



MOUNT TORRENS

Community Link

August and September 2022

The Link provides helpful and supportive community information, details of upcoming events, local information articles, local activities, updates and contact details for all Mt Torrens based groups, community projects, events, places of interest, sporting clubs and businesses, with no paid advertising, just an equal and balanced opportunity for everyone to share and come together. It is a bi-monthly newsletter, available at many of our local venues and is also available by email. If you have something you'd like included, please email mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com

Mt Torrens Centenary Park

The Park Dinners will be returning on Friday 2nd September, and we look forward to starting where we left off in April when we had a bumper crowd. SO, watch out for publicity on the town's Facebook page and notices at the General Store and Coopers.

Our kitchen is now fully outfitted with new equipment – big gas oven/hotplate, high efficiency food refrigerator, industrial dishwasher and large gas deep fryer.

The full facility is available for hire at reasonable rates – contact Karen Clark on 0409 692 403 to enquire or book.

Our AGM will be held in late September, so here is the perennial call for younger (ie less than 65!) people to consider putting their hands up to keep this community resource going.

Mt Torrens Community Garden

Wanted

Are you a handy person? Can you build a bench?

Cement in a post? Work a shovel?

Do you want to help create something special in our community?



Come along on **Saturday September 3rd** at **10am** to the Dunfield Community Garden to be part of the building of the Ninja course. This fantastic course has been designed by Climbing Tree (designers of the Morialta playground and our very own Leckie playground) in consultation with the local community. Climbing Tree director Simon will be on site to share the vision and technical guidance. Come and join the fun and help build something unique for our town that your children and grandchildren will enjoy for years to come.

A Pathway to Prosperity initiative made possible by the dedication of the Friends of Mount Torrens and the generosity of our supporters News Corp, Woodside Landscapes, Ideal Mix Concrete, Edwards family farms, Epress, Adelaide Hills Veggie Gardens, Bee Happy art studio, Coopers of Mount Torrens and JD Smith Constructions.

Following are my thoughts as an Adelaide Hills Councillor, and may not be those of Council.

Adelaide Hills Council Annual Business Plan and budget has been approved by Council. In summary, due to the high CPI at March and cost pressures due to increasing costs, a rate increase of 4.9% was agreed, resulting in income of \$53.3m, expenditure \$51.9m, with an operating surplus of \$1.4m, going towards Capital works of \$22.3m, including \$11.8m for new and upgraded assets, with additional borrowings of \$7.3m - visit ahc.sa.gov.au to view *Annual Business Plan and Budget*. Local projects include contribution to Amy Gillett \$100k(State Government project), Mt Torrens Heritage toilets (at time cost still being determined), Gumeracha Library upgrade \$115k, etc. Council elections are this year, want to make a difference in your community - consider standing - see ahc.as.gov.au or *LGA website for information, or speak with a current Councillor*. If you have any questions about the budget, or anything Council related, please contact myself, Linda Green, 0418 858 429 or one of my fellow Councillors, details are listed on ahc.sa.gov.au
Kind Regards, Linda Green

Mt Torrens Spring Market

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 10am-3pm

Please join us!

In AND around the Soldiers Memorial Hall this time.

People enjoyed this setting in June and, as August can still be 'cool,' we will be there again. But several stallholders wanted to be outside so they will be out the front, down the South side and at the rear.

Don't miss them!

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

Lots of great stalls again too, including spinning!

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

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



TORRENS VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Mt Torrens is the home of the Torrens Valley Lions!

As the 2022 season draws to an end, just a quick run down of the season to date.

Auskick has been a great learning tool for kids that are still under age, and thanks to Michael Ferguson who took this commitment on. Under 14's have been battling hard against older opponents, and a combined Under 16's Lions/Ramblers had a great 2nd round, getting their 1st win against Mannum some weeks back and having some good competitive games. Several lads were picked for the Sturt Development Squad and it's been a great experience for them.

Senior teams have been challenged with injuries and covid still lingering, but putting in some solid efforts. Zander Hughes and Kaelen Maloney, both 15, have both played their first A grade games this year and played superbly! Well done lads. Also, playing in the reserves, and first senior game for young Cooper Montgomery, with his dad Ashley Montgomery.

A highlight in June was the reunion of several Mt Pleasant Premiership players and Committee; current players wore replica jumpers. A great day had by all.

Thanks to all Volunteers, Committee members, Trainers, Water Runners, Coaches and Players for another year of hard work. Many hands make light work!

