



Opinion: What is Australia Day?

..and do we really need it to be celebrated on 26th January?

It's the anniversary of the day that the First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove from Great Britain, with Commander Captain Arthur Phillip raising the Union Jack in 1788 so is this something that we in South Australia should be celebrating? It wasn't until 1935 that all the Australian states and territories recognised 26th January as such, and to name the day, however, the tradition of a national holiday on this day did not begin until 1994. Australia Day is a time to reflect on our achievements and take pride in the development of our nation, but it is also seen by the aboriginal community as a day of invasion, and for them is a day of sorrow and mourning, so should we in South Australia celebrate on 28th December, which is already a public holiday here, but so close to the Christmas public holidays that it is often missed.

I must admit that I really didn't have a thought one way or the other until the recent discussions and as a 6th generation South Australian I simply want a day to celebrate 'my country' and appreciate the lifestyle that we enjoy here. It is a mind-set and one that I am sure I can change.

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Nice toilets – shame about the water



It is often said that all good things come to those who wait. And it seems we're still waiting for the toilets at Talunga Park. The good thing is – the dams are full!

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Each idea should fit into one of the following six categories.
*Open space, sport and recreation.
 Mobility, transport and safety.
 Arts and culture.
 Environment and sustainability.
 Innovation and technology.*

Do you have an idea for the town you think is worth putting forward for funding? We'd love to hear from you, but quickly because the deadline for submissions is 8th September!

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+ Coming events

October:
 Spanner in the Works?
 (Another) Pop Up Op Shop! & Car Boot Sale

November:
 Friends of the MP
 Hospital Garden Party

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In South Australia throughout World War I Australia Day was held on various dates, with the date decided annually, and was seen as a fundraiser for the Soldiers' Fund, which was planned to provide services to the widows, orphans, mothers and dependents of the men who were lost, as well as to those returned soldiers in need. The date was not always in the same month. Mount Pleasant took it to heart in September 1918...

Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954), Friday 27 September 1918, page 3

AUSTRALIA DAY.

Australia Day was celebrated at Mount Pleasant on the 21st inst., under most favourable conditions. The weather was all that could be desired, and in spite of an epidemic of influenza which has the town in its grasp, everything passed off very favourably, and record sum was taken. About 1 o'clock the fun commenced, and vehicles of all descriptions assembled at the mill, from whence the procession started. Headed by Mounted Constables Wellington and Sprigg and Miss Marjorie Tapscott (as girl guide), the procession wended its way to the railway station, then to the Agricultural Hall. The first vehicle was the motor car of the "Queen of Mothers" (Mrs. A. Hicks), which was tastefully decorated; then came the car of the "Queen of Anzacs" (Miss Elsie Kemp), resplendent with patriotic colours, and conveying soldiers and a Red Cross nurse. Next came the "Queen of Children" (Miss Eleanor Giles), in a car very prettily decorated with willow and red, white, and blue. The "Queen of Sports" (Miss Jessie Bax) was surrounded by photos of racehorses, etc., and sporting men in a car decorated with wattle blossom. Following closely behind came the "Harvest Queen" (Miss Amy Harding) in a trolley laden with the fruits of harvest. A handsome sum of money was collected in votes for the queens as they passed through the streets. The school children were in great evidence. One trolley contained a "wurlly" and its occupants; another Japanese maidens, and so on; and their beaming countenances spoke volumes. Other burlesque vehicles were responsible for much merriment. "The Waybacks" looked very comfortable in an elaborate "Ford" car of the latest model, consisting of the hood of a buggy fastened to a three wheeled body, which did not look at all secure. The family made themselves useful with their collecting boxes, and it is hoped they were well satisfied with their day's outing. There was also a greengrocer's cart, blackfellows, swaggie, clown, Highlander, and many others in fancy dress, and the horsemen followed in the rear. The interior of the Agricultural Hall formed a very pleasing feature of the day, as neither time nor care was spared in the decorations of the stalls. Sweets, jumble and produce stalls did a thriving trade, whilst the tea room was well patronized. A nice collection of war curios and buttons was arranged in one corner. Mr. Alfred Phillis had on view nearly 300 buttons, coming from all parts of the State. Guessing competitions and collectors galore helped to swell the funds. ...

