MOUNT TORRENS



Community Link

June and July 2023

The Link provides helpful and supportive community information, details of upcoming events, local information articles, local activities, updates and contact details for all Mt Torrens based groups, community projects, events, places of interest, sporting clubs and businesses, with no paid advertising, just an equal and balanced opportunity for everyone to share and come together. The Link is independent of, and inclusive of, all Mt Torrens based groups, facilities and businesses. It is a bi-monthly newsletter, available at the Mt Torrens General Store and Post Office, Coopers Farm Supplies, Lindsay Young Vet and the Mt Torrens Hotel and is also available by email. If you have something you'd like included, please drop a note for the Mt Torrens Community Link into the General Store or email mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com Thank you to all our contributors!

Mt Torrens Centenary Park

Welcome and Thank You: We welcome Paul De Salis to the Park Committee and recognise the generosity of the De Salis family in making a considerable donation in memory of Paul's brother Peter. The donation will be used for improvement of the facility. Thank you Paul! Funding and Oval Maintenance: The Adelaide Hills Council is introducing a new policy across council and community owned facilities. The Park Committee had a preliminary meeting with AHC staff who outlined their proposal and listened to our concerns. While the council offers to take on maintenance of the playing surface to a community standard (potentially less than the standard our volunteers provide currently) they would cease to fund any additional work to meet the standards required by sporting clubs. We can opt out of their proposal and funding would be available, but every dollar would have to be acquitted against specified oval maintenance requirements. Some flexibility self managed community owned facilities previously enjoyed in practice would disappear. It is expected that AHC will offer to cut, fertilise, aerate, spray and top dress the playing surface with the manual watering of the oval remaining the responsibility of the Park Committee. We are still waiting on their proposal. Whatever happens we have a big decision to make.

Dogs at the Park: We recognise that many of you love taking your dog for a walk including on and around the oval. As a friendly reminder; all dogs must be on a leash at all times when using the Centenary Park, including the oval and surrounds. While you love your dog and trust it, not everyone feels this way about dogs, so please respect other users and our requirement that dogs must be on a leash. And if your dog does the inevitable, bags are provided at the main entry gate to assist in the clean-up and disposal of dog droppings.

Quiz Night – save the date: Saturday 21st October 2023

David Elliot, Chairperson. 0449 715 589

Mt Torrens CFS

As we head into winter, we continue to be busy with call outs to motor vehicle accidents, fire alarms and, despite being green, a grass fire. Currently, our members are off completing first aid courses, and furthering their knowledge with different firefighting and leadership courses offered by the CFS.

There are 3 new members who will be completing their basic firefighting course in May; we look forward to having them on board. Like many Hills CFS Brigades we are still struggling with numbers during the day. If you want to know more about firefighting or try out some of our skills, please drop in for a look and chat on a Tuesday night after 7pm. We would love to show you around and hopefully have you join our Brigade. There are other roles within CFS other than firefighting.

Now is the time to start burning your rubbish piles if living outside the town limits.

If unsure or need assistance, please contact us on a Tuesday night at 7pm. We have conducted one burn off, on Gladigau Road, of a large pile of pines. We are hoping to light up the second pile in June. We

anticipate these will burn on and off over winter due to the large size and volume of wood in these heaps. Stay safe and warm. Sheryl Collins.

New Wool Buyer

Will be at Coopers of Mt Torrens on 13th June 1pm to 4pm 27th June 1pm to 4pm 11th July 1pm to 4pm 25th July 1pm to 4pm

Wool to only be left on the day of wool buyer's attendance thanks.

Natalie and John 8389 4188

Mt Torrens Market

Sunday May 28th 10am to 3pm
Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall
It's time for our first market of the year!

What will you find? Live music, bakery, BBQ, Coffee and Raffle (win a trailer load of firewood!) and a variety of stalls at our friendly local market.

