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Farewell George

Vale to our favourite (and only)
(Honorary) Lumberjack

A couple of weeks ago we farewelled Life Member George Harrison. George was an inaugural and integral part of the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed, and no Community Dinner was complete without him and daughter Leona. His funeral was held at Ridgehaven, as restrictions had been eased slightly, the funeral home was able to accommodate around fifty, whilst due to the wonders of modern technology, livestreamed back to the Men's Shed, to interstate relatives, and a little house in Western Australia.

George's son Adrian gave a heartfelt account of some of the wonderful times he shared with George, and we could all understand the devastation he, Leona, and the other members of George's close family were feeling. George was larger than life, and it's so hard to know that we'll never see that sly grin again, or hear those dry words. The Shedders are already feeling it – especially as they all have to step up with the cleaning!

Murray delivered the eulogy on behalf of the Shedders, and we've included it below. *(John Mac has also sent us a special article from the Wild West, and you'll find that on page 2.)*

My name is Murray Henderson, and I am the President of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed. George was a foundation member of this shed. He started at the inaugural meeting with 5 other men in October 2012 where they met in the shed behind the Mount Pleasant Library. They decided that they would meet on a fortnightly basis and this has gone on since then. George became the first treasurer although later decided that this was not his forte – so he passed it on to John Bowd. As a member he was instrumental in raising well over \$20,000.00 for the shed through wood collection, delivery and sales, along with Bob Long. His participation in all activities was second to none. The times at the Farmers Market gate are the times that are to be treasured, by me and others. His tales of his travels with Barrie and family brought much laughter. Repairing the most unrepairable vehicles especially Bob Long's tractor, and his experiences of driving buses.

He participated to a large extent in the construction of and refurbishment of the Rockleigh School and a ramp for the church. He had a major input into the construction of the shed as it stands today -please look at the two books I have brought for your viewing*. He never failed to be involved in and develop new ideas and projects, one of which the 707 train, is on display at Talunga Park. George was the only one who could get in it and get it to drive. He did this by getting under the train, using cameras that gave wrong directions, right would show left and vice versa, but for all that it was a great hit at the Mount Pleasant Street Parade and the Lobethal Pageant. You could count on George at any time. He was quick to get things to a conclusion in meetings, and I always remember him saying, and I quote "Let's get the F??? on with it." At the opening of the new shed on the 14th of February 2018 he was made a Life Member, this brought some tears to his eyes.



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I would like to quote now from Robbie Burns, not the whole poem but the last verse of "A Man's a Man for a 'that". The poem is about people and where they come from, rich or poor.

Then let us pray that come it may
(as it comes it will for a 'that')
That Sense and Worth o'er a' the earth
Shall bear the gree (profit) and a 'that
For a' that an a' that
It coming yet for a 'that
That Man to Man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a 'that."

George was a highly respected and well thought of member of the shed and I am proud to deliver this eulogy on behalf of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed.

Murray Henderson

** (The books Murray referenced are available to be viewed at the Men's Shed, when it is open.)*

George is watching over us

The message was urgent and to the point – South Australia needs you!

While out plucking a stray dead ram, John Bowd took a double take at the text message; a joint communiqué from Ken Hinkley and Matthew Nicks. The coaches were worried about the impending AFL 'pod' on the Gold Coast and The Power and The Crows needed an edge on the Queensland teams who would be playing 'at home'.

John jumped into his ute, drove down to Adelaide oval and wandered through the change rooms after the showdown. Kicking aside old jockstraps and chancey socks, stained headbands, half empty liniment tubes and dried orange skins, he tried to absorb the atmosphere, harking back to his days with his head jammed between the buttocks of a rugby scrum. There was something here; he just had to sort it out from the smell of plucking dead sheep, the shiny side-by-side urinal in the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed and the minute steak President Murray had left out from the last barbecue.

Driving back to Mount Pleasant, singing and snipping along to country music on his tape machine seeking inspiration, JB's tangled mind zapped as if hit by a thunderbolt from above. He could sense George trying to tell him something - to turn on the ABC. Looking around, John ejected the tape and tuned into 891 to hear a PM reporter speaking about a bloke in Queensland who had built a kookaburra in his back yard, loaded it onto a 6x4 trailer and was towing it around the local cane farms and avocado orchards, dodging the cane toads. JB thought that this was a good yarn, put the tape back in, grasped his tin snips and joined in with Slim to sing 'Ringer from the Top End'.

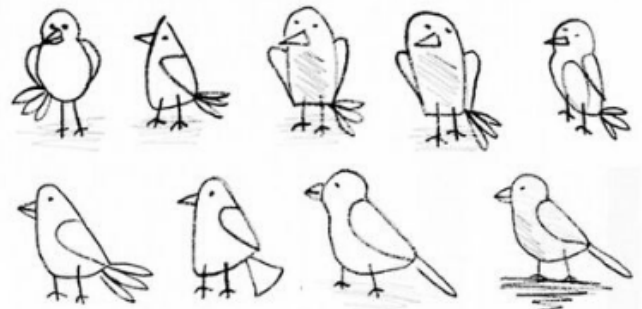
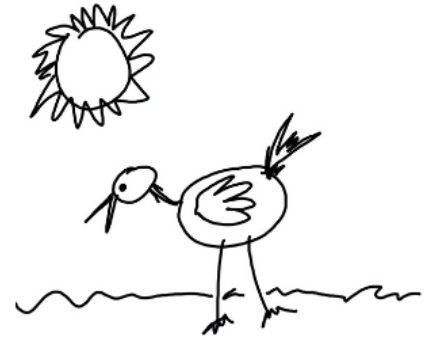
Driving into Mount Pleasant John noticed Barr(ie) Mills in a distressed state lying on the bench out the front of the Post Office. John swung to the side of the road and asked Barr(ie) what the problem was, thinking he must have dropped his paper bagged bottle of red, as he kept whispering that George had sent him a message – 'get JB to build a magpie and a crow'. Then the prompting John had received from George to listen to the ABC and Barr(ie)'s mutterings became clear. With George's message hammering at his ravaged senses and

plumbing the depths of his creative mind, JB visualised that with the muscle of the MPMS and Barr(ie)'s culinary expertise, the honor of SA's football teams could be saved.