Have you ever thought about Australia Day and what it means to you? For many of us it is another chance for a public holiday when we can enjoy a family gathering or an outing, and in recent years it has been an opportunity for Mount Pleasant to share an Australia Day Breakfast in the Garden and recognise many volunteers in our community, and these things we can do at anytime of the year... it just means the possibility of accepting change, which seems to be the catchcry in many fields these days...

Paula Bartsch

Opinion: Why bother voting?

My Dad was a lovely man – strong and with a sly wit. I loved him dearly and was devastated when he developed dementia. I choose to remember the good things – and sometimes in the early days – the funny things that he said – like every time I drove him around Prospect Hill on one of our little 'trips', he would confuse me with my great uncle's family – sometimes I was lucky enough to be a female, sometimes not. How upset he was when I told him about how my husband and I would be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary "You're married?! Why wasn't I told?" and his assertion when he had settled into the wonderful nursing home in Bordertown, that he was "thinking of getting married again." When my husband proposed to me (and I use that term loosely because asking someone if they thought it would be a good idea isn't really an 'on your knee' moment), he decided to do the traditional thing and ask my father for my hand in marriage – even though it was Dad who had said "Don't bring home a cop, and NEVER a Catholic!" After asking Don whether he was mad, and did he understand that he could do better (Mum was NOT happy), he grudgingly gave his consent and we were married in the local Catholic Church 41 years ago. We were married there because we both liked the priest – who didn't mind a drink on a warm day – although I always said that the paper I signed saying I'd give our kids over to the church was non-binding. Happily Don agreed and three kids and two weddings later, we've built a great family of whom I am very proud.



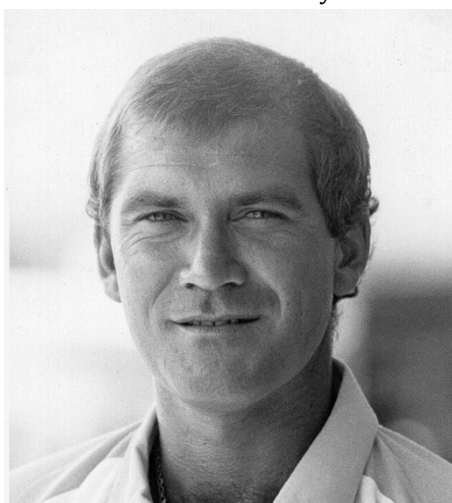
My brother was gay. He was larger than life and the soul of any party – in fact – every day was a party with him. He was a pain, he made me laugh and I loved him dearly. He and his partner were inseparable, and when Paul died, even though Dad struggled with his orientation, George

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was central to our celebration of Paul's life. Many LGBTIQ people who have been shunned are lucky and form 'other' families. They are the people who do not judge, and who love them for who they are. Some do not, and the suicide rate is higher for this group. When George too died recently, Paul was still there in his memories, still a large part of his life all these years on.

Imagine being in love with someone for that long – and not being able to tell anyone about it, or not have it acknowledged that you were each other's 'significant other'? Unable to make those decisions that any other partner would normally make under those circumstances. Not be included in life or death decisions, if one partner died to not even have a say about the funeral – and in some



cases, not be allowed to attend. To not inherit mementoes or assets, so that being evicted from a home that you had lived in – and possibly helped pay for – with your partner for years was a real possibility. Until recently, that was the case for same sex couples.

Retired Justice Michael Kirby has been with his partner for over 40 years, and until he retired, their relationship was never publicly acknowledged. Now he campaigns on many human rights causes. After initial misgivings with the process, he will now be voting 'yes'.

In 2004 the wording in the marriage act was amended:

Schedule 1—Amendment of the Marriage Act 1961

1 Subsection 5(1)

Insert: **marriage** means the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

2 At the end of section 88B

Add: (4) To avoid doubt, in this Part (including section 88E) **marriage** has the meaning given by subsection 5(1).

3 After section 88E

Insert: **88EA Certain unions are not marriages**

A union solemnised in a foreign country between:

- (a) a man and another man; or
- (b) a woman and another woman;

must not be recognised as a marriage in Australia.

(From the Federal Register of Legislation)

And from Wikipedia:

Australian marriage law does not recognise any other forms of union, including traditional Aboriginal unions, same-sex unions, nor polygamous unions, but has since 2009 recognised de facto relationships, including homosexual relationships.

