



Toots Sweet!

Well, not quite. If tout de suite actually means 'immediately', then a few years is probably not going to cut it.

So, the good thing is the new Talunga Park amenities block finally under construction, the bad thing is - it took years to get there. Admittedly, one of the last hold ups was due to upgrading the specs on the advice of a local builder, so that maintenance would be minimised, and it would be of a more robust construction. We think it's definitely worth it as you can see from the photos.

It's been a long road, but hopefully this will be the start of some changes that will be seen around Talunga Park in the not too distant future. MP Inc. and The Barossa Council are working together to gain the best outcomes from The Big Project and other initiatives.

Sausage Sizzle!



Friends of the MP Hospital will be holding a sausage sizzle in front of the Post office on Thursday 4th - please support them.







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2nd, 3rd & 4th June: TOTT performances in the Hall

25th June: Christmas in June -Community Dinner. Probably wise to let MP Community Dinners know that you will be attending, as this is always a popular event. (Yes, Syd – there WILL be roasts!).

30th July: Violet Day followed by the Community Dinner in the Hall - Celebrating the Hall's 90th Birthday! The Police Band will be playing for us and TOTT will be performing during the evening.

Progress Association

AGM

The first AGM of the newly formed Mount Pleasant Progress Association will be held on Tuesday 13th June at 7.30 pm in the SM Hall.

The interim Board has been working closely with the Barossa Council on transferring of management systems of both major facilities in the town, Talunga Park and the Soldiers Memorial Hall to the Inc. body. There is now an MOU between the Inc. body and the Council in relation to the support/management for the caretaker of both sites, Dave Mac. The Inc. body meets with him regularly to ensure that he has the information and support he requires to manage the facilities.

The constitution of the Inc. body is available on request, or on the Mount Pleasant web site.

The Inc. body has 4 current subcommittees. The Talunga Park subcommittee is responsible for providing advice on the issues of the Caravan Park and Rec Park, the SM Hall committee for advice about the Hall, the Community Dinner subcommittee organises the monthly dinners and the Christmas Street Party subcommittee is to be formed to

organise this great annual event.

Anyone who is interested in being part of this dynamic town group is encouraged to contact Genevieve Hebart, (current Secretary) via email on chebart@bigpond.com, who will provide them with information, a copy of the constitution and a nomination form as required.

The link to the constitution can be found under the Mount Pleasant Progress Association in Community Groups at:



Mount Pleasant Progress Association Incorporated

Be involved. Host an Open State event!

Open State (28 September - 8 October 2017) is looking for individuals, businesses, community organisations, industry bodies, universities and agencies to put forward their ideas and put up their hands to host an event at Open State this year.

With a focus on the future, Open State events connect leading national and international expertise with South Australian business and community organisations to find new ways to solve the challenges of today.

Everything you need to get started can be found by downloading an information pack:

(https://openstate.com.au/partner-expression-of-

interest/) or sending an email to the Open State team
info@openstate.com.au.

Talunga Park Bike Track

Are you aware there is a bike track for public use at Talunga Park?

At the moment Talunga Park and the Soldier's memorial Hall share a caretaker, and although he is doing a sterling job (it is a HUGE area), it takes more time to manage than the Council is willing to fund. If you are able to help, perhaps have a whipper-snipper you wouldn't mind using to help tackle the weed problem, your efforts would be appreciated immensely by your community.

Please see Dave Maczkowiack if you are able to help.

MPNRC recycling initiative

Do you know that even if you put all the right things in your recycling bin, that a lot of it will still go to landfill? Things like alfoil – if not in a large enough bundle will not be sorted. Check out the new recycling bins at the MPNRC to make sure your recycling is going where it should.

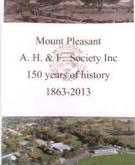


Show book

Copies of the MP Show book are still available!

Priced at only @ \$25, this is a bargain and a valuable record of one of South Australia's most popular and enduring local shows.

See Paula in the History Room on Thursdays to secure your copy.