After receiving the encrypted message from George, the creator of the Trojan Horse, the Steam Locomotive, Simpson and his Donkey and the Mount Pleasant Rocket answered the call of our two AFL teams. That night after giving Barr(ie) a lift home, with the help of a 'Chateau Cardboard' red, John drew a couple of sketches on the back of an expired tinea cream prescription, sharpened up his tin-snips, trimmed his toenails, placed the snips within easy reach and set his alarm for an early start.

Next morning at the Shed, Chairman Murray called together a hurried quorum to counter the banana-benders building of a laughing jackass. It was decided that with the help of the Mount Pleasant

Primary School woodworking crew, JB and Barr(ie) would build two SA icons and the MPMS Walking Group would form a convoy and transport the mascots to QLD in time for the footy games. Bill Bartsch sent out a special edition of the activity list and Sue Barrett and Paula Bartsch were alerted to reserve space in the MP Beat for a 'Newsflash'.



Back in the workshop, JB's rugged features lit up and he cracked a wry gladiatorial grin when Barr(ie) diverted from his constitutional walk to discuss tactics. For his part of the task ahead, Barr(ie) promised to keep the kettle boiling for noodle soup and a pannikin of red topped up to ensure their brains remained focused throughout the marathon project. Like two mallee stumps, JB's gnarled hands pinned his sketches to the wall, raised the pannikin to his chapped lips, quaffed the red, pulled his trusty tin snips from the tooled holster on his belt and started snipping. His creative juices flowed as the shavings of corrugated iron flew. Hartley Ramm and Kim Yap kept the CFS on standby in case the corrugated iron shavings started spot fires around the Shed and Roger Trudgen fired up the barbie.

While John and Barr(ie) went into lockdown for two days, watched over by George, with some adjustments by Barry Liddicoat the sketches John had drawn came to life. Bob Long and Les Fisher were on hand to replenish supplies, quaff a pannikin of red and to help lift the finished creations onto trailers and to secure and label them ready for the long haul to QLD.

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Steeped in mystery, as the heavily camouflaged road train eased out of town and motored north, a Collingwood supporter sent an encrypted message about the shrouded cargo down to Colli-wobbles HQ. Eddie cracked a hissy-fit and demanded that the magpie be intercepted before it arrived in Queensland. The hijack took place late at night while the convoy stopped for a comfort break and a top-up of red crossing the Hay Plain. Possibly because of the particularly dark night, possibly the amount of 'Chateau Cardboard' consumed en-route, however most probably because a Port supporter and Shire Councilor swapped the labels, the crow was taken instead of the magpie. This mishap may account for the success of the Mighty Port Power in the Queensland Hub. I am not sure what Eddie did with the crow but I bet George knows!



Wild West Reporter - John Mac

(welcome back, John – it's been a long while between drinks!)

Council snippets

From the Minutes of the meeting held 16th June:

4.3.1.1 SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER 2020 – HOST COUNCIL REPORT

Cr Barrett and Cr Wiese-Smith raised questions to obtain better information from Event SA in relation to local benefits and statistics for The Barossa Council area.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined historically that localised level of data is not available but that officers would follow up Event SA to obtain further information.

4.5.5.2 HARD WASTE SERVICE UPDATE

Cr Barrett sought an update on what work being undertaken means for residents from Mt Pleasant who will have to take their waste to Moppa Road?

The Director, Development and Environmental Services explained every effort was being made to have hard waste pop up services and find locations where they could be held. Moppa Road is a final location identified. There has been delay in proceeding due to Covid-19 health restrictions. At this stage, only the one site has been identified. Pursuant for program is scheduled to recommence next financial year. The Springton transfer station remains open.

The Mayor sought advice on the availability of the transfer station.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the Springton transfer station opened this week (correcting that to last weekend) and is now operating as per normal levels of service.

PURPOSE

Ultimate Motorsport Events Pty Ltd has applied to The Barossa Council for support as they plan the 2020 AGI SPORT Adelaide Hills Rally on Sunday 18 October 2020.

MOVED Cr Hurn

That the Commissioner of Police be advised that The Barossa Council endorses the closure (closure) of the following road:

Starkey Road, Mount Crawford between Cricks Mill Road and Glen Devon Road between 7.00am and 1.00pm, on Sunday 18 October 2020 to stage the 2020 AGI Sport Adelaide Hills Rally. Seconded Cr de Vries CARRIED 2018-22/164

REPORT

Background

The 2020 AGI SPORT Adelaide Hills Rally will be based at the National Motor Museum in Birdwood from 16 – 18 October 2020. The Rally will host Round 2 of the Australian Rally Championship and will be the final round of the South Australian Rally Championship. Competition on 18 October will see competitors taking part in stages throughout Mid Murray and Mount Crawford Forest regions.

