TUNGKILLO

FEBRUARY 2024

TUNGKILLO PROGRESS CLUB INC

EDITION 02

TUNGKILLO PROGRESS CLUB INC.

TUNGKILLO MONSTER AUCTION

10am Sunday 14TH of April 2024



Donated & Commissioned goods invited

Reserved Items Welcomed.

Please NO Mattresses. Child's Car Seats, Broken or Faulty Good

Unsold goods remain the property of the vendor.

CAKE & PRODUCE STALLS, RAFFLE, FOOD & DRINK. HOBBY & MARKET STALLS!

Books, Clothes, Bric-a-brac, Electrical Items, Work Tools, Furniture, Garden Items, Antiques, Firewood, Household Sundries,

Poultry and much much more!



Good Accepted Saturday 13th April 3pm - 5pm Sunday 14th April: 7am - 9:30am



Have lots of small items? Consider booking a stall for \$10. Contact the Tungkillo Progress Club Inc at <u>TungkilloPCSecretary@gmail.com</u> or Mandy Lintern 0427040965

CASH & CHEQUE OR EFT PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

ID WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BIDERS AND VENDORS, ADMIN FEE FOR ALL ITEMS SOLD. \$20 FEE FPR ALL ITEMS RESERVED AT \$500 OR MORE, PLUS COMMISSION. WHERE THE COMBINED TOTAL VALUE OF GOODS SOLD BY ONE VENDOR IS \$3.00 OR LESS, IT WILL BECOME A DONTATION TO THE TUNGKILLO PROGRESS CLUB INC.



Auctioneer: Ashley Fawcett



Editor's Note: Januarv was a v

January was a very quiet month at the Tungkillo Hall and we hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a not too rowdy New Year.

I know that the Tungkillo Monster Auction is in April, but maybe you have items that you no longer use or need that you may like to donate to the club so that we can raise funds for initiatives that we have in mind for the community.

Everyone is invited to the activities at the hall, and this month they include:

Coffee & Chat Monday, 1-2:30pm

Card Luncheon: Thursday 15th Feb.

Bingo: Saturday 17th Feb,

Twilight Market: Friday 23rd Feb.

Best Regards; Christine and Sue.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ronald BurtonMaureen TorransAndrew MingeKerry LeendersJohn BrookingHappy birthday to all those born in February!

Sorry if we missed you,

Please send us a message so we can include your birthday in the future.



We wish Heather Fendler and Brett Page all the best for their recent engagement



Deepest sympathy to Paul Kelly & family on the sad loss of Pam, a very much loved wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother. Pam & Paul Kelly came to quite a few Tungkillo BBQs over the years & Pam would keep everyone entertained with her stories & knowledge of history. Pam was 92.

RIP Pam.

Also, in early January, our card players lost one of their own.

Sadly, our star Rumikins player Erna Schubert passed away, aged 94 years, 9 months. Deepest sympathy to Erna's family & to her card playing friends, especially Marg & Daryl.

RIP Erna, you will be sadly missed.

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WHAT'S ON AT THE



Feb 15th, Apr 18th, June 20th, Aug 15th, Oct 17th, Dec TBA

Tungkillo Soldiers Memorial Hall

ALL WELCOME 12 noon start Price: \$15 per head 2 Course Meal & Afternoon Tea Raffles & Trading Table Card games: 500 & Rummikins Normally finishes between 4:30pm - 5:00pm



Tungkillo Soldiers Memorial Hall

Bring along your craft, recipes, plants. Teach or learn a new hobbies/ideas.

all welcome!

Enjoy afternoon tea/coffee

A \$2 donation to the

Tungkillo Soldiers Memorial Hall is appreciated

> We look forward to meeting everyone Kerry: 0439 195 352

Feb 17th, May 25th, Aug 24th, Nov 16th.





THIS HALL IS FOR HIRE!

Birthdays, reunions, family get togethers and more.