This went to parliament where it was voted in under party lines. The Liberal Government proposed it, the Labor party agreed – with reservations – and the Greens opposed it.

Now the proposal goes to a voluntary postal plebiscite – not even conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission, but by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. If the result is 'No' – this won't be voted on. That will be the end of discussion in parliament. If 'Yes', it will then be voted upon. The government is spending an estimated \$122 million dollars on this exercise, which many people think could be put to better use on Health or Education.

From the ABC news website:

Dr. Liz Allen, a demographer from the Australian National University, described a postal ballot as "akin to a tear-out return slip that one would find in a magazine". She says there are serious issues with bias in a voluntary poll.

"It is not a plebiscite, it doesn't capture all of Australia's view or all of eligible voters view in Australia," she said.

"And there are many exclusions, for example people overseas who may not be able to participate. There are also issues with potential tampering."

Dr. Allen says random sample surveys are much more representative of Australians.

She says she does not think there have been any high-quality surveys in the past 10 years indicating Australians do not support same-sex marriage.

Because of all sorts of discrimination both petty and bureaucratic, people who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Intersex or Queer have a tough time. Whether it's like our casual racism in that people will say stuff that they 'don't mean anything by', or that they may be beaten or worse for their orientation. My brother was badly beaten when he was younger – something he kept from me because he didn't want ME to be hurt by it. The perpetrators were 'upstanding young members of their community', and of course he didn't report it, because what would have been the point – all those years ago.

We can make it easier for LGBTIQ people to exist. Not get any extra benefits. Not get better treatment – just to be EQUAL. Who they love and how they love is not my business. It's not your business. I can't tell you how to live your life – nor should I. It's none of my business who you love – or how – and it's certainly none of your business who or how I love.

Many countries (including England, Ireland, Germany, USA, etc.) have already acknowledged same-sex marriages – and the world didn't end. For the vast majority of the population – nothing will change. Nothing will change for my family – but who's to say it won't in the future? That one or more of my grandchildren will be gay, or trans, or bi? My wish is that they will be free to love and celebrate as any couple that marries, can today. That no one will have the right to dictate how they may live their lives.

Having a say in how people can choose to live their lives is very powerful - please think about how ordinary people will be affected when you fill in the form and send it off.

Sue Barrett



Why are we here? Where are we from? Who are we really? Recent actions in the Federal Government have brought about a scrutiny of the validity of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed committee and our management team. With Section 44 playing loudly in Canberra, what is happening at the fortnightly committee meetings of the MPMS?

As members of the MPMS, we are all constrained to research our history, our heritage, our ancestry, to determine just who we are ... as opposed to who do we *think* we are. The political and public discourse is at fever pitch.

Questions are being asked of the founding members of MPMS. How far in our genealogy should we go back? Barnaby's dad was a Kiwi. Who was your dad, or your granddad, or your grandmother? Some of us may have very nefarious backgrounds - what might we discover about our heritage, our ancestors?

Most of us don't have the luxury of knowing that our ancestors have been here for 65,000 years. Many of us can only go back to the colonisation of Australia - so, where did those early settlers come from? Even more of us have parents who came to Australia seeking a better way of life following World War II.

The MPMS must take on the Constitution. We must take a stand here in true Australian Men's Shed Association tradition and stand 'shoulder to shoulder' to confront this incursion on our psyche. We have the ability to take on the world. We have Truth and Justice as our foundation. Who can stop us in our tracks? This has to be sorted out once and for all. Let us remember the Eureka Stockade!

How many of our members and prospective members have been denied voting rights because of their heritage? Just because our forefathers came to Australia as explorers, convicts, sailors, immigrants, indentured workers, ten-pound-Poms or 'jumped ship', surely we cannot be denied the right to vote at our AGM.

However, can one detect a stirring in the ranks? There seems to be a rumour that members on the MPMS committee may have dual citizenship, or were born outside South Australia or, more centennially, do not reside within the town borders of Mount Pleasant.