Summary and Conclusion

The Rally will require a road closure on Starkey Road and diversion of traffic on race day. Organisers have engaged a certified traffic management company to implement and monitor the closure.

Council has supported this event by approving road closures in previous years.

7.2.1.2 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME - EXTENSION B10872

The Chief Executive Officer outlined that the Tanunda Business Group have sought funding of 50% or 100% of the drought grant allocation of \$1,000,000 for an independently managed project for the Main Street of Tanunda. The Chief Executive Officer outlined in response that Council has a design plan and framework for the main street of Tanunda but at this time Council has committed to completing Mount Pleasant and Angaston firstly and also committed that the matter would be raised for Council attention.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined that the Barossa Bushgardens priority in the report alternative resolution was for the drainage pad not the car park.

REPORT

With Council having satisfied the trigger for this matter, being to hold a workshop to discuss options, it can be lifted from the table and resume debate.

Council did not debate the matter at the 19 May 2020 meeting but rather had a conversation in a suspended meeting session.

The attachments provided are the prior May 2020 report and an additional project list previously presented at a workshop.

It is now for Council (to) determine the project/s it wishes to pursue.

Matters discussed at the workshop include:

1. Delivering the key water projects being Moculta, Mt Pleasant and Eden Valley;
2. Implementing bush gardens project;
3. Alternative views on the signage project supporting community and tourism development – noting the project is not fully development but can be within the times as with the others;
4. Any balance being used for The Big Project or footpath programs – noting anything utilised for The Big Project would lever up the about as Council has 60% matching funds in its long term budgets for instance \$500,000 would translate into a project or projects totalling \$1.25M (2.5 times the original

grant). Footpath programs are also sound investments and can be broken down into smaller units to attract local suppliers and greater local economic benefit.

An alternative resolution from that of the May 2020 resolution is presented below:

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make enquiries on the following submissions and if considered acceptable by the Department development the submissions and bring back a final report to Council:

1. Tourism and town signage for townships across the region – up to \$200,000 based on a design to be determined through a subsequent design process but based around the principle of the generic Barossa Branding with final approval by Council following consultation with Barossa Grape and Wine Association and community stakeholders.
2. Drought and emergency water supply, if approved by SA Water, for the Barossa through the installation of appropriately placed infrastructure at:
Eden Valley – Murray Recreation Park;
Mt Pleasant standpipe;
Moculta standpipe;
for up to \$300,000
3. Implementation of Barossa Bushgardens drainage pad project for up to \$50,000.
4. Utilisation of the remaining budget for a footpath program addressing the next renewal priorities (not new footpaths) for up to \$450,000.



Above: An example of the generic signage proposed by TBC.



Screenshot of Barossa.com – notice the similarities?

Opinion

There are a lot of interesting things to be found in the council minutes (which are on The Barossa Council's website for anyone to see), and some of it may surprise you. The lack of information from Tour Downunder organisers isn't surprising as I have been trying to contact them via their website and other ways for years. It is poor that they expect so much from councils (money and support wise), but supply so little information in regards the benefits of hosting a stage and the statistics regarding this as relates to The Barossa Council area.

The information about the delay with Hard Waste management was disappointing. Many of us would have noted other councils in South Australia have been managing their hard waste efficiently and well over the years, and it seems a shame that this is further delayed in our council.

It is also pleasing to note that the Drought Relief funding will be used to upgrade or install standpipes in Eden Valley, Mt Pleasant and Moculta- a great use of the funds and entirely appropriate.

BUT what I find disappointing in the extreme, is the use of up to \$200,000 of that money for signage.

In issue 13 of the newsletter (July, 2016) we reported on the erection of the 'new' sign at the entrance to Mount Pleasant. Not many people were happy about it then, and most still aren't. Need we point out that Mt Pleasant isn't actually IN the Barossa Wine region – we are part of the Adelaide Hills region. The signs

have the Tourism Barossa logo. I'm not aware that there was proper consultation with Mt Pleasant bodies before these particular signs were erected.

Tourism Barossa is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation funded by industry (via membership), The Barossa Council, Light Regional Council and the South Australian Tourism Commission. The organisation is managed by a board of industry and stakeholder representatives from across the region.

Interesting fun fact: On average, Australian export wines garner around \$6 per litre, whilst wines with the Barossa brand receive on average around \$16 per litre, so you can see why they guard their reputation as premium wine producers zealously.

What do you think of The Barossa Council's decision to use Drought relief money in this way?

Sue Barrett



Not Banksy

Graffiti is a funny thing. Sometimes it is a strong political statement (see below), sometimes it's put there to brighten and enliven a space (like Melbourne's famous laneways), and sometimes it's just some tool 'tagging'.



Last week someone (purportedly from Extinction Rebellion) made their statement – very neatly – in front of Dot's shop. It was the only piece of graffiti we found and pleasingly, it was easy to read and there were no spelling errors or profanities. Always good to see that. There was even humour with "what's up Skip?" written on the left. Whilst I agree wholeheartedly with the sentiment, as many who have read my lefty rants will attest, I am a little nonplussed as to why? Why there? Why nowhere else? Or maybe they were just practising... Council may even have removed it by the time this goes to print...



