



# Big Project: Small meeting



I am a longtime resident of Mount Pleasant... an elderly citizen now... I don't play or have an interest in sport but I do have an interest in my community. I am not a ratepayer for The Barossa Council, but that doesn't stop me from contributing to Mount Pleasant, as do many other non-Barossa Council residents. Talunga Park and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall are of particular interest to me, because I can see that if we manage them properly, they can bring some income into the community, and that will help us make improvements and keep our community a vibrant one.

There was a meeting called... I know it was advertised in the MP Beat, and I received an email, because it is well known that I have an interest in the community... the date was set as 6 March 2017 as that was a regular Talunga Park meeting, so it was convenient for those people who have an interest in Talunga Park... or was it... The last thing I really want is to attend another meeting, but I wanted to hear first hand just what this one was all about, so I decided to attend.

The meeting was to enable Jo Thomas, Director of Projects, to explain *The Big Project*, an initiative of The Barossa Council, and one that includes Talunga Park, although I must admit I am not sure that that was CLEARLY explained. *The Big Project* is looking at the whole of Council area, and particularly at the Recreation facilities, with a view to determining our requirements and just how Council can fund them.

I had seen the diagrams of other Recreational areas on display at the Library, but as Talunga Park wasn't amongst them, I thought we weren't included, but learnt that Talunga Park was not on display because we already had a Masterplan completed... pity that wasn't stated on the display.

Now, it was stressed that this meeting was an important one... an opportunity for the local community to stress their opinions regarding the Talunga Park facilities and prioritise the needs as seen by the local community. You would think that would encourage some naysayers and users of the facilities at Talunga Park to attend the meeting, especially as this meeting was not an ADDED meeting, but the USUAL bi-monthly meeting for Talunga Park... BUT with an attendance of 10 (yes, that is 10) people, most of whom were actually the Mount Pleasant Progress Association (MP Inc), with a couple of other community people, I am now shaking my head and wondering just what does Mount Pleasant community really want.

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In January the Barossa & Light Herald carried an article stating that we were now formally part of Barossa Tourism.

## The Big Picture cont'd

I am a supporter of MP Inc. (and I know there are some who are not) which was established to operate as the liason between the community and The Barossa Council (TBC). They now have approval to manage the two main facilities in the township of Mount Pleasant – Talunga Park and the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall; BUT I do not expect them to be the CONTROLLING voice of our community... and that means that when given an opportunity, we, AS A COMMUNITY, should be stating our case. We need to LET THEM KNOW what it is we want, and that means attending an important meeting just as the one we have just had.

It was up to 10, yes, 10 people to discuss the various issues that have been identified at Talunga Park, and put to Jo Thomas what we considered the important issues, and prioritise them... things like, improvements to the Caravan Park and the future of the Oval as a playing field.

Mount Pleasant is central to several large tourism districts – namely Barossa, Adelaide Hills and Murraylands, as well as Adelaide itself. Travellers can stay here and day-tour to all these regions quite easily. With many of the tourists towing large rigs these days, they don’t want to be moving on, on a daily basis, so to have great facilities (and that means neat and clean, not lavish) at our Caravan Park will encourage them to use OUR facilities as a base for their one week, two week or more stay, and support our local facilities – butcher, baker, candlestick-maker... sorry, we don’t have that these days, nor do we have a bank, although we do have a Post Office, book-store, and chemist.

Then of course, discussion began regarding the Oval... footballers don’t like horses being allowed onto the area, but then DO we have a Club that actually calls Mount Pleasant home? I don’t follow the football, so I don’t really know, and unfortunately the Football Club, who should have a say at the Talunga Park meetings chose not to attend this meeting, as did the other sporting clubs, and in fact, most of the regular users of the Park. Yes, we did discuss the football versus horses issue, and as a result there will be discussion with both those groups, so even though they didn’t attend the meeting (and in fact, the horse people HIRE the facility, so DON’T actually HAVE to attend the Talunga Park meetings) there will be a chance for them to help MP Inc decide just what direction the facilities will be heading.

Do YOU want to know? Well, one way you could find out is for you or your representative, to attend a meeting or two and keep up-to-date on the latest issues pertaining to our community.



**Paula Bartsch**  
Historian

April, 2017

**Remember our Diggers**  
Soldiers and Nurses  
from the District of Mount Pleasant  
...those who served during World War I  
25th April

**\$30ea**

**Remember our Diggers**

The book is a **compilation** of service records and research in newspapers for the men and women from the District, and includes a photograph, where possible. They each have a connection to Mount Pleasant in some way.