Questions must be asked. Does Springton fall within the boundary of Mount Pleasant and, if not, should Springton members be involved in the decision-making of our projects? Can residents of Cromer, who consider



themselves a satellite state within South Australia, join the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed? People living just out of town, over Horwoods Road, are in the Mid Murray Council and the electorate of Barker. How can we contend with *aliens* cooking our barbecues? Our committee meetings have turned to chaos. Could this dissolve into a plebiscite? Our Treasurer was born in NSW and regularly travels interstate. Who does he converse with 'over east'? Are there secret meetings with Tassie or NSW Men's Sheds or, 'God forbid', Lions or Rotarians while he is roaming 'foreign' territory?

Our WH&S officer has joined a choir in Lobethal, a town in the Adelaide Hills Council. Section 64A of the Constitution Act 1934 (SA) states that '*towns and districts can manage their own affairs*' - no mention of neighbouring councils. Previous to settling down on a property in Mount Pleasant, our yodeller gained a reputation droving in the Top End, singing to the herd on nightwatch. How can we be certain our Shed tenor is not singing to a different song-sheet while touring SA with the choir?

Our Chairperson lives in Springton and is considering moving to Victor Harbour. Apart from living outside the town boundary, who has he been confabbing with in Victor? The nucleus of our management team is under scrutiny and could force the cessation of all projects. We thought we were, so close to finishing the build of our shed - yet, now as it turns out, so far.

Take my own case. In 1745, John Macgowan of Sketch, Scotland, was granted a coat of arms with the crest, '*The Thistle Proper*', and the motto '*Juncta Arma Decori*' which literally translates as 'joined arms beauty'.



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On 23 Nov 1838, John's son, James, with wife Susannah and 8 children departed London on the 'Planter', a wooden 3-masted fully rigged sailing ship of 347 tonnes. After a disastrous voyage with storms, pirates and a mutiny, the 'Planter' arrived in Port Adelaide 6 months later on 16 May 1839. James took up a position as a teacher in a school situated where the entrance to Myer on North Terrace entrance is now situated. James and his family lived in a house in Stephens Place.

Now, my loyalties lie with the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed and I voted at the 2016 AGM. However, as I migrated from WA to SA in February 2012, was I eligible to vote? On top of that, my ancestors were from Scotland, and the Scots now don't want to Brexit and want to stay with the EU. A very tangled web.

I have a valid SA drivers licence; I was born in SA and was part of the Kybybolite Colt's footy team; my current postal and residential address is Mount Pleasant, yet I am a ratepayer of the Mid Murray Council, which has its headquarters in Cambrai. All these facts seem to be against me. I have an 'identity crisis' ... I don't stand a chance.

Think of our resident OBE recipients. Our retired Coach Captain recently traversed South Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australia meeting with travellers from across the world, visiting degenerates in outback Kimberley towns. Now, with his OBE recipient neighbour, Western Australia beckons in November. Is this to renew contacts made on a previous trip? Why is this trip necessary? Should they be pressured to reveal their real reasons for the journey? Are they merely following in the footsteps of Edward John Eyre and companion Wylie? We have to ask these questions.

With all the uncertainty, our group has come to a standstill. Governance is at rock bottom; bills cannot be approved and paid as authority to issue cheques may be conflicted; power could be cut off and we may have to bring in generators. We have reached a constitutional crisis. Secretary Don, (although we are not sure of his validity), has written to Premier Weatherill and Treasurer Koutsantonis, (I'd like to see *their* citizenship documents), seeking a feed-in to their new high-tech battery facility to tide us over. Our neighbouring Bowling Club has generously offered us the use of their ablution facilities.

However, this challenge must be replicating throughout the Men's Sheds of Australia and, in fact, the world. Again Secretary Don has come to the rescue, even though we still don't know if he is a valid member. Don has drafted an agenda item to be raised at the AMSA Conference on the Gold Coast on 29 September, which reads:

Any person who -

- (i.) is under any acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a neighbouring town, or is a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or citizen of a neighbouring town, outside of the Mount Pleasant town boundary: or
- (ii.) has an affiliation to a state or Territory of Australia other than Mount Pleasant, South Australia, or to a

Foreign Power:

- is permitted to vote in a regular Men's Shed committee meeting provided they sign an oath of allegiance to the relevant Men's Shed.

Hopefully, this agenda item will be voted on and unanimously passed so that the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed can return to normal. We are asking all members to vote 'Yes'.