(FYI – Banksy is probably the most famous graffiti artist in the world today. He is based in England, has been making political statements since the nineties, and has made several movies. Although much in demand he remains elusive. Recently a Banksy-like piece of graffiti was found in London after an Extinction Rebellion protest during April last year. www.banksy.co.uk)



Heritage Photo Competitions

See the beauty of SA's heritage through photos entered in our competitions

Heritage SnAps 2020 competition

Share with us a photo of one of your favourite South Australian State Heritage Places for your chance to win one of a number of prizes.

There are over 2,300 State heritage-listed places in South Australia, but not everyone knows about these places, why they are of significance and where to find them.

Your photographs will not only help celebrate our State Heritage Places, but also our Maritime and Coastal heritage through photos you can enter through Category 1.

The winner from each category will be awarded a certificate and an exciting prize to recognise their winning entry, while the overall winner and the people's choice award winner will both win an exciting prize!

How to enter

To enter the competition, upload your photo/s to the entry form, and fill out the required details. (Go to the Environment SA site <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/> click on Topics then Heritage and follow the links to the photo competitions) There is a limit of three photographic images an individual can submit.

There are eight categories:

Category 1 – Maritime and Coastal State Heritage (including photos of shipwrecks!)

Category 2 – State Heritage Places that have been changed (showcasing adaptive reuse)

Category 3 – State Heritage places to visit

Category 4 – Wild SA (Natural State Heritage places)

Category 5 – Young people snapping State Heritage (open to school age entrants under the age of 18 as at 1 July 2020)

Category 6 – State Heritage Places captured through technology (if you are using a drone or 3D imagery this is the category for you!)

Category 7 – Professional and edited

Category 8 – Honouring our military involvement (Photos of State Heritage memorials, monuments or buildings involved in the war effort)

Pleasant History

When thinking of the first settlers at Mount Pleasant the names of Phillis, Bushell and Giles come to mind, but of course there were many others and one such person is John Gilmour. In recent times I have had contact with a descendant of this family and this often prompts research to add their story to our collection.

The property of Glen Devon is recognised as that of the

progress of the district. He was interested in the ploughing matches which began in the district in 1856 and as a result belonged to the founding committee of the Mount Pleasant Agricultural Society in 1863, and hence the Mount Pleasant Show. It was Gilmour who built the first bridge in the district... the fact that it led to his homestead may have been an influence, but he also pressed the authorities for the need for a main road between Adelaide and Mount Pleasant; something we take for granted today.



By the 1860s Glen Devon was primarily used for sheep-raising, and his success at the Show on a regular basis is testament to the success of the property. During the 1880s John and his eldest sons, Alexander and George, took up a pastoral lease in Central Australia. John died in 1890 in Adelaide and is buried in the former Public Cemetery adjacent to the Golf Club. The property was sold in 1894, and son, Alexander Gilmour, who had married the daughter of storekeeper Charles Martin, in 1880 in Adelaide, moved to Glenearn Station with Alexander as manager for Elder, Smith & Co., improving the station flocks with good South Australian stud sheep, setting the standard for the region generally. The Gilmour family name though, was no longer in our district.

I was interested in the newspaper articles mentioning Alexander Gilmour, as he had had a considerable fight with the prickly pear on his property in Queensland. I was interested in this, as when my daughter studied Environmental Management at Roseworthy one of her assignments was to find a successful environmental control of a pest and compare that with one that was not successful. She was told that the prickly pear eradication did not qualify as they were not a pest... had the lecturers researched the newspapers of the day in Queensland during the early 1900s they would have learnt just how bad the prickly pear was... in fact, according to a newspaper report... In 1903 he (Alexander Gilmour) started an experiment to see for himself how long it would take to germinate prickly pear seed. He had taken a parcel of seed and boiled half of it. The other half was un-boiled. On planting the two lots the boiled parcel had come up within a few weeks as a strong, healthy growth. Even then, the un-boiled half came up in a patchy manner several years later. Some had come up in 1920, 17 years after it was planted! This proved that seed would remain in the ground for practically 20 years without germinating. Mr. Gilmour added that with Chinese labour in 1907, he had cleared 30,000 acres of pear at an average cost of 2/6 to 4/6 an acre. In 1913 he had used poison and found that land which had cost him £2 an acre to clear by the old method



John Gilmour, whose sturdy faith in the Mt Pleasant region helped to ensure its prosperity.

McBean family, currently owned by Hugh and Fiona MacLachlan, and one many of us visit for Garden Parties hosted by the Mount Pleasant Red Cross and/or The Friends of the Hospital, as the MacLachlan family kindly allow these events to be held in the lovely garden at the property. It is assumed that the McBean family settled here quite early, but in actual fact they purchased the Glen Devon property in 1894 after the death of John Gilmour.

John Gilmour arrived in South Australia in 1839 and was a SA Company tenant farmer at Chain of Ponds with his first wheat crop being entered in the 1851 Crystal Palace Great Exhibition held in London's Hyde Park. The logistics of organising this are to be admired. By the mid 1850s he had ventured to the Mount Pleasant district and settled on one of the tributaries of the River Torrens, building the Glen Devon homestead. He purchased this land from James Phillis and built a home, complete with a turret, which no longer exists. Pioneers such as John Gilmour showed an interest in the

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could then be dealt with at a cost of about 15/-. He strongly urged that settlers in infected countries should be given long leases at a fixed price.

It is articles such as this which make me realise how easy it is to become side-tracked when doing research, and why something that should take a couple of hours ends up being a half day! But I found the articles interesting and am appreciative of the effort and cost involved in making our country what it is today. We recently travelled some of Queensland and there are still large sections of the prickly pear evident, as it is in the mid-north of South Australia. Imagine what it would be like without all the effort as described previously!