A great response to our call-out for more stalls means we are full with regulars and new stallholders. We are set up inside and outside the hall. Find some good winter reading from the Birdwood Book Shed's quality second hand books, warm up with hot donuts as you go inside or discover the great stalls outside, along the drive and at the rear: fresh produce, plants, candles, photography, fabric craft, and garden décor. The Coffee is outside too (from 'What the croque') and a BIG BBQ! This time we have

hamburgers as well as egg & bacon sandwiches and sausages.

Inside listen to Joel's great music again, find the children's activity, and see the

interesting variety of stalls. We have clothes from Amy -Lee, conserves, and bric a brac. There will be cards, quilts, spun wool and knitted craft. Jewellery, candles and oils. Plenty of gifts and treasures including AFL, car and train

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Hello Mount Torrens

(Formerly Underground Power Lines Project)

There have been a few things happening in our committee. Firstly, there has been a name change. We are now called "Hello Mount Torrens". Our logo is the General Store and Post Office - we thought as it was the hub of Mount Torrens, the place where the community goes to pick up their mail or buy some milk or the paper. It is the place where people say hello. There has been a lot happening in regards to the power lines. As you may have recently seen in the Courier, the Adelaide Hills Council is at least now considering us to have our powerlines undergrounded. However, they have not given any timeline for when they will be done. The creek on Townsend Street has also been cleaned. As Mount Torrens is a State Heritage Area, we are pushing for the Council to make us a priority to have the power lines undergrounded. For too long Mount Torrens has been overlooked in regards to just having basic maintenance attended to, never mind being looked after like a State Heritage Area should be. It doesn't mean turning us into another Hahndorf, it just means that things such as the power lines have to be undergrounded. It is certainly going to be a long process but we are confident that we will achieve this. As they say "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time" There is a lot of to and fro-ing with talking to Council and various other stake holders. Unfortunately, it's not very glamorous and it looks as though nothing is happening but it is. A big shout out to Malcolm Herrmann, our Valleys Ward Councillor, for being such a great advocate for our cause. Please feel free to contact us if anyone has any ideas or skills that may help us achieve the undergrounding of the power lines and the beautification of Townsend Street. A community meeting is certainly in the pipeline. Sarah Pollard Chairperson 0407 838 968

Mt Torrens History Centre

Another successful SA History Festival Exhibition at the Coach House was held over the last two weekends. The overall theme was 'Wonder.' A Centenary Celebration was held at the Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall with a Commemorative Service. This was attended by several guests including Mr Adam Weinert, President, Lobethal RSL, Ms Ashton Hurn MP, Ms Rebekha Sharkie MP (a former Soldiers Memorial Hall committee member and Mt Torrens resident) and Cr Malcolm Herrmann.

The Mt Torrens History Centre continued this theme by opening the Coach House for the first two weekends of May and it was typical May weather, wet and windy! The first weekend we had the heaters on to warm our visitors but

last weekend the sun was shining, and the double doors were wide open, giving a very welcoming look. And a wonderful way to spend Mothers' Day! The visitors were mostly local folk or those with an affiliation to the old families of the area. But there were also out-of-town people who were travelling through, and they were all extremely impressed with the quality of our exhibition, especially the amount of research that had been gathered and presented in such a small venue. They also expressed their gratitude for the effort made by our history centre. People spent time reading the folders which displayed photos and service records of our local service men and women and appreciated the Power Point presentation.

Visitors enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and cake, and a jolly chat, and were delighted and surprised to find fascinating connections with each other from the past. And then there was more reminiscing!

As one visitor said, "this is a unique little town that needs its history to be discovered." Hopefully, the exhibition has contributed to that.

Thank you to everyone who visited us over the two weekends. We appreciate your interest and support and look forward to welcoming you back for future exhibitions.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the exhibition and to all the volunteers who put in so many hours. And we especially want to thank Trevor Johnson (RSL), Bob Brooksby (President, Gumeracha RSL), Chris and Linda Green, Mt Torrens Scouts, Betty and Kev Kowald and the Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall committee.





Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall

Thanks to everybody who turned up to celebrate the Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall Centenary celebrations last month. A special thanks to Rebekah Sharkey and Ashton Hurn for attending on the day. We still have a few bottles of our commemorative port bottles which are available to purchase from the Mt Torrens Hotel. At \$20 a bottle it's the perfect gift and a collector's item. We appreciate the support of the community and everyone who volunteers their time to keep this community facility open. If you need a space for your next party or function, the hall is always available for hire. *Michael Kowald 0418 840 031*

Adelaide Hills Council

1)Following strong community support, Council approved the planting of a native tree on Federation Park Gumeracha to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.

2)Council approved a program for undergrounding powerlines, giving priority to completion on Main Street Lobethal, followed by Mount Torrens and Woodside. Note that these are long term projects and subject to approval of the Powerlines Environment Committee (PLEC)

3)Council has committed funding in the forward estimates towards the extension of the Amy Gillet Bikeway to Birdwood. The Federal Government funding has been secured also. However, the state government is still to commit to its share to ensure the project proceeds.

4)Library hours are being varied as from 1 July. Refer to the council website for details. Woodside hours have been reduced from 47 to 43 and Gumeracha staffed hours remain unchanged at 18 per week

5)The Annual Business Plan (ABP) including the budget was released for public consultation on 12 May. The Plan ensures that council meets its three key financial sustainability ratios. Capital expenditure is \$17.9m, operating income \$56.6m, Operating expenditure \$55.3m generating a surplus \$1.3m, projected borrowings \$23.1m at 30 June 2024. The estimated average residential rate rise is 6.9%, just under the CPI. The Landscape Levy collected by council and transferred to the State Government will rise by 47%.

6)The public toilets near the Coach House are awaiting development approval. You can check progress by phoning the council 8408 0400 and quoting the DA No. 23010660. Construction will follow the completion of the refurbishment of the Federation Park Toilets at Gumeracha and should commence in July. Maybe residents of Mount Torrens could plant a tree as well!!

Cr. Malcolm Herrmann 0429890245 mherrmann@ahc.sa.gov.sau

Mt Torrens Based Groups

Mt Torrens Soldiers Memorial Hall—Michael Kowald 0418 840 031
Friends of Mt Torrens— Sascha 0434 587 972
New Springs Landcare Group—Kym Gladigau 0414 59 66 22
Spring Head Church — 8389 7357
Mt Torrens Community Noticeboard—Facebook Group
Mt Torrens and District Community Association—Kerry Clark 0467 276 421
Mt Torrens CFS - Sheryl Collins 0409 898 051
Mt Torrens Centenary Park—David Elliot 0449 715 589
Mt Torrens Scout Group— Julie Erwin 0447 147 499
St George's Anglican Church— Lucy 0435 154 508

New Springs Landcare Group

Well, the grass is a little greener than 2 months ago when I wrote for the last newsletter. However, I'd say we still haven't had a real break for the season. Where is that 50mls of rain over a couple of days? But if you are like our home,

the fire is now burning 24/7 as average daily temperature drops.

As promised, here is the link to the New Springs Weather Station on Warmington Run.

https://www.awsnetwork.com.au/ From the big list, just type in Harrogate and you'll be on to it. Set Harrogate as your primary station and next time you look it'll come up straightaway. It tells you windspeed, maximum windspeed, minimum windspeed, wind direction, air temperature, soil temperature and dew point, humidity, rainfall since 9 am and rainfall in the last 15 minutes. All pretty handy stuff. We are proud as a new group to be offered the weather station and we encourage you to use it.

There are two pictures with this article. One is a group of people at the dam workshop and field day at the end of March. Some 55 people came on the sunny morning. Kim Thompson spoke on planting around the dam, and particularly planting sedges and reeds. Mike Keogh spoke on cleaning out silt and mud from the dam. Blokes from the

Landscape Board spoke on low flow bypasses, in particular the new siphon style. Wally Guthrie built a number of demonstration fences covering the pros and cons of traditional fences as opposed to electric. The second picture is of the fence that we built around our dam using concreted in railway iron strainers and Waratah Maxi posts and Jio droppers and clips. Also featuring no barbed wire. We'll see how that goes!