The MPMS has a number of 'Special Projects' coming up. If you would like to learn more, come and visit us at the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market 'Spring Fair' on 23 September. Also, learn, from the professionals, all about men's health at 'Spanner in the Works? #3' and partake of our gourmet barbecue.



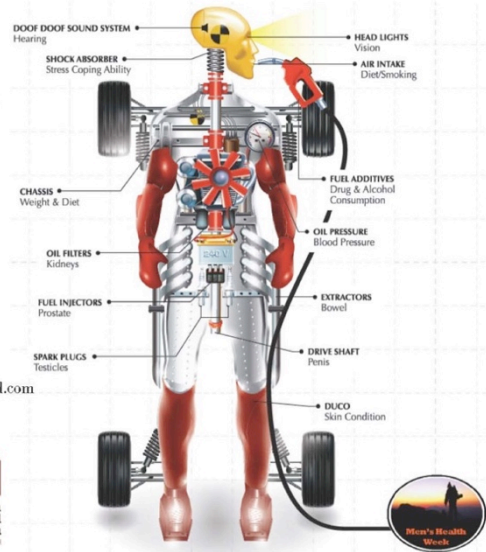
MOUNT PLEASANT MENS SHED

SPANNER IN THE WORKS #3
A FREE MENS HEALTH WORKSHOP
WHEN WAS YOUR LAST SERVICE?

DATE
Wednesday 4 October 2017
2.00pm and 5.30pm

VENUE
Mt Pleasant Soldiers' Memorial Hall

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INFO STALLS: Alzheimer's, Arthritis, Cancer Council, Cardiac, Continence, CoTA, Hearing, Optician, Prostate, Relationships, Stroke, Vet Affairs
MEDICAL: Mount Pleasant Hospital, Talunga Clinic and Mount Pleasant Pharmacy
CATERING: Tea and coffee all day – purchase an early evening meal from Crazy Chooks

MOUNT PLEASANT MEN'S SHED

From Terese Stephens -
Assistant Manager




**Mount Pleasant
FARMERS MARKET**

Following the success of the inaugural SA Spring Garden Festival last year, a second festival is going to be held at Mt Pleasant on Saturday 23rd September.

The festival will once again be supported by the Mt Pleasant Farmers Market, and will take place in conjunction with the regular Saturday market day. This year we are happy to have the support of the Nursery and Garden Industry of South Australia as well. The garden Festival will showcase a wide selection of plants, garden accessories and information to get you blooming and ready for Spring! Specialist Garden Clubs will also be in attendance along with a variety of plant supplies and nurseries. This will be a wonderful opportunity to find those hard-to-get plants, that something-different and get specialist garden advice.

We welcome customers from 8am – 3pm. The festival will give visitors and locals alike the wonderful experience of a spring day out in the Hills while browsing through a large variety of plants, flowers and gardening accessories. A good range of food stalls will be available until the festival ends with ample parking available, so come early and stay late.

Visitors will have the additional bonus of shopping the regular stalls of the weekly Farmers Market, enjoying the fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, honey, olive oil, wines, baked goods, dairy produce and other goodies on offer – farm direct. A gold coin donation will be requested for an entry fee, to the Farmers' Market which covers entry to the Garden Festival as well.

Guest Speakers will include Faye McGoldrick from the Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre, who will be talking about how insect hotels can create shelter for bees and other insects and how this contributes to our environmental protection. For stallholder or customer enquiries, go to the website www.springgardenfestival.com.au or contact Terese on 0418 301 121.

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*Entries close September 3, 2017.

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175 Recipes from Mt Pleasant

Often when people visit the History Room on a Thursday afternoon we are asked... Are you having a meeting?.... And I guess this is because there is much chatter going on... generally about things local, and often trying to think of things with regard to today's history (and that is even yesterday).

When planning sandwich fillings for the Violet Day High Tea, I came across an old suggestion of Peck's Paste, so I purchased a jar, and was reminded of earlier days of my marriage when I used to use this in sandwiches, but I decided to add a 'modern' touch, and mixed it with Cream cheese, producing something ideal for a dip, but also for sandwiches.

Recently when talking about the 175 years of Mount Pleasant District, someone mentioned recipes and so I thought it might be an idea to create a book of 175 Recipes from Mount Pleasant.