Paula Bartsch
Historian



Mount Pleasant District
Historical Research Group

The History Room
is closed for the duration.
You can still find us on
Facebook or contact us via:
85682126 or
Pleasanthistory@gmail.com

Around

MP

Drivers take care!

(Found on Facebook - edited)

Drivers, please, please slow down on the dirt roads around Mt Pleasant, and in particular, Chibnalls Road.

So many people use it - walkers, children on bikes, and horse riders. Being a bypass around the town, a number of cars use it too. Recently, a group of horse riders were keeping as close as is possible to the side of the road as a car was passing the group very slowly.

Just on the crest of the slight hill, a bit of a blind spot for what is coming the other way, when a driver going too fast had to slam on the brakes, momentarily losing control on the gravel surface. This could have ended very badly.

Please slow down!



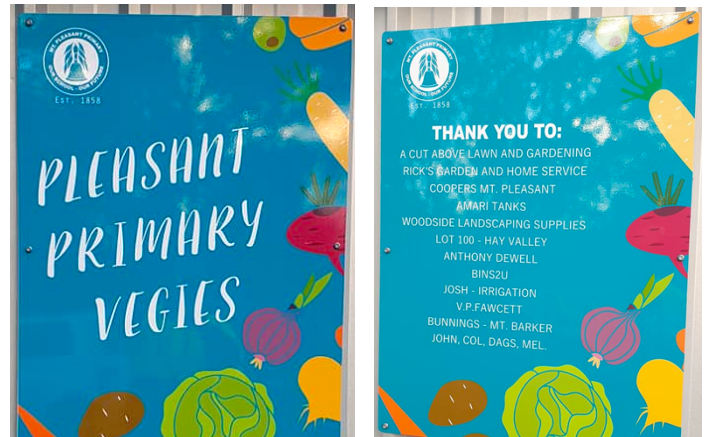
July, 2020

MPPS Garden

(Found on Facebook)

Well the signs are up and the veggie patch is ready for the students and staff to get their hands dirty. A huge Thank You to the school for allowing my business to team up with Richard Rodighiero business to complete this project. We had great support from local businesses, individuals and also some companies from outside the area. It was great to work with these people to achieve this result. So all at the school, ENJOY!

Rodney Freeman



Mt Pleasant Hotel

Rumour has it that new publicans are set to take over the hotel in the next few months. From up north, they have previous experience with several other pubs - here's wishing all parties the best.



The Totty

Meanwhile, the Totty is still open and serving great meals. With restrictions lifted even further recently, now is a good time to get down and enjoy true country pub hospitality!



Recreate



I love old well made tools. Check out this cute, but still very usable mini wrench. It has a big sister and brother too. We are currently converting the back veranda here at Recreate into a new shop area- full of old tools, garden goodness and rustic lovelies. Can't wait to finish organising it all!

Meanwhile, we have a great range of beautiful handcrafted Bird Houses – no two the same.

We also welcome Breathless Jewellery to our group of talented artisans.

Below is a write-up and photo taken by a social media friend @lambsears.

“This fabulous little store in Mount Pleasant is just gold.

@recreatecommunity there’s no such thing as junk, just bits and pieces waiting to be repurposed, reused or reinvented, plus some amazing works by locals who’ve already put thought and imagination into them. It’s the coolest spot to stock up on craft needs for the school holidays, with a huge collection of carefully curated supplies to keep any crafter happy for days.”



Recreate is still open and you can make appointments via Facebook.



Faye
McGoldrick
MPNRC



Marketing!

Strength to strength at Mt Pleasant Farmers Market

The Mt Pleasant Farmers Market has gone from strength to strength in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. With South Australia and the rest of the country coming out of Covid-19 restrictions the Market has had a surge in patron numbers and new membership sign ups.

Assistant Manager Terese Stephens said, “One of the outcomes of the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be that people are thinking about food security and origins. The increase in market patrons has also had a positive consequence for many of our stall holders including our Murray Bridge market gardener, Sabri Dogan, whose business has increased considerably since the end of March. Market stall holder numbers remain at consistent levels with many enquiries being fielded for new stall holder places.”

“The challenge now remains for the market to operate within the COVID-19 regulations. Over the past three months, the market has adapted well to the ever changing COVID-19 environment, with many innovations being made to accommodate those regulations. Supporting our local producers has been the paramount motivator in the change of format for the Market.” Said Terese

The Market Management has developed a click & collect on-line store to provide an alternative service for those wishing to access Market produce in a distance-safe space and provides another avenue for producers to sell their products. The online platform can be found at <https://mt-pleasant-farmers-market-inc.myshopify.com/>

With COVID requiring cancellation of one of the major events in the market calendar, the SA Spring Garden Festival - Mt Pleasant, Management has announced an initiative to support those festival stallholders. This alternate plan will see festival stallholders invited to join the regular Market Stall holders during the month of September.

“The initiative we've called the Spring Fling will give those stallholders an opportunity to recover trade impacted by the festivals cancellation. Similar in concept to the festival, but without all the bells and whistles, on each Saturday over the four weekends of September, a number of different festival stall holders will peddle their wares at the farmers market.”

The Mt Pleasant Farmers Market is open every Saturday at the Mt Pleasant Showgrounds, from 8am – 12 noon.

For more information please phone Terese Stephens 0418 301 121.

