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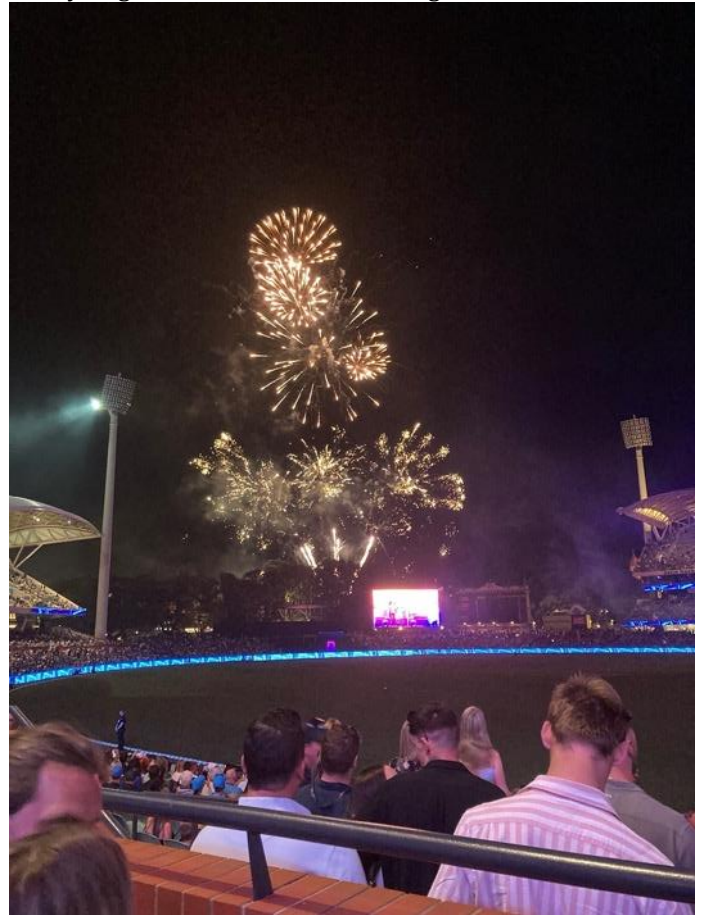


Resolutions – bah, humbug!

Not happening. Don’t get me wrong – I take the festive season seriously. I love that no matter your creed, you can still use this time to reflect and count your blessings – but – I draw the line at resolutions for the new year.

Won’t stick to them – so why bother? It’s one thing to say you’re going to be a better person, to be kinder or perhaps lose weight or drink less – but why wait until the new year? Just do it.

Anyhow – we had a lovely time and caught up with people we don’t see as often as we’d like, and I discovered Berocca really works well. Pictured below are some of the fireworks from the after party at the New Year’s Eve Big Bash game. Always a good time, and there was a good turnout.



Buying local

Thank you to all those who took the time to check out Kath’s Tips for Buying Local. It was fun doing it, and Kath loved getting around and checking the businesses out. I think we might retain her services for next year! A couple of the business people we spoke to have said they couldn’t be more pleased with the responses from locals this season, and they were pleasantly surprised. Buying locals (as Chris Sands has often said) has a cumulative effect. Firstly, you help the owner – they then may be able to keep the persons on they hired for the season (or in Jamie’s case – keep building the empire!), you help all their families. The people they supply are happy as well – as they need to replenish stock. It’s the gift that keeps on giving – so pat yourselves on the back Mt Pleasant community – you rock!



Supporting local

Mannum is waiting with bated breath for the Murray to reach it's peak. With all the information coming out of Menindee Lakes and down to Blanchetown, it's really difficult for anyone to make more than an informed guess. Morgan will experience the peak soon, then Mannum. Sort of like watching a train wreck in slow motion. Then of course is the Murray mouth – whilst it might be good to have a flush out, the water that is coming has already been through three states with all the associated debris and contaminants... And they wonder why we get annoyed when other states have such a cavalier attitude about keeping sewerage and phosphates out of our water system.



Pictured top is the view from the lookout – with the road to Purnong at the bottom. Below is the Murray Princess, with a glimpse of the levee. The picnic area has all but disappeared.



Breakfast in the Garden

Yes folks, it's on again! The Community Association is cleaning the barbies and dusting off the bunting to bring you another great breakfast, and recognition of some special people in our community. We are starting to get creative around this, as is often the case with small communities, the same people are recognised many times over. This year, we're giving things a little twist. Come along and see. Just a note – if you decide to come, and haven't been before, please drop us a note so we can make sure we have enough food! We have a great group of helpers who want to make sure you enjoy yourself and come back next year! If you'd like to help, we are having a meeting at 11am in the Hall on the 12th January – we'd love to welcome some new helpers.

Morning Tea with Sophie

Don't forget that the Red Cross will be holding their annual Garden Party at Glen Devon on the 14th February. What better way to spend Valentine's Day morning than in a beautiful garden (thank you once again Hugh and Fiona MacLachlan), listening to Sophie? You can book through Eventbrite.



Around the town

Carollers at Christmas

Thank you to Meg and her Mob of Merry Minstrels for spreading Christmas cheer with their carols. What a wonderful old tradition – hopefully we'll see it again next year! (Sadly, no photos – I think they were too busy singing!)

On the Edge Choir at the Twilight Market!

It was fantastic to see and hear the choir performing once again. And also gratifying to see how many members stepped up! Even though they haven't had as much practice as they would have liked, their audience were rapt. Thank you!



And who else was watching the Choir? Welcome back!



SA Health advisory



While we spend more time outdoors during the festive season, it's important to protect against the serious diseases mosquitoes can carry.

Follow these tips to reduce the risk of mozzie bites.

- Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing.
- Apply mosquito repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or PMD to all areas of exposed skin. Make sure to read the label and use as directed.
- Clear mosquito-breeding sites by emptying or covering anything that holds water.

