



When's it going to slow

This month we've had our fabulous Show and the Twilight Market, not to mention the Fringe, Adelaide Festival, WOMAD and Adelaide 500. The Show just seems to go from strength, to strength, and just about everyone I know was involved in some way. It's a very big commitment for many locals – for some it never ends, and for others, it is just on the day. Whatever your role was, we thank you, as trite as it sounds – it wouldn't happen without you. That said I'm sure the Show committee would welcome volunteers for next year! The Twilight Market was the place to be on Thursday night and many people took advantage of the mild weather to pick up supplies for the long weekend, and sit outside and enjoy a great meal and some lively entertainment.

This month we have a new event with Cells and Cellar-brations. This is an initiative of Chris and Steve Birrell, who are the owners of the Old Police station, and they are inviting people to join them between 11 and 3 on Sunday the 15th of April as we all celebrate it's 150th Birthday. The Clarinet Quartet of the Band of the South Australia Police will be there, as will a group from the South Australian Police Historical Society. Quite a few local groups will be in attendance either providing food or goods, and there will also be a variety of stalls offering things as diverse as maps and shawls, jewellery and personal products. It should be a wonderful event – and all monies raised will either go to the groups and individuals who are holding the stalls, or the Mount Pleasant Historical Research Group.

The RSL will once again host the Anzac Dawn Service at 6.15am on the 25th of April – please join them in honouring those who serve or have fought for our country, and afterwards check out the display in the hall, whilst enjoying one of their legendary Gunfire Breakfasts.

Paula is still collecting recipes for the 175 Recipes Project – pass them on via the details on the back page. We've got some rippers so far – including Genevieve's Christmas Pudding and Pauline's Sticky Date Pudding. Kath keeps threatening to add her mum's scone recipe – which may or may not be worth the effort – but as long as she parts with her wonderful Lemon Slice recipe – I'll be happy.

We'd like to welcome new Publicans Ore & Vicki who have taken over the Mount Pleasant Hotel / Motel – we wish them well and look forward to some of the new ideas they have in the pipeline. (More next newsletter.) We also welcome Dorothy Stratman who has set up shop 'Just About Everything' in the old Chemists' shop. Dot has a huge range of goods and bric-a-brac on offer - pop in for a browse and a chat – she'd love to meet you. She is also hoping to host some Craft classes – more information as it comes to hand. She's open from Wednesday to Sunday.

Please check out the Community Events and the Bits and Bobs pages as there are lots more interesting things happening.

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+ Coming events

May:

- History Month! Bus Tour & History Display
- Medieval Fair
- Girls Day In & Fashion Parade (Springton)

SA Youth Week (SAYW)
13-22 April 2018



opinion

What's a reputation worth nowadays?

As the debate about ball tampering continues, so does the other debate about why we revere sportspeople so much. There are people telling us to get over ourselves when we express enormous disappointment in now ex-Captain Smith, Warner, Bancroft and ex-Coach Lehmann, railing against our concentration on this when there are far weightier issues we should be devoting all our time to - like helping asylum seekers and fixing the tax system. As far as I know those who were, are all still supporting those causes and we're just having a whinge about cheating. We don't like that people we held in high esteem have now sullied our collective good name in the world sporting arena, and those involved have now paid a heavy price - as they should. There will be no endorsements, no careers (in the near future - but that will change) national and IPL, and maybe only Fox will offer commentating as a part time job in the future. That's potentially a massive amount of money lost for Smith, Warner and Lehmann - although I think Bancroft will have some sort of cricketing career in the future - if someone else doesn't step up - and there are heaps waiting in the wings.

What is a reputation worth? Most of us would say everything. Only people like Trump seem oblivious to the carnage that they create by doing everything a statesman shouldn't, and they are enabled by keeping those who support them close, and firing their opponents.

I am doing volunteer work with teenagers who are disengaged learners, and their reputations with their school and occasionally with their families are often tarnished. Most of them have had horrible home lives, some have learning difficulties, and others have mental health issues. Overwhelmingly they are people worth helping. We played a game called Superhero last time I was there, and it was very interesting watching the interactions of these boys, and encouraging debate about which superhero / superpower combination would ultimately triumph. Amazingly, the quietest student was the eventual winner, and even the student who had some really crummy cards found some good in it. We had a lot of laughs and some spirited debate, and it augers well for some other things we have planned later on. These kids have to rebuild their reputations, their teachers' faith in them, maybe their parents' faith in them, because a lot of what they do is annoying, disrupting, sometimes harmful and self-destructive, but it can also be a cry for help. Success for them may be judged very differently from what you may deem successful, as it may be things like getting their car licence, holding down a job, paying the rent, or just not losing their temper, but every small gain will be celebrated. If you have ever thought you might like to help young kids succeed - in any way - there are many groups which would welcome caring volunteers, and a good place to start may be with the local school or council.