Peter's poems

Diary of an Adopting Dog

Chapter 5 - My Pedicure .

There's a wooden floor in the kitchen, my claws go clicky clack,
 So it's hard to get much traction if I need to get out the back.
 Sometimes there are Magpies out there, trying to steal my food,
 If I can hit top speed quick enough, I know I can nail 'em good.
 But the long claws are a nuisance, if I'm trying to sneak up quiet,
 The humans think they can cut them, so I guess I might let them try it.
 And then, of course, I've got dewclaws, that never got removed,
 Though the value of them to a dog like me, has never yet been proved.
 Still, I'm good at training humans, as anybody can see,
 So if any dog's going to train them, I guess it'll have to be me.
 I admit, I feel a bit nervous, my claws are black, and quite thick,
 They'll need to make sure not to prune too hard, and cut me right to the quick.
 But alas, the claws are way too long, I can't delay any more,
 I'm doing a lot of running about, and my feet are getting quite sore.
 So it's outside on the verandah, with clippers shiny and new,
 And a few special treats to bribe me with, while they work out what to do.
 It's cut one claw, then give me my treat, this could take quite a while,
 There's sixteen standard, plus dewclaws, so it may be a bit of a trial!
 But I'm very patient (and hungry), dog treats are not all that filling,
 So I'll just keep doing one-for-one, as long as my humans are willing.
 At last, with no pain or wounds at all, the entire set is done,
 So I'll let them reward me with a handful, and go for a sleep in the sun.

Pheew.... Zeus, Wonder Dog and human trainer



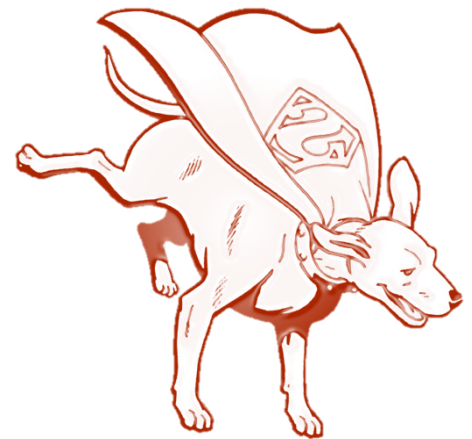
Zeus in all his glory – wondering what all the fuss is about – eyeing Peter, a close-up of the offending claws, and looking all regal, sunning himself on his throne!



Chapter 6 – Dancing with Roos

Living in the suburbs wasn't much fun,
 In a small yard, with nowhere to run,
 When I moved to the country, nothing to lose,
 And that's when I came to know Kangaroos.
 There are plenty 'round here, all new to me,
 All bouncing around, furry and free,
 Down by the dam, eating our clover,
 So I sauntered on down, just looking them over.
 I got called away, and told not to chase,
 But soon they moved off, all over the place.
 Now Boy! I can move, and got quite a bound,
 But these furry creatures seem to fly off the ground.
 So despite being called, well – Yelled at in fact,
 I had no intention of going straight back.
 This seemed my best chance, nothing to lose,
 And that's when I first started, dancing with Roos.
 I headed one off, as onward I sped,
 But the damned Kangaroo bounced right over my head.
 Back in paddock, flat as a tack,
 I chased the Roo all the way to our back.
 But just when I had him, cornered and tense,
 He hunched up his haunches, and hurdled the fence.
 Now each day when I stand, checking the views,
 I'm hoping again to go Dancing With Roos.

Zeus, the Wonder Dog and Poet



Peter – the Peripatetic Poet

COVID Funnies

Twelve Commandments for Seniors

- 1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
 - 2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
 - 3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
 - 4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
 - 5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
 - 6 - "On time" is when you get there.
 - 7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
 - 8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
 - 9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
 - 10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
 - 11 - Ageing has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
 - 12 - You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.
- And one more:
"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

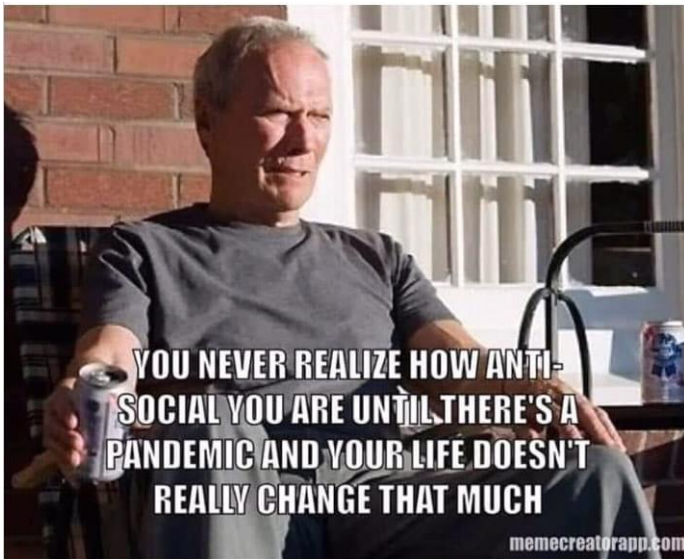
Thanks - Roger & Collette

Congratulations & Celebrations



Basil Pointon

Basil is a Mt Pleasant resident and has been there for approximately 15 years, after moving here from Cambrai. He turned 100 on Saturday, 6th June and celebrated with his family on that day. His friends at the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church celebrated with him the following day. Thanks to son Tom for the info.