With a range of equipment available this hall can be used for a large range of events.

Please contact the Tungkillo Progress Club Inc. Secretary Anne on 0473 469 835 to book or for further information.



The beginnings of the area known as Tungkillo

Going back through the archives, Tungkillo was actually named after a mine 2.5km south of Palmer. On March 13th, 1846, four local directors of the Australian Mining Company wrote to the South Australian Colonial Secretary, the Hon A M Mundy. They applied with success for a 20,000-acre mining lease in the Tungkillo foothills. British investors felt starry eyed with the descriptions of masses of the richness that they could make of the ore cropping out of the side of the mountain and subscribed £40 000 (\$76,913.66) in £20 (\$38.45) shares.

In the 1840's South Australia was purported to be the true El Dorado of the southern hemisphere. The mining company advertised for buildings to commence work at the Tungkillo Mine. The Adelaide directors decided to bestow the district's Aboriginal name on the new development beside Reedy Creek.

Small bands of hastily gathered miners began to raise hopes for this isolated region. It has been recorded that the mine site was founded in 1847 and late in 1848 a township was surveyed at the mine. Tungkillo was also named when the one hundred (one hundred refers to a unit of land within South Australia. The first hundreds were proclaimed in 1846. Each Hundred was named. The land was further subdivided into small parcels for landowners and occupation purpose) was proclaimed on August 9th, 1851. The Australian Mining Company intended to set aside fifty acres to build a church, a clergyman's residence, and a school to cater for the 580 people sent to live beside Reedy Creek. These costs were borne by the directors out of their own pockets. Somehow, the Tungkillo Mine never quite grew to the expectations of all the glint and glamor promised.

Mainly Cornish immigrants were employed at the Reedy Creek Mine and by late 1846, the first ship load of copper ore from the Tungkillo/Reedy Creek Mine was sent to Adelaide and shipped back to the smelters in South Wales. Hand picks were used to collect the copper and shoveled into bags called bushels using candlelight. Copper ore was transported by horse, and in November 1847 the mining company advertised for bullock and team masters to travel the unforgiving terrain, along thickly timbered scrub and deep ravines to Adelaide. Reliable water holes had to be marked at intervals to revive both man and beast exhausted by the long, hard haul. Quite often the mine physician Edwin Edmunds would be seen slowly pacing on horseback to tend a traveler hurt through a capsized vehicle.

Operation commenced in the year 1846 and continued until 1852. During these years they found copper. The ore was rich, but bunchy (occurring close together in bunched or clusters) In November the year of 1850 a man named Thomas initiated the first Tungkillo races, held straight after Christmas. Jockeys had to wear the correct uniforms and even the Press in Adelaide got on board and had remarked at the faultless arrangements. Anyone could enter, even city folk. They could enter their horses through bookings at the Norfolk Arms in Rundle Street. A great day was had by all with food and lavish amounts of champagne at the end of the day. So, they did have a fun day, and it wasn't all work and no play.

When the Tungkillo mine closed in 1852 for 2 decades, the entire property was turned into a sheep walk. In 1868 Mr. Bevilaqua, of Palmer, obtained a lease of the property and a company. By April 1869, the Reedy Creek mine had produced gold to the net of £5000 (\$9616) while the ore itself was smelt at Blumberg (Birdwood). Over the years Mr. Bevilaqua spent £12 000 (\$23,081) without making any profit.

The mine name changed many times during its operation, being worked under several names of Reedy Creek, New Reedy Creek, Great Wheal Oxford and in the year 1908 the Kitticoola Mine. During 1868 - 1869 several unnamed South Petherton residents badly managed a joint reopening of the North End Copper Mine not far from the Tungkillo mine south of the new Palmer township. No doubt erected at great expense; a partially finished smelter was abandoned because people suddenly realised that not enough suitable local firewood would be available to fire the furnace. In 1876 the mine closed again due to a worldwide copper price slump. The old mining town of Tungkillo declined in 1877 when mining operations ceased. The mine was deserted for 38 years and in 1890 it was taken up and worked by the Reedy Creek Gold Mining Syndicate.

