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## Politicking

The photo below is of voters early on the morning of election day, as the polling booth opened. We were really lucky with the weather, and that the polling booth was at the most sensible place for it (rather than the gym at the school!), but again, it clashed with the Show, so I didn’t get to there this year as I was handing out for our Greens Candidate, Bev Morris. (Thanks to all who voted Greens – we doubled our vote!)

Thank you also to all of those people who stopped to chat, the one person who came out and told me he’d changed his vote because we talked about the issues, and even those who rushed past, scared that I might accost them. (They actually have rules against that!) The one person who was determined to say something nasty – your challenge for the next election will be to top that – or better still, bring some hard evidence for your silly claim (not just something you read on a fake website).

I will probably be handing out at the federal election in May – so be prepared! Don’t be afraid of those with election pamphlets, we are not there to intimidate, just to give you information. If you don’t want it, that’s OK, if you do, use it and give it back to us afterwards and we’ll recycle it.

The Show is done and dusted for another year – and how good was that? Sadly, not many photos – I was otherwise engaged – but a big thank you to all those who sent some in for us.

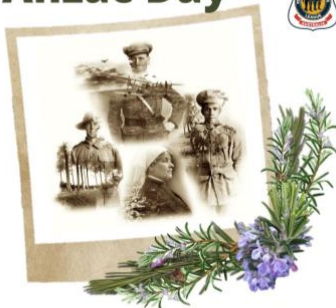


## Bikeway creeps closer

This article appeared in The Courier during March. We are really glad to hear that the next leg is on the cards – it’s been a long time coming. Now all we need is an undertaking that it will come to us. These initiatives have so many positive outcomes for communities and we will be well placed to cater for the people who will use this. Fingers crossed it doesn’t take another ten years!



## Anzac Day



## Dawn Service

Monday, 25th April, 2022  
 6.15am Soldiers’ Memorial Hall  
 Egg and Bacon Roll, Drinks,  
 Crown and Anchor, Auction

## Humanism



Recently, Craig Foster who has been championing the cause of refugees gave a fantastic address to the National Press Club. He didn't pull any punches – so if you want to hear a cracking speech, look it up on iView:

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/national-press-club-address>

## Donating

Recently, someone donated a couple of bags to the community by leaving them at St John's Church. Parishioners of St John's do work with the combined churches, but the collection point is at the Uniting Church in Birdwood. As many days may pass before someone visits the church, these bags were found sometime later, and an animal had already found them and tried to get at the contents. They were then open to the elements and consequently, the contents were unusable.

We commend people for donating, but as with most things nowadays, please keep the following words from Charitable Recycling Australia in mind:

At Charitable Recycling Australia, we ..... see the incredible power of donations to not only cut down waste, but generate revenue for charity and social enterprise organisations.

On average, this translates into \$961 million towards their charitable mission and social welfare programs, every year! Whether you're dropping your goods into a standalone donation bin or visiting a charity or social enterprise shop, they will typically accept a wide-range of pre-loved goods.

This includes clothing, shoes, accessories, jewellery, bags, books, kitchenware, bed linen and towels, games, music, films, paintings, sports equipment and musical instruments. But it's essential to consider the quality of your donation, before you pass it on. While your intentions may be wonderful, donating goods that are broken, unsafe, unusable or damaged can be a burden for many charity and social enterprise retailers, because they can't sell them on and have to dispose of them as waste.

This includes incurring a cost for the item's removal and ultimately means they have to use revenue that would otherwise go towards their charitable mission.

A great way to determine whether an item is worthy of donation is by asking yourself "Would I give this to a friend or buy this myself?" If you can answer yes, it's going to be well-received!

If you are donating to a charity or social enterprise shop:

- Visit during operating hours and avoid leaving items outside the shop after-hours. They may get stolen or weather-damaged.



- If you're donating clothing, please ensure they are clean, undamaged, folded and packaged in a sturdy bag. Don't forget to check the pockets!
- Items that come in pairs, like shoes, gloves, socks, suits should be kept together. Shoe laces can be tied together; gloves and socks can be stuffed inside each other and matching belts securely fastened.
- Before you donate furniture, electrical/white goods, call your nearest charity and social enterprise shop to see if they have the facility to store your donation.
- TVs and computers can be deposited at the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme free drop-off point near you and mobile phones can be deposited at most Salvation Army stores around the country.
- Commercial-quantity donations from businesses are accepted, but please enquire in advance.
- Please note that items can be refused based on many reasons including the condition/saleability of the goods; availability of space, transport and/or lifting equipment, and OH&S and other relevant regulations.

If you are using a donation bin:

- Be sure to check that the donation bin is for a charitable purpose. Less than 65% of Australia's 10, 000 donation bins are charitable, so it's important to check first so your donation can count!
- As above, make sure your donations are clean, undamaged and appropriately packaged.
- Place your donation inside the bin – not outside the bin, where it will attract scavenging.
- If any of your donations do not fit in the bin please drop-off at an op-shop (*Birdwood*) during opening hours or call your preferred charity to arrange for pick-up.

If you are using a collection service:

- Some charities provide home collection service for larger items or estates. Please plan ahead and book your collection at least two weeks in advance.
- Please note that items can be refused based on many reasons including the condition/saleability of the goods; availability of space, transport and/or lifting equipment, and OH&S and other relevant regulations.





## Encephalitis



From Dept of Health website:

### What is Japanese encephalitis?

Japanese encephalitis is caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV). It is spread through mosquito bites and is more common in areas of increased mosquito activity.

Infection in humans is most commonly asymptomatic, but on rare occasions it can result in severe disease and even death. It cannot be transmitted from human to human, or by eating meat from an infected animal.

### Symptoms

Most cases of Japanese encephalitis in people are asymptomatic, however those with severe infection may experience: neck stiffness, coma, and more rarely, permanent neurological complications or death.

Encephalitis is the most serious clinical consequence of a JEV infection.

Illness usually begins with symptoms such as:

- sudden onset of fever
- headache
- vomiting.

If you believe you may be infected with the Japanese encephalitis virus, seek urgent medical assistance.

### Prevention

There are 2 ways to prevent Japanese encephalitis:

- receiving a [vaccination](#) for the virus
- avoiding being bitten by mosquitos.

You can protect yourself from being bitten by mosquitos by:

- applying and regularly reapplying an effective insect repellent on exposed skin
- wearing long, loose fitting clothing when outside
- ensuring accommodation, including tents, are properly fitted with mosquito nettings or screens
- using insecticide sprays, vapour dispensing units (indoors) and mosquito coils (outdoors) to clear rooms and repel mosquitoes from an area
- covering all windows, doors, vents and other entrances with insect screens
- removing any water-holding containers where mosquitoes may breed.

The best mosquito repellents contain diethyltoluamide (DEET), picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Animals can be infected with the Japanese encephalitis virus, but they cannot transmit the virus to humans.

### Diagnosis

Japanese encephalitis is confirmed through a combination laboratory testing and clinical assessment.

If you think you may be infected with the Japanese encephalitis virus seek urgent seek medical assistance.

### Treatment

There are no treatments for Japanese encephalitis. You can relieve the symptoms by:

- getting plenty of rest
- drinking plenty of fluids
- taking paracetamol for pain or fever.

In more severe cases, hospitalisation for supportive care and close observation may be required.

The Dept of Health is monitoring the unfolding situation in Australia concerning the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV). It has been declared a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance. They will update this alert with the latest medical advice and official reports.

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/japanese-encephalitis>

ABC Grandstand presenter Karen Tighe spoke about her continuing battle with this virus. She was hospitalised with encephalitis in March 2020, and she's still struggling with memory loss two years later. The virus caused brain swelling and has left her unable to recall the sporting facts and figures that came naturally before her infection.

## Opinion – Australia Day

For the last two years, because of COVID19, we have not been able to hold “Australia Day” events. I feel that this is a perfect time



to reflect upon the possibility of changing the date!

As you probably know, the present date of January 26th, is a very distressing date for our First Nation People!!

The 26th of January honours the establishment of the first permanent European settlement on the continent of Australia. However, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians it is a commemoration of a deep loss – loss of sovereign rights to their land, loss of family, loss of the right to practice their culture.

When the first Europeans came to the Australian continent, they, killed, shot, raped, massacred, and poisoned Indigenous people. They stole their land and their children, greatly restricted their culture.

On the other hand, Aboriginal people were ready to help Europeans to find water, food and bush medicine.

Aboriginal people are, mostly, not sedentary people, they move around depending upon seasons for hunting, gathering, ceremonies and shelter. Therefore, when the settlers put up their fences, this was no longer possible without deadly consequences to the Aboriginal people. So, their culture was destroyed!!!

1935 the States except NSW decided on 26th January ( or the closest working day) as Australia Day. In 1945 all States agreed but only since 1994 has January 26th been the “public holiday” celebration of Australia Day.

