



Happy Valentine's Day

Mt Pleasant's Australia Day

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Some of the Ladies of the CWA (Night & Day groups) Community Group of the Year

At 7am on Australia Day, the Hall surrounds became something like an ants nest, with one or two beginning the organisation only to be joined by the main team, to make Australia Day the successful Breakfast that was enjoyed by the community this year.... Once again we were blessed with a stunning, crisp January morning and the cooks were hard pressed to keep up with demand, as the modest, but hungry crowd tucked in. The CFS volunteers raised the flag as the anthem was played and we settled back to hear who would receive community awards. Sid and Barb Starick once again took top honours for their fabulous Christmas lights display, and special mention

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Citizens of the Year - l to r: Di Anderson, Merry Schaeffer & Paula Bartsch



Citizens of the Year

Congratulations to ~
Paula Bartsch
Merry Schaeffer &
Di Anderson

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was made of Allison & Malcolm Sutton, Linda & Derek Moullae, Maxine & Glenn Bartlett and Greg Dougal and his partner Julie Barker – basically for their combined and sustained effort in creating a wonderful group display for the Christmas period. There was no award for Event of the Year, but Group of the Year went to the marvelous CWA ladies. Pauline Taheny & Stephen Anderson received certificates of recognition for their Volunteer efforts with Recreate, The History Room and Landcare. There were three recipients this year for Citizen of the Year, as the judges felt they couldn't separate the nominees. These three ladies represent most of the organisations in the town, and have all been longstanding members and contributors, and nothing gets done without one or the others being involved. Congratulations to Paula Bartsch, Di Anderson and Merry Schaeffer!

The competition is open for a fresh face next year. Those who were recognised may be nominated again, but not those who received the Citizen Award.

A big thank you to the members of the Hall Committee for making this event one to remember this year. All members of the group assisted to make the day a success.

Citizen awards are all about the Nomination, and forms are available in October each year. In the meantime, make a note of someone, event or group who could be nominated as we need a nomination for the award to be considered.



Australia Day Citizen Awards: Please think about the next awards and take note of those people in our district who really contribute. If you're not sure about how to nominate someone, contact us via the details on the back page and we will help.



Red Cross
Garden Party
14th February

RSL News: South Aust Affiliate of the Year - Roger Benton

Roger Benton epitomises the phrase of getting things done quietly in the background and seeking no thanks for doing it. The Mount Pleasant RSL over the past few years has gone from strength to strength and Roger has been a major player in this success.

Over the past 12 months, Roger has been instrumental in making our Anzac day a huge success. During our Anzac day meetings someone mentioned they could use more mannequins. Two weeks later Roger turned up with 5 or 6 mannequins and then asked if we could use more. Another two weeks later a few more turned up.

Decorating the Soldiers Memorial Hall for Anzac day was discussed, and weeks later Roger turns up with all the flags relative to the First World War, which were to be hung up around the walls and over the inside balcony.

As we all know there are never enough volunteers to do all the heavy work of setting up a big display in a hall, let alone set up seating and tables to feed over a hundred people at a time. Further to this, all the mannequins (now fully dressed) needed to be moved from various locations on trailers and then placed in the hall. He was one of the first members there and was instrumental in organising tables and chairs for the elderly, setting up barbeques for the gunfire breakfast then ensured all the jobs were carried out by designated persons.

During the morning's gunfire breakfast he was again seen walking around cleaning tables for the next seating, emptying rubbish bins and trying to keep everyone happy. He was also mingling in the crowd selling raffle tickets and helping anyone with questions as to the day's activities. As the afternoon approached and people had left, once again Roger was there, ready to help out for the next few hours.

Roger had raced home to get his own personal cleaning gear and with the help of others cleaned up the barbecue area, and after this folded trestle tables and returned them, and the chairs back to their stowage areas. He then helped clean up the rest of the hall and returned various items to the RSL.

There are many jobs required to make a success of Anzac day and Roger is always there when assistance is required. He helps out in the collection of prizes for our Anzac day raffle, with the selling of RSL Anzac day badges and then helps distribute our raffle books to various locations around Mount Pleasant and some of the surrounding towns.