Operations commenced a year later and Kitticoola mine, section 960 hundreds of Tungkillo. The latest in a number of names for the old Tungkillo copper mine near Palmer. In 1898 the Kitticoola Gold and Copper mine took over operation from the New Reedy Creek Mining Co. Kitticoola Mine consisted of 531 acres of freehold land.

Kitticoola took their ore to the Mount Torrens Cyanide works near Mount Torrens for processing (which explains 'Cyanide Road'). A handful of men worked for this company for many years with low returns until 1938. Over the life of the Palmer mines, 162kg (5700oz) of Gold and 7000 tonnes of Copper was recovered from the Reedy Creek and Kitticoola mines. Kitticoola finally closed in 1971 after years of sporadic attempts to mine for the ore. The Mount Torrens Gold Battery and associated Cyanide Treatment Works is of importance as the first government- owned gold battery run to encourage gold mining. Established in 1893 by a private mining company it was bought by the State Government the following year.

The present township of Tungkillo was originally known as South Petherton, which was named by John Baker M.L.C – who came from South Petherton near Ilminster in Somerset. The precise date at which South Petherton became known by its present name of Tungkillo is not known as the two names were apparently still used interchangeably as late as 1936.

Tungkillo has eluded all efforts to establish the derivation of its name,

- 1. The name "Tungkillo" is derived from the Aboriginal word "Taingkila" meaning the place of the Ghost Moth Grub. (The caterpillar of the Moth Grub a delicacy for the Peramangk people of the area. Grubs found in decaying gum trees)
- 2. The other is that a man named "Tung" possibility of Asian descent was killed here, hence Tungkillo.



Kitticoola Mine Chimney

Information kindly source from Lawrie Lintern' Collection of history of Tungkillo, The Quiet Waters by The Mount Pleasant District 1843-1993, flickr.com, Trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/articles, Government of South Australia State Library South Australian Mining

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From My Garden By Glynnis Burrows

It seems that all this unusually wet weather we are experiencing, is having a positive effect on my garden, and particularly my Kangaroo Paws. They have burst out in all their glory and are now taller than I am and still growing.

I started with four plants, two red and two green (one of the reds has an orange tint to it) and planted them equal distance apart. One must have felt lonely and migrated closer to its neighbour, leaving a gap just crying out to be filled. A trip to a garden centre was in order and I was surprised to find a new colour strain – lilac/purple. How could I resist.

Proudly planting my latest treasure in the vacant space, I watched with bated breath to see it take hold. When planted it was only a about 30cm tall and had several flowers on it. To begin with it wilted and looked desperately sad. Gradually it began to lift its leaves and the flowers died back. Then suddenly there appeared more new flower buds.

I have tried growing Kangaroo Paws in various places before, but without success. This time I have planted them in very sandy soil, which means having to water frequently to maintain a damp environment for them. Luckily this wet season has been very beneficial for them.

According to Mr. Google. With their distinctive flowers and diversity of colours and forms, *Anigozanthos* - Kangaroo Paws are most rewarding Australian plants. They grow from an underground rhizome and produce flowers on long stems mainly in spring and summer. The size, flower-stalk height and colour of Kangaroo Paws flowers varies between species. The flowers are pollinated by birds and the long flower-stalks usually rise above the undergrowth and 'advertise' the presence of nectar in the flowers.

To get the best out of your **Kangaroo Paws** grow them in full sun with good drainage. You can also add a small amount of organic matter to the soil to help improve growth. They have a slightly higher demand for water during early spring and summer, which helps maintain the longevity of the blooms. Pruning is the key to keeping them healthy and vigorous. Cutting them back right down to ground level is best, because all growing points are underground. Sometimes when they're in mid-flower, little buds emerge, so don't cut these back and you may get a second burst of flowering.