Be aware that you may need to apply for a Criminal History check - which you can do online. It may cost you a little, but many organisations are willing to pay. Good luck.

Congratulations Stephan

To our local member Stephan Knoll MP

(pronounced Knoll - who knew?), who has been re-elected for the state seat of Schubert.

Stephan is a popular member who has been very active in the community and we wish him every success in his new portfolios of Minister for



Transport, Infrastructure and local Government and Minister for Planning. He is also a member of the Executive Council.

Stephan's brothers were out in force at the Mt Pleasant polling booth on election day, causing many people to do a double take, as there is a very strong family resemblance. Maybe his Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) was helpful in this case - as they all seemed to have shopped in the same place for their glasses... or is this some ploy...

Voters may also have noticed that former Speaker Michael Atkinson was also there handing out for the Labor party before he had to dash off to the Collinswood Hilton (ABC) to join Antony Green in the election coverage.

For my part I would like to say thank you to our voting public, who are getting so much better at

1. Recycling - bringing back their 'How to Vote' cards for those who were handing out (including me).
2. And also for understanding that the people who hand out the 'How to Vote' cards aren't there to scare them, or try and bludgeon them over the head with opposing views.

We were all there to do a service, it was a lovely day, and everyone played nice.

Thank you also to 86 year old Pam Kelly, who is one of the most engaged and interesting people I know. In between handing out for the Greens with me on that day, Pam was caring for husband Paul, who is not so well these days. She is an example to us all.

Sue Barrett



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A great night out for food lovers – and lovers of all ages because as John Bowd pointed out, it was the night before a Blue Moon. We enjoyed balmy weather and those of us who decided to stay and buy dinner were entertained by Lochy Neale, who serenaded us with some smooth tunes.



There are some great characters at our Market – check out the Market Facebook page for more pics!

Men's Shed-ding

..we have all the answers!

There is no doubt that the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed has all the answers. At our regular Wednesday meetings, discussion turns to the concerns within our Council boundaries, our state, our nation and, indeed, across the world.

It amazes me that neither Malcolm Turnbull or Donald Trump have turned up for a cup of tea on a Wednesday morning to delve into the ever expanding minds of our intelligent and very 'common-sensical' members. As one sage has pronounced, the beauty of being older is that, although it takes longer, the answer is more thorough.



When the bureaucrats in authority are not heeding the advice of the wise, then perhaps we have to take the next step. We need to mount a challenge. Through our membership, we need the combined wisdom and knowledge of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed in the halls and lobbies of power and the very seat of democracy. We need our own representation so that our voice is heard! We need an Action Plan!



The recent polling upsets around the world give testament to the belief that there is a change in the mindset of people's thinking. People want more from their elected members, they want change, they want recognition, they want accountability, they want trust and in, the Southern Barossa, they want the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed. Having studied successful election campaigns across our nation, we understand the need for timely, actionable intelligence, to bring into focus the right message and resources to the most persuadable 'swing voters' in order to get the results we want.



As with the political advisers of Trump and Putin, the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed also has a data analysis programme, Cromer Analytica, that seeks out what is trending in the community. Developed by former teacher and now MPMS Events Coordinator, Murray Henderson, the programme aims to combine his classroom experience in research, classroom political campaigns, strategic communications and the Justices walking group into a crusade. Murray sought the metal detecting experience of Les Fisher to a system of parallel data mining that will deliver a level of winning strategies. Cromer Analytica is able to harness that information, compartmentalise the statistics and then release that intelligence back into the community through behaviour changing messages in a form that persuades voters to endorse our 'voice', our representative.

And it will all be done locally, because our Facebook and Twitter equivalents are the Mount Pleasant Post Office notice board, and the MP Beat.

The carnage that Mount Pleasant is encountering at the hands of boards, committees and agencies far removed from our town has left us with a shortfall in many areas. Mount Pleasant needs to rise up and tackle the issues head on and the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed is ready to accept that challenge.



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But what was the question? From p 4

We have farmers who have faced the ravages of droughts, bushfires and floods now willing to take on the role of elder statesmen in our enclave, the Southern Barossa. Our members include tradesmen who have worked around our nation, members who have spent all their lives in our town, technicians who have served our country, former public servants, small business owners, engineers, architects and chefs, some with access to the highest levels of business and government, all combining with new arrivals to bring a wealth of knowledge waiting to be tapped into.