Hospital news

Opening of the refurbished courtyard

Thanks to the kind generosity of The Friends of Mt. Pleasant Hospital, the Torrens Valley Lions Club and the Australian Lions Foundation, the courtyard at Mt. Pleasant Hospital has been upgraded to a functional and much more pleasant area. Over an extended period of time - due to some extreme wet weather which held up the screeding of the paving sand - the labour of the Lions under the guidance and minor assistance of Facility Manager Andy Lynas, has turned the once overgrown and potentially unsafe space, into a visually pleasing and comfortable area. As soon as it was completed the residents in the Residential Aged Care Facility at the Hospital couldn't wait to use it prior to the official opening on 30/3/17 with an Australia Day celebration in late January. Many residents like to enjoy the fresh air, and several gather to enjoy lunch together when the weather permits.

A water feature has been installed to replace the former pond and the available space has doubled, with plenty of room for wheelchairs and walkers. One large table has been replaced with 4 smaller tables to create a café atmosphere – and all reports have been very favourable.

Wendy Harvey MP Hospital

Below – official opening: Top right – before: Centre right – after: Bottom right L to R – Butch Phillips (Torrens Valley Lions Club), Yvonne Radford (Australian Lions Foundation), Dave Richards (Torrens Valley Lions Club President), and Paul Johnson (The Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital).







DID YOU

The Friends of Mt Pleasant Hospital have raised over \$160,000 and dedicated many hours of support &

- Donated televisions so that every patient and resident has an individual TV, as well as a large screen TV in the Resident Lounge,
- Funded inbuilt furniture and chairs for the Resident's lounge
- Provided pressure relieving mattresses, overbed tables and bedside lockers
- Purchased an oxygen concentrator
- Funded the covered walkway over the disability access ramp to Day Centre
- Funded the Historical display cabinet in the main reception area
- Provided financial support to the courtyard upgrade
- Approved funds to upgrade a bathroom
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Anzac Dawn

The 25 dawned overcast and cool – but thankfully - mostly - rain free for our annual Dawn Service.

The RSL welcomed the 300+ strong crowd and Pastor Brian Teakle led those assembled through the service. Once again the Air Force cadets provided a catafalque party as we paused to commemorate those service men and women who served and are still serving, and those who have fallen in conflicts past and ongoing.

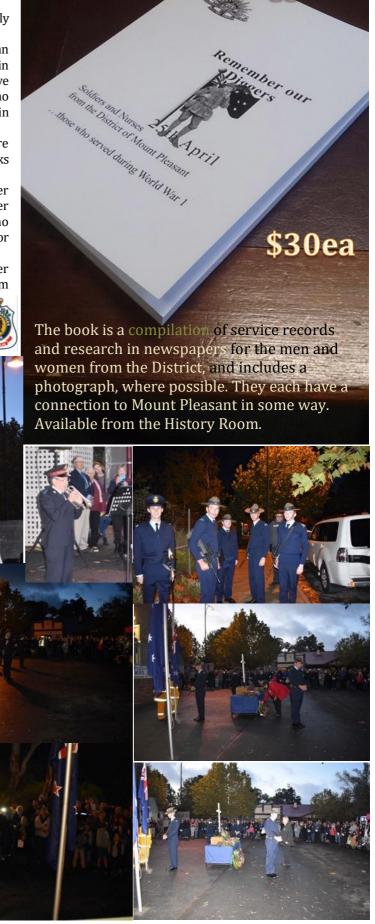
After the service we adjourned to the Hall for a Gunfire Breakfast – which once again proved hugely popular thanks to the RSL ladies and the gentlemen from the Men's Shed.

Many thanks once again to the indefatigable Merry Schaeffer and her committee (including Mike and Dan Williams, Roger & Collette Benton, Peter & George Ann Kaines, who organised the event, and Wally and Marie Birch for arranging the fantastic raffle.).

To support the RSL, you don't have to be a serving or former member of our armed forces, people in the RSL come from all walks of life and get together for meetings and

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Remember our Diggers



May, 2017









Saturday 6th May - Sunday 7th May. 10am-4pm

Please do not bring fruit on to the property as it can carry pests and diseases.