A most successful dinner at Mt Torrens Hotel was held on April 4. Members from Mid Torrens Catchment Group, Upper Torrens Landcare and New Springs Landcare all sharing stories of their groups and projects. We hope to work somewhat collaboratively in the future, each bringing different skills and knowledge to the table. We haven't worked out exactly what we'll do yet as this really was a chance to meet and greet. Of course, our special guest, newly appointed State Landcare Co-ordinator, Natalia Diaz, also had an opportunity to speak about her new role. We hope to see a lot more of Natalia as our groups develop. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved with New Springs Landcare. Kym Gladigau, on behalf of New Springs Landcare Group 0414 59 66 22

Mt Torrens Sports

Mt Torrens Bombers Tennis Club—Alice Pym 0417 875 264
Mt Torrens Darts Team—Todd Kerber 0439 387 521
Torrens Valley Football Club—Lyn Wilhelm 0419 030 588
Mt Torrens /Charleston Cricket Club
Rodney Pfeiffer 8389 6462
Mt Torrens Table Tennis—Paul McKee 0467 877 700

Torrens Valley Football Club

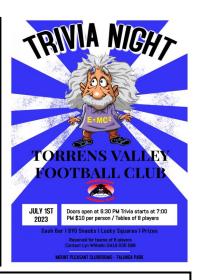
What a great start to our season 2023 at the Lion's Den! Torrens Valley FC senior teams have been competitive so far, and showing positive signs for the season, having close games with Kangarilla and Gumeracha and a win against Kersbrook! As a club we are extremely excited for what is yet to come and there is great focus on local talent being brought back to the Lion's Den. Next home game is 3rd June against Kersbrook. Great to see all Juniors out and about, having some fun and learning new skills. We continue to field 3 teams as well as Auskick activities.

We celebrated the life of David 'Pegs' Klose, acknowledging his passing by wearing black arm bands and having a minute's silence for both Pegs & the young Birdwood lad, Antonio, who tragically passed away at the Birdwood vs Gumeracha game. Thanks to all those locals who have made the effort to come and help us at home games, every bit helps. Still looking for extra hands for time keeping, gate, cooking a bbq or helping in the canteen.

A big thank you to Tania Linke for selling meat tray raffle tickets, and memberships. She's done a great job.

Thank you to all our sponsors again this year, GE Hughes, Coopers of Mount Torrens, Thornby, First National Murray Bridge, Woodside Hotel, Lindsay Young, Nutrien Mt Pleasant, Klose's Supermarkets, Orora & Ampol. Success can not be achieved without ongoing support from our amazing sponsors and members.

Our next event is our quiz night. Grab a table and have some competitive fun! Come down to the club for a meal on a Thursday or Saturday night (home games) Steve does a good feed! Look forward to seeing you at the Lion's Den in 2023! Lyn Wilhelm 0419 030 588



Mt Torrens Community Table in the Community Garden



Have you wandered through Dunnfield recently and seen the very large mosaic table? I'd like to tell you the story behind it. In October 2020, Mt Torrens resident artist, Robby Towill, was approached to come up with a design to do a table for the proposed community garden. The Dunnfield group, a sub-committee of the Mt Torrens District Community Association were applying for some funding and this started the ball rolling. The brief was open except that the wording "Meet here to connect" had to be on the table. The design was made originally for a 900mm in diameter size table, with a small edge for the community to do. Robby took inspiration from the community plantings, animals seen, or believed to finally settle in the area once the landscape was finished. The table was intended to be a point of meeting; either to swap seeds, stories, have a chat, or a picnic while at the Community Gardens in Dunnfield. A round table, to symbolise and promote equality of involvement and inclusiveness.

The centre of the table represents our larger animals, the brush tailed possum, koala and a boo book owl, in and on a gum tree. A red-belly black and easternbrown snake surround the circle and meet up with the words "Meet here to connect". The second circle is cut up into eight pie sections. In those pie sections are a Murray magpie, Gum flowers, Indian duck, Blue Flax Lilly, Blue wrens, Grevillea, Wood duck and Beaked hakea.