In 1915 the First Australia Day was celebrated on 30th July and in 1916 it was changed to 28th. July.



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Before Federation, each State had a celebratory day on different dates. Federation Day: Anniversary Day: Foundation Day: First Landing Day.

Australia did not become one "Country" until 1st. January 1901, when the Federation of all the states commenced.

May 9th; which has been put forward as a possible date alternative; is the date that the First sitting of the First "Australian" Parliament happened.

Australia can never be a cohesive and be truly a "One" nation until we recognise and consider our First Nation People, who have lived on this land for over 60,000 years.

Surely the changing of the date is not so difficult, we will still have a Public Holiday!!!

Lynne Jones, Springton

### Water on road?

You may have noticed that after SA Water cut off the water supply for a few hours overnight, that several of the manholes seemed to have a lot of water leaking from them. In a dry state with all of us trained NOT to waste water, it seemed pretty wasteful. However, according to SA Water, it was needed in order to avoid a build-up of pressure which might have had dire consequences. There you go.



### Show pics



April, 2022

### Show pics

Sorry there aren't more pics of the show - it was a great day!



Many thanks to Lou, Linda, Kath, Jan and Valerie for supplying some photos of some of the exhibits. I'll try to do better next year!





## Reflection Bench

At the recent meeting to discuss the Reflection Bench moving forward, the group talked about what it would look like, taking into consideration that the space should be a place of calmness, for contemplation.

We decided that the render should probably be a grey or blue tone, with perhaps some aspects of the Progress Assoc logo with round hay bale, gum leaves, and a yellow/blue/green stripe representing the river, moving across the bench. Shape, which would be similar to the one shown at the last meeting.

The Seeds of Hope logo to be on the rear of seat, as that group secured the funding.

Possible contenders for tiles on the actual seat:

- Peramangk – possible compilation from drawings (we would seek input and permission from Peramangk elders)
- SACWA
- TOTT
- MP District Historical Research Group
- MP Men's Shed
- MP Red Cross
- MP RSL
- MP CFS
- Friends of the MP Hospital

We would also like to include a small black dog somewhere within the design, to represent the Black Dog Ride funding support. It was also agreed that landscaping for future planning was something that must be included with the overall design of the area. Emails and fliers will be distributed to encourage further support.

Paula Bartsch – Chair MPCAInc

## Barossa Council news

### Salyard Road footpath

Work continues on the Salyard Road footpaths, and after a couple of missteps, we are hoping it won't be too long before we can all walk safely from Melrose Street to Hocknull Place.



### Talunga Park

Still no movement as we await another tender process, meanwhile, the caretaker's shed is now an office...

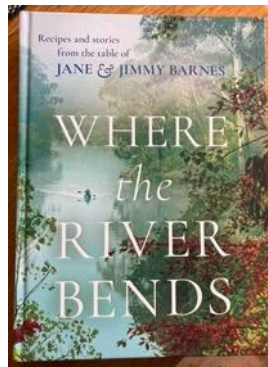


## MP Library - had your say?

The survey has finished, and hopefully we will see the results shortly.

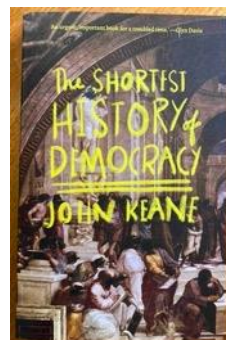


Firstly – thank you to everyone who read (or tried to) the report into the Barossa Library. It was tough going, but very important. Interesting that our comments to The Leader were held over and added to the council's comments regarding this. In the meantime, our wonderful librarians Julie and Debbie are ready, willing and able to assist you find what you want, or help with council payments.



Speaking of books, I was lucky enough to get a couple of beauties for Christmas – not sure if they will be available through the Library – but you can ask. Firstly, was Jimmy and Jane Barnes' cookbook. During lockdown, they kept us entertained with music, laughter and recipes, and this is great family fare. The second was a book on Anlaby – and we like to think our place has a connection, in that Henry Dutton was Bank Manager

here when he got the call that his uncle had died and he had inherited Anlaby. We make regular visits during their open days and it's amazing how much work, love and dedication has gone into the restoration of this important slice of South Australia's history. *(News this week too of the extensive damage – for the second time – to the house once owned by Sir Sydney Kidman, now the Administration building of the Kapunda High School.)*



And one book that I am keen to get my teeth into – which should be available through our library – is the Shortest History of Democracy by John Keane. With two elections in the first half of the year, how could I resist?

For information on Book Clubs in our area, or even to find out about new releases, the Library has a monthly newsletter called 'The Bookmark'. This is available from the front desk, or you can download it from the 'other newsletters' section on the Beat's website.

### District and other Newsletters







## Recreate News

Our nursery is looking green and lush at the moment with lots of new plants ready for your garden. We have a hardy mix of natives, cottage, herbs, water plants, and succulents.

Open Wednesday to Saturday 10 till 3.

### Sophie's Patch

Don't forget Recreate will be at Sophie's Patch open Garden over Easter.

### Gawler Repair Café open April

Gawler Environment Centre is one of seven Regional Environment Centres in Greater Adelaide; at the moment all of our centres face significant funding cuts, which could see us close our doors come June 30 2022.

You can help us by asking your local candidates for the Federal Election if they will advocate to restore full, ongoing funding to the centres, so we can continue to support important community environmental initiatives.

Further information:

<https://www.gawlerenvironmentcentre.org.au/greater.../>

## OUR REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRES ARE IN PERIL...CAN YOU HELP?



Faye McGoldrick



Are you a fan of the circular economy? Do you have skills in organising, accounting / finance / bookkeeping? Have a little time on your hands and want to do something completely different? See Faye – she'll find you something that's rewarding and fulfilling. **HELP RECREATE.**



## Marketing

Our knights the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed in not so shiny armour - what an awesome bunch - on hand to help with the annual Market pack up in readiness for the Mt Pleasant Show! Let's not forget also our volunteer ladies - Maxine, Tracy, Wendy, Gen, Kath and Kerrie. A big thank you!



Mount Pleasant  
**FARMERS MARKET**

# Mt Pleasant Easter Twilight Farmers Market

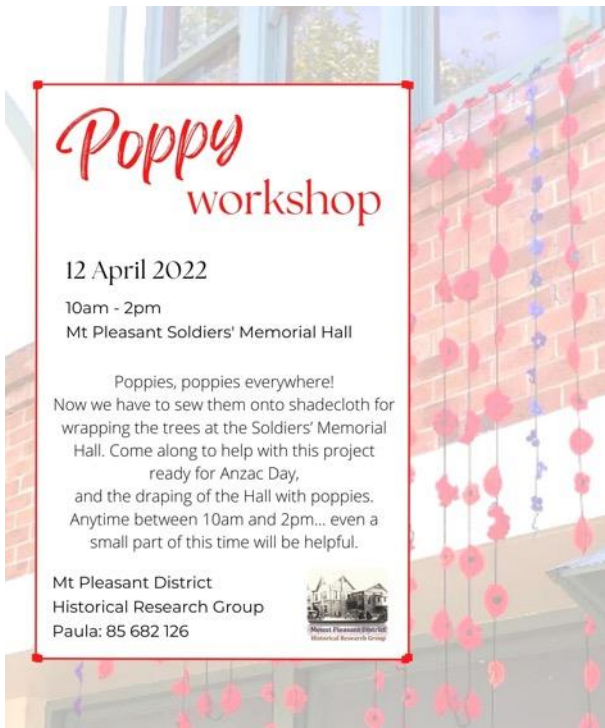
**Thurs. April 14  
4pm - 8pm**

**Mt Pleasant Showgrounds**

www.mtpleasantfarmersmarket.com.au  
@mtpleasantfarmersmarketau

**Please note :  
NEW opening  
& closing  
times**





## Kayla Starkey

Today we are saying farewell to one of our OG Young Guns, Kayla Starkey, who is starting her next chapter as a Year 8-10 Ag Teacher this year

"I'm extremely excited to be educating our next generation of the agricultural workforce," she says.

This doesn't mean she's stepping away from the farm, though - far from it, in fact!

"We are transitioning into the next stage as my parents look into semi-retirement, so I'll be very busy teaching and running the family business."

Kayla says her top highlights over the last few years have included:

Visiting Michell Direct Wool's processing plant in 2020 as part of an Australian Wool Innovation Breeding Leadership course

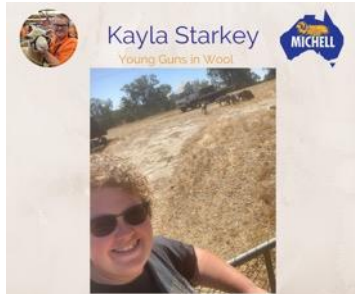
Seeing the farm's progress in wool production and meat trade, both Polwarths and Merinos

Meeting the like-minded Young Guns in Wool team and networking with many people within the industry.