Boots For Change Project Wins 2017 Philanthropy Australia Award

The Australian Farmers' Markets Association (AFMA) national BOOTS FOR CHANGE 2016 project has been highly acclaimed at the 2017 Philanthropy Australia Awards winning SPECIAL MENTION in the BEST SMALL GRANT category (under \$50,000).

BOOTS FOR CHANGE was enabled by a Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) \$10,000 grant in conjunction with the ABC Heywire rural youth leadership program.

- National total spend at 96 BFC Market Days = \$17.37 million.
- Economic impact = \$17.77million
- Social media audience reach 1.75million
- 99% market managers expressed project satisfaction
- 48% markets increased shopper numbers at BFC Market Days
- 45% markets attracted more families and younger shoppers
- **180,000+ shoppers** attended BFC Market Days
- 3000+ farmer and artisan producers attended BFC Market Days

BOOTS FOR CHANGE Market Days ran throughout April 2016 in 56 farmers' markets Australia-wide that hosted a total of 96 markets and engaged 3000-plus farmer and artisan food stallholders reaching 180,000-plus shoppers in all states.

Given the award-winning success of the inaugural project, AFMA a not-for-profit incorporated association staffed by volunteers, is hoping to secure **BOOTS FOR CHANGE** as a headland biennial national program. This will require the support of government and on-going generosity from the philanthropy sector. Pledges are sought by 30 June 2017 to enable **BOOTS FOR CHANGE** to kick-off again in April 2018. There are over 180 farmers' markets trading regularly in all states. For more details visit

www.farmersmarkets.org.au



You will find links and information on courses mentioned in this newsletter, and others on our website:



mountpleasant.sa.au

Twilight

Market

It's not always about the chocolate – our Easter Twilight Market is a great place to meet up and chat and maybe even share a meal with friends while listening to some great music. Many of our stallholders had produced some great Easter specials and market goers could purchase dinner from several

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stalls, including the wonderful Breakfast mob from the Atrium who proved that they can cook more than eggs!

Meanwhile the Chicago Showband (who some of you might remember from the Street Party) was on hand to entertain us while we shopped and ate.







SATURDAY 23 SEPT, 2017

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Melrose St, Mount Pleasant

8am-3pm Gold coin donation entry fee

quality plants, garden furniture, decor and garden care products. Meet our guest speakers and uncover the secrets to a successful garden!

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Men's Shed-ding

Or the origins of The Mt Pleasant

Gentleman's Club Inc...

There is no doubt that the initial work of Mount Pleasant Men's Shed is unique in that our shed has been built from the ground up by members. But is it enough?

In November 2012, a like-minded group of men met to discuss the proposition of building a Men's Shed in Mount Pleasant. It was decided that a steering committee be formed, chaired by Bob Long, to gauge the interest in the town, look for a property that would be suitable for a Men's Shed and to formulate a plan to move forward. First on the list was finance as, whatever route was taken, we would need a sizeable bank balance. The Mount Pleasant Men's Shed (MPMS) was incorporated in February 2013.

As there were no suitable buildings available in Mount Pleasant, and after discussions with the Barossa Council, a block of land on Old Talunga Park was proposed as a possible site to build a Men's Shed. And so the journey began. Members of Men's Sheds come from all walks of life. However, we were way out in front with builders, a plumber, an electrician, an architect and back-up technicians all with special abilities, men looking for an alternative. Plans were drawn up, a budget estimate prepared for Council, fundraising undertaken, more meetings with Council, an inaugural AGM held in May 2014 and slowly our proposition became a reality. In December 2015 President Colin Forbes and The Barossa Council representative Jo Thomas signed the lease for the land on site, and since then the MPMS has worked in tandem with The Barossa Council to facilitate our project.



