



A shiny, new sign has been erected on the Adelaide approach to Mount Pleasant, as well as a new map adjacent to the shelter at the Soldier's Memorial Hall – not replacing the shabby and outdated existing street map of Mount Pleasant, situated inside the shelter - but pointing out our position relative to the nearby towns of Springton and Williamstown – on the way to the Barossa. It shows the main roads and amenities available in each town, and we're sure it's a boon to weary tourists who are having trouble finding their way to the wine region north of our town.

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The town centres of Angaston and Mount Pleasant are set for a major revitalisation collectively worth \$320,000. Funding of \$160,000 through the State Government's Planning and Development Fund will be matched by Council in a bid to re-activate the precincts for business, community and visitor use.

The projects will run concurrently, delivering on recommendations in the Angaston and Mount Pleasant town centre masterplans.

Mt Pleasant township will benefit from upgrades to kerbing, footpaths and wheelchair access to make the town centre easier to navigate, as well as



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street furniture, signage and plantings for shade and passive recreation.

Deputy Mayor Margaret Harris said that the upgrades will deliver attractive, engaging and functional public spaces that draw more people to the township.

"Our town centre precincts are at the heart of community life, so we want to support environments that stimulate business growth, strengthen cultural and community activity and encourage people to enjoy their surroundings," she said.

"Place making is about creating a sense of place, which directly contributes to the economic, social and cultural life of a township and the people who call it home."

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MP Inc.

and the new initiatives

Sounds like the name of an eighties group doesn't it? But in this case, it's our community working together with the council to improve our existing facilities (the SM Hall and Talunga Park), and to also work on ensuring the implementation of those aspects of the 2005 Main Street Master Plan and the 2013 Talunga Park Master Plan, which have yet to be finalised.

Chair of MP Inc. Stephen Corbally gave the people attending the Community Dinner a run-down of the purpose of MP Inc., how community members were made aware that The Barossa Council was ending the Section 41 committees, which had traditionally run (in conjunction with TBC) the SM Hall and Talunga Park. At two town meetings in the last few years, it was made plain to our community that in order for us to have meaningful input into how our facilities were run, we needed to form an incorporated body. Now, that body – the Mount Pleasant Progress Association Incorporated (MP Inc.) – works with the council to make sure the interests of our community are best served. After answering some questions from those present Stephen invited interested people to attend the meetings (held on the second Tuesday of each month) and think about becoming involved more in their community.

The feedback from the last meeting has been collated and the findings were read out and discussed. (A copy of these findings will be available on the website mountpleasant.sa.au).

Genevieve Hebart then discussed these items in more detail, starting with the number one item that everyone has an opinion on:

- The closure of BankSA. She reminded people that only 3% of the population of Mount Pleasant used the bank, so basically the town didn't support the bank – even when the ANZ bank closed, few of their customers took up the option to transfer their accounts to BankSA. She has spoken to representatives from Bendigo Bank, but as two banks have already failed here, they are understandably unwilling to follow them. At this stage, they are willing to put in what they call a 'Service Centre', which would be located in an existing building, but it needs to have very good security. The reality is that the community would have to come up with \$10 million of new business, before that could happen. They hasten to add that they are willing to discuss options with individuals.
- The next thing on the list was a 24hour ATM. If the community decided to go down that track, they would have to sign a 5 year contract. We could have an arrangement with a bank, but in any case, we'd have to come up with up-front money, and also have a way of providing \$50,000 to \$60,000 per week to run it. We would only have to have 150 transactions per month (@ \$2.90 each). Something to think about.
- The Adelaide Hills Council wrote to us to see if there was interest within the community of Mount Pleasant in supporting the extension of the Amy Gillett Bikeway from Mount Torrens. MP Inc. has replied in the affirmative and we are hoping that will occur in the 2018-2019 budget, or sooner.
- Heating and Cooling the Hall was another big issue, and MP

Inc. has already received quotes for this to happen, so hopefully we'll be able to look forward to being comfortable in our hall in the no-too-distant future.

- A letter has been sent to Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, Minister for Defence Industries and Veteran's Affairs regarding his support for the establishment of a permanent Anzac Display in the town. The letter has been forwarded to Minister Mulligan for comment.
- The latest information we have from The Barossa Council is that the Talunga Park toilets should be finished in October.
- Tourism Information – Genevieve reminded that the old Elders office has been offered in order that a Visitor Information Centre be established – now all we need is volunteers! Please contact 0403012339 if you can help.
- Last year we asked for volunteers to get together to talk about making some banners for important occasions – we received little feedback last year, but we aren't giving up!
- A letter has been sent to the Department of Transport to request signs to limit the use of exhaust brakes within the town limits.