"Thank you to everyone who makes this series possible and I look forward to seeing the future Young Guns in Wool!"

We've loved having you as part of this series, Kayla. Good luck for your future and we can't wait to see you thrive as a teacher!

From Michell – Young Guns in Wool - January 2022 edition



And when she's not teaching, or competing, she's judging. Pictured right with Peter Williams at the Mt Barker Show.



## Peter's poem

### Anzac Day + COVID-19

It's no big deal if my team doesn't play,  
We CAN have Dawn Service on this ANZAC DAY.  
Where we bow our bared heads, in the pre-dawning chill,  
As the new daylight glims, on the far Eastern hill.  
For...

*"They shall grow not old,*

*As we that are left grow old"*

To sing the old hymn, to recite the old prayer,  
Grand-kids, young parents, the Veterans there.  
The crosses of sacrifice, garland be-decked,  
Across all Australia, we show our respect.  
And...

*"Age shall not weary them,*

*Nor the years condemn"*

It saddens my heart that some of us horde,  
That sharing and caring is being ignored.  
Our nation has ample for all when we share,  
Surely this is a time for compassion, and care?  
Then...

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,*

*We will remember them"*

But we two can stand, mid the dawn-chorus call,  
Just down the way from our R.S.L. hall,  
For a minute of silence, then a brief time to pray,  
That'll be OUR Dawn Service - on this ANZAC DAY!

*"Lest we Forget"*

## Peter – the Peripatetic Poet



This photo was taken by Glynn Jackson, the year we all stood by our gates.

# Pleasant History



## Barossa History Festival

Join us for a day and become immersed in history, between on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9.30 am to 5 pm at the Angaston Town Hall. Entry for Adults is \$5, and children under 18 are free. Bookings may be made via Eventbrite

The day's programme includes

Welcome to Country

- Heritage SnAps Photographic competition winners on display
- Lighthouse parade - from the Showgrounds
- Victoriana Society promenade
- Scavenger Hunt
- History detectives at the ready! A scavenger hunt is being organised for the children (U13) with prizes from Kids Unite and the Co-op on offer. This will be a great way for families to experience the heritage aspects of Angaston and other various attractions open on the day, including the Angaston Blacksmith Shop and Museum, Angaston History Centre and the Machinery Preservation Society shed.
- Expo of the region's history groups as well as Oral History of SA and Pioneers Association. More than 20 local history groups have displays around the Hall.
- Demonstrations - noodle making
- Displays of butter making equipment with milk separator, photographs and more
- Launch of the Barossa Heritage Trails App.

Guest speakers will be:

- **Christeen Schoepf - Cheer Up Hut**

Christeen is an Historical Archaeologist, author and content creator, whose research includes the role of the Cheer-Up Society of South Australia during the wars of the twentieth century. This research examines the significance of this war work and the genealogies and historical contexts of the lives of these hundreds of women. She has recreated the essence of the home of the Cheer-Up Society at exhibitions and centenary events such as the Spirit of Anzac. Christeen's long-awaited book based on the Cheer-Up Society and its contribution to the First World War is aiming at an end of year publication.

- **Judith Francis - The Pioneers Association of South Australia Inc.**

- Discussion regarding the Formation of Pioneers Association of SA – inaugural meeting 1935.
- And including the Birth of the Province – when and why, 1836 – First European settlers in SA,
- Proclamation – what did it say,
- The work of the Pioneers Association in 2022, with a focus on several pioneer family stories with a link to Barossa Valley.
- Discover how you can share your family history as part of this Association.

- **Sam Doering - The diary of Emilie Appelt**

Samuel will share the extraordinary story of Emilie Appelt – a Eudundan, German, Lutheran, and a Woman - who wrote a detailed personal diary between 1904 and 1914. Emilie's brief biographical introduction of her early life reveals her Adelaide-based upbringing, Eudunda's first decades, and the heartache and trauma she experienced with child mortality. Writing across ten tumultuous years at the turn of the twentieth century, Emilie witnessed the changing fortunes of a rural commercial hub until the eve of World War One, a seismic event that would transform her life. Her diary records a community on the precipice of change and is punctuated by personal, political, cultural, social, and religious facets, thereby illuminating our understanding of that time.

- **Gayle and Mike Quarmby - Bush Foods**

Gayle Quarmby will talk of her father (Rex Battarbee) his role in the mentoring of Albert Namatjira, and the foundation of the Aboriginal Art Industry.

Mike and Gayle Quarmby will talk about their Outback Pride Project, which created a network of native food production sites for remote Indigenous Communities to have development training for this growing industry. Still passionate about the relevance, ethical and environmental sustainability of Australian Native Foods, Mike and Gayle have converted their back yard into a native plant production space, as well as continuing to mentor Aboriginal organisations and supplying Aussie Food Plants to select nurseries

### Bus Tour

There will also be a bus tour of this historic district – where you can get on and off at your leisure.

### SPEAK

And to begin this exploration of history will be SPEAK - hosted by 100 Barossa Artists, this will be held on April 30, 6.30 for 7pm start.

You can't know a place until you know its stories – all of them! We look forward to uncovering some new glimpse of the past, when the everyday was quite different to today. Do you know someone who wrote a journal or diary, or have an old one in your bookshelf? We are particularly interested in the stories that aren't so commonplace in our narrative of the Barossa.

Tickets \$15/head

BYO supper welcome, and light refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets:

<https://www.100barossaartists.com/workshops>  
and [www.barossa.com](http://www.barossa.com)

Paula Bartsch – Historian

[mountpleasant.sa.au](http://mountpleasant.sa.au)





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# CFS Incidents



28<sup>th</sup> - Early morning (03.30hrs) call out for a tree down with power lines involved at the junction of Melrose Street and Tungkillo Road. Following assessment by SAPN the junction was cleared in time for main peak traffic.

22<sup>nd</sup> - Late afternoon, Mt Pleasant CFS along with many other brigades were called to grass / stubble fire at Eden Valley. All up approximately 100 firefighters were involved. Due to the magnificent efforts of fire crews and farm fire units, the fire was brought under control and after 2-3 hours of mopping up, crews were released from the fire ground at 8.30pm after a feed catered by our brigade. Special thanks go to a bunch of our cadets who assisted in the cooking of the bbq food.



16<sup>th</sup> - At 2.30am that morning, the brigade responded to grape spills on a steep hill and blind bend on Palmer Hill Road. The crew did a fabulous job clearing the road and making it safe before returning to station at 4.15 am.

A reminder to keep your loads safe when transporting anything. The previous day on Randells Road we attended a severe motor bike accident after is skidded on a trail of cattle droppings also on a bend.

13<sup>th</sup> - At 13:42 crews from Springton and Mt Pleasant were called to respond to a vehicle accident, on Eden Valley Rd at Springton. The Vehicle was fully burning when we arrived, but crews quickly got the fire under control with help of a farm fire unit. Luckily no one was injured in this incident



5<sup>th</sup> - Congratulations to 4 of our members who on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March successfully completed the Driving Under Operative Conditions course. Part of the course required them to take MP34 around the Eagle View 4 WD Track. Well done Peter Phaup, Daniel Mamerow Darren Clarke and Dave Kuchenmeister.

These images courtesy of Peter Phaup give some indication of what they faced.



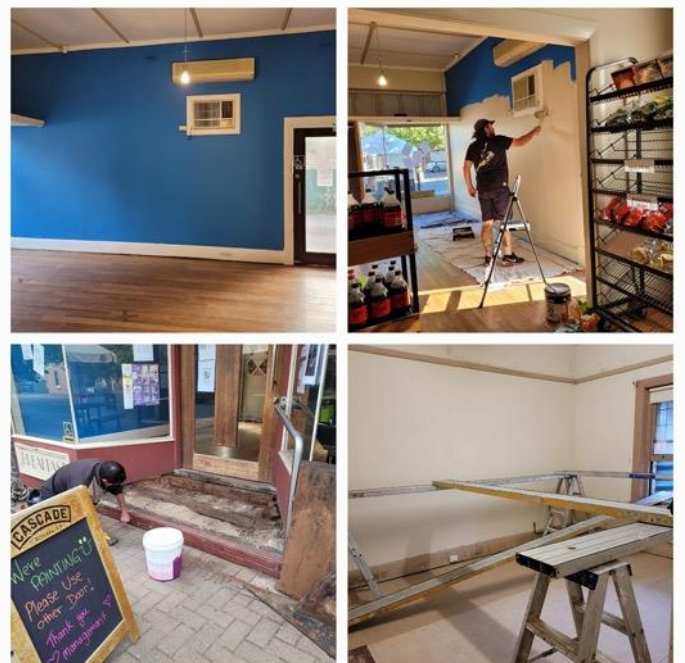
Other photos courtesy CFS Facebook page.