For more information, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite

Mid Murray Council news



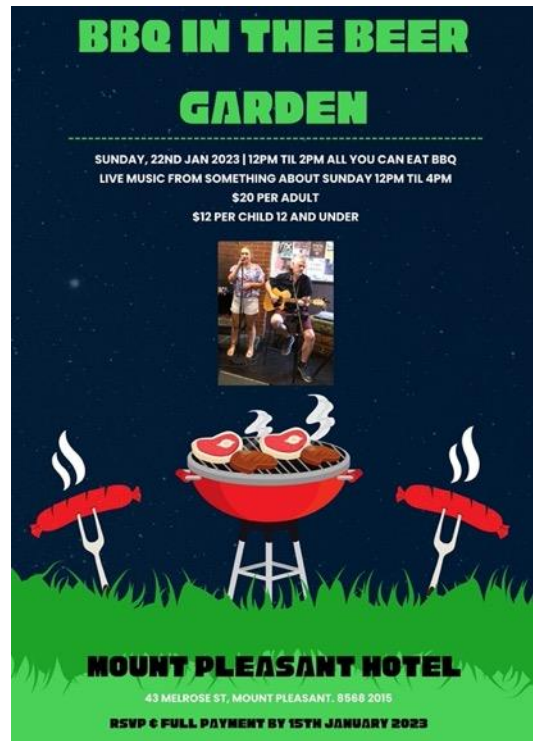
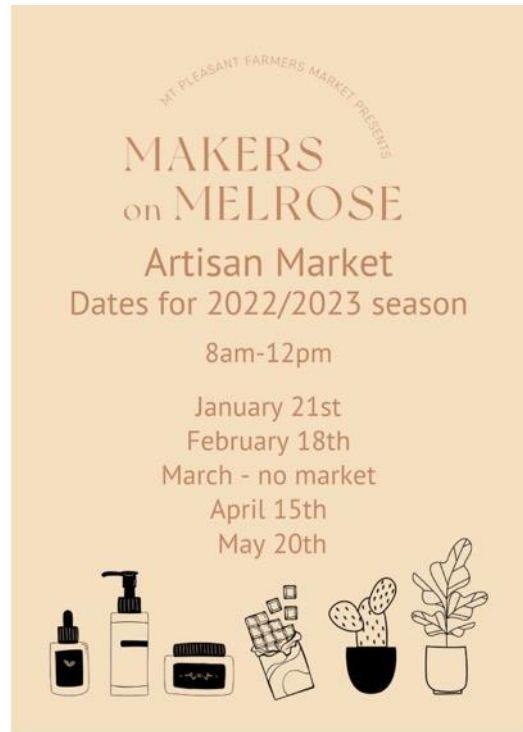
Council loves hearing about successful projects around the District. A huge congratulations to [Lavender Cycling Trail - M2C](#) for your initiative in putting [Rockleigh](#), on the map!

From Lavender Cycling Trail Facebook page:

Our new trail head sign is in place at the Old Rockleigh Schoolhouse at Rockleigh! Thanks to the [Mid Murray Council](#) for the funding and our wonderful volunteers for the design and installation.

Mid Murray Council's Facebook page has a lot of information regarding the flooding situation in our wider district. Worth having a look for up to date warnings and incidents.

Also – you might be aware that it was Mid Murray Council that enlisted the help of our Men's Shed to restore the beautiful old school room so it could be used as a stopover on the Lavender and Kidman Trails – complete with horse yards.



Spotting scams

This information is from PayPal – but you could insert any other reputable firm or organisation you deal with (e.g. Telstra, AGL). Also, check the URL (the info in the bar at the top



of your internet page – if there is no lock, it means the site is not secure.)

telstra.com.au

1. How to identify a phishing email:

- Generic email greetings
- URLs that look deceptive and inauthentic to PayPal (or a site you may deal with)
- Wrong, out of date or out of place logos, design and type

2. How to spot a fake email:

- False sense of urgency
- Attachments – A real email from PayPal will rarely include an attachment and never software
- If you aren't sure if an account alert is from us, log in to your PayPal account and check for urgent messages or related notifications

3. How to identify scams:

- The promise of money in return for a favour
- Notifications of lottery wins
- Unsolicited job offers

4. Communicate with PayPal the safe way. Always log in at PayPal.com to update your personal information:

- Credit and debit card numbers
- Bank account numbers
- Driver's license number
- Email addresses
- Password
- Your full name

Also, in the light of recent cyber threats, it might be wise to question – when signing up with a company – or even when you check details on your account, why such detailed information needs to be collected. Generally speaking, companies that require your birth date only do so, so they can send you emails around the time of your birthday

Grants for students



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 Trustees 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.

Please see SACWA MP Kath for details. (SACWA report p17)

Pleasant History

Community recognition

It is that time of year when the Community Association is preparing their special recognitions for those who participate within our community. Many people quietly provide assistance and go beyond to aid other groups and people within our district.

Alfred Townsend

In days gone by Alfred Townsend was just one person who fitted this recognition. He was a dreamer, I think, but also made things happen and the following article gives testament to that...

from the Chronicle (Adelaide, SA: 1895 - 1954), Saturday 1 July 1905, page 14...

“June 24. — On Friday evening last the township was illuminated for the first time with the new acetylene street lights. Installations at the institute, the hotels, and various business premises have been working, for some time, and have given every satisfaction. Owing to the exertions of Mr. Alfred Townsend the oil lamps, which have done duty as street lights ever since the Diamond Jubilee, have been replaced by acetylene burners, each of 50 candlepower.

The gas is supplied from a central generator, Mount Pleasant having the honor of being the first township in South Australia to have a central acetylene plant and supply the lights from a gas main through the streets. Provision has also been made for the connection of private premises with the main. The length of main now laid is 2,750 ft., supplying at present eight street lights, and utilising the old posts and lampgloves. The whole cost is being defrayed in connection with the institute from funds derived from the opening of a skating rink in the Institute Hall. Last year the funds raised in this way were applied to enlarge and improve the institute, and this season Mr. Townsend hopes to cover the cost of the acetylene installation and have a substantial balance in aid of the institute library fund, the building being

entirely out of debt. The residents are greatly indebted to Mr. Townsend, through whose energy, skill, and perseverance the installation has been completed without a penny; being raised by the townspeople.”