At another level, we have direct pathway into the media, our own workshop to fabricate the core-flutes and noticeboards. Barry Liddicoat's gourmet sausage signs entice customers to our food stalls and will now draw voters to our cause.

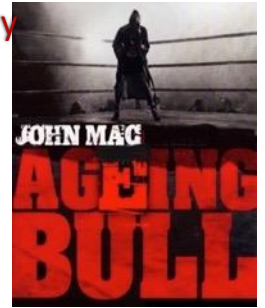


We are ready, we are willing, we have leadership. We are the people and we are on the march. We have built our Men's Shed and now we have the ability and capacity of our members to re-build the integrity and full potential of our town, Mount Pleasant.



I stated at the onset that we at the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed have all the answers. The only obstacle that we now see is that no-one is asking us the questions.

Men's Shed – now open every Wednesday!



Mt Pleasant

Hotel/Motel

We welcome new publiquans to the Mt Pleasant Hotel / Motel – and it was a balmy night recently when a bunch of locals decided to check out the deck and grab a meal.



April Falls Event

Thursday April 5

COTA SA • 16 HUTT STREET • ADELAIDE •



Light Lunch provided 12noon - 1pm

Morning Session

- 10 am Welcome and Housekeeping
- 10:10 am Frailty & Risks of Falls
- 10:35 am Medicines and Falls
- 11:00 am Importance of strength and balance exercises
- 11:15 am Introduction to the Balance Mat
- 11:30 am Testing on the Balance Mat

Afternoon Session

- 1-3pm Balance Mat overview for organisations, demonstration of the Balance Mat and Computer readouts. How would it work at your site? Opportunity to try the system
- Please call 8232 0422 or email events@cotasa.org.au to book in for a session.





175 settlement



History Month

Bus Tour: Cemeteries & Graveyards

Thursday 10th May from 9.30am to 4pm.

If you enjoy visiting cemeteries & graveyards then you will enjoy an interesting tour with us to the cemeteries at Mount Pleasant, Tungkillo, Mannum and Palmer. Help us find some special memorials to those who served as soldiers, and we can place a poppy garland on these graves. Lunch will be at your cost at the Pretoria Hotel, Mannum, which has a beautiful view of the river from its dining area.

Members of the Mannum History Group will join us there and take us to the Mannum cemetery. We will then travel the backroads to Summerfield and Palmer, visiting the Lutheran churches and graveyards along the way, before returning to Mount Pleasant. The Cost of the tour is \$35, plus your lunch. Join our group of like-minded people for a chatty, interesting occasion.



History Month Display

From the 12th to the 17th May - 10am to 4pm

Peruse the hidden treasures that we have in our collection and appreciate the history of this region. Learn a little of the first families who settled in the district.

Entry is free, but all donations are gratefully accepted.



To find out what is on during SA's History Festival – download the app from SA History.



+ The '175 Recipes' Project

Don't forget to send Paula your recipes for the '175 Recipes' Book! info@mountpleasant.sa.au We've had a great response so far, and we're looking forward to hearing your stories and trying the results. We'd like to have them in as soon as possible so we can collate and print them.



Mount Pleasant District Historical Research Group

Paula Bartsch
Historian

MPDHRG on bbbfm



A couple of weeks ago Paula and Sue were interviewed by Mt Pleasant local Paul Paulenas, during his Community Conversations radio show. They spoke about Mt Pleasant and the Farmers' Market and even got to mention what's coming up during History Month! Paul is an enthusiastic local and a great advocate for his home town.

* Even though Mt Pleasant is a bit of a 'black spot', you are able to live stream from bbbfm.com.

Community Association

A meeting was held in the Westphalen Room to elect some new office bearers for the Association. They are as follows:

- Paula Bartsch – Chairperson
- Kath Fisher – Vice Chairperson
- Paul Johnson – Treasurer
- Di Anderson – Public Officer & Vice treasurer
- Sue Barrett – Secretary.

This body is essentially an umbrella organisation for several small groups including the Australia Day Group and the Mount Pleasant District Historical Research Group. It is anticipated that there may be a few other small groups who wish to join with us – if so please come to the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday the 18th of April at 6.30pm in the Westphalen Room. We welcome anyone who wishes to be involved in any way.



Community Dinner

We had a smaller than usual crowd, but you wouldn't have known it from the noise and laughter. The meal as usual was wonderful and there was a ton of chocolate up for grabs with the raffle. Come to the next one and help us celebrate 3 years of Community Dinners!



