

# MOUNT TORRENS

## Community Link

February and March 2022

The Link is a way of sharing Mt Torrens community information so that anyone who wants to be, can be informed. It is independent of, and inclusive of, all Mt Torrens based groups, facilities and businesses. It is a bi-monthly newsletter, available at many of our local venues and is also available by email.

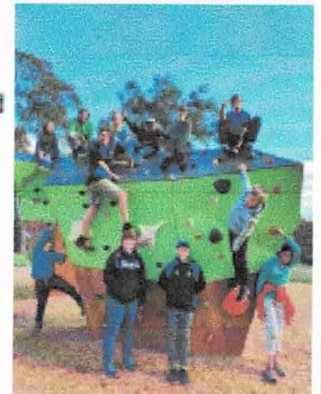
Thank you to everyone for the wonderful articles contributed that really do celebrate our town. This edition had to be in colour as so many fantastic photos were provided!

### Friends of Mt Torrens

Work is about to start on the shelter and community garden in Dunnfield. Any community members who wish to be involved with the construction stage can contact Mike on 0404 478 554. Robby has completed the mosaic table for the garden, leaving just the border, which will be available for community members to add their own mosaic circle, contact Robby at Bee Happy studio if you would like to make one. Climbing Tree are putting together some plans for how we can best use the felled trees to create our Ninja course and work will begin once the shelter and community garden are complete. With more homes nearing completion in the Dunnfield Estate and the gardens maturing beautifully we would like to invite all community members new and old to connect with the gardens and make the most of our nature space.

### Mt Torrens Scout Group

Torrens Valley Scout Group will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday later this year! Our group is based at the Mount Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall, but our youth members are often out and about camping, hiking, cycling, paddling, exploring and going on other fun adventures. We have three units which meet weekly – Joey's for ages 5 to 7 years, Cubs for ages 8 to 11 years, and Scouts for ages 11 to 15 years. While we currently have a waitlist for our Cub unit, we have spots available for new members in our Joey and Scout units. We are always on the lookout for keen adults who would like to get involved in volunteering or leadership – no previous experience needed, just plenty of enthusiasm! For more information, please contact Group Leader, Julie Erwin, at [gl.torrensvalley@sa.scouts.com.au](mailto:gl.torrensvalley@sa.scouts.com.au)



### Mt Torrens Centenary Park

A 'Picnic at the Park' event will replace our usual first Friday night dinner in February and March (weather permitting). Bring a chair or picnic rug and join in the fun as we catch up with each other and enjoy a meal together. As usual, meals and drinks will be available for purchase from a simplified menu. If you've not attended a Park Family Dinner previously we'd love to see you. Please check the Post Office notice board, look for the signs or keep up to date via the Mount Torrens Community Facebook page.



Throughout the year the park facilities are used to host a number of community and family events such as the MG car club (pictured), cycling and rogaining events as well as family events celebrating birthdays.



If you would like to use the park facilities to host an event please contact Karen Clark (mob: 0409 692 403). Depending on numbers we may be able to assist with catering, please discuss your needs when making an enquiry.

David Elliot MTCP



### Mount Torrens Community Cow Art

The cow used for this community art project was saved from being chucked in landfill by locals, Chris and Linda Green, when our local state primary school was closed down. It has been resurrected, from storage in the CFS shed for a decade, to be made into a community art work done by the community of Mount Torrens. It was originally given to selected schools by the Dairy Industry to promote "Cows for Careers" and was called the Picasso Cow. It was painted by the students of the Mount Torrens Primary School around 2011.

Mosaicing the cow was Robby's idea to bring the community together after the Cudlee Creek fire to focus on something else other than the aftermath of it and to celebrate the local area's relationship and livelihoods with the Dairy and Meat Industries for generations. The community is represented by Friesians, Murray Greys and Black Angus cows.

The plan was to offer free workshops to only the Mt Torrens community to do a heart on fibreglass mesh to install on the cow. (A charge of \$10 is to cover material costs only.) If people do not want to do a heart but want to be part of it, they can pay \$20 and Robby or Sheryl will do a heart on their behalf. The money raised by these hearts will go towards a plaque which will list every single person involved in putting this project together.

Robby Towill, a mosaic artist in Mt Torrens, is running the workshops and installing the hearts onto the cow, will mosaic the rest of the cow (the head, legs, udder, belly and tail) and will grout it. Sheryl Collins, who is the community's CFS Captain, has been doing some invaluable work helping Robby with the \$20 hearts and has facilitated the workshops being held at the CFS Station. There will be one last workshop held to do the final hearts needed to cover the cow. Only room for approximately 8 more hearts and there are only 4 places left in the final workshop. (Date to be advised due to Covid).