I have been clearing my mother's house and came across her recipe book and wondered if one of my favourite recipes was in there, Crumbed brains... I remember as a child, having seconds of this lovely delicacy. I could never bring myself to cook them, though, and so the skill my mother had, of producing something delicious from something that we now cringe at eating, has been lost, although when searching her recipe books I did find the recipe... but that still does not encourage me to give it a try. For a start, it is much harder to purchase offal these days, and I have become a modern cook, in that I rarely plan ahead, but I do manage to cook lamb's fry with bacon and

tomato and enjoy it as much now as I did when a child.

Part of the clear-out of my mother's property included a lemon and orange tree and so to use the fruit rather than have it sit until it deteriorates my daughter has made an old fashioned Lemonade, but really it is not unlike the kombucha that is now popular. Here is that recipe to start off our '175 Recipes from Mount Pleasant'...



9 cups water, three lemons cut in halves. Boil lemons in water, and while boiling add ½ kg of sugar, and stir until dissolved. Pour over two teaspoons of cream of tartar. Stir well. When cold bottle and cork tightly. Keep for two weeks, then it's ready for drinking.

The original recipe was submitted to the 'Green & Gold Recipe Book' by W. H. Chard. My copy is the 32nd edition, and I have given a copy to each of my daughters who occasionally use a basic recipe that they can't find in the modern cookery books. The Green & Gold was first printed in 1923 to raise funds for King's College and can still be purchased today.



If you have a recipe to share I would love to hear from you... contact Paula Bartsch on phone 0885682126, email ... pleasanthistory@gmail.com... Or visit me at the History Room on a Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm.

Paula Bartsch
Historian



**Not rewriting history—
but righting wrongs**

Defacing Captain James Cook's statue is not the way to go – redressing the facts might be more appropriate. What is happening in Australia is a far cry from what is happening in the US. The statues they are toppling are those of people who fought to keep slavery, therefore probably not the sort of people who should be lionised.

Community Dinner

The Ladies of the night had a rest from cooking this week, with The Crazy Chooks taking over the catering for the night. We had a great meal with roasted mixed potatoes, coleslaw and ribs, followed by a meringue – or for the adventurous – a truly scrummy Chocolate Chilli pudding. We had an almost capacity crowd and the night was filled with lots of laughs and catching up. Genevieve spoke about the 'Fund My Neighbourhood' initiative and urged everyone to get behind it (see article earlier). Back to the usual next month – but don't forget to look out for The Crazy Chooks for your next function!



John's not sure – Lea's saying "Take a risk!", while Craig's on it and Pam's pretty sure everything will work out right in the end! For Crazy Chooks catering enquiries, please contact: Pam Mattschoss – 0488 685 151 or Lea Barker – 0414 541 362



Angela Slagter

MP Community Dinners

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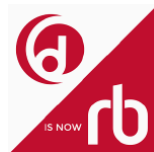
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MP - 175 years in 2018!

We will be celebrating Mount Pleasant's 175th Birthday in 2018. With several significant town buildings also celebrating milestones, we are interested in hearing if any organisations or individuals have any ideas or suggestions about how we may mark these events. Please contact Paula: e - info@mountpleasant.sa.au or t - 85682126

AGM: RSL



The AGM for the RSL will take place on Sunday 24th September at 5pm.

RSL is located at 156 Melrose Street, Mt Pleasant.





The Mt Pleasant CFS held its AGM on August 2nd and the meeting was well attended. Our elections were held, with all positions declared vacant, and key positions were filled for the next two years.

Our previous Captain, Peter Wilde, did not stand for re-election, and Andrew Easton, of Cromer, and an active dedicated member of brigade was elected un-opposed to The Captaincy. Hard-working and very capable Sue Streich was re-elected as Administration Co-ordinator also unopposed. There are four Lieutenants elected, ensuring availability of informed leadership in the various roles Brigade carries out every hour, of every day, every year. Andrew Easton was also chosen as Firefighter of the year, and awarded the ROGER GRIGG Memorial Shield. This award is not open to officers, but only to rank and file members who have exhibited dedication, application at training and on incidents, and clear commitment to community service within the CFS structure. The award was founded in memory of previous Captain, Roger Grigg of Mt. Pleasant, who provided many years of service and leadership when the brigade was still young.

