musical groups which played in and around Mount Pleasant, I would love to hear some stories.

Scanning History

Genealogist and woman of many talents Cheryl Farinola has commenced scanning the collection in the History Room. Digitising the collection has long been the aim and recently Paula obtained a grant to purchase the equipment, and Cheryl is now putting it to good use.





And a Happy New Year from the MPDHRG

Thursday afternoons From 1 'til 4





Don't forget Paula has some great books available for purchase at the History Room - these include 'Remembering Our Soldiers' and the 'Mount Pleasant A.H. & F. Society Inc. 150 Years of History'. We also have the '175 Recipes from Mount pleasant' - the 175th project.

Heritage Trail sign

HT signs have now been erected throughout the Barossa, and ours adorns the front of the SM Hall. Please note, that even though it doesn't say it, Mt Pleasant has quite a comprehensive entry.



Paula Bartsch - Historian



Totty Tales

More wall patching! This section of wall was behind the bar area. When we pulled away the gyprock that covered the hidden fireplace, we knew we had a problem!



For those of you that can recall a cold draught coming through the bar area from the drive thru bottle shop... fear not, new doors will fix that problem! (Below left) You can thank Paul Ehart from Tanunda - master carpenter - for that.



(Above right) Fitting out of the many guest rooms with gorgeous antiques and comfortable beds is underway. (Below) The first coat of black has gone onto the drivethrough bottle shop walls. Certainly dramatic!



Pinterest: @TotnessInnHotel Instagram: Totness_Inn_Hotel So - not only the official Totness Inn Facebook page - but also: Can't Wait for the Totness inn hotel to Open! Neil promises behind the scenes info - it's a public group, get on there and support local!







Recreate

It's been a busy 5 months at the MPNRC!

After the departure of the amazing long serving coordinator Fave.

Just FYI if you're in Mannum, make sure you check out her new shop Nourish Home & Pantry.

Delicious eats, eco products, kitchen & home products all in a gorgeous space.

AGM

We onboarded a new management committee and a new coordinator in June. The new committee have a strong environmental focus and are busy planning how we can impact and serve the community. We had our AGM in November with guest speaker Angus Jones (pictured right) from 'Wattle We Eat' talking about his business in edible native wattle seed

We've inducted lots of new enthusiastic volunteers and are still on the look-out for more, so if you're interested come in and see us.

Pictured right is the feast we enjoyed at the AGM. Below left are Bec (left) and Jacquie (right).





Recreate will be open until 8 on 22nd

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Sophie's Spring garden

We were lucky enough to be invited to have a stall at Sophie Thompson's (Sophie's Patch) open garden in early November. Over the 3 days we spoke to lots of people about how amazing Mount Pleasant is.



Christmas at Recreate

Currently we are busy in the shop getting ready for Christmas. Please pop in and say hello and look out for something special for

that lucky someone. Who are we?

Recreate is a creative reuse centre, shop, materials depot & workshop space that transforms old wares & waste into something fabulous. Come and see the new ranges constantly being added to our shop. Open Wed to Sat 10am 3pm. Find us on facebook.





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People

Happy Birthday!



Happy (belated) Birthday!

October – Denise Westwood



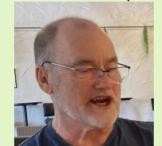
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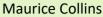
Dor and Steve





Bob Woodbury







Simon Carroll



Above left: Bob Woodbury (a Williamstown ring-in) celebrated his 71st Birthday recently (last year would have been a bust!) at a lunch at the Bakehouse with friends and family.

Above right, the same weekend, Simon Carroll also celebrated his 70th Birthday, on a beautiful day surrounded by family and friends.

Lef: Doreen and Steve Kuszczakowski, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Although not living here now, we still see them regularly as they have relations and ties here.

Books Why Do Birds Do That?

Listening to the radio one morning I heard Dr Grianne Cleary talking about her latest book and she was a lot of fun. I wonder if she's got any ideas about the crazy Kookaburras and missing Magpies?