Kind regards, Shannon O'Shea, President & Management Committee

Adelaide & Hills Planting Guide for August and September

- ♦Radish♦Lettuce♦Spring Onion ♦Kale♦Cabbage♦Parsley
- ♦Onion♦Turnip♦Carrot♦Potato
- ♦Beetroot♦Nasturtium♦Rocket ♦Broccoli♦Peas♦Pak Choi
- ♦Coriander♦Strawberry♦Celery♦Parsnip
- ♦Fennel♦Basil♦Chives
- ♦Dill♦Rhubarb
- ♦Asparagus



Mt Torrens History Centre

RE-IMAGINING MOUNT TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL HISTORY AFTER 100 YEARS

SUNDAY September 18th 11:00am – 4:00pm

Yes, 100 years, hard to believe but true according to the Torrens Valley Heritage Survey Part 2, commissioned by the Adelaide Hills Council in 2003 and articles we have discovered from old newspaper articles.

“In 1922, a new larger primary school was built further along Prescott Street between the town and the cemetery”.

Please join us celebrate this occasion, we will have a historic photographic display and interesting memorabilia to help re-imagine your time at the school.



Registration is required to help with catering, via email to mt.historycentre@gmail.com, on our Facebook page: Mt Torrens & District Community Association or phone: 8389 4477 (please leave a message including your name and contact phone number).

“ROLL CALL” at the Mount Torrens Coach House at 11:00am; you can enjoy a sausage & a cool drink for \$3:00 at “our canteen” (this is a fundraiser and will help with events we are planning for 2023).

2:00-4:00pm we are off to the old school building for an “excursion”. This is a combined event with the Mount Torrens Christian School who have kindly offered to open the old school building for the afternoon.

Our Handbells have been polished, the students are eagerly learning tunes, ready to entertain you whilst enjoying “afternoon recess” provided by the school.

(No, there will not be any bottles of milk- if you’re old enough, you’ll understand!!!).

MISSING: The Mount Torrens Primary School, School Admission Registers. If we can find them, State Archives and the Education Disposal Unit would love to see them. They would provide a copy to our History Centre, imagine the names in them!!!

Look in boxes in the shed, cellar, ceiling etc. Ask your parents, ex-staff, friends or anyone who helped when the school closed in 2014 if they have any information; it would be a great asset to the History Centre & the Community.

Have you heard of the Upper River Torrens Landcare Group (URLTG)?

And do you know what we do?

We’re a group of locals who love the land around us. The River Torrens catchment is a unique and beautiful area. With rolling hills, parks and trails and incredible natural biodiversity.

We are all about community and work with you to identify, conserve, protect and increase regional native vegetation.

Our Landcare group promotes and encourages community involvement through information sharing, practical demonstration and assisting landholders with native revegetation after events such as the Cudlee Creek fire.

Contact us to get involved with various opportunities.

If you: Live, work or have connections in the Upper Torrens Catchment (Mt Pleasant, Birdwood, Mt Torrens, Gumeracha or Forreston); Are a: Primary Producer, Hobby Farmer, Student, Teacher, Business, Volunteer, Supporter, or friend of the environment.

Would you like to join a park group in our catchment? We’ve been supporting volunteers in Porter Scrub and Cromer Conservation Parks for many years and, in 2021, became Friends of Parks members.

Is gardening more your thing? Would you like to work in our group nursery? We hold occasional working bees at Mt Pleasant during the summer months to prepare seedlings for planting in winter.

Or perhaps you would prefer to join in planting days? The URLTG continues to be actively involved in the community supporting landholders with bush-fire recovery, revegetation, weed control, fencing and erosion control. We facilitate Landcare education and support our volunteers in parks.

URLTG support our volunteer parks groups in various ways, including providing equipment, organising events and regular activities, applying for grants or promoting the volunteer groups. So maybe your thing is you are brilliant at grant writing? Or you’re a social media wizard?

Why not get to know us? Check out our **new website** for current volunteer opportunities such as planting days and membership. See what we have been up to since 1989 when we first began our Landcare journey.

Address: 132 Melrose St, Mount Pleasant SA 5235 **Postal:** PO Box 418, Birdwood, SA 5234 torrenslandcare@gmail.com
<http://torrenslandcare.org/>



UPPER RIVER TORRENS
LANDCARE GROUP

We encourage you to connect with us and become a member of the URLTG today!

Mt Torrens Community Garden

Located off Dunfield Drive, Mount Torrens

We are growing! We now have five wicking beds. The latest designed and donated by Mark Smith from Adelaide Hills Veggie Gardens allowing easy access by people who use walkers or wheelchairs. We are hoping to involve some of our older residents and those from nearby nursing homes in the garden.

Everybody is encouraged to harvest from the Community Garden.