Something you can do summer and into autumn, is divide the plant. When the clumps get big, it's time to sink in the spade to divide the plant into pieces and then you've got new plants. Fun facts –

- The fine hairs that cover the flowering parts of kangaroo paws have a weird taste that repels foragers. They also collect morning dew for moisture in a dry climate.
- The stems, which can reach 1m, are very sturdy – this allows pollinators such as honey eaters or wattle birds to perch on them.



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Native river mint (Mentha Australia)

Native River mint is a small delicate mint, relative of the more well-known mints; Peppermint & Spearmint.

River mint loves moisture and shady areas, it does best in a boggy or damp area. Often you will see this plant growing in the wild along rivers, bogs, and other damp- shaded places. This plant can be grown in full sun and dry areas, but remember, keep it moist and use plenty of organic matter along with keeping the water up. Like all mint, this plant grows relatively fast and spreads. This is a suckering plant that grows to around 10cm in height with a seemingly endless spread, if permitted to run wild. If you do not wish it to spread, it is recommended to grow in pots, regular pruning can also aid in reducing the invasion in your garden. Mint plant contains an antioxidant and anti-inflammation agent called Rosmarinic acid.

- River mint has a benefit of carminative properties.
- Particularly helpful in improving digestive health.
- Filled with nutrients.
- Reduces cold systems.
- Keeps your month healthy and refreshed.
- Boost your immune system.
- Helps manage stress.



While mint or mint water may help with some symptoms of digestive ailments – studies show that it can worsen gastroesophageal reflux disease, people with these symptoms should avoid mint and mint water as they can trigger their symptoms. The aromatic leaves can also be crushed and inhaled to help relieve headaches and congestions.

It has long been used in Aboriginal cultures as a flavoursome bush food, insect repellent and medical herb. Other traditional uses include relief for the cold and flu symptoms, and a fragrant ingredient in homemade scrubs and lotions. But most famously in is used as a tea. Traditionally the leaves were steeped in tea to aid stomach digestions. The leaves could also be rubbed on the skin, acting as an insect repellent.

Mint can be used fresh or dried, some common uses include making dressing, desserts, teas, water infusions, salads. Just remember, the flavour of the mint will fade over time after harvest. Plant around an area where you can brush pass it to release a beautiful fragrance.



NATIVE RIVER MINT DRESSING (for 250ml jar)

1 ½ tsp Native River Mint, crushed
2/3 cup Macadamia Nut oil
1/3 cup Raspberry Wine Vinegar
1 tbsp Apple juice
¼ tsp good quality salt

A pinch of Mountain Pepper (normal crushed pepper is also just as good)

In a bowl whish together add all ingredients whish together then add the crushed River mint and allow to steep for at least 2 hours before placing on your salads. The longer you leave it to steep the more intense the mint flavour. Pour then jar with a tight-fitting lid and shake well to combine the ingredients. Goes especially well with a watermelon and onion salad for a refreshing flavour.







Riddle: Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Find the answer on next month's puzzle page.





The Old Cromer School House was built in 1898 and started it's school days in 1899 as the Para Wirra School. It changed to Cromer School a year later. In 1911 the school was praised by the government inspector for having almost perfect marks in the examinations. However, in the early 1950s the school was closed. It was also used for church services and local dances and social events. Much later it became the clubrooms for the Cromer Tennis Club.

In recent years a band of locals have spent many hours resurrecting and repairing the building and its surroundings, regularly attending to the upkeep and maintenance. Bookings are still done through the Barossa Council, and we hope to soon formalise a lease agreement to be able to manage it ourselves.