Barbara Cowling dressed as a snowman for a Mt Pleasant Institute fancy dress frolic in the late 1930s.

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Background

The institute mentioned is that now known as ‘Townsend House’ situated in Showground road. This eventually became the Exhibition Hall for the Show before that event moved to the current premises at Talunga Park Recreation Ground. The skating rink continued within the new Institute, now the Soldier’s Memorial Hall, as during the late 1980s the original floor of this building was replaced due to damage at the corners because of the skating. The townspeople raised considerable money for the various public buildings we enjoy today, that are now under the control of council. During the 1950s and 1960s the cost of upkeep became difficult for the various small committees so the council of the day was asked to take up the responsibility, which they did, in order to maintain the facilities. The History group have tried to have film days but they did not attract the numbers that in the past were enjoyed at the Hall. If you didn’t book, then you missed out on a seat during these early days. It would be advantageous if we could attract another hobby that would bring into the community, funds to continue the various dreams that many of us have. Do you have any ideas?

Barossa History Fair nomination

The Barossa History Fair has been nominated for Barossa Council’s Community Event of the Year. We wish Bill and the team all the best as they have worked hard to bring a unique and comprehensive event to our area.

South Australia History Festival 2023

South Australia’s History Festival will return from 1-31 May 2023. The theme for South Australia’s History Festival 2023 is WONDER. We hope that Wonder will inspire you to think about ways to encourage a feeling of amazement provoked by something beautiful or the unfamiliar. We also invite you to consider ways that Wonder encourages us to ask questions and to be curious.

Registrations for the 2023 festival will opened on Thursday 1 December, 2022.

For more information, please contact the History Trust of South Australia.

Paula Bartsch - Historian



The History Room will reopen on 12th January. From then -Thursday afternoons 1 ‘til 4

This year we decided to put a float in the Parade – what fun!



January, 2023

Totty Tales

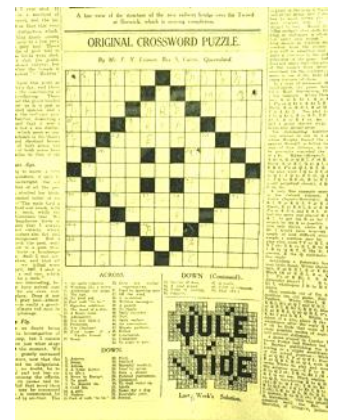
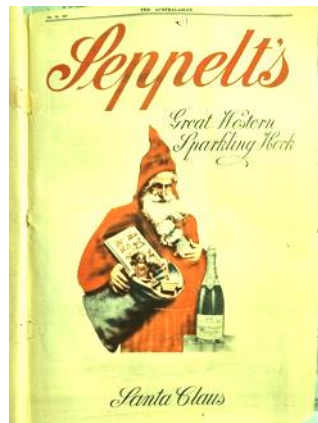
Progress is steady at the Totty, with Stef putting the finishing touches on the moulding at the top of the shelving for the Bottle Shop. (below) Hopefully the Bottle-O will be open shortly – looks like there’ll be plenty of storage!



The Dining Room (now Great Hall) after the carpet was removed and the floors refinished. (below)



(bottom) From under the floorboards, a memory of the day before Christmas in 1927 – ‘The Australasian’ newspaper – with a half finished crossword!



See: Totness Inn Facebook page – but also: Can’t Wait for the Totness Inn Hotel to Open!
Pinterest: @TotnessInnHotel
Instagram: Totness_Inn_Hotel



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Pete's Poem As it happens...

Nothing much happened around here this week -
 Nothing amazing, nothing unique.
 Local elections won, feel free to applaud,
 Stormwater washed over the Crick's Mill Road ford.
 The Torrens was swollen, it's banks soft and weak,
 A four hundred year old Red Gum plunged into the creek,
 It tore up the fencing behind Robbers Dog,
 But Rob just kept making his fabulous grog.
 One local lady, (I'd better not name her)
 Spent time in a hyperbaric chamber (Oh my),
 When she drove down main street, risking body and soul,
 And disappeared into a gigantic pothole.
 And too many turtles, so sad to be said,
 Were too slow crossing, and ended up dead.
 It rained, it poured, bucket loads fell
 And all the road surfaces went straight to Hell.
 The young and adventurous played in the slop
 On the road out the front of Jamie's butcher shop.
 The dams are all brimming, a wonderful sight,
 If the deluge stops now mate, we'll be alright,
 Yeah, nah, nothing exciting, nothing unique
 Happened around Mt Pleasant this week.

Peter, The Peripatetic Poet - 11/22



This is what the beautiful old gum looked like in 2016.



Vale Kristina

Many of you may have heard that Kristina Vonow - a dear friend and valued member of the troupe passed at Christmas, after a long battle with breast cancer. Kristina, together with Mo Johnson came on board last year, and collaborated with her in staging 'Blithe Spirit'. Kristina was working hard with cast members for the 'Cinderella pantomime, when she became too unwell to continue.



I worked with Kristina at Birdwood High School, where she was a valued member of the teaching staff, and teaching Drama was her passion. Many of our Mt Pleasant students will remember her with great fondness I am sure, as there was always much laughter and enjoyment to be had, even with the most challenging of

scripts, and some very deep topics were dealt with.



Kristina, together with Dave Swan (also a teacher at BHS), and with the blessing of Principal Steve Hicks, stood up to host Fringe events in the new facility at BHS for a few years, winning the best

venue on our first try. Music / Comedy act 'The Strolling Tones' performed at that first Fringe, and a highlight for me was Kristina's performance as Deborah Harry, singing 'Heart of Glass'. A classic. (right & below)

There are many people who were touched by Kristina's magic - whether by being taught by her, or perhaps enjoying her performances as a valued member of The Tones, so she will be sorely missed by all who knew her, or who knew of her. She was a valued colleague for me at BHS, and I recall many happy hours after work on Fridays, when a group of us would get together to unwind and talk about helping kids.