The RSL has on three occasions in the past 12 months manned the gates to the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market. Roger has been there on all 3 occasions and came up with the idea of creating a recruitment poster to hand out to people when they went through the gates.

This year the RSL once again had a food stall at the Mount Pleasant Show. Roger was there first thing in the morning helping to set up the stall and prepare the barbeques. He stayed on for the first 2 hour stint before returning again 4 hours later for another 2 hour stint, then helped clean up and pack up the trailer.

Roger has spent many hours over the last 12 months keeping the RSL clean both inside and out, and if he sees anything



Roger at RSL HQ with Mike Williams – President MP RSL, and below with RLSA CEO Julia Langrehr

needing repair or replacement around the RSL he just does it. He found the RSL a TV cabinet for our new TV and stereo unit and has donated books and DVD's for our newly formed library.

Finally to finish off, Roger is one of the oldest of our active members and being over 70 years of age and has done far more than any of our younger members. He is a major asset to the RSL and I'm sure he will be there year after year no matter what.



Wally Birch
Mt Pleasant RSL



Christmas in the Springton pub

Men's Shed-ding or roofing the void

You will recall, in our last communication, confusion was building in Council as to the actual design of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed official new clubrooms and workshop – our brand new shed - as opposed to 'Quirky'.

Although our iconic personification of the MPMS, which is our 'Quirky', had been out and about at various local events – The Springton Spring Fair, Mount Pleasant Show and the Christmas Street Party - by entering and winning the Lobethal Christmas Parade, the MPMS had stepped up to the big league. It was this recognition that had sent shockwaves through the Council planning department.

The emails, phone calls and comments via Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, Messenger and Snapchat went into overdrive and almost threatened to bring down communications in the Barossa. Following the power outage, a communication outage put Council, Government and constituents on standby and high alert.

Not to be deterred, the MPMS, after some deliberation, followed the advice of our visionary

building advisers, Garry and James of construction colossus, Hughes, took the initiative and the roofing challenge was launched.

Braving the weather, the flies and the bad language, nothing could dissuade the steely determination of the Magnificent Men of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed, (MMMPMS) to get the job done.

With the assistance of Don Barrett's Roofer son, Lachy, builders John Bowd and Barry Liddicoat organised t/a's Bob, Hartley, George, Kim, Roger and Murray into a production line to keep the roofing iron up to the roofers.

At times, the production line faltered as George Harrison OBE was restricted to one rung up the ladder – working at heights regulations!

Official Photographer and part time Snag Cooker, Roger Trudgen, kept departing the production line to take photos.

WHS Rep Bob Long called a lunch break and Malcolm and Ann Reynolds provided a sumptuous feast for the roofers. After a third helping,



Food Surveyor Kim Yap declared the meal a winner and our Builder, Architect and now Roofer John Bowd, called for work to resume.

At the end of the day the roof was up and the roofers set an aspirational achievement challenge by consuming a carton in record time.

Challenging Bupa ...or riding on bikes with

Note the white 4wd ute backed up to our new shed! Soon after the epic roofing task had been completed, the MMMPMS was confronted with yet another challenge – assisting with the start of the 58km Mount Pleasant to Campbelltown leg of the Bupa Challenge segment of the Santos Tour Down Under.

This was quite an honour yet the MMMPMS took it in their stride. With less than 36 hours notice, Yvonne Jameson was on the phone and the wheels were set in motion.

Again, our star attraction and perplexing contention with Council planning was hooked up to the white 4wd ute and towed to Talunga Park. The 'Quirky' was to make another foray into public attention at the starting line of the Bupa Challenge tour. The MMMPMS team worked through the night to prepare 'Quirky', bedecked with traditional gum tree branches, for its premier appearance on the international stage. To set the scene, a number of pushbikes had been scrounged or looted from friends, family and neighbours, including one for the cockatoo on the roof. Malcolm brought along a kangaroo and a yakka that added authenticity to the 'Australiana'



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Olympic Cyclist & Medallist - Anna Meares – and fans...

setting.

No expense was spared.