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A. H. & F. Society Inc  
150 years of history  
1863-2013  
**Still available @ \$25**

From Terese Stephens -  
Assistant Manager




**Mount Pleasant  
FARMERS MARKET**



Even though the market was officially closed for Show Day – stallholders were still to be found in the Gourmet Market Tent.



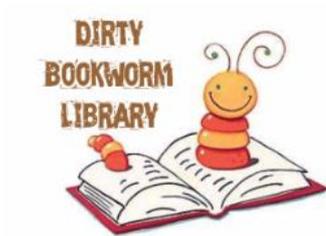
**TASTING AUSTRALIA**

6 MAY 2017



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The **dirty bookworm library** celebrates the love of books and operates on a "Take a book, Return a book" for kids and adults who can give and take!

Market Members are encouraged to borrow and donate books/ magazines along the theme of the farmers' market ie gardening, vegetables, cooking, flowers, herbs, baking etc.



Tickets are now available for the 2017 Tasting Australia - Tasting the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Event, on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please go to the link to purchase your tickets. Event limited to 60 tickets only. Get in early so you don't miss out!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tasting-the-mount-pleasant-farmers-market-tickets-32116622683?aff=es2#tickets>





# Men's Shed-ding

## Or... the Road to Tungkillo

Without doubt the most exciting building event in Mount Pleasant is the new Mount Pleasant Men's Shed clubrooms. Conceived in 2012 the idea slowly grew to a positive plan, fought its way through the barriers and roadblocks and with the assistance of many, the building evolved.

To the relief of the Barossa Council, in particular Rebecca Tappert and Jo Thomas, it appears that our transportable has now been anchored on site at Old Talunga Park opposite the Mount Pleasant Bowls Club. The clubrooms are now to lockup stage and the search was on for furniture, fittings and floor coverings for the kitchen/meeting room area.



The Mount Pleasant Men's Shed had been advised that one of the stalwarts of Mount Pleasant, and GE Hughes Construction Supervisor Extraordinaire, James Law, had offered the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed two pallets of tiles. Would these tiles be suitable for the wet areas of our building, bathroom and toilets, particularly in front of the shiny new stainless steel urinal where shoulder to shoulder we stand united?

While not supervising on a GE Hughes construction site, James is often seen lurking at the entrance gates to Talunga Park extracting money from unsuspecting football supporters, loyal Mount Pleasant Annual Show patrons and grandparents escorting their grandchildren to the playground.

I contacted WHS supervisor and former Thai kick boxer, Bob Long and it was decided that we would embark on the perilous journey to Tungkillo and inspect the tiles on offer. After refuelling and taking on extra supplies for the trip we headed off cross country, that is along McGorman's Road - it was so rough it felt like cross country - to the outlying town of Tungkillo, named after an Aboriginal word for the chrysalis of the local ghost moth. In keeping with its namesake we crept past a stylised moth mounted on a

stand, the work of former mountaineer and base jumper now struggling sculptor Malcolm Reynolds. The 4WD seemed to find its own way into the deserted



town via the back streets, past heritage buildings, sheep, goats and horses, then at the top of a rise the address we were looking for, our mecca.

We eased our trusty off-road vehicle amongst the scrub and undergrowth down a track criss-crossed with liana vines when a vista appeared before us - a virtual oasis in the desert, a sanctuary, the Shangri-La of regional South Australia. As we inched our way into James' retreat we were reminded of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach.

There, balanced precariously on pallets with a picturesque background of old machinery, rusting vehicles, pallets of building materials, various lengths of poly-pipe, bales of hay and cleanskins grazing under the trees, were the tiles. In the background a tangle of salvation jane, scotch thistles and dried dock led down to a dam teeming with bull-rushes and blue-green algae.



# Men's Shed-ding cont'd

## Tungkillo bound...

I must admit we expected to see Sir David Attenborough crawling out of the jungle grasping an, until now undiscovered species of bullfrog. But no! Edging his way up the rise and across the flat was a masked man with the physique of a Mac truck, dressed in shorts and t-shirt and wearing a peaked cap, grasping a metal detector in one hand and a slice of pizza in the other. Then almost as we took in this mirage, it was gone.

You will understand the difficulties and weather extremes that we were encountering in this wilderness eco-retreat as can be seen when a huge gust of wind almost tore Bob's shirt from his body.



We took samples of the tiles and to ensure that our fragile booty would arrive intact we consulted the GPS system and returned via the bitumen. The tiles are now on view in the toilet area to be scrutinised by members at their leisure.