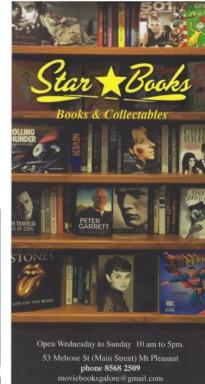
Bulldozed

Niki Savva is an award-winning political commentator and author. She was also a staffer to former prime minister John Howard and former treasurer Peter Costello. Bulldozed is the last book in the trilogy - 'The gripping inside story of how Scott Morrison went from miracle man to roadkill. Savva portrays a fatally flawed leader who trashed his government, his party, and his legacy.'

And a reviewer says 'The result is a forensically researched and brutally revealing chronicle of the days and weeks before and after the August coup — one told with the precision of an investigative journalist but in the elegant narrative style that always makes Savva a great read.' I think I'll ask Father Christmas for this one.

Any special events coming up? Make sure you let us know!





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Pete's Poem Christmas on the Edge

The stock are standing in the dam Up to their knees in mud, There's not a drop of rain in sight To cool our boiling blood.

The waterbombers overhead Wheel and swoop and dive, Doing all they can to keep Our fading hopes alive.

Out on the dusty Murray Plains The Northerlies own the say, While precious top-soil dims the sun To settle far away.

In homestead gardens, things are tough, Despite the sweat and toil, There's not one thing that can replace The moisture in the soil.

It's another testing Summer As the year's end rolls around, After another no-rain Winter Has seared and parched the ground.

But still the gift of Christmas Joy Promises sweet relief, And the prospect of new blessings To restore hope, and belief.

Can be sung to the tune of "It came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Peter, The Peripatetic Poet Clearly written when things were a little warmer in 2019!







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Playtime – Anytime!

Can anybody please explain Why kids love playing in the rain? It seems they just can't get enough, So bring 'em in and dry them off. Then let 'em go outside again©



Won't somebody please tell me Why holiday kids won't watch T.V.? Out they go in the scorching sun, Just running, playing, having fun. As merry as can be.

Can any-one tell me for, a lark, Why kids love playing in the dark? Scooters and bikes, by the light of the moon, They won't be coming back anytime soon. They're out in the caravan park!

So, when at last, they've all been fed, A snag will do, on a piece of bread. All washed and clean with shining hair, They just can't hear, when Mums declare... "Now it's time for bed!"



Bird wars The continuing saga

The Kookaburras are back. For a while there, I thought they'd gone, because I started the hear the Maggies again. But no. Apparently, they don't care about the little ones, because sometimes THEIR noise is deafening! I don't know about anyone else, but we hear more birds than we've ever heard, and it's really hard to see who's making the noise!



Clubs & Committees CFS





Oct 31: Three happy (and buggered!!) boys after their first internal attack for a structure fire at Tungkillo, two of them using B.A. (Breathing Apparatus) for the first time!

Well done Peter Phaup, Bradley Jamieson and Benjamin Forg, you all and the other crew members made for one very proud Captain.

Brigade Awards



At this past week's brigade quarterly meeting it was a great privilege to have two of our brigade stalwarts, John (Jonno) Schulz and Peter (Poet) Wilde, presented with their SACFS Life Membership certificate awards. This award represents 20 years of commitment to serving our community.

Congratulations and thank you on behalf of Mt Pleasant CFS and our community.

Glynn Jackson – Captain

Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital Market stall



Catch us at the Twilight Market!

New members

We welcome any people who are interested in contributing to and aiding our local hospital – please contact Virginia Carnell on 0400275602.

Next meeting

The last meeting for the year will be on 13th December, once again at 10am in the Bowling Club. All are welcome.

Kath Fisher – Publicity Officer

Look for Kath's hot tips in the supplement!



MP Community Dinner Last dinner for 2022

What a great spread! The Dinner Group outdid themselves and the large crowd were very



appreciative. It's really pleasing to see so many new diners turn up, and we hope that continues. Remember – these dinners are held to raise money for community projects – which benefits us all.



Next dinner

Community Dinners will take place bi-monthly on the last Sunday of the month. The next Community Dinner will be on the last Sunday in

March, 2023. Angela Slagter

Right: some of the newbies we

we welcomed.