Glynn Jackson – Captain

## MP Bakery



Top – another huge contingent of motorcyclists dropped by – I guess word has spread about the Bakery! Watch out also as they are renovating – what will they think of next?





# People

## Vale – Vern Mueller

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February, our community lost a lifetime resident of the Birdwood, Mt Pleasant Cromer area when Vernon (Vern) Mueller passed away in the Gumeracha Hospital.

Vern was born in the Mt Pleasant Hospital on the 21<sup>st</sup> August in 1930. The son of Pearl (nee Grigg) and Wally, he had three siblings – Bruce, Kevin and Colleen.

Growing up during the Depression was difficult, and the family survived by growing what they could in the garden, what they caught in the River Torrens and by trapping rabbits. Wally was able to get some work by cutting timber for the railways, as the trains coming to Mt Pleasant were steam trains, and needed the timber for fuel.



Vern attended Cromer primary School, later known as the Cromer Tennis Club, and now looked after by the Friends of the Old Cromer School. He received his first pair of shoes to go to school, but didn't want to wear them as the other children didn't have any. The school was a one room building, and had one teacher for all seven grades. There was no air conditioning, only one outside toilet, and the average attendance was between 13 and 16, with a maximum of 23. He gained a scholarship to attend Birdwood high School, and when choosing subjects, his mother made him choose Latin, because he "might want to become a scientist or doctor." He deleted that language as soon as he could. He liked school, but much preferred to be outdoors, and had decided to become an apiarist. Before he attended High School, he'd collected 23 swarms of bees from surrounding trees, and his father worked them whilst Vern finished his education.

He spent the first month after leaving school helping his father cutting 4-inch timber for the Railways, but found he could make more money trapping rabbits. Shearers were in short supply around 1949, and Wally Rathjen from Cromer needed his sheep crutched and shorn. He bought Vern his first set of combs and cutters, encouraging Vern to begin a new career as a shearer, one he continued for over 43 years, with his last shearing job being in the shed where he began. The shed this time was run by Jim Rathjen – Wally's son.

He worked in the local quarry in Birdwood for 9 months, with brother Kevin, Fred Loechel and one other. They were told that they crushed more rock in those 9 months, than 13 men did when the pipeline was being laid.

Vern had many 'careers' with fencing in the winter (some of his fences are still standing – and in good order), shearing in summer and spring, and crutching in autumn.

As his brothers left school, they joined Vern and his father working the bees, rabbit trapping, cutting timber and fencing. Wally and his sons worked as a partnership, and

when Wally died, the brothers continued for another 21 years until Kevin and Bruce branched out in 1978.

Vern continued to work locally with shearing, fencing and the bees, and in 1984 he bought land in Cromer, built a home and raised fat lambs.

His first marriage having ended in divorce, he lived in Birdwood for 18 years before he met Margaret, and they were married in 1991.

Margaret had a small herd of Murray Grey cattle to add to Vern's sheep, and for the next 30 years they continued raising fat lambs, increased the number of cattle, and raised vealers for the local market.

The bees were relinquished when Vern was in his 80's, but he kept a few swarms because he couldn't quite be without them.

He was a very good sportsman, loved his football and cricket with a passion, would look after the younger players in the team, and wouldn't tolerate bullies on the field.

After playing a few games with Mt Pleasant at 14, he went to Birdwood with his brothers and they played as a very successful combination for many years.

He coached Birdwood A Grade for 14 years taking the team to several Grand Finals, winning 2 premierships, and losing 3 (2 of which they should have won), and reached the finals in many more.

He played for North Adelaide in 1954, and would have liked to continue there, but as the family had purchased land at Poolaijelo (in 1953) his priority was to help clear the land and get the property up and running.

It is estimated he played over 700 games – starting when he was 14, and finishing past 50. He played football in winter, and in summer it was cricket. He wasn't much of a batsman, although he did make a 100 once, preferring bowling, he perfected his 'off break', giving many batsmen short innings. He had a double bypass in 1988, a hip replacement in 1996, and when he was about 85, he contracted a bacterial infection in the blood, resulting in several operations and stays in hospital. He got through this, but in 2017, he was fitted with a pacemaker. In 2020 a fall resulted in him breaking his other hip, and he spent 6 ½ months in Modbury Hospital, before coming back to Gumeracha for rehabilitation.

During that time, he told Margaret to sell the farm as he wasn't able to continue working it. So, the farm was sold, a clearing sale was held, and a new place to live was purchased – all before he left hospital. It was a difficult time for both of them, and after leaving hospital, he spent the next 12 months in their new home at Mt Pleasant, until he had a heart attack on 26<sup>th</sup> January. He was taken to the RAH, and later on transferred back to Gumeracha, where he had another attack and passed away peacefully.

You can see he had a long and interesting life. He enjoyed fishing, fox hunting, beekeeping, his farm, looking after possums (which they did for 15 years), rabbit hunting (when you were allowed to), and holidaying. He said they should have done more of that.

He loved Margaret, Donna his dog, his family – especially his sister Colleen – his extended family and his friends.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, the Birdwood Cricket and Football Clubs combined to play a T20 game of cricket. The Vern Mueller Trophy – so named because Vern is the first Life Member of both the Football and Cricket Clubs. Vern had





been told about this match about three weeks beforehand, and was very happy to think that both clubs held him in such regard that they named the trophy in his honour. He tried very hard to be able to see this match, but fell short by 5 days. It was a very good match and he would have thoroughly enjoyed it. Margaret was on hand to present the trophy to the Cricket Club in his stead. (pictured left) He was a

hard worker, a man of his word, well respected, willing to stand up for what he believed was right. He could be stubborn at times – but he said it was determination. He loved telling people stories relating to his football and cricket playing days, coaching, taking an interest in young players, and encouraging them to do the best they could. He kept people wanting to hear more. Perhaps he should have written a book.

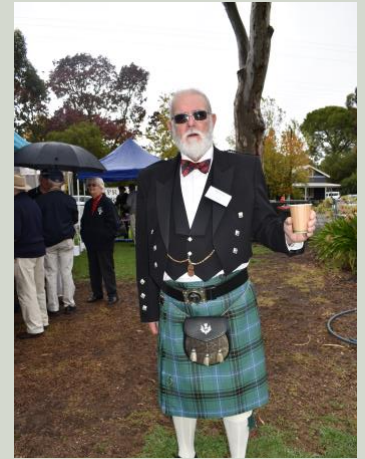


Linda English

Linda English – the first smiling face you will see when you visit the Primary School, she has never been afraid of having a go – or of dressing in the most outrageous costumes for whatever reason. Happy Birthday, Linda – here’s hoping your family spoils you – I know the school staff and students will! Your blood’s worth bottling!

Robbie Burns aficionado and raconteur, Murray never misses an opportunity to don the dress of his ancestors. He has also expressed a liking for Uisge beatha and cold porridge – although not together. Happy Birthday, you braw laddie!

Murray Henderson



# Happy Birthday

Missed in March!!!

Ann Wilde



Ann – cooker of jams and preserves, photographer, grandma, mum, and wife.

Happy Birthday, Ann – sorry we missed it last month!

# Farewell

Maureen Spicer



Recently the funeral was held for Maureen Spicer – who passed away aged 91. Maureen was loved by her family and valued by her community. She was one of the last children born in the old Mt Pleasant Hospital (behind Lovell’s), and attended Mt Pleasant Primary School. Married to John at St John’s, she worked as a telephonist at Mt Pleasant exchange. A tireless worker and volunteer for Heartbeat, Friends of the Hospital and the Day Care Centre, her substantial contribution will not be forgotten.

Janelle Bishop



Yes, we know she’s shifted, but she still gets the newsletter! Happy Birthday, Janelle!