However, this is truly a community effort; all funding will be contributed by participants and the local community. Funds raised will be used to build a concrete foundation that the cow will be fixed upon at a later date as well as the abovementioned plaque. Paul Edwards is very keen to make a little fence around the cow to protect it from being climbed and damaged. More news to follow. Recently, Robby has acquired a resin calf, which she will mosaic in Van Gogh's "Starry Night" style, with Mount Torrens main street in front of "the mount". This calf will be placed on the concrete foundation and represent family for the community. We would like to thank Paul and Michele Edwards for their permission and help towards the final installation of the community art project in Dunnfield.



### Mt Torrens and District Community Association

The MTDCA will hold 3 markets at the Coach House and the Heritage Reserve in 2022, to support the Mt Torrens History Centre.

The dates are:

Sunday, April 24th (in time for Mother's day)

Sunday, August 28th (ready for Father's day) and

Sunday, November, 27th is the Christmas Market.

10am to 3pm

Thank you for your support of our successful 2021 markets - we look forward to seeing you this year.

Contact Rose Ralph 0432 477 616

### Torrens Valley Football Club

What a busy time it has been for the Torrens Valley FC! Our new A Grade Coach, Adam Penny and committee have recruited well, and we feel confident we will see some wins in all grades in 2022.

TVFC senior teams have already started training on a Wednesday night at Mt Torrens, except for this week, it will be Thursday night, due to the public holiday.

If you are interested in joining a football club or helping out in anyway, please feel free to pop down and speak to us, all help, and any players are appreciated.

More details about Junior grades will be available soon. If yourself or anyone else you know would be interested in sponsoring the football club in anyway, please contact us.

Also, a big thanks to those who are taking care of our beautiful looking oval.

Regards,

Shannon O'Shea (Pres)

Lyn Wilhelm (V Pres)

On Tuesday night 25th January 2022 Adelaide Hills Council considered Stage 4 of Amy Gillette bikeway; please see the outcome in Council Minutes on AHC website and full details in agenda for January's meeting.

Stay safe, look after yourself, each other and our local businesses.

Kind Regards, Linda Green

### Seeking Head Trainer

The Torrens Valley Football Club is seeking a Head Trainer for Season 2022.

If you would like to be an important part of this vibrant and growing Club, then contact:

Shannon O'Shea - President 0407 931 516

(Remuneration available upon negotiation)



### Mt Torrens History Centre

We are getting ready for another busy year with our first cataloguing session to be held later in February. There are so many wonderful photos and we have been busy scanning and adding them to our digital archive.

This year we will be open on Mondays from 10-2. Please drop in if you would like to discuss any photos or records you have.

History Management Team

Gail, Rose, Kerry & Chris



### Mt Torrens Bombers Tennis Club



2019 saw the newly established Mt Torrens Bombers Tennis Club Veterans Glenn Miller and John Pym uniting again as President and Vice President. Since then lots of work has been done, with the main goal being the resurfacing of the weathered tennis courts. It's a huge expense to resurface the courts and the committee are working hard secure the funds. On Sunday the 21st February

2021 Tennis SA hosted a 'Rally as One' event, held at the Mt Torrens Oval. The funds raised at this event went to the CFS and the Tennis Club. It was a fun day of entertainment, stalls and hot shots; a fun day for the community to heal after the effects of the 2019 bush fires. Rebekah Miller, our secretary at the time, won tennis SA Volunteer of the month for all the hard work that went into organising this event.

The 2021/22 season has welcomed two senior teams, an A grade and a C grade. We would love to welcome some junior teams in the 2022/2023 season.

Please join us on Saturday March 5th from 6pm for our presentation/pizza evening.



### Mt Torrens Facilities and Facilitators

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](mailto:mt.historycentre@gmail.com)

Mt Torrens Leckie Playground

Community Bus— Angela 8389 4252

Mt Torrens Heritage Trail

Dunfield Park

Mt Torrens Cemetery

Springhead Lutheran Cemetery

Amy Gillett Bikeway

Grow Free Cart outside Cooper's

Tuck Street Community Garden

### Mt Torrens Sports

Torrens Valley Football Club—Lyn Wilhelm 0419 030 588

Mt Torrens Bombers Tennis Club—Glenn Miller 0411 663 350

Mt Torrens Table Tennis—Julian Bedford 0401 177 169

Mt Torrens Darts Team—Todd Kerber 0439 387 521

### Mt Torrens CFS

Covid has certainly provided us with some Challenges. We are faced with having to maintain a crew for 24/7. This meant that from 24th December 2021, we can no longer participate in community or fund raising events. We are currently not training regularly on Tuesday nights. Masks are to be worn in station and on call outs. We have full Covid kits if we are required to assist SAAS. Strict protocols if close contact, symptomatic or tested positive.