Cudlee Creek Forest Trails Fire Recovery Strategy

Help us identify post-fire recreation and tourism opportunities for the ForestrySA Cudlee Creek Forest Reserve and Fox Creek Mountain Bike trails.

Closing: Friday 4 September



Role and Operation of Powers of Attorney

We want your views on how the law in South Australia can be improved to better protect both the most vulnerable and their appointed attorney.

Closing: Friday 4 September



Heard of any special occasions coming up?
Contact us via the details on the back page.
We'd love to spread the word!

Clubs & Committees

Men's Shedding

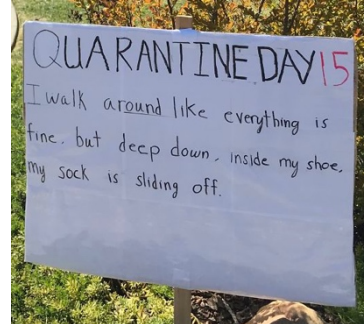
The Training Men have still been meeting on Monday mornings. With the large meeting room, it's easy to keep socially distancing there!

MPPS engagement

Below are photos of MPPS students during the last session for this term where they completed their wooden mallet construction project.



For information regarding the Men's Shed please contact:
Chairman – Murray – 0439385291
or Secretary – Gareth – 0430026993
or email - mpmensshed@bigpond.com



Yes – they are bad – but that's pretty much the point... ;-)

I dreamed about drowning in an ocean made out of orange soda last night. It took me a while to work out it was just a Fanta sea.

CWA

It's been a very unusual few months with the COVID-19 restrictions, so the SACWA got their thinking caps on and came up with some novel ideas for fundraising, and helping those in most need.



Pay It Forward

Buy the South Australian Country Women's Association scarves, beanies, and fingerless gloves and "gift" them on to give warmth and comfort to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity. These items will then be donated to the following organisations:

- West Coast Youth & Community Support
- Catherine House Inc.
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Loxcare



Pay It Forward - Beanie
AUD\$5.00 inc. GST



Pay It Forward - Gloves
AUD\$5.00 inc. GST



Pay It Forward - Scarf
AUD\$10.00 inc. GST

Please call SACWA head office on 83324166 to purchase by credit card.

Our branch members, together with other community members have continued knitting and crocheting squares to make up into lovely, warm rugs, which have been distributed to organisations such as Vinnies, St Catherine's, and hopefully also to the Hutt Street Centre, as well as to those local people in need.

Some really striking tea towels have been purchased by the branch from the association in order to raise funds locally. The designs are bright and cheerful, and as well as being useful for their original purpose, are also great to wrap gifts in. At only \$10 each, they are a bargain and can be purchased by contacting Doreen on 0448114913 or Kath on 0437195597.

We also have some beautiful on trend macramé plant hangers for purchase. Please call 0437195597 if you are interested.

Kath Fisher
Secretary SACWA
Mt Pleasant Branch



Red Cross



Australian Red Cross
THE POWER OF HUMANITY

Well, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, it's been a fairly quiet time for our local branch, but we can still support two of our local Op Shops. The Cambrai Red Cross Op Shop is open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm. Marge Nuske and her band of helpers would love you to visit – and it's really worth it!

The Angaston Red Cross shop is run by Donna and her helpers. I have been told it's a large shop with a wide range of goods available, and open 5 and a half days a week.

The Mount Pleasant Branch will visit when restrictions are lifted and we may do so safely.

Our branch meetings are still on hold as paperwork for the council is required in order that we can hold meetings in the hall. We are hoping that a date in August may still be an option, but we are waiting on advice from the Government and Council. Hopefully we'll have more information in the next newsletter.

(Red Cross podcasts are now available on the website: www.redcross.org.au)

Kath Fisher
Secretary Red Cross
Mt Pleasant Branch



Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital

All meetings are still on hold at present as the hospital and Day Care facilities are in lock down. These places are likely to be the last that will be fully opened.



The Community Association has been unable to meet, like all other committees. Hopefully, we will be able to proceed with the Street Party as planned, stay tuned for announcements on meeting dates. Whatever happens, we always welcome new members.

MPCA Inc



Street Party Group

The Street Party group is cautiously making some plans for this year's event. Think about helping this year – there are all sorts of jobs – big and small – that you could help with, for this great community event. We welcome new members with energy and great ideas. Contact Secretary Sue Barrett on 85682985 to register your interest.



RSL Report

Next Social Night is Tuesday 7th July.



For information about your group, please contact the office bearers. We have some information, but not all.

mp beat

Top Of The Torrens Theatre Group

We have not been immune to the Covid-19 virus, so our next performance, 'LOVE! LOVE? LOVE...', will go on show in November this year instead of the mid-year time-slot.

Some of our cast and many of our audience fit into the vulnerable health bracket and therefore we don't wish any additional health risks to them.

We also would hate for you to miss out on this wonderful show, so this is the best solution. The many enthusiastic young cast members are very disappointed not to be performing in May as planned, and they will miss the bi-weekly rehearsals that were a source of much fun and camaraderie.

The songs, skits and costumes in this colourful variety-type show are already coming together, creating a very funny and entertaining production. When it does go to stage, it will be a great celebration for everyone.

In the meantime, we encourage you all to stay safe, keep a lookout for your vulnerable neighbours, and use the opportunity to do all the things that get squeezed out of your usual calendar – go for a walk, have a cuppa with your neighbour (with a 1.5metre distance, on the verandah!), ride a horse, do a jigsaw, read a book, renovate some furniture, dust off the board games, ring up a lonely friend and talk to each other! Love will prevail!