The MPMS clubrooms truly have been built from the ground up. Our members underwent chainsaw training and cut pinus pinasta trees from the forest, local businessman Tom Campaniello carted the logs to Bob Long's property, MPMS members milled the logs into planks and had the timber cured and certified ready for construction. At all times, MPMS members worked under the Australian Men's Shed Association, Work Health and Safety guidelines.

As the curing of the timber took 12 months, the fundraising went into top gear. Our main income was from the sale of quality red gum firewood sourced locally, split to requirements, carted to client's home and stacked as requested. We also raised money by working on community projects, small renovations and demolitions,



always mindful of local businesses.

Preparation for the build continued. Fill for our site was given by local farmers Trevor and Diane Anderson and carted to site by GE Hughes Construction who we contracted to prepare the foundations and lay the slab. When the slab had cured, using our own seasoned timber, the walls went up and the first meeting held on site in our Shed. Roof trusses were sourced and added to the framework and the roof went on with the help of Secretary Don Barrett's son, Lachy, a roofer by trade. The walls, windows, doors and verandahs puts our build to lock-up stage. Then, during discussion centred around a leather lounge suite donated by Doug Johnston, one thing led to another, Les Fisher put forward a motion, it was carried





and it happened. And the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed changed... Les Fisher's proposal confirmed that members of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed were looking towards a more relaxed atmosphere for our club after the years of privation building the shed. With Les' proposal, work on the interior of our shed has taken a different course from the original vision. John Bowd and Barry Liddicoat would supervise the changes as the building is insulated and



lined. Hartley Ramm's electrical design has been amended to include subdued lighting and chandeliers and Peter Shaw's plumbing plan adjusted to ensure a constant supply of filtered rainwater to our cocktail bar, bathrooms, spa, sauna and hot tub. (to be continued)







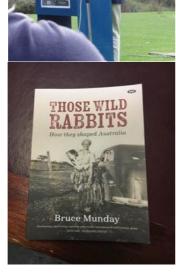
Book launch: THOSE WILD RABBITS

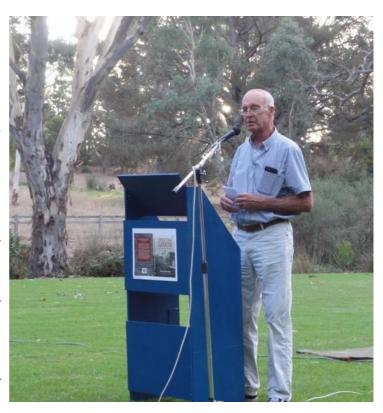
It was a mild autumn afternoon, and the call had gone out that a book launch was to be on... Bruce Munday had put pen to paper once more and produced, with the support of The Foundation for Rabbit Free Australia, a screed telling the history of the rabbit and its introduction to Australia. With many a tale told by those who have experienced rabbits in plague proportions interspersed with the scientific story of its introduction and spread across Australia, the story of rabbits is told in 'Those Wild Rabbits: How they shaped Australia', with a front cover of Eva Burton (nee Gower) with Trixie (her dog) and their catch of rabbits at Tungkillo in 1948.

People came in ones and twos to the beautiful gardens of Glen Devon and with MC Ian Doyle the proceedings were kept on track. Hugh McLachlan, owner of the property, spoke of his experience in attempting to eradicate rabbits on the property at Paratoo, near Yunta, and ABC Landline aficionado Prue Adams, who has had a long history of reporting the issue of the rabbit, officially launched the book before we heard a little from Bruce Munday, about his experience in writing the book. And those who had an opportunity to read the book prior to the launch all say 'it is a bloody good read'.

The evening soon ventured in and people gradually dispersed, book in hand, with many, I am sure, beginning to read of the tale of the rabbit later in the day. The book is available from Wakefield Press, and I am sure, an enquiry at the library would soon find one on their shelves for borrowing.







Those Wild Rabbits highlights not only the damage done but also Australia's missed opportunities for real rabbit control. It recognises the bush's paradoxical love affair with an animal that was at one time a significant rural industry and is still recalled with nostalgia. More importantly, it offers hope for a brighter future, making the case for continued research to drive the next rabbit-control miracle, because rabbit plagues of the past will become the future unless we capture the history and embrace the lessons.