Kristina's funeral was held on Thursday 5th January, at the Lobethal Lutheran Church. You may view it for a time on the website:

<https://adelaidehillsfunerals.com.au/notices-services/>



Street Party and Parade!

The Street Parade and Party made a triumphant return in December. The Street Party group worked hard this year – hoping that we wouldn't be hit by another wave of restrictions and it paid off. Many previous parade entrants returned and we were stunned by the news (on the day!) that the Band of the South Australia Police would also take part! The food stalls were packed and most sold out, and we had a great mixture of stallholders selling some great items for Christmas purchases. Thank you to our MC Lynton Monis



(left) who once again was a cheery and informative voice for our parade. Thank you also to our Elves who again assisted the grand old Man himself – Father Christmas! A big thank you to Tom and Lucia who supplied Father Christmas' special ride, and also our special friend, Maurice Collins. The group members were kept busy during the night making sure everything went as planned – and organising our fantastic raffle.

We were really lucky with the glorious weather and many people chose to stay and enjoy the evening. Thank you everyone – see you next year!







Recreate

Bec Lane – Coordinator



Marketing

Market in the Street Parade!

Once again, we rounded up the troops and took to the street to hand out goodies from our growers to the kids.



January, 2023



Makers on Melrose market

Apparently, a great success – can't wait for the next one! As I was away, there are no photos! Next time.

Christmas Twilight Market

Always a highlight – the Christmas Twilight Farmer's Market is not to be missed. It was packed again this year, and the good mood spilled out all over. All our favourites were there so we could stock up on goodies for Christmas.

Here are a few photos from the night.

Don't forget – the Market re-opens on the 7th January!



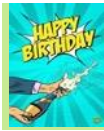


Good food, great company, amazing atmosphere – that's our Market!



People

How did we miss Glynn? Possibly because he was in Hawai'i? ☺



Happy Birthday!



December: Glynn Jackson 70

Heather Reekes-Parsons

Jennie Hackett

Susie Gaston-Guthrie

Doreen Kuszczakowski

Tracey Spargo

Happy Anniversary!
Peter and George-Anne Kaines

Pauline Williams

Michael Seager

Library

TOUR DOWN UNDER

For this years Tour Down Under, The Barossa Council Public Library team will be hosting a variety of family friendly events in the Tanunda CWA Hall. Check out some of the things to expect below.



VR Cycling (suitable for ages 13+)

Green screen photos on the winners podium



Magic shows

Story book corner



Design and create a jersey shaped picture frame

Activities will be available for all on the day. So come by to see what's on from 9.30am - 3.30pm, located amongst the Tanunda village green!

Volunteers?

It would be nice to see some activity planned for the Mt pleasant Libraries. Are there any people who might like to volunteer to organise and run sessions during the next holidays? There are many volunteers in Nuriootpa and Tanunda, but I haven't seen any call for them in Mt Pleasant. Our Librarians are wonderful and we treasure them, but they can't do it all. Could anyone help?

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There are still plenty of activities on offer for the remainder of these school holidays. Check out what's on below, then head to our website or eventbrite to secure your place!

School holidays at Barossa Libraries	
Bubble Painting Friday 13 January 10am, Nuriootpa Library & 2pm, Lyndoch Library. 6+ years	Family Lego Challenge Wednesday 11 January 10am, Lyndoch Library & 2pm, Nuriootpa Library. 6+ years
Rattle & Rhyme Every Monday from 16 January, 11.00am Nuriootpa Library 0 - 18months	Tour Down Under Activities Wednesday 18 January, 11.30am - 3pm Tanunda CWA Hall. All ages (no bookings required)

ANGASTON LIBRARY CLOSURE

The phased closure of Angaston Library, as per the Library Services review 2022, has come to an end. The Barossa Council Public Library and Community Well-being teams are in the first stage of a community consultation on future use of the library site, and provision of contemporary outreach library services to Angaston and surrounds. We invite you to provide feedback on this through our website at;

<https://www.barossa.sa.gov.au/community-and-wellbeing/library-services/library-services-review-2022>



26th Following on from the tree limb down on Christmas Eve, Boxing day gave us another limb down. This time it was suspended over the road outside the golf course but beyond our reach. Our SES Cohorts from TTG responded to assist with their long pole saw and ropes and ladders. We had set up traffic control from our arrival. Amazing how many do not slow down to go past working emergency vehicles with our red and blue flashing lights. Currently in this state it is still 25kph passing emergency workers.



The cause of the previous night's local power out resulted in a grass fire to which ourselves and Birdwood brigade responded. Quick action by all involved prevented a major fire escalation.

A special thanks need to go to the 2 SAPN workers who responded from Angaston and were able to get power back to the district so quickly, well ahead of the 3am time frame.
24th A timely reminder to be alert to falling trees and/or limbs. Brought about by the recent wet weather and now the temperatures rising. This combination can prove deadly. This limb (over page) fell on McGorman's Road just before tea time. Inconsiderate of the limb.
Thanks to my dedicated crew and 2 chainsaws we were able to open back up the road within 20 minutes.



Christmas Pageant

As the community is well aware, last Saturday evening was the hugely successful pageant and street party for Mount Pleasant.

Our brigade ran a very tasty and rewarding Mt Pleasant CFS World Famous Hot Spud Stall.

Thanks to all those who patronised our stall and also to brigade members who assisted in any way. Sorry I wasn't there to be the official taster but I was attending 4 thanks giving dinners as well as my 70th Birthday dinner here in Hawaii.



A photo of the crew working hard on the CFS stall - courtesy Andrew Easton.

Twilight Market

And there we were – back again at the Market – flat out as usual. We are gluttons for punishment – or maybe we just like it?



CFS Christmas show



The brigade celebrated it's Christmas Dinner at the Talunga Park Football rooms, and it proved to be an excellent evening with 50 adults and children in attendance. Food was prepared by Karen Jamieson and Sue Streich. We were treated to a visit by the jolly red suited gentleman for the children and then some fabulous food.