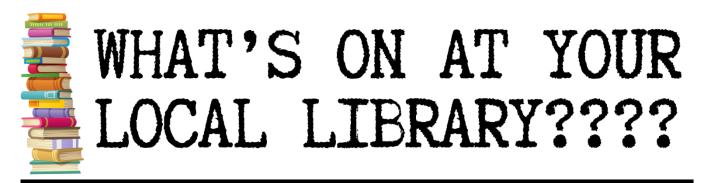
The group has held fundraising events such as car boot sales, music events and raffles. The upcoming Rock in Cromer music night will be another annual event on the calendar, and we invite you to join us and bring your friends! Bring a chair and your dancing shoes! It starts at 6pm, there will be a BBQ, snacks, cakes, soft drinks, tea and coffee available. The event is licensed for BYO drinks. Tickets are \$28 each and groups of 6 tickets are \$25 each. Scan the QR code on the ad here or Google search "Humanitix rock in cromer".

TUNGKILLO COMMUNITY POST BOXES



New working hours -Monday—9.30am—11.30am Tuesday—9.30qm—11.30am Wednesday—9.30am—11.30am Thursday—9.30am—11.30am Friday—9.30am—11.30am

Please feel free to speak to Joyleen on 0409 067 714 for any postal or printing queries you may have during these hours and she will help you, **there are still Post Boxes available.**



Mt Pleasant Library

Times: Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm Closed for lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Mt Pleasant Twisted Threads



Mondays at the Mt Pleasant Library

A local and friendly group meeting weekly to share skills and enjoy the creativity of threading, knitting, weaving and felting. All skills levels welcome. Returning in March 2024

For further information phone 85638440

WIGGLE & WONDER

Wednesdays at the Mt. Pleasant Library



10am (during school term only) Birth to 5 years



Weekly program involving songs, stories, movement, and play. Connect with other families while kids learn and have fun. This program will be cancelled on catastrophic fire days.

> FREE!! Bookings essential

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Committee / Group / Organization	Details
Mt Pleasant Men's' Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am
Mt Pleasant Red Cross	Bi-Monthly, 1.30pm, 4th Thurs @MP Hall
Mt Pleasant Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2nd Tuesday in month
Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market	8-12, every Saturday @ Talunga Park
Mt Pleasant Fitness Group	10am, Thursdays - Talunga Park Pavilion
Mt Pleasant RSL Social	1st Tuesday - Social gathering @ RSL Hall
SACWA	1.00pm, 1st Tuesday @MP Soldiers' Memorial Hall



Ambulance/Fire/Police	000					
Mt. Pleasant Police	(08) 8568 2023					
Mannum Police	(08) 8569 2211					
Mt. Pleasant Hospital	(08) 8568 0000					
Mt. Pleasant Surgery (Talunga Clinic)	(08) 8568 0080					
Mt. Pleasant CFS	(08) 8568 2722					
Fire Ban Information	1300 362 316					
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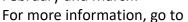
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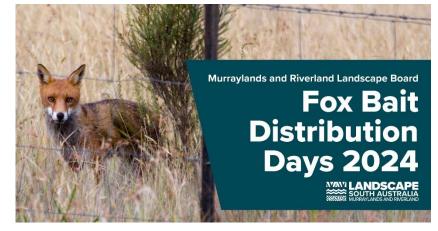
Council is currently developing its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and we are seeking the community's input in setting the future direction of Mid Murray.

With your help, we want to imagine the future of Mid Murray, so please make your submissions on the draft Strategic Plan before COB Friday, 23 February 2024, via the following link: <u>https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/strategic-plans</u>

Discounted baits are available to help control foxes in the Murraylands.

Managing the impact of foxes on the local landscape is most successful when neighbours coordinate baiting efforts at the same time. To assist landholders to manage foxes, the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board is offering discounted fox baits to landholders in the Murraylands. Landholders can pre-order discounted baits to collect at upcoming collection days in February and March.





https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/pest-plants-animals/managing-pests/fox-bait-distribution-days-2024

Tungkillo Transfer Station Open the fourth Saturday of the month.

February 24th March 23rd April 27th May 25th June 22nd



Tungkillo resident's waste bins are collects on Mondays.



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