Part of the outgoing Captain's report included brigade statistics for the year ended 30/06/2017:

We attended more than 90 incidents, this year predominately weather related, but with the usual smattering of road crash rescues, fires, and fallen trees across roadways, which equated to almost 500 member hours of active service in all weather conditions, and all hours of the day and night. That number does not include training hours, or community service such as Flag ceremonies at the Anzac Day Dawn Service, and on Australia Day. We also assist every year at the Mt Pleasant Annual Show and the Australian Rally Championship based on our area, and in the Mt Crawford forest plantation. For the past 16 years this event was based at the Talunga Park oval, but this year will move to a hard standing area adjacent to the Mt Crawford Forestry Depot.

Training in the Winter months is held from 7.00 p.m. every first and third Tuesday, and when a fifth Tuesday occurs, it takes the form of a social night, involving families and loved ones who give up so much family time, allowing our members to pursue the activities we offer in support of the community. These social functions are run and funded by the members, with great support from local pubs and businesses.

We continue to welcome new recruits, and offer full training and protective gear, with a choice of roles on offer. It's perhaps worth noting that no member is required to attend all incidents. We need radio operators and support people just as much as we need active firefighters and operators of the "Jaws of Life". If you have the desire to help, please be sure of a warm welcome on any training night, or contact Peter Wilde, (Brigade President) 04518251943, or Sue Streich, (Admin.) 0407978757.

The brigade welcomes the return of the Christmas Street Party on December 2nd and we are planning to offer hot and fresh Baked Spuds.

We thank all outgoing members, and we also thank our community for according us the honour and opportunity to continue the proud tradition of service the brigade has provided for decades.



Peter Wilde



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Are you interested in helping your community?
Do you want to be part of a dedicated team?

Mount Pleasant CFS are recruiting volunteers
Adults and Cadets are encouraged to apply

To find out how you can get involved please contact:
Sue Streich 0407 978 757

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Mt Pleasant CFS Comedy Night

7.00pm on Saturday 2nd September at the Soldiers Memorial Hall



Quotes from the 2015 event which was a huge success
"I almost wet myself laughing" - "It was all so real life comedy"

Get your friends and come and laugh the night away as 7 of Adelaide's multi award winning comedians keep you in stitches. Be entertained by Kehau Jackson, Michael Bowley, Mike Klimczak, Fabien Clark, Joshua Warrior, Maggie Wood & Rich Naberhood

Not suitable for children under 15 years

Tickets just \$25.00. BYO drinks and supper. Tea and coffee provided.
Tickets from www.ticketebo.com.au/mtpleasantcfs or at the Mt Pleasant Post Office

Netball



Expressions of interest wanted from any and all wishing to play, coach or assist with Summer Netball 2017/18 Season. Also looking for donations for raffle prizes for our end of year raffle. Please contact Sam Schultz on 0417851790 or mtplanetballclub@gmail.com



Over the Top

We held another really productive meeting, with all the conveners happy with the results thus far. Sponsorship monies have been promised and we will have some great raffle prizes available. Kath and her crew are working their way through their lists and we are very pleased with the response. If you would like to sponsor or donate, please call on 85682 294. We have got a great range of food and craft stalls – but there is still plenty of time to register your stall. Please call Nicole on 0427 511 816.

The entertainment is largely booked and organised, but we are still open to suggestions. Please call 0403012339 if you have any ideas.

Street Party Group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Check mountpleasant.sa.au under 'latest news' for notes from the meetings: mp.streetparty@gmail.com

There will be a Quiz night in the SM Hall on 9th September. Get your groups ready! Jules Montgomery will be organising the night and is always glad of helpers. Murray Henderson will be the Quiz Master for the night – and be warned – he takes no prisoners! You will be guaranteed of a fun night and know that all monies raised will be going to the community!

I knew how I wanted to live my life,
when my hair was long. Blonde and curly,

But somehow in living, I just 'lost the plot' and I may just have peaked too early!

It all went sour on a week interstate, joining mates who can booze night and noon,
Confident I could keep up with the pace, and this time, NOT peak too soon!

"Go hard or go home" said the love of my life, "You just need to see out the week."

Suzi was coasting and toasting along, but I was approaching my peak.

My woman, in most ways so lovely, knows just how to shatter my peace,

Reminds me "Roddi, dear Roddi, you know it's catch, kiss and release!"