## Clubs & Committees

MP Inc



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

2022 at 7.00 pm. in the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed

1. Present: John Bowd, Genevieve Hebart, Cr Don Barrett, Peter Wilde, Anne Moore, Chris Hebart, Wendy Harvey, Gareth Saunders, Pauline Williams
2. Apologies: Di Anderson, Steve Birrell, Pete Stephens
3. Minutes of the previous meeting of February were adopted.
4. Business arising / ongoing:
  - No further action on the Lift
  - No further action on the upgrading of the stairs with carpet, handrails, and lighting. **Pete Stephens to report.**
  - New tree planting ongoing. Trees are available from Ashley Dent. **Steve Birrell to deal with this later**
  - The Caravan Park office space has been upgraded. Tenders for the 2 new cabins closed with no positive outcome. Tenders for the caravan site works will now include the cabins and is due to go out in the next 2 weeks. A tree planting plan was sent to members and feedback given to Council.
  - Oval seating has been ongoing with only a few seats left to place. **Thanks to John Bowd for his efforts again.**
  - No further information on the town banner designs.
  - Animal repairs and painting are continuing.
  - **Naming of animals competition to be developed this month.**
  - No further action on the garden strip
  - The Rex Amber memorial plaque has not been found. A replacement plaque is now being costed based on a photo of the original. **A date for a rededication of the playground will be organised for next year.**
  - The gate on the playground will be donated by Peter and Anne Wilde and installed by John Bowd and Peter. **The Committee passed on their thanks to the Wildes for their generous donation.**
  - No further action on the old pump jack. **Paula Bartsch to be asked about the history.**
  - There were positive comments about the murals on the SA water tank.
  - A donation from the TV Football Club for the snake plaque is ongoing.
  - It was clarified that the Inc. body had agreed to assume responsibility for the train at Talunga Park **and a risk assessment should be done asap.** The Council to be given a copy as well as contact with the insurers.
  - The out-of-date signage in the information bay was discussed again stressing the importance of having relevant information from local businesses.
  - The issue of the rent for the community dinner is ongoing
  - The group expressed their pleasure that the ToTT has been revived with a new committee and we look forward to future performances.

- Genevieve has contacted the Insurance company and it costs \$77.84 for each subcommittee. **It was agreed that financially viable subcommittees should contribute this money to the Inc. body.**
  - The library review consultation closes on the 10<sup>th</sup> and members were encouraged to respond
  - Barossa Council has been contacted about the lack of grease trap at the catering shed and is working on a solution which will be either an outside large trap or 2 smaller under sink traps.
5. New Business
    - **It was agreed that there should be a formal letter to the Show Committee inviting a representative from that group to join the Inc. body.**
    - John Bowd requested that members encourage everyone to use local businesses
    - Gareth reported that the Men's Shed has placed an expression of interest to the Queens Jubilee Tree planting grant funding round, managed by Federal Member Tony Pasin, for an avenue of trees to be planted on the road between the bowling club and the Men's Shed.
  6. The next meeting will be held on the 12 April 2022

Wendy Harvey for MP Progress Inc.



### Men's Shedding

MPPS engagement

The students from Mt Pleasant Primary School are pictured below with the candle holders they have been working on.



#### Kindling for Sale

MPMS 8 Kg/\$10 kindling bags for sale call Gareth (AKA \*George the Lumberjack) on 0430 026 993 for purchase details.

\* Like the Phantom, George lives on.

#### Next Meeting

The next Men's Shed Meeting will be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. AGM will be on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Women's Workshops

Do you know it's been a year since we commenced these workshops?

The next Women's only woodwork session is on the first Wednesday in April (6<sup>th</sup>).

#### Photography

The next session will be on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.



Gareth Saunders – Secretary

0430 026 993



Join the Shedders - Mon & Wed from 9. ALL WELCOME!



## SACWA

### Mt Pleasant Show

I guess everyone is recovering after the Mt Pleasant Show. What a beautiful day! The information stall and our participation in the Gum leaf Trail proved very popular, and what was even more interesting was just how many young mums live in our town. Hopefully we can convince some of them to join our association.

Several of our members entered items for judging, as well as being involved with judging and stewarding. It was a really enjoyable day for us all – even though we were pretty tired at the end of it!

### Angaston visit to Gully Gardens

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March our group visited the Gully Gardens in Angaston with our Homelink Branch – Angaston. It was a great morning with lots of chatter and networking. Making new friends and enjoying a wonderful morning tea provided by the Gully Gardens staff. We are already planning many more visits!



Craft



The Dorset Button Making workshop was really interesting, and several ladies from Woodside, Angaston and Murray Bridge joined us. It's a very old craft, and very good for utilising found objects and recycling parts. It was borne out of necessity, when buttons were scarce, and the breadth of design some of the creations are truly outstanding.

### Poppies

The project to replace the poppies is coming along, and local, metropolitan and interstate ladies have contributed. We will be assembling them on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, and can't wait to see



the display on Anzac Day. Veiling the Hall is always a visual feast.

### Anzac Day

Several ladies have joined with our branch to make Anzac Biscuits for guests and members of the community to enjoy with their morning tea on Anzac Day.

### Foodbank

The need for Foodbank continues, and doesn't look like abating any time soon. The rising cost of food and petrol is hugely concerning for ordinary people, besides those who are experiencing job losses or homelessness. Please donate non-perishable goods wherever you see the purple Foodbank sign – Mt Pleasant Post Office, Birdwood Op Shop, etc.

### New Memberships

If you are interested in joining this wonderful association, please contact branch President Heather Reekes-Parsons, on 85682084.

### Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm in the SM Hall.

Kath Fisher - Secretary SACWA



## Red Cross

### Meeting news

It's been a busy six months for the Mt Pleasant branch – the Spring Fling, OpShoppportunity, pre-Christmas stall and the Glen Devon Garden Party. Our participation at the Mt Pleasant Show with the Gum Leaf Trail and information booth followed by Red Cross calling has meant that we haven't had much time to spare. Red Cross Calling saw us at Springton (Special thank you again to Jim), Birdwood and Mt Pleasant, and we thank all the community members who contributed, and all our members who assisted.



### New Members

We welcome new members at any time – please contact our Secretary Kath on 0437 195 597, if you'd like to know more.

### Next Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm in the SM Hall.

Kath Fisher - Secretary



## Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital

### Latest news

Even though we are a small group, we are hoping that our numbers will increase this year, as the need for support hasn't diminished.

Our participation at the Mt Pleasant Show was very successful, and a big thank you to our members and community for all the donations of baked





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goods, plants (including bulbs), etc were very much appreciated.

The Friends will be manning the Market gate in May, which will be a good way for us to let people know about our group. Our President Virginia Carnell is hoping to organise an afternoon tea with the Friends and the Director of Nursing Elisa Gardner very shortly.

**New members**

Once again, we are putting a call out for any interested people who would like to contribute to assisting our hospital - please come and join us - you will be made very welcome. Our numbers are falling and we would appreciate the help.

(If interested, please contact Virginia Carnell on 0400275602)

**Next Meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, in the SM Hall.



Kath Fisher - Publicity Officer

**RSL Report**

**March Social Night**



Les and Colleen Modra were the March guest speakers along with their RSB trainee Remi and retired RSB breeder Reggie. They have been involved with the Royal Society for the Blind for more than 10 years. As Puppy Educators their role is to care for and provide basic training until the dogs are about 18 months old. At this stage they start specific training from specialized trainers, as either a Guide Dog, PTSD dog (in association with the RSL), or as an Autism dog. Puppy Educators train the dogs to walk on lead, toilet on command, detect and stop at curbs, doorways, stairs, also to be able to be around people, other dogs etc, without being distracted. Pups have all food, veterinary needs, supplied, so that the Educators only need to supply the time and fuel to attend regular training sessions. We welcome new members Kathy and Bob who were also in attendance at their first Social Night.



**Visit from Nuri RSL**

The well attended social night on March 1st had Rob Neis and wife Sheree with Lyn and Charlie from Nurioopta R.S.L. Sharon and William Gunter from Nairne R.S.L. with Bill presenting a speech about the Barossa Valley Light Horse Historical Association Inc.



**Donations**

The Mount Pleasant RSL sub branch is grateful to Brayden Provis from CUT Auto and Marine Upholstery, for his kind Donation of 2 X 2.2 metre canvas storage bags which will be used for the storage and safe transport of our tent parts.

A special thanks to Kim Yap for his generous donation of \$500. This was used to purchase poppies for distribution on Anzac Day and for 100 enamel poppies which the Men's shed are fixing to the restored crosses. The crosses are used on Remembrance Day in commemoration of the 100 fallen diggers from this area during WW1 "the war to end all wars."

**Mt Pleasant Show**



The RSL donated a Large white Ceramic baking dish valued at \$40 to be used as a prize in the Mount Pleasant Show, Anzac Biscuit category

Friday March 18 saw the usual dedicated members getting set up for the Mount Pleasant Show. The Army tent was set up with a few mannequins and paintings from local artist, Graham Westwood. Funds raised on the day will go towards repairs on the inside of the RSL building and hopefully The Barossa Council will fund a new roof on the building before the rain starts, the tarpaulin does not look very pretty.

March 19 saw Wally & Marie Birch, Collette & Roger Benton, Denise Westwood and Don Barrett rotate gate duties on the Horse event gate at the Mount Pleasant show with the assistance of Mark Holt who also displayed his WW2



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American Dodge desert weapons carrier with a reproduction machine gun. This created a lot of interest from people passing through the gate, as well as the paintings and other items displayed at the Army Tent with Dennis & Jenny Rockley, Graham Westwood and Hartley Ramm.