Twilight Market

Last night was a fabulous night for the brigade to feed the hordes at the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Christmas Twilight Market. Our world famous hot spuds were a huge hit. To the point we sold out nearly 200 before 7.30pm. Our apologies for those that missed out. Many thanks to those that supported your Mount Pleasant CFS

brigade. My grateful appreciation to my Spud team led by the legend herself Karen Jamieson and everyone who helped out in any way.

Merry Christmas everyone or as they say here in Hawaii, Mele Kalikimaka.

Glynn Jackson – Captain

Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital



Street Party stall
– with Liv and Paul!

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

Friends

21st February

Kath Fisher – Publicity Officer



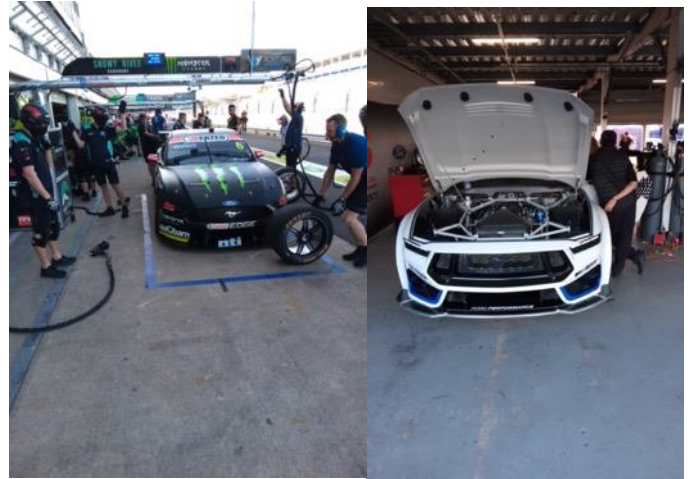
Men's Shedding

John Mac returns to the scene of the crime

It was fantastic catching up with the original Raging Bull – John Mac. John and his lovely wife Charmaine dropped in on the Twilight Market and many of us had a chance to catch up and hear what they'd been up to – as well as filling him in on a few hi-jinks the Shedders have taken part in over the last few years.

Murray at the race

Murray again donned his fireproof gear as a Fire Marshall for the race. He was able to get a couple of good pics in pit lane for us.



Street Party

Yet another barby! The shedders were out in force providing perfect hamburgers for the great crowd who turned out for



the return of the Street Parade and Party. Les was supervising – because you know you can't take your eye off them for a minute!



Christmas lunch



Roger, Bill, Dave, Paula, Pat and Keith (top)
Pat, Gareth, Hartley, Kim, Les and Kath (above)
Craig, Barrie, John and Danny (below) and Denise, Graham, Dennis and Jenny with a friend (bottom)



(Below) Murray and Bob – hosts and chefs for the day – provided a great spread starting with cobs, then a fantastic traditional Christmas lunch with Pavlova for dessert!



Murray and Bob make a formidable team – and Christmas lunch was pretty amazing. The shed was bursting at the seams and much merriment ensued – climaxing with Gareth’s raffle. It was a great day, and I’m willing to bet a large percentage of us went home and spent the rest of the afternoon in food comas in front of the telly. Thanks, you two!

Twilight Market stall



Once again, the Shedders were there – spatulas in hand – to serve the hungry hordes at the Twilight Market. Another great night’s work!



Women’s Workshops

The sessions are becoming more popular, with up to six women availing themselves of the shedders’ expertise. All of the projects were finished at the end of the year and we are looking forward to more women coming along and learning new skills.



The next Women’s only woodwork session is on the first Wednesday in February. 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. Clockwise from top left: Christine with her Bird Box, Sue with her rustic version, Shona with her wooden Christmas Tree.





Pauline showing just what you can do with an old pallet.

MPPS engagement

The end of the year saw the students we have worked with gain their certificates. As is always the case, it was an enriching experience all around, and we look forward to working with students in '23.

Photography

The next session will be on the second Wednesday in February, from 9.30am – call Gareth on 0430 026 993.

Next Meeting

February

Gareth Saunders – Secretary: 0430 026 993



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

MP Community Association



Australia Day Breakfast in the Garden

Once again, we will be hosting a breakfast in the CWA Garden. Come along and join with us – and give those community members who will be acknowledged a big pat on the back.

If you'd like to help, our little group will be meeting at 11am in the Hall on the 12th January. The meetings are usually short and there aren't too many jobs.



Street Party Group

Thank you to all who helped – either as stallholders and volunteers, pageant entries or community members who came along to support us. What a great night! Thank you also to The Band of the South Australian Police – who surprised us by joining the parade and putting on another great performance.

Paula Bartsch - Chair



MP Progress Inc

Mt Pleasant Progress Ass.

Inc. Board Meeting



Held on Tuesday 13th December 2022

- Work has started again on the Caravan Park. The estimated completion date for the main work remains at the end April, but with the addition of the need for a new transformer, the C/P will have no electricity until the end of July. Extra funds were made available by the Barossa Council for the problems that have arisen.
- Wendy was at a meeting today with Council staff re the upgrading of the library where there was discussion about future children's groups. There will be a community consultation process between the 23rd Jan and 22nd Feb to gain information from the community about the upgrade for the Library.
- There is a meeting next Monday at 1pm with Barossa Council staff to discuss the safety of the playgrounds.
- We have registered for the People's Choice Community Lottery – to raise funds to upgrade the playgrounds. Please encourage ticket purchases in our name – only available on line.
- The Tungkillio moth plaque has been completed. John Bowd to install.
- Genevieve to check with Council finance department about the status of the Reserve Funds for the SM Hall and Talunga Park.
- The Tour Down Under will go from Birdwood to Williamstown and roads will be closed on the 20th Jan.
- John enquired about the progress on issues with the grease trap at the catering shed. There has been no further communication from Barossa Council staff. To be followed up on Monday.
- John suggested a working bee at Talunga Park in the near future to attend to the trees.
- Gareth expressed real concern about a flyer for the white Australia alliance group which has been distributed in some towns in the Barossa. Any further flyers are to be reported to the police.