Men's Sheddina **Remembrance Day**



Murray placing a wreath at the Mt Pleasant RSL Remembrance Day commemoration.



Plantings

All the tree purchased with the grant money have been planted, and it's now up to the shedders to make sure they flourish!





Pictured above are the Shedders planting. Clearly an intense process.

Left Danny and Gareth planting the last one – bet that was a relief!

Bottom – Dave and his offsider watering, using Dave's patented, you-beaut sustainable watering system.



MPPS engagement



Recently the students from Mt Pleasant Primary School have been working on constructing lolly dispensers. Women's Workshops

The next Women's only woodwork session is on the first Wednesday in December (7th). If you have a project you are working on and need some guidance, or even if you want to try something new, come along and take advantage of the blokes' expertise and willingness to lend a hand.



Photography

The next session will be on Wednesday, 14th December at 9.30am - call Gareth on 0430 026 993.

Next Meeting

Our Christmas lunch will be on the 14th of December - so no meetings until January.

Gareth Saunders – Secretary: 0430 026 993



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

MP Community Association Grant submission

A grant submission has gone in to finance some banner supports for the community. These will be the same as those installed at Gumeracha,



and we have had a very enthusiastic response to this initiative. The banners can be easily installed by one person, and won't require a cherry picker - as in the past.

Street Party Group

It's on! Come along and support your local community - and have fun while you do it! Find us or facebook



MP Street Parade and Party



From 5nm 3rd December – Melrose

MP Progress Inc Mt Pleasant Progress Ass. Inc. Board Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.00 pm.

• Caravan Park work is progressing very slowly due to extreme weather.

Mount MPLEASANT

- On Behalf of the Mt Pleasant Community Association Inc., Paula Bartsch has applied for a FRRR grant to install specific devices on the flag poles which will enable easy raising of flags. Wendy has written a letter of support as has the Men's Shed.
- Meg read out a letter from the Hall committee about the lack of maintenance at the Hall. This letter is now to go to the Council. (Chris/Peter)
- The train floor and seating has been replaced.
- Genevieve is waiting for a quote from Jason Rehn from Chook design at Woodside for a plaque for the Tungkillo moth.
- Wendy was part of a very successful famil from Barossa Tourism where staff and volunteers from the Tanunda Visitor Information Centre toured various places in Mt Pleasant.
- Talunga Park: Wendy noted that the Market now has WIFI available. It was agreed that the Council should be approached about this extending to the caravan park. The Fleece and Fibre fair would also be prepared to assist payment for this facility and the Show society should also be approached. The lighting at the Oval was discussed at length again as there is grant funding available from the department of Rec and Sport. Wendy will pursue the matter with the Council as the grant requires 1:1 funding
- The Community Dinner will be held on the 27th of November. The Guest speakers Bob and Simon are now no longer available to attend this dinner. This will be a Christmas dinner.
- FOCS&CC: A report was distributed by Pauline Williams. The car boot sale was disappointing with sellers and attendees. It was recommended that the group have a car boot sale at Talunga Park on a Market Day when there would be a better attendance.
- Peter brought up the issue of the inadequacy of a town notice board. He and John to look at the old structure at the SM Hall and come up with a plan.
- Gareth gave an invitation to all to attend the "Avenue of trees" project launch at the Men's shed on the 30th of November. Tony Pasin Federal member will be there to do the honours. It is also the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the Men's Shed.

The next meeting will be held on the 13th of December at the Men's Shed.

Wendy Harvey for MP Progress Inc.

Red Cross

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

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Once again Red Cross members joined with the Mt Pleasant Branch of the SACWA and enjoyed a lunch at the Gumeracha hotel. Sadly – no winners this year!



December, 2022



Pictured left are Red Cross and SACWA members sporting some pretty impressive headwear. The question is – which one came from the Op Shop?

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.

December Christmas Lunch. Kath Fisher - Secretary

SACWA Melbourne Cup Luncheon







Pictured above are members of the Red Cross and SACWA MP branches. And left Heather tucks into a very rich chocolate dessert, while below, Lisa watches with interest as Kath attempts to polish off hers.