**Meeting news**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we held our bi monthly meeting which was well attended by members and our guest, Bob Brooksby from Gumeracha RSL. The meeting was followed by dinner and social activities.

**Health and Wellness**

It is pleasing to see that Meralyn Schaeffer was able to attend her first RSL meeting for 2 months. She was very appreciative of all the phone calls, visits and get well cards that she had received. The Health and Wellness Officer is also keeping close contact with a number of other members who are in need of support.



**Vale Steve Hughes**

It is with deep regret that members were advised on Sunday of the passing of Steve Hughes after a long illness. Steve served in the Navy for 43 years, through Korea to Afghanistan, in all theatres of war that Australia has been involved with, and served on all war ships including submarines

during his service. Last year Steve was also elected to the branch committee. Our deepest sympathies go to Jan and his family.

Steve is pictured above on a visit to the ASC a couple of years ago.

Picture by Tim Sutcliffe.

**Next Social Night**

The next social night is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along and share the experience. Mount Pleasant RSL welcomes all new members as either Affiliates or Service members. Contact President Walter Birch on 0428 854 886 or Vice President Dennis Rockley on 0431 731 403

**Roger Benton – RSL**



**Sport**

**Table Tennis**



It's time... For the 2022 Torrens Valley Winter Table Tennis Season! Players Wanted for our Wednesday Evening Competition! Family Fun and Friendly Competition for all ages and all levels. New players welcome. Great indoor winter sport at Clubs all over the Hills – Birdwood, Cudlee Creek, Harrogate, Lenswood, Lobethal, Mt Torrens, Woodside. For more information and to contact your local club, and head over to <https://www.tvtta.com.au/>

Season commences Wednesday April 27



**Mt Pleasant Gems Netball**

WINTER REGISTRATION 2022 FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> @ MOUNT PLEASANT BOWLING CLUB 12PM START!!!  
FAMILY FUN DAY COME ALONG AND REGISTER PLUS HAVE SOME FAMILY FUN PLAY SOME BOWLS, BBQ LUNCH WILL BE SUPPLIED, BAR FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

**WE WANT YOU!**

MT PLEASANT NETBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS, MUM'S & AUNTY'S TO COME AND PLAY WINTER NETBALL WITH US THIS SEASON.



GAMES ARE PLAYED @ WOODSIDE NETBALL COURTS ON A FRIDAY NIGHTS & SATURDAY'S MORNINGS/ARVO'S PLEASE CONTACT TAM 0432666739 JO 0459 999 807 FOR MORE INFORMATION WE HOPE TO SEE YOU OUT THERE!!

**Mt Pleasant Bowls**

Night Owls continues in 2022. Thursdays, 7pm start with BBQ Hamburgers at 6.30p. Cost is \$5 for the burger and the game. Flat shoes required and bowls available.



**Bo Hambly – President**



**Mt Pleasant Golf Club**



**Lay of the land**

New to Mount Pleasant Golf course? We reckon we have one of the great, if not the best, layouts in country golf. Indeed, we would put it up as one of the top 5 layouts in SA. (Yes, we know we are biased!) What makes it great? Here are just a few points.

1. Variety in hole design with balanced considerations for both right and left handers. (No boring up and back)
2. Variation in course contour with challenges of a few hills. (Elevated tees at 1, 6, 8 & 10 and climbs at 5, 9 & 17.)
3. The positioning of water hazards for aesthetics - and to intimidate!
4. Incorporation of classic 200+ year old gum trees to protect the greens.
5. The 5+ prevailing wind directions which change your approach to play the course.

Come and try us and you will know what we mean...

13<sup>th</sup> Hole explained



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So the new 13th hole appears short for a par 5. Don't be fooled. If you are long and straight you can reach the green in 2. However, the hole has been spiced up to protect the green. Out of bounds on the left is always in the head, and the water on the right has been lengthened and is wider. Around the green and approach are grassy knolls and a grassy bunker. Risk and Reward! So, you think you can hit long and straight?!! Go ahead.... make our day!

**Mount Pleasant Open**

Time to place an important date in your golfing diary. Sunday May 1st is the classic Mount Pleasant Open - the 2021 Open presented a challenge to the 80+ players who were confronted by Mount Pleasant's unique layout and deceptive in its difficulty.... The course is still awaiting its first sub-par round for a new course record, the newer Bermuda style greens are settling down beautifully and the course is receiving plaudits from visitors for its presentation. Register (\$40) early, and join us on Wednesday or d \$5 comp fees.....Oh and your \$40 includes a fantastic lunch wSaturday mornings in pre-open competitions for \$10 green fees anlich also received great feedback in 2021. Contact Dave on 0438095231 to place a nomination.

Dave Swan – President



**MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF CLUB**  
**2022 OPEN**  
 - MEN'S and WOMEN'S -  
**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*(Registration by 8.00 am Tee Off's from 8.30 am)*

Take on the Challenge of the  
**NEW**  
 Course Layout  
**Par 72**  
*(for Men and Women)*



**Register Early**  
*(with \$40 payment)*  
 and enjoy  
**\$10**  
 Pre-Open Day  
 Rounds

*Includes the following Competitions with Prizes*

- Open** (New Course Record Bonus Prize \* below par required )
- Handicap**

Men	Women
A Grade (13.1 and under)	A Grade (20.7 and under)
B Grade (23.8 and Under)	B Grade (Over 20.7)
C Grade (Over 23.8)	

**Torrens Valley FC**

New recruits

**Welcome to Daniel Sumner!**



Daniel comes to us from Aldinga FC, where he played A Grade with his brothers Byron & Timmy. Deciding to play closer to home, he comes to us with a wealth of experience. A rather modest player, he loves to play in the midfield and forward. He says " Football is the greatest and most unique game in the world, what's not to love?"

Welcome to the Lion's Den, Daniel & Family.

**We are pleased to announce the signing of David Wilson.**

David joins us from Ramblers FC where he played in the reserves premierships last year, 'A' grade rising star award 2017 and leading goal kicker on multiple occasions. David is a impact player who plays forward and midfield with great pace, we welcome David and his partner Amy to the club!



**We have also signed Clinton Walker.**

Clint joins us from the Ramblers football club where he has played in the league team for the last 5 years, winning an undefeated league premierships in 2016, being in the leadership group and winning league best and fairest in 2020. Clints ability to win contests in the midfield and go forward will be an asset. We look forward to seeing him in action. Join us in welcoming him



and his partner Jasmine and daughter Leah to the club!

**New Leadership Group**

Congrats to our new Captains & Leadership Group for Season 2022!

**CAPTAIN:** Lukass Blicavs & **VICE CAPTAIN:** Rob Young

**T.V.F.C Supporters**

We are in need of someone to do B Grade Team Manager & also timekeepers for this season.

If you or anyone you know could be interested, please contact us via this page, Shannon O'Shea or Lyn Wilhelm.

Lyn Wilhelm - Vice Pres



**Female Footballers Wanted**

Do you want to play footy, be a part of a great club, make new friends, develop your skills and have fun?

**Come and join us for the 2022 season.**  
**U13.5, U16.5 & Senior Teams**

**Barossa District Football Club,**  
**Williamstown.**



**UNDER 13 ½ (BORN 1ST OF JULY AND AFTER IN 2008 & YEARS 2009, 2010 & 2011)**  
**UNDER 16 ½ (BORN 1ST OF JULY AND AFTER IN 2005 & YEARS 2006, 2007 & 2008).**

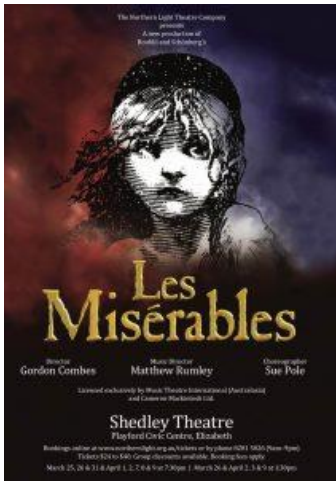
Contact: Alicia 0439680853 or Kylie 0431538631



## Cromer news

### Les Miserables

Directed by Cromer local Gordon Combe, Les Miserables is enjoying a run at the Shedley Theatre, Playford Civic Centre. Nadine Wood – a Mt Pleasant local is also part of the cast. As with our own Top of the Torrens, supporting our local artists and performers enriches our whole community. Details on the Beat’s website, Events page.



### Friends of the Old Cromer School

Well there's a few changes with those pine trees gone – what a great view! Cleaning the courts won't be anywhere near as time consuming now! Also, we are on the lookout for some old tennis racquets and balls that can be used. If you have any that you are happy to donate would love to have a collection that can be used.



At the working bee on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, we had a very productive day, although it was a bit too hot to be outside for long! The front fence looks fabulous, weeding and planting done (aggies placed following the line of the current rocks), windows in veranda started, second tank in and kitchen drain connected installed (Thank you Michael Dowd), a shelf on the bottom of the island kitchen cupboard and fitted



wheels (almost didn't happen), and all chairs beautifully covered.