The meeting closed at 9 pm and a Merry Christmas to all members.

The next meeting will be held on the 10th January 2023 at the Men's Shed

Wendy Harvey for MP Progress Inc.

Red Cross

Meeting news

As has been our practice over the last few years, we joined with the Mt Pleasant branch of the SACWA for our Christmas lunch. This year we held it in the hall – and enjoyed a pooled feast, and great company with lots of laughs and friendship.

Glen Devon Garden Party

Plans are well underway for the annual Red Cross Glen Devon Garden party on 14th February, 2023. Once again, we thank Hugh and Fiona MacLachlan for their generosity in allowing us to hold it in their beautiful garden. And of course,



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a Garden Party would not be complete without the wonderful Sophie Thomson, who never fails to entertain and educate us. The booking page at Eventbrite is set up for the Garden Party in February. Tickets can be booked after 2nd January, 2023.

Season's Greetings

We thank all our wonderful branch members and members of the community for their unwavering support for our little group. We wish you all the compliments of the Season, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

10th February, 2023.

Kath Fisher - Secretary



SACWA

Review

It's been an amazingly busy year – outings with Angaston our Homelink Branch, and our Branch taking on the running of the Hills and Murray group. Both of these have turned out to be more rewarding than we thought they'd be. Even though we didn't have our usual stalls at the Twilight Market and Street Party, we've been extremely busy as this year we have done double the number of stock sales that we usually do. This is set to continue for 2023. We did have a stall at the Makers on Melrose Market which we really enjoyed, and which brought in a nice amount for our branch.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2023 – starting with State council in March, which is being hosted by the Barossa branches at Angaston this year – so no long treks to town!

We have also welcomed some new members and our Cuppa, Craft and Chat sessions have been well patronised. These will continue in 2023, and we remind everyone that you don't have to be a member – you don't even have to craft – just come along for a chat. It's a lot of fun.

Christmas lunch

Our break-up was about the Christmas Spirit and Friendship – and we welcomed Red Cross branch members to a pooled lunch. There was a lot of fun and Jan's Quiz and Heather's 'lolly water' certainly livened things up! Next year we would



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like to extend the invitation to join us to those who may be alone, or without family. Sometimes it can be a lonely time, and we love welcoming new people – and we don't expect anyone to feel pressured to join. Just come along and have fun with us.

Thank you

We would like to thank all of our wonderful members and friends, and those members of our community who continue to support us. Thanks for your generosity and for supporting this great organisation. We wish you Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Safe and Prosperous New Year.



Foodbank

We continue to support Foodbank which is a leader in those organisations supplying food to those in need, so please think of donating to this amazing enterprise.

New Memberships

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

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday the 7th February.

Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA



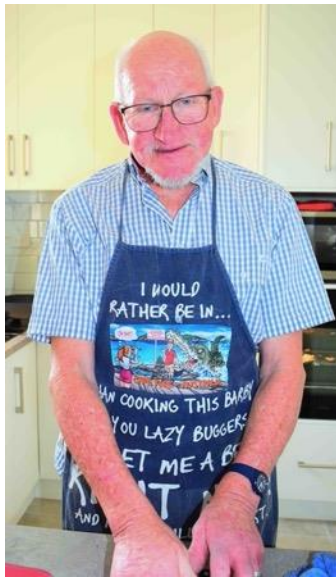


We had two entries in this year's parade – pretty impressive!



Christmas luncheon

Vice President Dennis Rockley (pictured right and below right) was made for the job of catering for our Christmas lunch. Used to catering for so many more troops, Dennis easily whipped up an amazing spread that we struggled to finish. I think he's pretty much cemented himself a place in branch history and he'll be called upon to cook for us whenever we can organise it. Fantastic job, Dennis!



Thank you to all who helped decorate and set up for the day – it was a credit to you. Plenty of room for our group, especially with the new serving arrangements. A special mention was made of Roger and Collette Benton and John Bowd in recognition of the work they put in to upgrade the facilities in the club rooms.

Next Social Night

The next social night is on Tuesday, 3rd January, '23.

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



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Top of the Torrens Theatre Group

Although our production of the Cinderella Pantomime had to be cancelled a few of our younger players took to the street to remind everyone we are still here!



2023 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 5th February 2023 at 4pm

TOTT Clubrooms - 156 Melrose St Mount Pleasant SA 5235
(Behind Mt Pleasant RSL on Pentelows Rd)

Order of business as per the constitution including election of committee.

The constitution can be found on the TOTT website
www.tott-tg.com.au

Items of new business for the agenda must be submitted in writing and be in the hands of the secretary 5 days prior to the meeting.
email.enquiries@tott-tg.com.au

Come along & get involved in your local community theatre.

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Sport

Mt Pleasant Bowls Club



MT PLEASANT BOWLING CLUB

NIGHT OWL BOWLING IS BACK ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON!

TEAMS OF 4 OR INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS WELCOME

\$5 TO PLAY INCLUDES A BURGER!

REGISTRATION FROM 6PM...DINNER @ 6.30PM

ROLL UP STARTS @ 7PM

FULL BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE

ETVOS

*PLAYERS NEED TO WEAR FLAT SOLED SHOES

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BO HAMELEY

0417947812



Bo Hambly - President



Mt Pleasant Golf Club

Saturday 24th December – players enjoyed a bit of Christmas Fun... 10 prizes were up for grabs for on course challenges. The course is the best it has ever looked...thanks to Ben, with support from Paul and Beth. Even Cam Smith would enjoy the challenge and if he is around, he is more than welcome. Couple of shots of the first and third holes....glorious way to start a round.



Dave Swan - President



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Mt Pleasant Tennis Club

Are you interested in playing Tennis?