Our annual trip to Gumeracha for the Melbourne Cup luncheon was again lots of fun. As per usual, we invited the Red Cross group along and several of us wore our best hats for the occasion. Sadly – no-one really won big on the day (except Jan!), and even those bets we placed for those who couldn't make it were losers. Maybe next year....

State Council

The last State Council for 2022 was held over two days in Adelaide, and as usual there was a lot to discuss. Sue attended for the two days as the branch delegate, and Kath attended on the second day as the Hills and Murray Group delegate. We were kept on their toes and a few administrative changes were made, as well as the announcement that Angaston would host the first State Council next year. We look forward to an exciting time in the Barossa!

Hills and Murray Group



Pictured top: from left – Maureen, Avis, Janelle, Joyleen and Heather – with the Woodside Calendar.

Right: Irene and Kath

Mt Pleasant Branch are the hosts of the Hills and Murray Group for 22/23, and we had a lively and



entertaining meeting to decide what format our meetings would take for the next year. Some really great ideas were put forward, which included input from all the attendees, and we are anticipating some new and challenging experiences. The group consists of Murray Bridge and District, Mypolonga, Woodside and Mt Pleasant branches.

Tea Rooms continue

As usual there have been some very busy times in the Tea Rooms, but we have been very lucky with a couple of newer members joining the teams. The Off Shears sale was particularly busy, but we managed very well. Next year will be as busy as this, as we will have 21 sales to cater for. Better get our skates on!

Cuppa, Craft and Chat

Cuppa, Craft and Chat session continues to be well attended, with members and non-members chatting and swapping notes.

We are really happy that word is getting out that you don't have to be a member of SACWA to join in, or even interested in crafting - we welcome everyone – even if you just want to sit and chat and get to know people. Before our next meeting, we will have another Cuppa, Craft and Chat at 10am. Our Craft Officer Jan, assisted by new member Lorraine will be there to welcome visitors and members, and to help if needed.

Makers on Melrose

We will be having a stall at the Makers on Melrose Market on 17th December. Look for us there!

Foodbank

As Christmas is fast approaching, the pressure on Foodbank continues to increase as the price of food rises, and families will especially be impacted. Please think of donating to this amazing organisation.

New Memberships

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

Next meeting – Christmas break-up

Come along and join us!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday the 6th December at 10am in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Our Christmas lunch will follow at 12noon, and instead of going to a hotel, we will be pooling our resources and bringing something to share. We are inviting any ladies who would like to come along and join us – you don't have to be a member, and we are not expecting you to join, but at this time of year we feel that getting together and having a chat over a nice meal is the best way we know to celebrate the season.

Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA



www.sacwa.org.au tel: 8332 4166





THE MT PLEASANT BRANCH OF THE South Australian Country Women's Association

WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS. MAKE FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS AND BE A PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

sharing and caring with action



WE MEET ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT 1PM IN THE MT PLEASANT SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL HALL.

JOIN US FOR CUPPA, CRAFT & CHAT AT 10AM ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO COME ALONG.

COME AND BE A PART OF THIS AMAZING ORGANISATION, SUPPORTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

CONTACT PRESIDENT: HEATHER REEKES-PARSONS ON 85682084

RSL Report Market gate



On Saturday November 5th members of the Mount Pleasant RSL sub branch attended the Farmers Market gate duties and took the opportunity to publicise the upcoming Remembrance Day service on November 11th by distributing leaflets.

Social Night



The social night on Tuesday November 1st was well attended by 15 members who took the opportunity to inspect the remodelled kitchen and hall.

The sub branch building interior has been completely renovated as mentioned in previous newsletters. It's now a pleasure to attend, to take advantage of the up-to-date appliances and to have a dishwasher and a hot water service.

AGM The Mount Pleasant Sub Branch Annual General Meeting on Sunday November 20th was

attended by

members.

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The executive positions were filled by Walter Birch -President, Dennis Rockley - Vice President, Marie Birch -Secretary /Treasurer, Meralyn Schaeffer - Social Officer, Jenny Rockley - Welfare and Wellbeing Officer and Committee members - Roger Benton, Graham Westwood, and Gus Van Lakerveld.