Paula Bartsch Roving Reporter

Pictured clockwise from top left: MC Ian Doyle, Hugh McLachlan, Prue Adams and the book in question. Top right: author Bruce Munday and bottom: a section of the audience.

Uncovering MPs' past:

Crikey – they played Croquet – back in the day!



Did you know that Mount Pleasant had a croquet club?

The book Quiet Waters By records women playing croquet on courts on Talunga Park in 1920. Mrs. Charles Wellsman, the Bank of Adelaide Manager was reported to have a group of women playing in the early 1900's before the Talunga courts were officially laid.

The Register of Saturday 29th January 1921 states that at the Annual General Meeting of the Talunga Park it was reported that the cricketers had a fine pitch, the tennis club had two excellent courts and the ladies had fine piece of lawn for playing croquet. In 1924 there were reports of fund raising for a hut to contain equipment; dances and tournaments being popular fundraisers.

In 1936 it was reported that the lawn had fallen into disrepair so games were played at Mr. W. Hood's property, where he had prepared a bowling green and croquet lawn. A game was played between Gumeracha and Mount Pleasant with a win to the home team 57 points to 50.

In 1925 the opening match of the season was played on the lawns of Rosebank by invitation of the Hon. R.T Melrose. £4 was raised for the upkeep of the lawns.

Reports of official games disappeared after 1938.

Paula Bartsch Historian









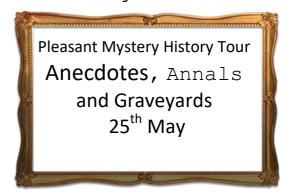
Do you have a copy of 'The Quiet Waters By' that you no longer have any use for? It's no longer available from The Barossa Council, and the History Room would be glad of some extras. Please contact Paula via: info@mountpleasant.sa.au

HISTORY FESTIVAL



Bring along a **photograph**, an item or simply **browse our collection** for something to stimulate the conversation, whilst partaking of our beautiful **Farmers' Market produce**. Join like-minded people and learn more, or tell us, about the Mount Pleasant district.

Cost is \$10 per person.
Bookings essential.



On 25th May, 2017 we will be **boarding Bottroff's Bus** and travelling the countryside in the footsteps of the **Royal family**. Leaving the Mount Pleasant Soldiers' Memorial Hall at 9.45am, we will take you on a **surprising journey**, travelling the countryside away from the main roads, whilst giving you **an insight** to the history of the district. Enjoy a **light luncheon** before returning to the Hall at approx. 4pm.

Cost is \$40 per person. Bookings essential.

Bookings may be made by contacting Paula Bartsch:

: 08 8568 2126

□: pleasanthistory@gmail.com

www: http://mountpleasant.sa.au/events/platter-chatter/ **or** http://mountpleasant.sa.au/pleasant-mystery-history-tour/

Community Dinner



Pictured L to R: Tracey, Pauline, Angela & Di

The Community Dinners celebrated the two year anniversary on Sunday night with an Anzac theme. On offer were Tracey's Jumbuck Stew and Angela's Digger's Beef Stew followed by Pauline's Anzac Biscuit Crumble, and as usual, any leftovers were quickly snapped up to take home! Di had some great prizes for the raffle and also ran the Lucky Squares - and Bronte was on hand to serve behind the bar.

It was another great night and we welcomed new members to our community and passed on information about community events.

New helpers are always welcome – feel free to volunteer when you can. Please contact us -

either via the Facebook page: Mt Pleasant Community Dinners, or email: info@mountpleasant.sa.au

Don't forget - the next one will be on Sunday 27th May and the June Dinner will be a Christmas theme. We will be joining up with Paula and the History group on Violet Day in July – so keep that in mind.

Angela Slagter MP Community Dinners



Next Community Dinner: Sunday, 27th May

Christmas in June

The 25th of June Dinner will be 'Christmas in June'. Let us know if you are thinking of coming so we can make sure we have enough food!