At daybreak on the morning of the event, MMMPMS members met at the start line with officials, race executives and Olympic veteran and Gold Medalist, Anna Meares, to set the rules for the start. George Harrison OBE and John Bowd, architect, builder, roofer and sometime peloton adviser, conferred with Olympic Gold Medalist Anna Meares and race executives. John and George

determined that the official race start hooter should be sounded from the steps of 'Quirky'.



WHS Rep, Bob Long, was in his element directing traffic at the Tungkillio Road/ Melrose Street intersection with the help of a SAPOL motor cycle cop 'Steve', (true name withheld). Strangely, when 'Steve' left, Bob was surrounded by cars, trucks and bikes and so beat a hasty retreat to the safety of the refreshment van.



And so, at the blast of sound from the hooter, 800 cyclists led by Anna Meares (seen texting, 'I'm a sprinter however I think it will be a lot of fun'), set off on the

58km ride to Campbelltown.

New MMMPMS recruit in training, Trevor Ryan, searched for his son, Paul, amongst the melee of riders to no avail and so he also, sought the sanctuary of the refreshment van.

As the contestants cycled past, towards the end of the

group I sighted Council Executive Rebecca Tappert wobbling towards the start line followed by son Liam. I then realised that Rebecca's eyes were transfixed on 'Quirky'.....

As Rebecca pedalled falteringly down Tungkillio Road, what was on her mind? Would she be able to dodge the potholes and concentrate on the Bupa Challenge Tour by putting the septic system of the MMMPMS building aside until Monday? Could Liam contend with Rebecca's erratic cycling?

Rebecca had played an important part in the MMMPMS securing the lease over a piece of land on Old Talunga Park Road, assisting with our financial endeavours. Part of that finance assistance centred around the septic system. Again the question arose ... If the MMMPMS shed required a septic system, what was the shed doing here on Council land and how was the septic attached?

MMMMPMS members and Bupa officials gathered at the refreshment van for a debrief, the murmurs of unease grew to a crescendo. Had we overstepped the line – the starting line? Had George OBE and John (architect, builder, roofer and now peloton adviser) sent Anna Meares and 800 cyclists in the wrong direction? Was this why Rebecca was wobbling, querying John's starting procedures or trying to change course to dodge around photographers Bill and Roger and WHS Rep cum Traffic Coordinator Bob? How could Liam stay on course following Rebecca? Should Liam take the lead and



John Mac
Inveterate Men's Shed Correspondent





Bupa Challenge Tour



“The Tour Down Under is coming to Mount Pleasant!”... That’s what we heard. We had missed out in 2015, and the previous years had seen the ride come and go in a blink. As the week went on, I investigated where I should place myself in order to take some photographs... ‘There’s a start in Mount Pleasant, at Talunga Park, with the Bupa Challenge riders,’ I was advised, and yet more research revealed that there would be an 8am start from Talunga Park with the riders heading off to Mount Torrens via the Tungkillo Road.

A phone call late one evening revealed that Anna Meares (Olympic Medallist) was to start at Mount Pleasant! The word went out and the Men’s Shed and community members responded to Yvonne’s call and the Quirky Shed and several bikes were placed near to the planned start of the race at Talunga Park. Did you spot the galah that was too lazy to fly??? Yellow and green ribbons had been placed throughout the town by the ‘Wonder fairies’, but were they for Australia Day or the TDU? Oh! Heck... who cares... it all added colour to the town.

The race day arrived and yet more colour came to the town with Bali flags throughout, and a large ‘Welcome to Mount Pleasant’ sign, along with the many vibrant strings of bunting.

The Men’s Shed had a photo taken with Anna Meares (Boy! Do they have contacts!), and the race began with rider after rider heading down Tungkillo Road towards Mount Torrens.

I decided to return home, but needed to be back into the town at 1pm to see the riders come past Middlethorpe Park... My planned coffee at Mount Pleasant Bakery at 11am was put on hold as the street was strewn with Bupa Challenge riders. If only we had known that the Challenge riders would make a lunch stop and drink, we could have offered a sausage sizzle or the like. Never mind, the Bakery did great business.