On the day, a Big THANK YOU to: Michael, Peter, Tammy, Tim, Liv, Andrew, Anne, Mike, Dean and Pauline.

Building a shed and painting the cement floor are plans for a later date.



The venue is now taking bookings so if you are looking for somewhere to have an event get in contact with us!

<https://www.facebook.com/OldCromerSchool>

Pauline Williams



## Gumeracha news

The Gumeracha Community Association is conducting community consultations regarding a series of banners to be placed on the new light poles in the main street. The aim is to enhance the township. The first meeting was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March and we await further developments.

*As an aside, an invitation was extended to our community in about 2016 regarding updating / adding to our banners. They are starting to show their age and haven't been put up lately. Williamstown recently upgraded banners for their main street and they look great. I wonder if there is an appetite here for another go at it? MP Inc has a mention of it in their minutes. How about we try again?*

Sue & Paula

## Mount Torrens news

The next Mt Torrens market is almost ready to go – if you haven't been, get along and support this great little community. Always lots of variety and bargains to be had.



**MT TORRENS**  
*Market*

24TH APRIL, FROM 10AM TO 3PM



**Stalls, BBQ, Coffee, Live Music, Face Painting**

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**MT TORRENS DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Contact: [roseeposee60@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roseeposee60@yahoo.com.au) 0432 477 616



## Palmer news

### Palmer Sculpture Biennial

Biennial open until 17<sup>th</sup> April – worth a visit over the hill!  
Contact details: Email the Palmer Project; [palmersculpturebiennial@gmail.com](mailto:palmersculpturebiennial@gmail.com) or phone Greg Johns - 0438807860 (email [gjohn4899@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjohn4899@bigpond.net.au)), or Bill Clifford (08) 8398 0868 (email [jandbclifford@internode.on.net](mailto:jandbclifford@internode.on.net))

or visit our website, [palmersculpturebiennial.org](http://palmersculpturebiennial.org)  
Ellipsis by George Andric - Photo by Michael Genrich



### Palmer Hotel

Live music is back! Come along and enjoy great music and great food. Bookings, probably wise.

**PALMER HOTEL**  
**NOT QUITE**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
AT THE  
**PALMER HOTEL**  
with special guests  
**PRIME MOVER**  
100% Aussie Country Rock & Roll

**FREE ENTRY!**  
**STARTS FROM 8PM**  
**MUSIC ALL NIGHT**

**MEALS FROM 6-8PM**  
**BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!**

WITH **HEATH WEBER**

**SATURDAY APRIL 2**

## Springton news

### Edenmae Estate events

#### Edenmae Rizz and Fizz

Sarah's Veraison - 10<sup>th</sup> April – 1 to 4

An afternoon of step-by-step creative flow! All supplies & guiding artist onsite... includes take home canvas & complimentary glass of Luka Trio + nibbles on arrival. Edenmae wine available by the glass/bottle thereafter. No artistic skill required \$55 pp

<https://events.humanitix.com/edenmae-rizz-n-fizz>



### Good Friday with Edenmae & Pennys Road

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 1 to 5.

Gillian's Famous Canapés + Edenmae Sparkling on Arrival \$55pp. Edenmae wine available by the glass or bottle thereafter. Our 6th year celebrating Good Friday... always such a beautiful afternoon.

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/good-friday-with-edenmae-and-pennys-road>



On  
**Sunday April 10th**  
WHY NOT VISIT  
**Springton's Open Gardens**

**10am - 4pm**  
**Begin at the Hall**  
Entry ticket and information booklet \$10

Refreshments & Plant Sale at the Hall  
throughout the day

Brought to you by the Springton Progress Association



## Tungkillo news

### Monster Auction

It's that time of year again – the Monster Auction is upon us!



**Tungkillo Monster Auction**  
**TUNGKILLO MEMORIAL PARK**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 10 am sharp**

Donated & Commissioned Goods Invited.  
 Reserved Items Welcomed.

Please NO Mattresses, Child's Car Seats Broken or Faulty Goods. Unsold Goods remain the property of the vendor.

**CAKE & PRODUCE STALL, RAFFLE, FOOD & DRINK, HOBBY & MARKET STALLS!**

Books, Clothes, Bric-a-brac, Electrical Items, Work Tools, Furniture, Garden Items, Antiques, Firewood, Household Sundries, Plants and much, much more!

**Goods accepted**  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 – 3pm – 5pm  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 – 7am – 9.30am

Have lots of small items? Consider booking a stall for \$10 contact The Tungkillo Progress Club Inc at [tungkilllogazette@gmail.com](mailto:tungkilllogazette@gmail.com) or Alan Lintern 0428 508 256

**CASH & CHEQUE PAYMENTS ONLY**  
 ID WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BIDDERS AND VENDORS. \$20 FEE FOR ALL ITEMS RESERVED AT \$500 OR MORE. PLUS COMMISSION. ADMIN FEE FOR ALL ITEMS SOLD. WHERE THE COMBINED TOTAL VALUE OF GOODS SOLD BY ONE VENDOR IS \$3.00 OR LESS, IT WILL BECOME A DONATION TO THE TUNGKILLO PROGRESS CLUB.

Auctioneer: Ashley Fawcett

## Classifieds, courses and community info



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- ✓ 54% of people we surveyed have worked in Hospos
- ✓ 38% of people we surveyed said Hospos was their first job
- ✓ Everyone we talked to had great memories from when they worked in Hospos
- ✓ Everyone said they learnt a whole bunch of skills that set them up for the rest of their life

Who can join?  
 • Young People 17 – 30 years old  
 • Looking for work  
 • NOT enrolled in Education or School  
 • ONLY 15 spots available – so be QUICK

Where?  
 • Start Street, Adelaide

When?  
 • Check registration form

Register your interest at: [bit.ly/hospo-prep](https://bit.ly/hospo-prep)

Logos: Government of South Australia, AHO, employment options, LinkSA Jobs

TAFESA  
 L Plates –  
 Cooking from  
 around the  
 world



**LxPLATES**  
 SAT 30 APRIL 2022 TAFE SA REGENCY INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FROM \$95 PER CLASS 8AM – 11AM OR 1PM – 4PM

Don't miss out on the chance to join fun hands-on classes with some of SA's best chefs and learn recipes from around the world. Book your journey to learn cooking secrets from Brazil, Italy, Thailand or South America. These fun, hands on sessions will be held in TAFE SA's commercial kitchens with state-of-the-art equipment. All ingredients are supplied – you simply need to turn up and enjoy!

Classes are selling out fast! Book your favourite sessions or visit the [TASTING AUSTRALIA](https://www.tastingaustralia.com.au) website for more info!



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SWEET SUCCESS

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FOR THE LOVE OF MARKETS

BRAZIL MEETS PENFOLDS

SEAFOOD OFF THE SCALE



FROM THE GROUND UP

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For more information and many more options, please visit the TAFESA website: <https://www.tafesa.edu.au>

## LinkSA Jobs

Casual Bus Drivers + Senior Bus Mechanic

If you would like to express your interest in any other position, we prefer to receive a completed application form which is available from the website. (below)

\*\* Please note that as of January 3rd 2022 the Emergency Management (Passenger Transport Vaccination) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 requires all employees to have received one dose of an TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine and provide evidence of vaccination information.

Post your application form to:

Attn: The Operations Manager, LinkSA, PO Box 822, Mount Barker, SA 5251

Email your application to:

Attn: The Operations Manager [info@linksa.com.au](mailto:info@linksa.com.au)

LinkSA is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity across our teams. For more information, see the website: <https://www.linksa.com.au/employment/>



### Apprenticeship info

<https://www.skills.sa.gov.au/apprenticeships>

### Positions available



Due to the fact he keeps winning awards, Jamie and the team are expanding and need more hands on deck. If you are looking for a job, pop in and see him.



### Torrens Valley Mechanical

**We are hiring**

**ARE YOU ORGANISED?  
DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE AS AN ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT?  
WANT TO JOIN A THRIVING FAMILY BUSINESS?**

We are looking for a hardworking, organised and friendly person to take on the role of Administration Assistant. Working across both businesses based in Springton the Administration Assistant will be responsible for reception duties, data entry, packing & shipping of parts, and maintaining our business websites.

The role of Administration Assistant is offered full time (Monday to Friday 8:30am—5pm) however for the right candidate we may be willing to negotiate working hours .