The centre was completed by Robby Towill and the edge would be completed by the community with Robby pulling it all together. The middle of the table was started in July 2021 and was finished January 2022. Work didn't start until we had a table and we're grateful to the Hoppo family here in Mt Torrens for their donation. They donated a much bigger table than originally designed for and so a new plan was hatched for the community edge of the table. Instead of a small 10 x 10cm mosaic, it now grew to a series of different sizes, which started from a 15cm circle, to a 20cm circle and finally a 25cm circle. People could choose which size they wanted to tackle. In May 2021 there was a meeting in Dunnfield, open to all community members to attend and offer ideas for the playground areas, the picnic areas and the Community Garden. The table, with centre completed, was taken along to show community members, with a couple of example circles in place, and to take down names of people who wanted to be involvement in mosaicing the outer edge. There was a delay in doing the edge while Covid numbers

fluctuated and people were getting immunised but weekend workshops started February 2023.



Thirteen community members attended workshops held at Bee Happy Art Studio, in Mt Torrens and created a circle containing an animal or a plant they love, that is in the Hills. It was fabulous to have people working together for a common cause and all getting a new skill under their belt, as well as meeting new people and making friends. Robby Towill and Sheryl Collins did extra larger circles to fill in the gaps, as some people couldn't make it to the workshops, and then they cut out hundreds of smaller circles to fill in-between all the circles people had finished. Once they were all stuck down the already grouted areas had to be masked off, the final grout colour was done. This job took 4 days. Then it was ready to be delivered and installed in the garden. The table was installed on 16th April 2023. This project was a huge community effort and many people were involved in making it possible so I'd like to take this

opportunity to give them the credit they deserve. Thank you to: -



Paul and Michele Edwards - who gave us the community garden area to place this in. The Dunnfield

Group – Sascha Ferguson, Fe McConaghy, Angela Le Faro and Mark Smith, for doing the administration and grant applying. Glen and Kerry Hoppo – for the donation of the large round table. Robby Towill – for designing and completing the centre mosaic, for the coaching and finishing off work and for the installation of all the community completed pieces and grouting. Sheryl Collins - for assisting with extra fauna circles and cutting hundreds of smaller circles for the table. To the



following community members who did a circle for the edge:- Hannah Jolly, Rose Mary, Sue Scott,

Sasha Ferguson, Michele Edwards, Sheryl Collins, Jo Jo Livingston, Kerry Homer, Ruby Homer, Sandra and Joe Clarke, Mike Ferguson - for the foundation work of the table and to Steve Towill for installing it. Together we did it. Robby Towill

Mt Torrens Facilities and Facilitators

Mt Torrens Heritage Trail **Dunnfield Park**

Mt Torrens Cemetery

Springhead Lutheran Cemetery

Amy Gillett Bikeway

Tuck Street Community Garden

Grow Free Cart outside Coopers

JP —Ken Craig 0431 848 802

JP-David Pearce 0434 073 302

Mt Torrens Christian School - 8389 4255 Mt Torrens Coach House History Centre mt.historycentre@gmail.com

Mt Torrens Leckie Playground

Community Bus - Angela 8389 4252

Adelaide & Hills Planting Guide

Radish
Broad beans
Lettuce
Spring Onion
Kale

Kaie Cabbage Parsley

* Not in the Hills

- Radish
 Broad beans
 Lettuce
 Spring Onion
 Kale
 Cabbage

- Rocket Broccoli Cauliflower Spinach Peas Snowpeas Sugar snap peas
- Turnip Radish Rocket Rhubarb
 - ✓ Asparagus✓ Pak Choi

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- Rhubarb
 Asparagus
 *Carrot
 *Silverbeet/Chard
 *Beetroot
 *Celery
 *Potato
 *Parsnip

Rhubart

Adelaide Hills VEGIE GARDENS

BUSINESSES BASED IN MT TORRENS

This list is intended as a guide to Mt Torrens based businesses—please email mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com with details of any businesses to be included or if details need to be amended.