Just About Everything

Dorothy Stratman (pictured right) has been a nurse in a private hospital for 33 years – and if that wasn't challenging enough, decided that she really needed to open a shop – with just about everything! Dot opened her shop (in the old Chemists' building) last week and people are sure to find something they want amongst her huge collection. Dot is also thinking about starting some craft classes and hopes to be able to have some news on that front in the very near future. Stay tuned!



Pete's Poems

Melbourne Long Week



You can see the hazy horizon as the plane comes in to land.
You see beaches so tiny and grimy, you can barely see any sand.

But Melbourne's not too bad to visit, lots of places to eat,
With sushi, one of my favourites, to be found on every street.

But there's dark long haired ladies. One of my favourite sights,
Bobbing along on the pavements, with rips in the legs of their tights.

Apparently that's the height of fashion now, so I was ahead of my time,
'Cause most of MY gear had plenty of rips, before I had turned nine!

Free trams cheerily clanging away in the heart of the C.B.D.,
As if they were put there specially, to transport the Bride and me.

But WE rode all the way to St Kilda, to look at the strip and the beach,
Found bacon with three eggs for breakfast, plus lattes – just ten dollars each.

So if your pockets are full, and they're deep, go to Melbourne it's really quite nice,
Just leave a few dollars to come home to, well at least, that's my advice!



Cricket Season..

I really will retire this year – we've such a lot to do.
And I really fancy Saturdays spent, around the place with you.
The garden layout's almost done, the bobcat almost gone,
So the Cricket Club can just get by without me from now on!
I've had a darn good innings really, pursued my boyhood dreams,
Now it's time I helped you out more here, and put away 'The Creams'.
The 'thwack' of ball on willow, such a satisfying sound
The bobble of the cherry as it races across the ground –
Never was a threat to Warney, never thought to lead Australia,
But I've rolled the arm enough to think, I never was a failure!
But, Saturdays at home with you? Ah that sounds good to me –
Besides the back and throwing arm, aren't what they used to be.
Excuse me dear. Just take a break, don't work on all alone,
I'll just go in and see who that is, on the telephone!

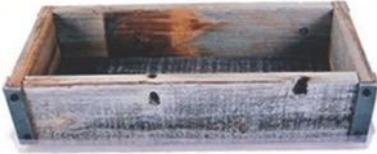


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Urr ... That's The Skipper... seems they're stuck. Hate to leave you shifting loam,
Just do your best to spread it out, and I won't be late back home.
No, don't get tea and later on, we'll go out for a bite.
I hate to leave the grass uncut, but I won't be late tonight.
The midnight hour has come and gone, she nods beside TV,
He's with the boys down at The Club – has copped an injury.
Ah Cricket and the Lions, so hard to give away
And I've told them they can count on me again, next Saturday!



Pete – The Peripatetic Poet

BITS & Bobs



Mount Pleasant Dance Group Charity Dances 2018



April 8th, October 14th, December 2nd
August 11, 12 & 13th –
Weekend of Dance.



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Mt Pleasant Spinners &



Meets Wednesdays from 10 to 3 in the
St Johns Church Hall.

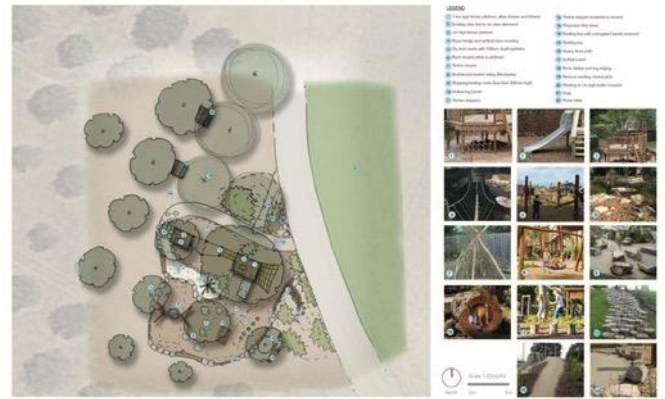
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Or Jackie 0435 095 587

Please help support the building of a Nature Play Space at Collier Park, Palmer

A nature playspace in Palmer will provide unique developmental, growth and tourist opportunities, for the region. Being a small town with limited social outlets, the playspace will provide a platform for children and families to unite, in turn building a sense of community connectedness. The concept design (picture below) was developed by the local community in response to recent data which showed an alarming 1 in 3 children in Mid Murray are developmentally vulnerable (AECD). Collier Park is a tourist attraction for campers and day-trippers and with the proposed wind farm in progress numbers will

PALMER OVAL PLAYSPACE

WAX



The Mt Pleasant Netball Club is looking for a Junior coach for our U13s and U11s. Our juniors need someone who is willing to commit

and support them through this season. It is such a positive and rewarding job watching the girls progress and grow. Can you or



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT



Barrie Mills would like to contact those who once worked for the PMG Department, who live in and around Mount Pleasant, with a view to having a get together. If you know Barrie – this could be fun! Please contact him via info@mountpleasant.sa.au, and we'll pass it on.