Although the Clubrooms are now on solid ground at Old Talunga Park, do not be surprised to see our 'Qwirky' on the move and popping up at community events.

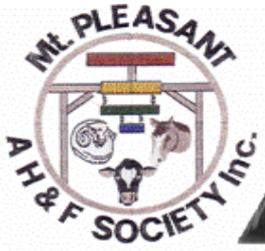
However, I digress. We had battled our way to Tungkillo to bring back evidence of James' answer to our call, the tiles for our ablutions area. Bob held a sample of the tiles on offer and as attached I took on our photographers Bill and Roger's brief - and snapped a couple off a couple of slides!



**John Mac**  
Inveterate Men's Shed Correspondent



**AGM**  
10am, Wednesday 3 May, 2017  
followed by BBQ  
At MP Men's Shed  
off Talunga Park Road (opposite  
Bowling Club)



# our fantastic country Show!

We were blessed with near perfect weather and a great turnout for our show this year – they say a picture says a thousand words, so here's a few thousand for you!





# Uncovering MPs' past: THE Basketball WE HAD BEFORE BASKETBALL



A Mt Pleasant basketball team in the c1938 Country Carnival: L to R: Jean Tapscott, Roma Vivian, Mary Jones, Jean Fullarton, Mry O'Dea, Grace Smith, Rene McGorman

The earliest reference to basketball in Mount Pleasant is from 1927 when a game was played in the Soldiers Memorial Hall in which Birdwood defeated Mount Pleasant 13 goals to 8. After the match a dance was held, with supper being provided by the ladies. In this instance £6 was raised for the club, and many dances and balls were held as fundraising events.

When the dress circle was built a tennis court/basketball court was situated next to the Totness Inn and used until the tennis courts on old Talunga Park were adapted for basketball.

The Mount Barker and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser had articles on the club from 1927 through to 1940. There didn't seem to be an official association, but games were played against Mannum, Williamstown, Springton and Birdwood.

In 1935 the A Grade team comprised Rene McGorman (Captain), Kath O'Dea, M. O'Dea, G and W. Chapman, E Noblett and Mary Jones.

Mrs. H. B. Westphalen often umpired.

Mount Pleasant teams competed in the Torrens Valley Basketball (Netball) Association from 1945.

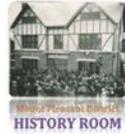
In 1970 Basketball in Australia became Netball, which stopped the confusion with the Basketball game that had come from North America, that both men and women played.

Many changes have occurred with no netball teams currently playing, although support is growing with netballers practicing on Wednesday nights in the hope that a team may once again take part in the competition. Girls from the District currently play with a number of clubs in the Mid Hills Association, and those games are played at the courts at Woodside in winter and summer.

References:

"Quiet Waters By" - Reg Butler

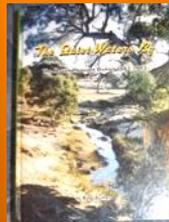
Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser



Pauline Taheny  
History Room Volunteer



## WANTED



Do you have a copy of 'The Quiet Waters By' that you no longer have any use for? It's no longer available from The Barossa Council, and the History Room would be glad of some extras. Please contact Paula via: [info@mountpleasant.sa.au](mailto:info@mountpleasant.sa.au)



The group is still looking for more senior players. Age and skill level are unimportant. We train Wednesday night at 6:30pm at the courts here in Mt Pleasant. Please contact me - Sam Schultz - for more information via: 0417851790 or [mtpnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:mtpnetballclub@gmail.com)

# Community Dinner

Sadly, our photographer stuffed up this month, and we have no usable photos from the event – but next time we know better and will check the results before we leave!

Meantime, we were joined by some visitors from Queensland who have been staying at the caravan park whilst finding out about some of the history of our beautiful district. They also managed to score big time on the Money Square and the raffle – but as usual, there was plenty left for all our regulars!

Once again The Ladies of the night were responsible for the food – a BBQ theme this time – and we all left feeling very satisfied.

Although we haven't quite finished paying for the renovated kitchen yet, we ARE close, and hope to have it finalized before the end of the financial year so we can move on to other, urgent community projects.

The February dinner was Asian themed, and a few people who had other commitments on that night have expressed their disappointment at missing out, so we think we might schedule another one for a bit later in the year. Watch this space!

**CWA** in Mount Pleasant



The CWA has two groups that meet on the first Tuesday in each month.