The meeting also welcomed three new Committee Members, Collette Benton, Bradley Howship and Denise Westwood.

The AGM was followed by the Bi Monthly meeting and afterwards a very welcome hot dinner was served. A hearty thanks to the members who prepared the meal.

Remembrance Day

Friday November 11th was Remembrance Day with a plentiful attendance of many RSL members, school children from Mount Pleasant Primary School and many members of the public. The service was officiated by President Walter Birch and Pastor Daniel Marks who incidentally is welcomed as our official Pastor.

The school children placed in position the 100 crosses with poppies recently upgraded in The Men's Shed by the school children it was thanks to a donation from Kim Yap that enabled the purchase of metal poppies to replace the soft ones previously fitted.

The 100 crosses represent the 100 service personnel from our area who served in the 1st World War. They fought for the Empire in faraway places. The thirteen large crosses represent those that never returned from the war. 'Lest We Forget.'

The raising and lowering of the three flags were done by Vice President Dennis Rockley for the Royal Australian Navy White Ensign, Lance Corporal Bradley Howship serving officer and Committee Member The National Flag, and Gus Van Lakerveld for the Royal Australian Air Force (Blue) Ensign. The school children were given a guided tour of the upgraded facility showing a lot of interest in the dressed Mannequins and displays of Militaria.



Pictured above from left: Dennis Rockley - Vice president, Lance Corporal Bradley Howship and Wally Birch – President of the Mt Pleasant Sub Branch of the RSL SA.

Christmas Street Parade and Party

The next upcoming event will be the Mount Pleasant Christmas Street party on Saturday December 3rd where RSL members will be serving Kranskies, and Sausages and onions. We will be located outside the Council Library building.

New members welcome

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



Following photos by John Bowd and Roger Benton.



Mt Pleasant **RSL Sub-Branch**

No military background required. Come along to our social evenings at 156 Melrose Street on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 7pm. Find us on Facebook, or email mountleasantrsl@hotmail.com

Remembrance Day

It was a good turn out on a gorgeous day. Thank you to our members and serving personnel, the community and the wonderful students and staff from the Mt Pleasant Primary School who once again provided their own unique contribution.

To all who helped or contributed in any way – thank you.

Lest We Forget



Sport MP Bowling Club Bo Hambly – President





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Torrens Valley Darts Association AGM Update:

Join me in thanking all past Committee members in all their hard efforts over the years!

Now to welcome our new committee members:

- President: Neil Knotts
- Vice President: Tyson James
- Treasurer: Fiona McShane
- Secretary / Statistician: Darian Van Zwol More great things to come for the TVDA!



Mt Pleasant Tennis Club

Are you interested in playing Tennis?

The Mt Pleasant Tennis Club would love to have you play for us. We have both Junior and Senior Teams.

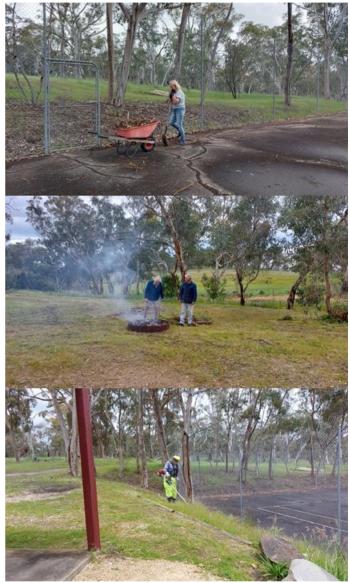
We are also looking at get social tennis going on a weeknight to utilise our new courts and lights.

For more information, call Nick Seager on 0448884721, or email: mtpleasantennisclub@outlook.com



Cromer news Working Bee

Tami Johnston, David Bradley, Mike and Pauline Williams were kept busy at the pre-car boot working bee. Lots of jobs were finalised – including Peter Wilde completing the front fence, David Bradley whipper snipped and made our fire surround, and Andrew Easton mowed the grass ready for the car boot sale.