The garden is for everyone. And it is pleasing to see that much of the produce has been disappearing. The kale seems to have been the favourite, closely followed by the lettuce and spinach. If you haven’t had any yet don’t worry there is still plenty of other things to pick, as everyone is doing the right thing and harvesting the outside leaves leaving 5-6 leaves in the centre so that they can continue to grow and produce more leaves for future harvest. Following feedback we will do more group planting and labelling in the future so that it is easier for people to identify the veggies.

How do I get involved in growing, I hear you ask?

Simply come to one of the working bees. They are every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon. We look after the veggie beds, share information, seeds/plants etc. make plans for future expansion, and contribute to the maintenance of the native gardens around the retention ponds. What and how much you do is up to each individual.

Getting ready for spring planting

Yes, it is time! Time to start planning what to grow. We would love to hear from the community what they would like us to grow. Do you want tomatoes, capsicum, cucumbers, lettuce??? The group will start to raise seedlings soon, so if you have spare seeds or favourite seeds that you would like us to grow, then drop them off at one of the working bees soon.

Bye for now, Sue



Something New to Support Our Locals

The Link will include a new List of Businesses for residents of Mt Torrens who have businesses that are not based here but that service Mt Torrens. So, if you live here and have a business that meets this criteria, please email details to mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com
Here's our first 'entrant'.
Carrington Conveyancers (Paul and Michele Edwards) 8223 2988

Mt Torrens Sports

Mt Torrens /Charleston Cricket Club

Rodney Pfeiffer 8389 6462

Torrens Valley Football Club—Lyn Wilhelm 0419 030 588

Mt Torrens Bombers Tennis Club—Glenn Miller 0411 663 350

Mt Torrens Table Tennis—Paul McKee 0467 877 700

Mt Torrens Darts Team—Todd Kerber 0439 387 521

Mt Torrens Facilities and Facilitators

Amy Gillett Bikeway

Tuck Street Community Garden

Grow Free Cart outside Coopers

JP —Ken Craig 0431 848 802

JP—David Pearce 0434 073 302

Adelaide Hills Councillor - Linda Green 0418 858 429

Mt Torrens Christian School— 8389 4255

Mt Torrens Coach House History Centre mt.historycentre@gmail.com

Mt Torrens Leckie Playground

Community Bus— Angela 8389 4252

Mt Torrens Heritage Trail

Dunnfield Park

Mt Torrens Cemetery

Springhead Lutheran Cemetery

Mt Torrens Groups

Springhead Church — 8389 7357

Mt Torrens Uniting Church—Kerry Clark 0467 276 421

St George's Anglican Church— Lucy 0435 154 508

Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall—Michael Kowald 0418 840 031

Mt Torrens Community Noticeboard—Facebook Group

Mt Torrens and District Community Association—Kerry Clark 0467 276 421

Mt Torrens CFS - Sheryl Collins 0409 898 051

Mt Torrens Centenary Park—David Elliot 0449 715 589

Mt Torrens Scout Group— Julie Erwin 0447 147 499

Friends of Mt Torrens— Sascha 0434 587 972

Pathway to Prosperity Adelaide Hills, the organisation that has the community bus for hire, now has a small range of medical type equipment for short term usage. As with the bus, there is a donation for the items and they must be returned in clean, good condition. We have a wheelchair, shower chair, a walking stick, a set of under arm and wrist crutches and a large moon boot. Contact Angie at the Hotel for more details 0438 897 332

Pathway to Prosperity is a locally inspired social enterprise company that was developed out of the community experience of the Black summer bushfires and is focusing of local support community programs.

MT
TORRENS
HOTEL

Mt Torrens CFS

The cold wet weather is making a return again this week. It's a timely reminder for care when using clothes dryers. There have been 4 house fires in Adelaide due to dryers this week. There are simple measures we can take to prevent the spontaneous combustion happening, resulting in fires.

1. Always check washing when completed, don't leave in dryer. If still damp then put dryer on again. Or hang on clothes racks to complete drying.

2. Avoid putting on dryer then going out for the day.

It is essential to have working fire alarms in your house, when did you last replace batteries? How old are your fire alarms? The recommendation is to replace every 10 years, or sooner if they are faulty.

Now is the time to start planning for your Summer clean up for fire safety around your property.

1. Reduce weeds in your garden, around your house and sheds.

2. Prune back trees and shrubs.

3. Check driveways for clearance of branches overhanging. Our CFS truck needs at least a 3 metre clearance.

4. Rake up and remove loose small branches and twigs from under trees and shrubs.

5. Keep your gutters clean.

6. Re check your fire kits. Radio and torches, are the batteries working? Do you have all important documents?

Do you have kits made up for your pets if you have to grab and evacuate quickly

7. Do you have a fire plan? Is everyone in your household aware of your plan? Have you practiced your plan?

8 Time to check and repair any fire fighting equipment. When was your fire pump last serviced or started?

We are currently looking to increase our membership. If you want to be part of a family friendly group of people, to learn how to fight fires, car accidents, storm damage and animal rescue. All training and uniforms free. Able to attend training on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm. Attend call outs.