The Mt Pleasant Tennis Club would love to have you play for us. Possibly social tennis on a weeknight to utilise our new courts and lights. For more information, call Nick Seager on 0448884721, or email: mtpleasanttennisclub@outlook.com

Nick Seager - President



Palmer

Palmer Hotel

Cars and Coffee
from 9 to 11 on the
14th January



Torrens Valley FC

The blokes recently enjoyed a session at Anytime Fitness,



Balhannah.

Lyn Wilhelm - Secretary



Mt Torrens

History Centre

Mt Torrens History Centre will be closed until Monday, January 30th, 2023. We will be meeting again from 10-2. Thank you all for your support in 2022. It has been a great experience meeting so many locals and learning about their connections to the town. Look out for more history and fundraising events in 2023! We would like to wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New year.

Springton

Edenmae Cellar Door is celebrating her 10th Anniversary next month A very tiny portion of the 130 years of our gorgeous old barn.

Cellar herself is every bit the sensory experience: the musty old scent of stone & wood; the beauty in the original loft design + renovations; the feeling of warmth, comfort & security within insanely thick walls; the history & tales of old, including once housing the Springton Fire Brigade.

Cellar has a 'feel'... a 'warmth'... that many remark on & we do love the old girl



Michelle Barr – Edenmae Wines

Cromer



It was a great catch-up for our Christmas drinks, albeit the breeze was a little chilly and we would have liked to have lit the fire!

About 30 people attended, some came for drinks and nibbles only, others stayed for the sausage sizzle and some came after. We all enjoyed it and I'm hoping someone out there took some photos because I didn't!

We now have a coded lock box for the key at the front door which has been secured with a metal surround. This will make it easier for people hiring the hall - which we hope will happen more often. For the present time all bookings still go through the Barossa Council. Hoping you all have a lovely Festive Season and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Pauline Williams – Friends of the Old Cromer School & Hall



Dust If You Must

by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read:
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind,
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

Gumeracha

Sylvia and her team were out and about in Mt Pleasant during December – first at the Street Party and then at the Twilight Farmer’s Market. Wonderfully refreshing on those warm nights!



GUMERACHA FIFTH SUNDAY MARKET

SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH
FEDERATION PARK GUMERACHA
10AM-3PM

ARTISAN / HANDMADE / CRAFTS / FOOD

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

LIONS CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY INC.

Tungkillo

A Community BBQ held at the Tungkillo Soldiers Memorial Hall on 18th December 2022 to announce the winners of the Christmas lights competition was attended by 13 community members & 7 commit-tee members.

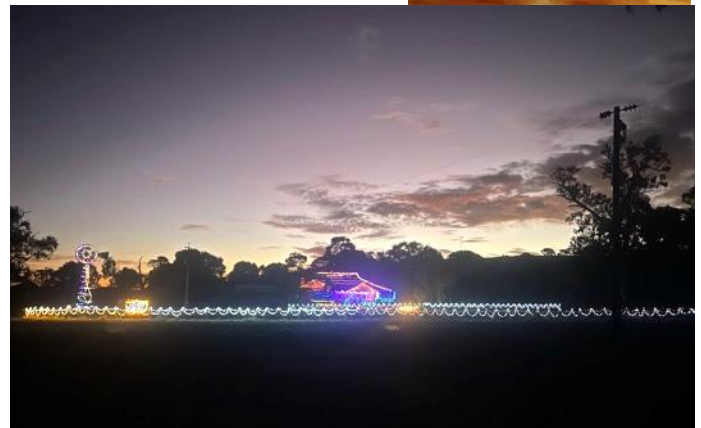
Thanks to Anne Reynolds for the salads, Mandy Lintern for cooking the BBQ, and Mt Pleasant P.O. and Brendon Hoille for the encouragement prizes. Congratulations to all the winners of the Christmas Lights competition in Tungkillo for 2022: 1st Prize of \$400 Max Rollond. Max decorated his Nanna's house on the corner of Ayres Road and is pictured right with Tungkillo Progress Club Association President Mandy Lintern.

2nd Prize of \$200 went to Debra Sargison and Brendon Hoille

3rd Prize of \$100 went to Anne Burgess

(Matt Vyden and Tahlia Green missed out on second prize due to being unable to attend the BBQ).

Trevor and Hayley Condon won the encouragement prize, which was donated by the Post Office in Mount Pleasant



Tungkillo Progress Club news

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH GIVING

THE MEMBERS A WELL-EARNED BREAK.

Projects

The committee has been asked to list 3 projects that need to be done in the Tungkillo community.

The community is being asked that if there is something they would like to see done by the Council can you let the committee know with your ideas. Please keep in mind this is put onto the Mid Murray Council’s budget for future projects. It is being asked by all the communities in the Council area.

If you can forward before the 25th January, 2022 so we can discuss at our first meeting for the New Year in February, 2023. Email tungkillogazette@gmail.com

The Tungkillo Progress Club Inc. would also like to thank Mid Murray Council for the government Grant for upgrading our security system and acquiring internet for the cameras.

Tungkillo Gazette

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Classifieds, courses & community info

Seniors Card

Go to the Seniors Card site to find out if you are eligible for some great discounts on anything from Hearing Aids, Travel, Insurance, Food, etc. Worth a look.



<https://www.seniorscard.sa.gov.au/benefits/discounts-and-deals>

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!)

** RSVP'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 lee.wingate@carerssa.com.au

** 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.

Lee Wingate - Carer Connector – Barossa and Light

St John's Anglican Church

Contact Minister:
Bruce Hicks
0427 080 681



RDA information

Barossa Water Allocation Plan Webinar



Share your views about how to manage water resources in the Barossa Valley to help shape the Barossa Water Allocation Plan amendment.

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board is seeking community discussion and input into the proposed management options designed to address declining water reliability, ecosystem health and cultural and amenity values. Learn about the plan

1. Read the background information sheets
2. Read the technical reports

Have your say

1. Fill out the survey
2. Register for the community webinar Tuesday, 24 January, 1-3 pm.
3. Ask a question using the questions tool

Grants

Apply for a grant

You could be eligible for money to help your business. There are all sorts of grants available. Search GrantAssist, GrantConnect or the Grant and Programs Finder to check eligibility or contact us for advice.