The day ladies meet in the CWA rooms in the SM Hall @ 1.30pm, whilst the night ladies meet in the Mount Pleasant Hotel Motel @ 6.30pm.

Both groups welcome new members. It's a great way to meet new people and do something for your community.

Di Anderson (L) and Helen Hogg (R) of SACWA with the Floriculture Plaque (below)



## Next Community Dinner:



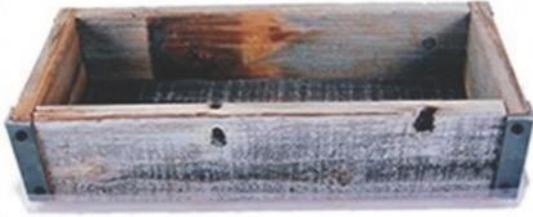
Some of the Ladies of the night (below)



Mount Pleasant won the SACWA Hills and Murraylands Floriculture Group award. (below)



# BITS & Bobs



## 2018 Barossa Photographic Calendar Competition

Entries are now open for the 2018 Barossa Photographic Calendar Competition, an initiative of the Barossa Visitor Centre. Send through your favorite images that best depict the Barossa, for your chance for it to appear in the 2018 Barossa Calendar. Visit: <http://www.barossa.com> for details.



## ANZAC Dawn Service

A Dawn Service will be held at the Mount Pleasant Soldier's Memorial Hall at 6.15am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Traditional tea, coffee, Anzac biscuits and Trench Cake will be served in the hall on completion. There will be a Gunfire Breakfast for a small cost of \$5 - with egg, bacon, baked beans, tomato and a piece of toast. Breakfast will be supplied free to veterans as a means of saying 'thanks'.

Beer, wine and various mixed drinks, as well as soft drinks will be for sale after the service, thanks to the Mt Pleasant Hotel. There will be an extensive display of uniforms, war memorabilia, Light Horse trooper and equine mannequins, Nurses uniforms, a walk-through trench and local school students' work. The traditional Two Up game followed by Crown & Anchor will commence after the ceremony, while people get their breakfast and drinks. An hour later a huge raffle will be drawn, followed by a community sing-along of well-known WW1 songs. Any queries, please contact Michael Williams on 0429171934



## School Holidays in the Library

### Week One

#### Cork Creations Competition

**Age divisions: 4-7 years, 8-11 years, 12+ years**

What can you make using corks? A castle, a creature or something else? Entry forms and cork starter packs available from **15 March**.

#### Makerspace STEM Lab

**Tuesday 18 April, Nurioopta Library**

Come along and get creative in our first Makerspace... with a Barossa twist! **Ages 7+**



#### Ziegenmarkt

**Thursday 20 April, 8am-11am**

The Library will be at the Ziegenmarkt with interactive stories and activities.

#### Handcrafted for Kids Activity Hub

**Thursday 20 April, Tanunda Town Square, 12pm-3pm**

Craft activities, badge making, games and stories.

### Week two

#### Kids Code Workshop: Introducing Edison

**Wednesday 26 April, 10am and 2pm**

Lyndoch & Angaston, **Ages 8+**

#### Autumn Gardening Underground

**Thursday 27 April, 10am and 2pm**

Barossa Nursery, **Ages 4+**



#### Bop Till You Drop Disco!

**Friday 28 April, Nuri Library, 6-7.30pm, Ages 7-13 yrs**

Last day of school holidays disco karaoke fun!

**Bookings open from Monday 3 April**

## The Totness Mill Boutique Market

An eclectic range of local handmade gifts & produce

In the beautiful Barossa  
155 Melrose street Mount Pleasant

### Upcoming Dates

March 4th 5pm - 9 pm Twilight Market  
April 2nd 10am-3pm Easter Market  
May 6th 10am-3pm Vintage Market  
June 3rd - 5pm-9pm Twilight Winter Wonderland Market

totnessmill@gmail.com

# What's on in April...

**+ 2017 Street Party**

Interested in lending a hand? The Street Party is a fabulous community event – but it can't go ahead without YOU. Please come to the SM Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm to see how you could help.



## Events

| Date                   | Event                      | Details   |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | Totness Mill Easter Market | 10am to 3pm. Come along and support local artisans. |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April | Street Party info session  | 7pm, SM Hall  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April | Anzac Dawn Service         | SM Hall @ 6.15am                                    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Community Dinner           | Talunga Park Pavilion                               |

## Meetings

**+** Check the website for more: [www.mountpleasant.sa.au](http://www.mountpleasant.sa.au)

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

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