Street Party info night



An information night was held on April the 11th to gauge interest and support for the 2017 Street Party. We had a good attendance and received some great feedback and suggestions. Thank you so much to those who expressed interest in helping either on the day or during the lead up. Information has been emailed to those who attended and we will be in touch soon to organise this year's committee and start the ball rolling. In the meantime, if you couldn't make that meeting and are interested in helping or perhaps donating goods or services or would like to operate a stall during the Street Party, please contact Genevieve on: secretary@mountpleasant.sa.au



SALA Registrations Open March 1st
Want to host an artist? Want to find a venue?
Registrations for the 2017 SALA festival are open
this week. If you would like to offer a space to
artists please lodge an expression of interest
here. If you are an artist looking for a venue
please fill out a form here.

Key dates for 2017 are as follows.
Registrations and Awards open 1 March
Registrations close 15 May
Awards close 24 May
SALA Festival 1-31 August





















The Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker District Councils have joined forces to bring you over 50 business events during "May Business Month". There is something for everyone.

The Adelaide Hills Business Centre is supporting "May Business Month" with:

- Export Readiness Breakfast Event with keynote speaker, Christelle Damiens of Exportia
- One to One business advice sessions with Gordon Kay
- Come and Try Coworking. Is it for you?
- Under 25 and Full Of Ideas for young entrepreneurs, positive, passionate and wanting to create change
- Table Talks on a range of business topics For details on upcoming AHBC events, visit:

www.businessmonth.com.au



Under 25 and Full Of Ideas Thu 04/05/2017 - 10:00 AM

Have you been thinking about an idea that is creativity and innovation but not sure how to get it off the ground. Discover how!

resented by: Adelaide Hills Business Centre We are happy to announce that living on our Recreate and Community Sharing Garden verandah is a new Grow Free cart. Grow Free carts are popping up all over SA and are a community managed, free produce sharing initiative. Share your home grown fruit, veg, preserves, seeds, plants and more. Everyone can get involved and each day there is something new from our locals and we love harvesting from our community garden here and contributing to the mix.

The cart is located on the front deck of Recreate & the Community Sharing Garden, cnr of Phillis St and Showground Tce Mt Pleasant. Donations and collections can be made at any time - not just when we are open!



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Bags of fun with TOTT

Top of the Torrens Theatre Group has a new director and two new members which creating lots of enthusiasm and new energy in their upcoming production this June with a farcical comedy about money. diamonds and bloomers!

Set in 1904, New York the play is called **'THREE BAGS FULL'** and starts



with an ambitious young employer attempting to exchange \$500,000 worth of embezzled wealth for the position of manager and the hand of his boss's daughter in marriage.

Many twists and turns ensue when it is revealed that it is not the young lady of the house that he is in love with and hilarious mix ups caused by three identical bags containing respectively cash, diamonds, and the bloomers belonging to the resigning maid. Add to that, rebellious pregnant young ladies, mistaken identities and many farcical situations and you end up with lots of merry mayhem and explosive hilarity.

The ticket prices still haven't changed so it's a great value night out, and the cabaret style seating allows you plenty of room to spread out your BYO drinks and nibbles.



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At Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre

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What's on in May...



The Totness Mill Boutique Market May 6th 10am-3pm Vintage Market





History Room open: 10 to 4 on 4th, 11th & 18th May

Events

Date	Event	Details
3 rd May	Men's Shed A.G.M.	10am @ the Men's Shed
6 th May	Totness Mill VintageMarket	10am to 3pm. Come along and support local
	(in time for Mother's Day!)	artisans.
11 th May	Platter & Chatter	History Month event
14 th May	Mother's Day	
25 th May	Anecdotes, Annals &	History Month event
	Graveyards	
28th May	Community Dinner	Talunga Park Pavilion

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	1st 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 @ 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 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	1st Monday @ Talunga Park
Writer's Group	10-12am, 2 nd & 4 th Thursday @ Library

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