FINESSE HAIR & BEAUTY EST.	0419 005 579
GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE	8389 4301
GJS ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT	0407 398 513
GOOD EARTH INVESTMENTS P/L	0419 390 360
GOODGER CUSTOM CONSTRUCT	0439 367 416
HALO CONTRACTING HAMISH LO-FARO Farm and Garden Maintenance and fencing	0400 536 018
HARRINGTON LANDSCAPING - Horticultural Consultants and Garden Maintenance	0419 390 360
HYBRID POWER - Solar Energy	0400 257 461
JANET SCHWARZ - Registered Psychologist, Counselling and Therapy, Wholistic Approach	0400 886 872
JD SMITH CONSTRUCTIONS - Concreting	0402 923 652
KYM GLADIGAU AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTING Fertiliser/lime supply/spreading, hay/silage, spray/seeding	0414 596 622
LINDSAY YOUNG VETERINARY SERVICES	0408 132 742
LITTLE GLOW CANDLE CO	0422 761 342
LIZ YOUNG - Local Enyo Rep	0408 574 571
LOBETHAL ROAD WINES	8389 4595
MT TORRENS HOTEL	8389 4252
PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY P/L	0419 390 360
PC & KA WILHELM RURAL CONTRACTORS Hay/silage, seeding, spreading, spraying, fencing, wood splitting	0418 836 709
PETER PAN THE GLASS MAN - Glass installation and replacement, splashbacks, pool fencing, balustrades	8263 5105
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ZENA	042 88 44 047 Facebook and Instagram
POP UP VINTAGE BY ELLEN - Buying and Selling of Vintage Wares	@popupvintagebyellen Instagram
POWELL LIVESTOCK - Bull rentals and livestock cartage	0411 714 700
REBECCA BARRETT - The Body Shop at Home Independent Consultant	0419 005 579
SINKINSON HOUSE - Accommodation	0480 207 656
SK MASONRY PTY LTD	0425 617 922
SOPHIE HANNA - The Body Shop at Home Independent Consultant	0429 225 267
SWAN CLASSICS AND RESTOS - Classic vehicle restoration, mechanical and rust repairs, machining, servicing, engine building.	0478 713 918
THE GREEN ROOM- Energy Healing, Flower Essences, Flower Artist, Creative workshops and Events	thegreenroomadl.square.site
THE HILL'S PRE-LOVED WASHERS AND DRYERS	0480 232 374
47 WOOLSHED ROAD - Accommodation	47 woolshedroad.com.au
ADELAIDE HILLS CONTRACTING Spreading, sowing, spraying, hay mowing/conditioning	0411 215 923
ADELAIDE HILLS VEGIE GARDENS - Edible Gardening	0401 438 652
BEE HAPPY ART STUDIO - Mosaic Workshops	0458 945 353 or Facebook
BINS 2U - SKIP BIN HIRE (4,6 or 9m³)	0412 818 499
CARNEVORÉ - Farm based Livestock Processing	0488 128 049
COOPERS OF MT TORRENS FARM SUPPLIES	8389 4188
CROP THAT MOP	0434 947 262
ECOLOGICAL DIRECTIONS - Environmental Consultant (Ellen Krahnert)	ecologicaldirections@live.com.au
EKWIN P/L - Industrial, commercial, rural building, structural steel, crane hire, hole boring, rigging, welding	0407 855 466

Businesses of residents of Mt Torrens whose businesses are not based here but that service Mt Torrens.

Carrington Conveyancers (Paul and Michele Edwards) 08 8223 2988

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Thank you for supporting The Link — it is wonderful to know that it is connecting our community. Thank you to everyone who is helping to celebrate our town by contributing articles, information and support. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, have a relevant article to be included, or if any contact details need to be added or amended, please email mounttorrenscommunitylink@outlook.com or drop a note marked for the Mt Torrens Community Link into the General Store by

Saturday 22nd July 2023, as the August and September edition is due to be distributed Friday 28th July 2023 Thank you!