There was a steady stream of riders all morning, but I wandered off to my next photo stop and watched the riders pass by and turn down Cricks Mill Road. As is usual with



the TDU the riders passed in a flash and I then went to the Sprint Finish line, which was in front of the Hall, and took more photos there. They flashed by once more and then in very little time the archways and other equipment were packed up and gone, and so too the Bali flags and banners... but the ribbons have stayed.

Were you aware that Mount Pleasant was going to see so much of the Bupa Challenge and Tour Down Under? I certainly wasn’t, but thanks to others within the community I was able to take some photos and remember the busy day that was the Tour Down Under 2017 in Mount Pleasant.



Paula Bartsch
Roving Correspondent





Instigator of the Farmer's Market Faye McGoldrick, with partner George King and Assistant Market Manager, Terese Stephens.

Simon Bryant back to celebrate with us

History almost repeated itself at the 5th birthday Mt Pleasant Farmers celebrations recently. A beautiful summer's day, along with celebrity Chef, Simon Bryant, and large crowds the celebrations weren't dissimilar to opening day in 2012. Market Manager Genevieve Hebart said "Once again large crowds were drawn to fresh food market with the promise of Market stalwart Simon Bryant's cooking prowess and his effervescent personality. Crowds weren't disappointed, with Simon entertaining the crowd with his quick wit and his delicious tasters from his cooking demo. With produce sourced from Market stallholders Simon created two dishes, a summer berry salad with fresh curd cheese, and a wok cooked spicy chicken dish." The market also celebrated its ongoing fundraising initiative with the presentation of a ceremonial cheque of \$60,000, by Member for Schubert, Stephan Knoll to the community groups involved. The Barossa Council Mayor, Bob Sloane who was also on hand to cut the birthday cake with Simon Bryant, said "The Barossa Council is very proud of the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market and all it has achieved over the past 5 years and looks forward to the future to see how it grows." "Shopping locally helps support the local community and farmers directly. Customers feel they have some power over their choice in foods by shopping at the Market. Many of our stallholders, family owned and run, have reported that their businesses have flourished in the last 5 years under the Farmer's Market banner. It is a win-win for community" said Genevieve. In a special invitation only luncheon, Market Stallholders who have supported the market from the inaugural day were also treated to a special certificate presentation ceremony, by Market Manager Genevieve Hebart. One of the Stallholders, Frank Baldasso from the Kenton Valley Co-Op said, "I am surprised and truly humbled to be recognised for my commitment to the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market. With that said, without the extraordinary efforts of Market Manager & team, none of it would have been possible."



Photo: Sharon Briggs

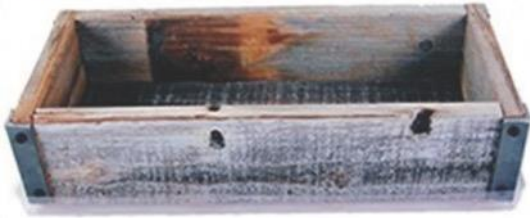


Some pics from the celebrations

Our Hot Weather Policy
 Mount Pleasant Farmers Market will be open as usual on days of forecast extreme high temperatures however, will close early than scheduled time if & when the current temperature exceeds 38 degrees in Mount Pleasant as reported by Weatherzone. Shoppers are encouraged to shop early on these days due to the possibility of the markets early closure.



BITS & Bobs



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Top Of The Torrens Theatre Group AGM
Sat 4th 12 noon
Top Of The Torrens Theatre Group Read
through and auditions Sat 11th 10:30 am



Red Cross Garden Party

At Glen Devon
14th February



The Totness Mill

Boutique Market

March Madness
Twilight Market
Sat 4th March @ 5-7pm



Stallholder presentations with Market Manager Genevieve Hebart (clockwise from top right):
Springton Hills Wines - Jon & Connie Ciccocioppo;
Kenton Valley Co-op - Frank Baldasso; DJ's Citrus - Jo Schultz &
Little Shop of Pastry's Jane Rowe

I CHOOSE SA
Farmers' Market Weekend

25 FEBRUARY 2017

Join us at the I Choose SA Farmers' Market Weekend to celebrate our delicious local produce, plus enjoy family activities, cooking demonstrations and more!