Aged 18 years or over. Please come to our station (on Springhead Road) on a Tuesday night for a chat and more information.

Mt Torrens History Centre Raffle

Win 3 nights in Arno Bay, at the Hotel Arno, or a trailer load of firewood (free delivery locally)!

Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

Tickets available at:

Mt Torrens General Store,

Mt Torrens Spring Market, Sunday August 28th, 10am-3pm
AND

outside Klose's Supermarkets in Woodside, Lobethal and Birdwood at the following times:

Friday 12th and 19th August, 10am-1pm and 3pm-5.30pm

Saturday 13th and 20th August, 10am-1pm

Drawn at the Mt Torrens Spring Market,
at the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Mt Torrens, on Sunday,
August 28th, at 3pm.



BUSINESSES BASED IN MT TORRENS

This list is intended as a guide to Mt Torrens based businesses—please email mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com with details of any businesses to be included or if details need to be amended.

GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE	8389 4301
COOPERS OF MT TORRENS FARM SUPPLIES	8389 4188
MT TORRENS HOTEL	8389 4252
LINDSAY YOUNG VETS	0408 132 742
LOBETHAL ROAD WINES	8389 4595
BEE HAPPY ART STUDIO - MOSAIC WORKSHOPS	0458 945 353 or Facebook
HARRINGTON LANDSCAPING (Horticultural Consultants and Garden Maintenance)	0419 390 360
SK MASONRY PTY LTD	0425 617 922
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ZENA	042 88 44 047
47 WOOLSHED ROAD, ACCOMMODATION	47woolshedroad.com.au
BINS 2U - SKIP BIN HIRE (4, 6 or 9m3)	0412 818 499
GLASS IMPRESSIONS—GLASS AND GLAZING	0410 539 294
JD SMITH CONSTRUCTIONS—CONCRETING	0402 923 652
POP UP VINTAGE BY ELLEN—BUYING AND SELLING OF VINTAGE WARES	@instagram:popupvintagebyellen
GJS ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT	0407 398 513
ECOLOGICAL DIRECTIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT (Ellen Krahnert)	ecologicaldirections@live.com.au
THE HILL'S PRE-LOVED WASHERS AND DRYERS	0480 232 374
GOOD EARTH INVESTMENTS P/L	0419 390 360
PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY P/L	0419 390 360
SINKINSON HOUSE - AIRBNB	0480 207 656
EKWIN P/L (Industrial, Commercial, Rural Building, structural steel, crane hire, hole boring, rigging, welding)	0407 855 466
POWELL LIVESTOCK (Bull rentals and livestock cartage)	0411 714 700
GOODGER CUSTOM CONSTRUCT	0439 367 416
LIZ YOUNG—LOCAL ENYO REP	0408 574 571
REBECCA BARRETT—THE BODY SHOP AT HOME INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT	0419 005 579
CROP THAT MOP	0434 947 262
HYBRID POWER (Solar Energy)	0400 257 461
JANET SCHWARZ (Registered Psychologist, Counselling and Therapy, Wholistic approach)	0400 886 872
SOPHIE HANNA—THE BODY SHOP AT HOME INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT	0429 225 267
ADELAIDE HILLS VEGIE GARDENS (EDIBLE GARDENING)	0401 438 652
LITTLE GLOW CANDLE CO	0422 761 342
CARNEVORE` - FARM BASED LIVESTOCK PROCESSING	0488 128 049
PC & KA WILHELM RURAL CONTRACTORS (Hay/silage, seeding, spreading, spraying, fencing, wood splitting)	0418 836 709
KYM GLADIGAU AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTING (Fertiliser/lime supply/spreading, hay/silage, spray/ seeding)	0414 596 622
ADELAIDE HILLS CONTRACTING (Spreading, sowing, spraying, hay mowing/conditioning)	0411 215 923

The Link is Helping our Community to Connect

Thank you for supporting The Link — it is wonderful to know that it is connecting our community. Thank you to everyone who is helping to celebrate our town by contributing articles, information and support and to Barb Cooper for all her time and skills helping create our Mt Torrens wall picture.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, have a relevant article to be included, or if any contact details need to be added or amended, please email mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com or drop a note marked for the Mt Torrens Community Link into the General Store by Saturday 24th September 2022, as the October and November edition is due to be distributed 30th September 2022. Thank you!