Suze on tambourine, me on late-night guitar, the reds and the whites flowed non-stop.

While we danced and romanced well past the hour, when I peaked and went over the top.

She asked for a red Savi Blanc (????), my guitar hand was shaky and numb,

"I'm having a stroke", was my anxious thought, "I've peaked, and my time has come!"

So despite age and wisdom I tarried, knowing full well I should stop,

And worse, despite all that advice, I carried on over the top.

Next day, we stood on red cliffs in the sun, popped the cork from champagne

And I knew in a heartbeat I probably would, peak a bit early again.

Those bloody wine-wise crow eaters, quaffing cheap wine, night, morning and noon,

Though I paced myself, almost disgraced myself, and alas once again, peaked too soon.

So all that remains is to plot my revenge, when I get them to old Sydney town,

I'll teach them a bit about peaking too soon – I love 'em, BUT THEY'RE GOING DOWN!!!



Pete

– the Peripatetic poet



More from Pete next month.

POP UP OP SHOP

It seemed like a good idea at the time... The Ladies of the Night were chatting one night – as you do – when one of us had the bright idea of staging a Pop Up Shop. Seems to be the thing nowadays, and with the proliferation of Buy, Swap and Sell sites, on the face of it, a good idea. So – a half an hour later, it was decided that we'd hold one in August, as there wasn't much on...

We weren't sure how it would go and only planned for a quick Friday night effort, then stallholders were asking to extend it to Saturday, so we thought "Why not?"

Despite the cold, we got a great roll up and due to popular demand, we've decided to hold another on in October – in conjunction with a Car Boot Sale. So, if you've got some old tat you want to get rid of, or you're convinced you'll find something for fifty cents that turns out to be worth a fortune, check the signs for October and start organising!



A few pics from early on Friday night. We had a great roll out, and had to turn people away on Saturday. See you in October! Stallholder enquiries: 0407 682 428



Springton's



A few pics from the Springton SALA opening on 30 July.



Welcome to the new Hairdresser! Things are happening in our little village – and it seems more may be on the way. Welcome!

And don't forget to Shop Local!



Recycled Mosaics Workshop

Sunday 17th & 24th September 2017, Mount Pleasant

Info & bookings click here: [trybooking](#)



Natural Dye Workshop

Sunday 22nd October 2017, Mount Pleasant

Info & bookings: [trybooking](#)

Recreate Wirework Sculpture

Sunday 5th November 2017, Mount Pleasant

Info & bookings: [trybooking](#)



A Home for the Birds: Habitat & Garden Sculpture

Sunday 26th November, 2017, Mount Pleasant

Info & bookings: [trybooking](#)



Insect Hotel Workshop

One for the big kids! After many requests we have scheduled an adult / young adult Insect Hotel Workshop. Click here: [trybooking](#) for more info & bookings.

Insect Hotel Workshop: Sunday 3rd September, Mount Pleasant, 10am to 2pm



What's on in September...



Looking for a local?
 Pick up your copy of **085**
White / Yellow pages
 @ **Landmark**, Mt Pleasant.

Barossa Valley Family Support Meetings

*Do you have someone in your family or a friend affected by drug addiction or you think they are?
 Not too sure what to do or where to go to get some help or information?*

Family Drug Support (FDS) is a not for profit organisation with funding assistance from Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA) who provide support and information meetings for families who are struggling with loved one's drug and alcohol addiction.

The meetings will be run by Kath Ashton (OAM) from Family Drug Support. Next meeting: 6 - 8 pm Mon 11 September @ St Jakobi Lutheran School Lyndoch Valley Rd Lyndoch. (More info next newsletter)

Events

Date	Event	Details
2 nd Sep	CFS Comedy Night!	SM Hall
9 th Sep	Quiz Night	SM Hall
18 th Sep	Street Party meeting	7.30pm, SM Hall
23 rd Sep	Spring Garden Festival	All day - Talunga Park

Meetings

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

* Please note that in Winter, CFS training is fortnightly.

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
Art Group	10-2, 2 nd & 4 th Friday @ MP Library
* CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Community Dinners Group	1 st Tuesday, 6.30pm @ Mt Pleasant Hotel Motel
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	1 st Monday @ Talunga Park
Writer's Group	10-12am, 2 nd & 4 th Thursday @ Library

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