Annual Car Boot Sale

Although the numbers weren't as good as we'd hoped, we still had a good little crowd and a great time!

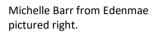




Pauline Williams

Eden Valley Edenmae Wines

Team 'Eden Valley Riesling' cruised back down to <u>Plant</u> <u>4 Bowden</u> to finish off our month of Riesling. The masterclass was simply exceptional, as were all our Eden Valley wine producers & spectacular guests. See you next October folks!



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Mt Torrens Christmas Market

As we've come to expect, the Mt Torrens Market was jam packed with a large variety of stalls inside – and a lot of <u>new</u> stallholders. Always worth stopping by!

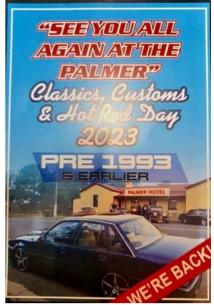


Palmer

Palmer Hotel EventsHot Rod, Classic &CustomsDayOctober 2023

Volunteers needed For those who would like to be involved in helping out or being on the committee, could you please contact the pub.

We are having a meeting here on Sunday December 4th at 4pm. Please call 85694054 to register your interest.



Cars and Coffee from 9 to 11 on the 10th.



Sedan

Call or text Julie on 0413 314-749 to book your table or to be included on the performers list. 191 Bank Road, Sedan.



licensed bar - from 11am



Springton CFS

Finally! After WAY many too government department (not CFS) delavs. the lease for the new CFS Springton station site - which is to replace the existing station with larger, а more capable one - has been signed by the Springton Progress Association, who own the land. The SPA and CFS have



been working to achieve this for more than five years! One more, important, step done. Now ... onto getting the build done quickly!

Remembrance Day

Over 40 members of the public that included the Springton Primary School attended. Rav Martin. Warrick Fox and Tim Sutcliffe all in military uniforms and two members of the CFS in uniform. After the ceremony they were treated to tea, coffee and biscuits and the children were given a treat for making the

poppy wreaths. Liv Andersen made four wreaths one for each of the services Army, Navy and Air

Force, and one for the Springton CFS. The Military Display was supported by the new owners of the Springton Store, the Springton Hotel, the Springton Primary School, Springton CFS and Eden Valley Post Office, but more importantly, the Springton residents who attended the historic Springton Hall.

With the general public from Mt Gambier, Salisbury, Gawler and Elizabeth all visiting the Military Display which

displayed mannequins in full uniforms from the Boer War to Afghanistan War with 29 mannequins in total. A WW2 army nurse uniform was donated by a nurse at Mawson Lakes Health which belonged to her Grandmother. There was also





a photo album on loan from one of the residents of Springton whose father was in the Navy for 31 years, and served on the HMAS MELBOURNE when it was struck by an American warship in Australian waters in 1969. There was a book on loan from a lady who lived in Springton that was written by her father, who was there when Singapore fell to the Japanese, and he handed over the British flag to them. The book includes the taking back of Singapore from the Japanese.

Tim Sutcliffe has been asked by the residents of Springton to do Anzac Day 2023 as he did for 2022 and with the support he received from the community of Springton he said he would be happy to do so.

Liv Andersen

Tungkillo



tungkillogazette@gmail.com Tungkillo Gazette

Classifieds, courses & community info CarersSA

The Regular Carers SA Peer Groups will not run through December - BUT we ARE having a Carers Xmas Lunch for ALL Carers SA Carers who attend Peer Groups across the Barossa and Light Region.



This includes Two Wells, Gawler, Starplex Evanston, Freeling, Tanunda, Kapunda,

Eudunda, and of Course MT PLEASANT!!

We are holding Lunch at the Barossa Chocolate Factory Café on Wednesday 14th December @ 12:00 pm and have Xmas Chocolate Making Sessions booked for attendees as well.

The Morning Choc Making session is already booked out, but there are a few spaces left for the afternoon sessions – either Lunch or Choc making (or both!)

** RSVPS's ASAP to Lee 0455 445 524 via Text.

Carer groups begin again in February and I will be in touch with everyone before then

Mt Pleasant Coffee Group currently meets at the Mt Pleasant Bakery + Café 126 Melrose St at 9:30 am in Second Tuesday of the Month.