I am happy to say we have kept our crews free from Covid and have been able to attend all call outs. We will be commencing training in small groups again. Our Santa run was brought forward one day with 1 hour's notice, the most successful yet with more than 80 bags of Lollies!

While we have had a nice drop of rain, our fire season is definitely not over.

Please keep fuel loads down around your house, outdoor structures and driveways. Don't forget to keep those trees trimmed in your driveway; our truck is big, we need to have the clearance to get in.

It is a timely reminder the dangers of falling limbs and gum trees, in windy hot or stormy conditions as well as with bush fires. Please don't park vehicles under gum trees, be alert if working on the fire ground.

Remember they will fall without warning.

We are pleased to be displaying our first mosaic fruit tub (plum tree) outside our CFS station. This is a tribute to the Cuddle Creek fire in 2019/20. It shows the fire fighters, fire farm units and the air support. This incredible design and mosaic was done by local mosaic artist Robby Towill (with a little help from me as her apprentice). It is a must see beautiful art piece, if you haven't seen it yet, please have a look. Robby is about to start the second tub which will be the 1939 fires that impacted the area. This will show vastly different fire fighting techniques, the fire fighters from Amiscol factory. We will be including tubs for the 1955 fires, Ash Wednesday 2 and Sampson Flat fires. A special tub to honour our community and the back up support will be completed as well. If you have any information or photos involving these fires could you please pass onto Robby, myself or CFS station. It is important we have all our history as accurate as possible.

We are hoping to restart our Cadets once Covid numbers drop. If you have children 11 to 18 years old that would like to join, no fees, uniform provided and learn life skills, please contact me for further information. We are always looking for more fire fighters as well. Cadets train on Tuesdays from 6pm until 7pm. Active fire fighters Tuesday night from 7pm to 9pm.

Sheryl Collins Mt Torrens Captain

Phone 0409 898 051

### Stone Entrance Wall to Mt Torrens

Have you seen the solar lights at entrance wall? This now finishes this project.

Watch out for some activities happening at the reserve to make it more like a picnic area lower level *Kerry Clark MTDCA*

### Mt Torrens Groups

Mt Torrens CFS - Sheryl Collins 0409 898 051

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

Mt Torrens Centenary Park—David Elliot 0449 715 589

Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall—Michael Kowald 0418 840 031

Mt Torrens Community Noticeboard—Facebook Group

Mt Torrens Scout Group—Julie Erwin 0447 147 499

Friends of Mt Torrens—Sascha 0434 587 972

Springhead Church — 8389 7357

Mt Torrens Uniting Church—Kerry Clark 0467 276 421

St George's Anglican Church—Lucy 0435 154 508



### BUSINESSES BASED IN MT TORRENS

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

|   |  |
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| COOPERS OF MT TORRENS FARM SUPPLIES   | 8389 4188  |
| GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE   | 8389 4301  |
| LINDSAY YOUNG VETS  | 0408 132 742   |
| MT TORRENS HOTEL  | 8389 4252  |
| 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   |
| ADELAIDE HILLS VEGIE GARDENS (EDIBLE GARDENING)   | 0401 438 652   |
| POP UP VINTAGE BY ELLEN—BUYING AND SELLING OF VINTAGE WARES   | @instagram:popupvintagebyellen   |
| LOBETHAL ROAD WINES   | 8389 4595  |
| LITTLE GLOW CANDLE CO   | 0422 761 342   |
| CARNEVORE <sup>1</sup> - 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   |
| SK MASONRY PTY LTD  | 0425 617 922   |
| PHOTOGRAPHY BY ZENA   | 042 88 44 047  |
| MAJESTIC RIDGE, WOOLSHED ROAD —AIRBNB   |  |
| 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   |
| GJS ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT   | 0407 398 513   |
| ECOLOGICAL DIRECTIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT  | <a href="mailto:ecologicaldirections@live.com.au">ecologicaldirections@live.com.au</a> |
| THE HILL'S PRE-LOVED WASHERS AND DRYERS   | 0480 232 374   |

### The Link is Helping our Community to Connect

Thank you for welcoming The Link —it is wonderful to know that it has already been connecting our community. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed articles, information and support. The intention is for the Link to provide 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.

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](mailto:mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com) or drop a note marked for the Mt Torrens Community Link into the General Store before 26th March 2022, as the next edition is due out at the beginning of April 2022. Thank you!

Please email if you are a Mt Torrens based business and you'd like to help with the printing of any future editions. This edition of The Link was kindly printed by CE Property Group.