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A great resource in times of stress.



On Wednesday 2nd May, the Winter Bowls season will be starting. Every Wednesday starting from 12.30pm, with a \$5 entry fee.

A great way to keep fit and meet people – all welcome!



191 Bank Road, Sedan. (Even if you miss this one – check them out on Facebook for the next event.)



Our next monthly dinner at the Elysian Springs cellar door is Saturday 7th April. Get a friend or two together and come along for an evening of good food, great wines and live music - from 5 to 9. Be sure to book your tickets via the link from Facebook or on our website: www.elysiansprings.com.au to secure your spot.



Celebrating 150 years of the
Old Police Station & Cells

27 Melrose Street
Sunday 15 April - 11am to 3pm

- The Band of the SA Police - Clarinet Quartet
- The SA Police Historical Society
- Vintage Police Vehicles



Please note: The old Police Station is now a Private Residence.



6.15am, 25 April - SM Hall

Join us to commemorate those who served, and those who are still serving. The Dawn service will be followed by a Gunfire Breakfast, then the traditional Two Up games, and our Huge Raffle. There will also be a large display of Military memorabilia.

Merry Schaeffer
Mt Pleasant RSL Anzac Committee



First meeting for 2018! 7.30pm, Wednesday 18th April in the Westphalen Room (after the Community Association meeting).

All Welcome!



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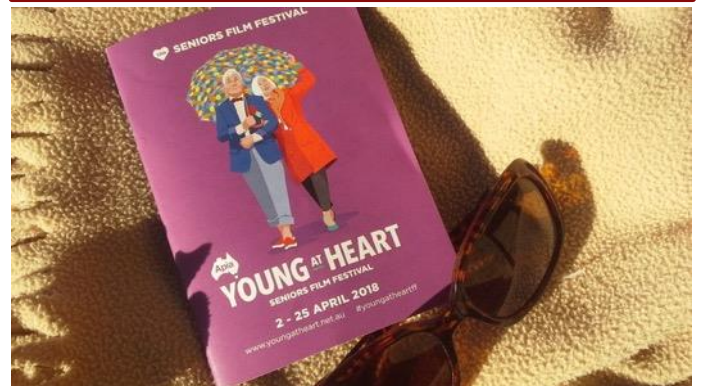
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Sat 5th & Sun 6th May



What's on in April...



CWA coup



The CWA will be hosting an event which will be attended by the President of the Associated Country Women of the World – Australian Ruth Shanks AM.

With consultative status at the United Nations, ACWW gives women a voice at international level through its links with United Nations agencies. ACWW has over 450 member societies active in over 70 countries.

Events

Date	Event	Details
1 st April	Sunday at the Barn	Open mic – from 11am at Sedan
7 th April	Elysian Springs Dinner	Saturday Session Dinner: 5 to 9
14 th April	Dave Prior – Laughs & Music	7 pm, Tungkillo Hall - stickytickets
15 th April	Cells & Cellar-brations	11-3, Old Police Station, Melrose St
18 th April	Community Association meeting	6.30pm, Westphalen Room
18 th April	Street Party meeting	7.30pm, Westphalen Room
25 th April	Anzac Dawn Service	From 6.15am @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
29 th April	Community Dinner – 3rd Birthday!	Talunga Park Pavilion: 6 to 8

Meetings

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

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Community Dinner Group	1 st Tuesday, 6.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd Tuesday
Men's Shed	Every Wednesday @ The Men's Shed
MP District History	1-4pm, every Thursday @ History Room, 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 Spinners & Craft Group	St John's Church Hall, 10-3 on Wednesdays
MP Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Pleasant Painters	10-2, 2 nd & 4 th Friday @ MP Library
Red Cross	1.30pm, 4 th Thursday @ SM Hall
RSL Social	2 nd Tuesday Social gathering
RSL Meeting	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	Please email: mrdonblataceaser@gmail.com

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