South Australian produce is some of the best in the world. Each time you choose SA, you're supporting our local producers, and having a positive impact on the future of our State.

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Mt Pleasant Netball Club Meet and Greet



10am, Sunday 5th February 2017 at the Mount Pleasant Netball & Tennis Courts.

We are attempting to get the Mt pleasant Netball Club going again. We have associations we can play in, courts we can train on and a new uniform designed and ready to be made - all we need now is people!

We need adults and children to play in Junior & Senior grades, people who can help run the club on the committee, and people who can assist on game day as coaches, team managers and umpires.

We invite you to the courts to throw a ball around with us, to talk about the upcoming winter season, and to get our club really going again. For more information, please contact Sam Schultz -



via mobile on 0417851790,
or email mtpnetballclub@gmail.com

Uncovering MPs' past: Talbot's Garage



however, there can still be seen a Shell sign on the roof, giving a reminder of just what must have been at the site.



In 1935 Mr Mark Albert Talbot purchased the corner block at the Herriot/Saleyard/Melrose intersection from Lachlan McBean. In 1914 McBean had purchased the block with the idea of gifting it to the community for the establishment of a new Institute. This idea was quashed, however, in 1919, when Robert T. Melrose gifted the land where the Soldiers Memorial Hall now stands, creating much angst within the community, especially for Mr Jim Herriot, Councillor, Storekeeper and strong supporter of the McBean proposition regarding the Institute.

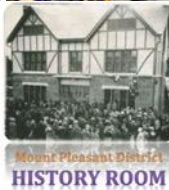


Talbot owned the premises next to the corner block, which at that time included the roadway we now use as Herriot Road. This was used as a workshop and garage but with the development of a small building for use as a petrol sales outlet and the creation of a garden with a rockery and flowers on the corner block, it was an ideal 'service station' for people to use.

In 1994 the premises was purchased by local doctor, Bob Cotton, and he and his sons, Richard and Chris, set up a quality second-hand goods shop, which is operational today as 'Horse & Buggy Antiques', with management by Richard Cotton. Currently the facility is on the market for sale, and the outside façade has changed considerably,

February, 2017

Paula Bartsch
Historian



What's on in February...

+ library lovers' day 14 February 2017



Mt Pleasant Show: The Greatest Little Show in



The Mt Pleasant Show Hall is the venue for displaying the skills, crafts and produce of the region on Show day.

Each year a number of dedicated volunteers work during the week and in the morning of show day to make sure the Hall is at its best.

If you have any spare time during the week prior to the show and/or on the morning of the Show we would really appreciate your assistance. Please help to keep this show going as the best country show in the State. Contact Genevieve or Chris on 0458884439/0427566573 if you are able to give even a few hours of your time.

Also - if anyone believes they have the expertise and interest in working alongside Genevieve and Chris to manage the hall for the Show, they would be delighted to talk with you.

Events

Date	Event	Details
4 th February	TOTT AGM	12 noon (Pentelows Rd)
5 th February	MP Netball Meet & Greet	10am Netball Courts
11 th February	TOTT	Read through & auditions 10.30am (Pentelows Rd)
14 th February	Red Cross Garden Party	@ Glen Devon
26 th February	MP Community Dinner	First for 2017!

Meetings

+ Check the website for more:
www.mountpleasant.sa.au

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
Art Group	10-2, 2 nd & 4 th Friday @ MP Library
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday: Day = 1.30pm, Night = 6.30pm @ SM Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd Tuesday
Men's Shed	9.30am, alternate Wednesdays @ MPNRC
MP District History	1-4pm, every Thursday @ History Rm, SM Hall
MP Farmer's Market	8-12, every Saturday @ Talunga Park
MP Inc	6.30pm, 2 nd Tuesday @ MPNRC
MP Show Society	2 nd Monday
MP Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Red Cross	1.30pm, 4 th Thursday @ SM Hall
RSL	2 nd Tuesday Social gathering
RSL	Alternate month, last Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting
SM Hall VAC	7.30pm, 4 th Monday @ SM Hall
Talunga Park VAC	1 st Monday @ Talunga Park
Writer's Group	10-12am, 2 nd & 4 th Thursday @ Library

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