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs>

Arts Grants

Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups

Are you an artist? Australia Council for the Arts is offering a \$10-\$50k grant for creating new works, touring, publishing, recording, marketing and more. Closes 7 March 2023.



https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/arts-projects-for-individuals-and-groups/?mc_cid=2cb56e60f6&mc_eid=ffd3df482d

Strategic Plan – have your say

We are seeking feedback on the draft Regional Strategic Plan 2022-2025. This summary plan outlines regional priorities and recommendations so government, businesses and communities can make better decisions for the future and collaborate on actioning regional opportunity.

Let us know what you like, what you don't like, what's missing and what can be improved.

<https://barossa.org.au/regional-strategic-plan-2022-2025/>



TAFE January

Enterprise Trainer - Presenting Skill Set

This skill set provides the necessary skills and knowledge for people training under supervision in the VET sector, who work mainly in classroom situations.

Enterprise Trainer and Assessor Skill Set

This skill set is designed for trainers and assessors who deliver non accredited training or work with other trainers in delivering nationally recognised training.

Government and Legal

Department for Correctional Services (DCS) Correctional Officers Tests

South Australia Police (SAPOL) Recruitment Tests

South Australia Police (SAPOL) Recruitment Tests - English as a Second Language Applicants

Building and Construction

SSDIS01008 - Introduction to Construction Skill Set

Inspect and Test Electrical Equipment

Weld Polyethylene Pipe

Workplace Training

TAESS00014 - Enterprise Trainer - Presenting Skill Set

Wine and Spirits

WSET Level 2 Award in Wines

Agriculture

Pest Management Technician endorsed for Control Plant Pests and Diseases and Disorders

TAFE short courses

Whether you work in an office, commercial kitchen, construction site or volunteer your time to help others, you never know when a situation might occur that requires a life saving measure.

Enrol into TAFE SA's upcoming First Aid, CPR and LVR/CPR short courses to be prepared and able to save someone's life in an emergency.

Already certified?

Did you know that your first aid qualification should be renewed every three years and your CPR and Low Voltage Rescue training recertified yearly?

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

Apprenticeship info

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

Jobs website:

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

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>



Markets



Farm Gate Garden

806 Springton Road, Mt Crawford



Eden Valley Farm Stand

1823 Eden Valley Rd

One Tree Hill and Mannum January Markets cancelled



MERRY Christmas

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT MARKET ON 14 JANUARY

AT LYNDOKH





RISE & SHINE! IT'S
**Breakfast
in the Garden**
26 JANUARY • 8AM
*includes the Mt Pleasant
Community Awards*
BREAKFAST - \$7 ADULT, \$4 CHILD
Australia Day Breakfast  MP Community Ass'n Inc.
AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, PLEASE REGISTER:
MPCA.INC@GMAIL.COM

The Mt Pleasant Red Cross branch invites you to our annual

Glen Devon Garden Party

'Glen Devon', Glen Devon Road, Mt Pleasant

10AM, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2023



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

Gardening Australia presenter Sophie Thomson has been a regular guest at the Glen Devon Garden Party for nearly 25 years, and she will again share her wit and wisdom.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: VIA EVENTBRITE.

ENQUIRIES: 85682985 OR 0403012339



Some road closures during the tour Down Under which may affect this area.

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023

- Norton Summit Road, Teringie, Norton Summit & Ashton between Glen Stuart Road and Lobethal Road
- Lobethal Road, Norton Summit & Ashton between Norton Summit Road and Stony Rise Road Between 5.45am and 8.00am
- Lobethal Road, Basket Range, Forrest Range, Lenswood & Lobethal between Stony Rise Road and Mill Road Between 6.00am and 9.15am
- Kenton Valley Road, Lobethal & Kenton Valley between Brettig Road and Burfords Hill Road Between 6.45am and 9.45am
- Burfords Hill Road, Kenton Valley & Mount Torrens between Brettig Road and Angas Creek Road
- Angas Creek Road, Mount Torrens & Birdwood between Burfords Hill Road and Torrens Valley Road
- Torrens Valley Road, Birdwood between Angas Creek Road and Warren Road Between 6.45am and 10.00am
- Warren Road, Birdwood, Cromer, Mount Crawford & Williamstown between Torrens Valley Road and Springton Road Between 7.30am and 11.15am
- South Para Road, Williamstown & Kersbrook between South Terrace and Hill Road Between 7.45am and 12.15pm
- Checker Hill Road, Kersbrook between South Para Road and Forreston Road Between 8.15am and 12.45pm
- Torrens Valley Road, Birdwood & Gumeracha between Angas Creek Road and 452 Torrens Valley Road Between 7.00am and 10.45am
- Torrens Valley Road, Gumeracha & Chain of Ponds between 314 Torrens Valley Road and Gorge Road
- North East Road, Chain of Ponds between Gorge Road and South Para Road Between 7.15am and 1.15pm

Please go to the Tour Down Under page, or here: <https://cdn.barossa.sa.gov.au/downloads/public-notices.pdf> for more information.

January calendar

Any event or occasion coming up? Let us know.

As always happens in January – many of our clubs and committees take a break. Please check with your secretary regarding 2023 start dates.

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. <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/>

Events

Date	Event	Details
7, 14, 21 & 28 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers' Market	8-12, Saturdays @ Talunga Park
12	Australia Day group meeting	11am, SM Hall
21	Makers on Melrose	8-12 Farmer's Market
26	Australia Day - Breakfast in the Garden Includes Community Awards	From 8am

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 FEBRUARY
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 FEBRUARY
SACWA Cuppa, Craft & Chat	1st Tuesday, 10am to 12.00pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall FEBRUARY
TV Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Women's Woodworking	1st Wednesday every month in the Men's Shed FEBRUARY
Writers' Group	Please email: Dwainecelie@gmail.com

Newsletter:

Newsletters are published at the beginning of every month, and are 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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