For more information please call Ben on 08 8568 2153  
Send your CV and a brief letter outlining your experience and suitability to this role to [ben@tvmae.com.au](mailto:ben@tvmae.com.au) by April 8




**WE ARE HIRING**

**TVM is looking for MECHANIC to join our team**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR:

- FULL TIME STABLE EMPLOYMENT IN A FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESS
- OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON THE LOT—TRUCKS, CARS, HYDRAULICS, AUTO ELECTRICAL, FARMING & VITICULTURE EQUIPMENT, AND
- ABOVE AWARD WAGES

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HARD WORKING, FLEXIBLE AND SKILLED MECHANIC FOR OUR BUSY WORKSHOP LOCATED IN SPRINGTON.**  
Please email your resume to [ben@tvmae.com.au](mailto:ben@tvmae.com.au)



### WE ARE HIRING 😊

If you are looking for a casual, flexible position then send your resumes now 😊 Offering between 5 to 20 hours per week from Monday through to Sunday, most weekends. Must be available over a 7 day roster.

We are looking for someone who is fast on their feet to keep up with our busy bakery. You must have excellent customer service, a great team player, an eye for detail, can multitask and wanting to be apart of our friendly family team.

Please send resumes to [mtpleasantbakery@internode.on.net](mailto:mtpleasantbakery@internode.on.net)

### Jobs website:

<https://www.barossaplainsjobs.org.au/>

### Bits and Bobs

### Elysian Springs – Pizzas!



1<sup>st</sup> April - Come to the winery and enjoy a great night out with pizza maker Lily! Fantastic Wood Fired oven pizzas and great company. Bookings essential. Now also available for takeaway. First Friday of every month.

### Robbers Dog

### Now serving Pizzas!

Pop into Rob's for his Cocktail of the Week and order a freshly made gourmet pizza.



**PIZZA MENU**  
MADE FRESH TO ORDER

**MARGHERITA • SML \$9 / LRG \$18**  
*Garden fresh tomato and basil topped with mozzarella & parmesan cheese - with a sneaky hint of chilli oil to add an extra layer of flavour!*

**HAWAIIAN • SML \$9.50 / LRG \$19**  
*Mount Pleasant ham and juicy pineapple pieces topped with tasty & mozzarella cheese - A perfect mix of flavours; sweet, savoury and undeniably delicious!*

**PEPPERONI • SML \$9.50 / LRG \$19**  
*Sliced pepperoni pieces with tasty & mozzarella cheese - a timeless classic in the pizza topping realm*

**HOT'N SPICY • SML \$10 / LRG \$20**  
*Spicy jalapeños, sliced pepperoni, onion topped with tasty & mozzarella cheese - I hope you're not afraid of a little flavour PUNCH*

**SUPREME • SML \$12 / LRG \$24**  
*Bacon, salami, onion, mushroom, capsicum, sliced kalamata olives topped with tasty & mozzarella cheese - jam packed full of flavour and a crowd favourite!*

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL**  
**BLUE CHEESE, WALNUT & PEAR PIZZA • SML \$10 / LRG \$20**  
*Blue cheese, pear and toasted walnut on a vinaigrette base, topped with mozzarella - for when you're feeling just a little bit fancy*

*Want to add something to your pizza? Ask one of the friendly bar staff for pricing*

### MP Hotel Motel

Will have a Mother's Day Lunch – full menu. Book early.



# Markets



Farm Gate Garden  
806 Springton Road,  
Mt Crawford



We are a family run, veteran owned, bushfire effected permaculture farm in the Adelaide Hills, located between Gumeracha and Lobethal.

We produce and sell raw unfiltered honey, organic vegetables, salted honey gelato, body and skin care products as well as training and education.

Our honey and products are available direct from the farm, at local markets or from local shops.

## COUNTRY MARKET



• CRAFT • COOK • GROW • FRESH

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



The Mannum Riverside Markets, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 with live music as well as some new stalls and some of your favourites. Visit Mannum for the weekend and take a cruise on the Murray on the PW Mayflower and have a look around the Mannum Dock Museum of River History.



At the Palmer Hotel on the 17th April  
A selection of locally made arts, crafts and tasty goodies.  
Every third Saturday in our beer garden from 10am-2pm,  
weather dependent.

Stall holder enquiries 85694054. CASH ONLY

Because of COVID-19 and the ever-changing regulations, please check online before visiting markets – as they may have been cancelled since this newsletter was printed.

For a more comprehensive list, go to the Beat's events page:  
<https://www.mtpleasantbeat.org/events>



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Events

**Top of the Torrens Gallery, Birdwood**  
Invites you, your family and friends to view

**'All Kinds of Beautiful'**

An exhibition of textiles, jewellery and creativity that flows from the shed

On view from Friday the 25th of March  
Concludes on the 8th of May

9 Shannon Street, Birdwood ~ PH 8568 5577  
Open Wed to Sun ~ 11am till 4pm  
Opening times include Public Holidays

Top of the Torrens started 25<sup>th</sup> March

**BAROSSA ARTS FESTIVAL**

**THE SWEET CAROLINE TOUR**  
A TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND

COMING TO SA THIS APRIL - SECURE YOUR SEATS NOW!

Barossa Arts Festival during the month of April <https://barossaartsfestival.com.au>  
And Neil Diamond Tribute: Barossa Arts Centre – 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Inc.**

**2022 Gem & Mineral Show**

Tea Tree Gully Primary School Memorial Drive, Tea Tree Gully

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 10am to 4pm  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April - 10am to 4pm

**Demonstrations**  
Bone Carving  
Metal Engraving

Light Meals and Refreshments

**Raffle**

**Admission Prices**  
Entry - \$5.00  
Children under 12 with an Adult are Free

**Sales**  
Hand Crafted Jewellery  
Mineral Specimens  
Fossils  
Gemstone Rough  
Cut and Polished Gems  
Tools and Equipment  
Books

**For more information contact:**  
Ian Everard 0417 859 443

PLEASE NOTE: To preserve the floor, NO STILETTOS or STUDED FOOTWEAR.

The Neighbourhood Circles Project  
Invites you to:

**Inclusive Neighbourhoods**  
Meet, greet and have your say

Building inclusivity and accessibility in our neighbourhoods:  
What might it take?

**April 9, 2022**  
**10am-12pm**  
**Uraidla Republic Café and Bakery**  
**1196 B26, Uraidla**

Come meet other neighbourhood champions over good food and drink, learn about ways that you can connect to your local neighbourhood, and provide feedback on what you might need to strengthen your own efforts for strengthening inclusion and accessibility

Please RSVP your attendance to Sarah at 0479 157 856 or [sarah.burrage@clp-sa.org.au](mailto:sarah.burrage@clp-sa.org.au)



Have further questions?  
Get in touch!



Mount Pleasant FARMERS MARKET

australian farmers' markets association

**Bee Hive Tours**  
**Bee Workshops**  
**Bee Experts**  
**Bee Activities**

*Celebrate*

**WORLD BEE DAY**

**Sat. May 21**  
**Mt Pleasant Farmers Market**  
**8am - 12pm**  
**Mt Pleasant Showground**

Facebook Instagram @mtpleasantfarmersmarketau



## April calendar

There are many events coming up over the next few months – too many to add to the newsletter. Please go to the Beat’s website to see whether there is something you may be interested in. We’ll try and add School Holiday events when we can. Check out the Bakery – they will be having workshops for kids on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – book early as they have been very popular.



Wood Oven Pizzas on the first Friday of the month at Elysian Springs Bookings essential Takeaway available



Apart from Rob’s killer Cocktails, Robber’s Dog is now offering Home Made food! Do yourselves a favour!



## Events

Date	Event	Details
2, 9, 14, 23 & 30 ALSO ONLINE	MP Farmers’ Market	8-12, Saturdays @ Talunga Park
14	Easter Twilight Market	From 4pm to 8pm
25	Anzac Day Dawn Service	6.15 am

## Meetings

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in month
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 (MP Progress)	7.00pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ Men’s Shed
MP Fitness Group	Talunga Park Pavilion - Thursdays
MP Men’s’ Shed	Open Monday & Wednesday from 9am.
MP Photography Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – 9.30am @ Men’s Shed- \$5 a session
MP Show Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday @ Talunga Park
MP Spinners & Craft Group	St John’s Church Hall, 10-3 on Wednesdays (Call Elaine on 0411276190)
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Pleasant Painters	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday from 10am-2pm, @ MP Library
Red Cross	Bi-Monthly, 1.30pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs @ SM Hall
RSL Social	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday - Social gathering
RSL Meeting	Alternate month, third Sunday @ 4pm - Bi-Monthly meeting
St John’s Card Group (500)	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday every month. 12 noon start. \$10 for 2 course meal + beverages.
SACWA	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers’ Memorial Hall
SACWA Craft Group	1 <sup>st</sup> and third Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12.30am @ Soldiers’ Memorial Hall
TV Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Women’s Woodworking	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month in the Men’s Shed
Writers’ Group	Please email: Dwainecelie@gmail.com

### Newsletter:

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