Advertising for November production dates will begin in August, here in the Grapevine and in all the usual places, but if you wish to be put on an email notification list, email your name to mysticmeg@adam.com.au with 'subscribe to TOTTT' in the subject. You will then be 'in the know' in time to book a front row table at every one of our popular events! Visit us on Facebook to find out what's going on.

Meg Stephens

TOTTG



LOVE!
LOVE?
LOVE ...

TOP OF THE TORRENS THEATRE GROUP INC.

NEW DATES

A show with Music and Comedy about looking for love, losing love & finding love for all ages, all nationalities & all time!

7.30pm SAT 21st, FRI 27th, SAT 28th
2pm SUN 22nd, SUN 29th NOVEMBER 2020

Mt Pleasant SM Hall, 61 Melrose St, Mt Pleasant
Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Students \$10

Book at www.trybooking.com or 8568 2281

Cabaret Seating Bookings open September 12 BYO drinks & nibbles

July, 2020

Bits & Bobs

To Rent:

1 Bedroom Unit in MOUNT PLEASANT

Age demographic 55+ (Preference given for 65+)

Galley kitchen with meals area.

Carpeted lounge and bedroom.

Storage throughout, separate laundry.

Handrails to bathroom. Enclosed rear courtyard.

Pets negotiable. Undercover parking.

Long term rental. Enquiries to Junction Housing Allocations:

Phone 08 8275 8700 or email allocations@junctionaustralia.org.au

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COVID-19 SAFE
Infection Control
Short Courses



TAFE SA is looking forward to helping the South Australian retail and hospitality sectors to reopen safely with COVID-19 SAFE Infection Control short courses.

We want to support front line workers in shops, restaurants, bars and tourism venues to develop the skills and knowledge they need to ensure their environments are 'COVID Clean'.

These courses will give you the skills to follow organisational infection prevention and control policies and procedures, including implementing standard and transmission-based precautions and responding to infection risks.

<https://www.tafesa.edu.au>

Now that some events are back on, please check sites like Weekend Notes.

As the situation is evolving, we probably won't be putting too much in the newsletters as it will be out of date by the time readers get it.

Events



Held earlier in the year during the January school holidays, the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden holiday program is making a return on 8 July 2020 at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. This program offers a great opportunity for kids between 8-13 years old to learn how to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

During the event, kids will get to plant and harvest vegetables and hold worms from the garden's worm farm. They will also learn how growing their food is not only healthy, but fun. This event takes place at the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden, a garden located in between Goodman Building and First Creek Wetland at the eastern part of Adelaide Botanic Garden.

If your child is interested in taking part, go to Eventbrite to book a spot for the event. Participants must be present 10 minutes before the event starts to check-in, and all kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are also other workshops – check the Botanic Gardens School Holiday programs on the Eventbrite website for more details. eventbrite.com.au

Learn How To Code



Date: 10 Jul 2020 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Venue: Webinar

Open to: Girls in Year 10 and 11

Cost: Free, but places are limited so registrations are essential

Phone: 61 3 9905 9636

Website: <https://www.monash.edu/it/about-us/news-and-events/events/events/2020/conquering-code>



EVERY SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

8am-1pm

ENTRY: Gold Coin Donation

MOUNT PLEASANT SHOWGROUNDS

Melrose St, Mount Pleasant

The SA Spring Garden Festival has changed format this year to a month long **SPRING FLING!**

Every Saturday during September, you'll find a great range of stalls featuring quality plants, garden furniture, decor and garden care products together with our regular farmers market fare.

For more information or to become a stallholder, contact us:

- saspringgardenfestival.com.au
- info@saspringgardenfestival.com.au
- like us @saspringgardenfestival
- follow us @springgardenfestivalsa
- 0418 301 121

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July calendar

As you can see below, some groups and organisations have resumed. If in doubt – please contact committee members or office bearers to find out the state of play for your group.



Come along for
the first dinner of 2020!
Enjoy a lovely Roast,
Christmas Pudding & great company.
26th July – 6pm to 8pm
The Pavilion, Talunga Park
6pm-8pm

Events

Date	Event	Details
	MP Farmers' Market – ALSO ONLINE	8-12, Saturday @ Talunga Park
26 July	Community Dinner – Christmas in July	6pm in the Talunga Park Pavilion.

Meetings

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
CWA Craft Group	1 st and third Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30am @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd Tuesday in month
Men's' Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am. Social distancing rules apply
MP District History	1-4pm, every Thursday @ History Room, SM Hall
MP Farmers' Market	8-12, every Saturday @ Talunga Park (unless otherwise advertised)
MP Inc	6.30pm, 2 nd Tuesday @ SM Hall
MP Show Society	2 nd Monday @ Talunga Park
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	2 nd & 4 th Friday from 10am-2pm, @ MP Library
Red Cross	Bi-Monthly, 1.30pm, 4 th Thurs @ SM Hall
RSL Social	1 st Tuesday - Social gathering
RSL Meeting	Alternate month, last Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting
SM Hall VAC	Bi-monthly 7.30pm, 4 th Monday @ SM Hall (Jan, March, May, July, August, October)
St John's Card Group (500)	1 st Thursday every month. 12 noon start. \$10 for 2 course meal + beverages.
Writers' Group	Please email: mrdonblataceaser@gmail.com

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If you'd like a hard copy, please ask Anne or Rose @ the PO to reserve one.

Online @ mtpleasantbeat.org

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