Anyone interested can contact Lee 0455 445 524 or <u>lee.wingate@carerssa.com.au</u>

 ** You can also call the Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 for free registration or register online @

www.carergateway.gov.au/registration

Emergency Respite is available by calling the 1800 422 737 # and you can access respite even if you are NOT registered with Carers SA.

Wishing One and All a Happy and Safe Christmas in Good Health and Harmony.

Lee Wingate

Carer Connector – Barossa and Light

St John's Anglican Church

Contact Minister: Bruce Hicks 0427 080 681





Delegates representing Australia's diverse LGBTIQA+ communities, organisations, and allies will come together to share ideas and experiences, learn from each other, forge alliances and ultimately work together and explore ways we can all contribute to creating positive change. The 2-day conference will feature panel discussions, workshops and talks that will explore themes of visibility, empowerment, and awareness as well as allyship and collaboration. For more info, go to https://southaustralia.com

Holiday Swimming Lessons

Adelaide Hills Swimming Centre at Woodside Pool is one of the most popular programs in South Australia. Woodside has had the highest enrolment numbers of any metropolitan or regional location for over two years! To book in to Woodside or one of



our other locations, go to https://www.holidayswim.com.au/locations

Gardener Wanted (male or female)

1 day a week, any day would suit. 5 hrs a day, 10am to 3pm with a half hour lunch break. Working dry days only \$30 an hour



The successful applicant will be working with a retired lady on a country property in the Williamstown area. Text or phone 0466157248, to supply your reference.

Apprenticeship info https://www.skills.sa.gov.au/apprenticeships Jobs website:

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



Markets



9AM TO 2PM

Support local - Buy Handmade



Showgrounds, Melrose Street, Mt. Pleasant SA

You're invited to join us in celebration of the launch of our new artisan market Saturday 17th December 2022

8am-12pm

Grab your friends, come for a drive & enjoy delicious food & drink, entertainment & special guests



Featuring a carefully curated selection of quality, hand made products from South Australian artists & makers

Running alongside our fabulo<mark>us Farmers Market</mark>

We can't wait to see you there!

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Mount Pleasant Farmers Market

Come celebrate the festive season at our

Christmas Twilight Market

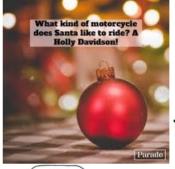
Thursday 22nd December 5-9pm

> Market stalls Food and drink Musical entertainment Kid's activities











Where would you find

a snowman dancing?



"Who is Santa's favourite singer? Elf-is Presley!"



December 11h 10.30am—4pm

Drinks, Food & Market Stalls from 10.30am Free Entertainment 12pm– 4pm Face Painting, Petting Farm Barn, Rock Painting, Circus Elements with circus workshops, Jumping Castle Inflatable Water Slide & Inflatable Obstacle Course

Best decorated Bike/Wheels Competition Best Dressed Christmas Theme Individual Competition Father Christmas

For enquiries contact 0406 399 637 or 0417 851 061















There are so many ways you can help someone this Christmas. Pick one... or two...

December calendar

Sue, Paula and the team wish all of our readers a Very Merry Christmas,



The Beat operates on Peramangk country. We acknowledge the Peramangk people as the traditional custodians of the Mount Pleasant region and pay our respects to Peramangk elders past and present. We are committed to a positive future for the Aboriginal community, and support the Uluru Statement from the Heart. <u>https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/</u>

Events

Date	Event	Details
3, 10, 17, 22 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers' Market	8-12, Saturdays @ Talunga Park
3	Christmas Street Party and Parade	5pm Melrose Street
22	Recreate Christmas	Open until 8
22	Twilight Market!	4-8, @ Talunga Park

Meetings

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	10am, Thursdays - Talunga Park Pavilion		
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	1.00pm, 1st Tuesday @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall		
SACWA Cuppa, Craft & Chat	1st Tuesday, 10am to 12.00pm @ 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: <u>Dwainecelie@gmail.com</u>		

Newsletter:

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