\$12,000 raised for community projects!

It was announced at the last Community Dinner that we have raised \$12,000! An awesome achievement from our community! Breaking bread over rice and curries, we all marvelled at the new kitchen, courtesy of Hughes Construction & The Men's Shed, and a lot of hard work from the ladies of the Night CWA. A lot of hard work and effort has gone into this and it looked stunning – not to mention the fact that not only do we have state-of-the-art stoves and ovens, but also – an industrial dishwasher! A fantastic community effort.



Hartley's Mammoth Marathon

Or the Cider effects of Radiotherapy

In late 2015 our Mount Pleasant Men's Shed Electrician Extraordinaire, Hartley Ramm, was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

At first, despite attending the men's health presentation, 'Spanner in the Works', Hartley decided to beat it by continuing to work. However to Hartley's surprise and wife Marilyn's alarm, the symptoms did not abate.

So Hartley succumbed to the wishes of the experts and Marilyn, did what he was told and started a long and uncomfortable marathon of radiotherapy.



Hartley's radiotherapy was to take place at the Lyell McEwen Hospital in Elizabeth, about an hour's drive from Mount Pleasant. The treatment - daily, Monday to Friday for 9 weeks - was indeed a marathon of mammoth proportions.

As the effects on Hartley after his daily dose of radiotherapy were unknown and the changing times of his appointments did not suit the council patient

transport car, it was decided that the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed would set up a roster and we would drive Hartley.

With the help of Hartley's son David, some cohorts from the Mount Pleasant CFS and some mates around town, a roster was built.

And it worked well. The drive to the Lyell Mac was enjoyable, the hospital cafeteria baristas made an acceptable coffee and Hartley's treatment was usually over in an hour, then a leisurely drive back home to Mount Pleasant.



shirts say, 'Keep Calm I'm a Cancer Nurse'.

However let me backtrack a little to the leisurely drive back home. We noticed that due to major roadworks the Kersbrook Hill Basket Cider Press was part of a minor detour.

And that is where we were introduced to the fine medicinal qualities of Kersbrook Hill Basket Pressed Apple Cider.

A couple of ciders and a cheese platter certainly reduced the mental pressures on Hartley. Leaving the Lyell Mac after his treatment I noted that Hartley was uptight, perspiring a little, shifting in his seat, clenching and unclenching his hands. Leaving Kersbrook Hill Cider Press Hartley was completely relaxed, lolling in his seat and telling stories about his younger days while courting Marilyn.

Last Wednesday following the Men's Shed fortnightly meeting, Marilyn and Hartley sprang a surprise on our group - a BBQ complete with soup, snags, chops, patties plus the staples, bread and sauce. And the piece de resistance - a Men's Shed cake and a couple of bottles of cider to wash it down.

Following his treatment Harley has been asked to complete a survey on the side effects of his radiotherapy. We reckon that the cider-effects would give an excellent account of Hartley's recovery.



John Macgowan:
Men's Shed-der



From Terese Stephens -
Assistant Manager



**Mount Pleasant
FARMERS MARKET**



Archie Simmons, Casting Assistant from Masterchef Australia visited the Farmers Market scouting for potential contestants. He was situated just inside front of the main show hall whereby people could talk to him if they had any questions regarding the MasterChef application process. He talked be to different vendors and stallholders to stimulate interest, hopefully stumbling on some serious contenders from the Mt Pleasant region. Our favourite cook Olaf Sorenson, from Mums Oven Bake held a cooking demo, and Archie spent quite some time trying to persuade Olaf that his talents could be seen by millions....

Archie said that the aim of Masterchef was to concentrate on the contestants' cooking ability, rather than their characters, on their cooking journey – not necessarily the end product. The team was keen to encourage cooks from regional areas of South Australia as the state has a great reputation for fine local produce. He acknowledged it is a great sacrifice, but for the right person, could be the experience of a lifetime. He visited the other well known markets in the state, including Willunga, Adelaide Hills and the Adelaide Market and said applications for the next round of Masterchef close on the 5th of August.



Peter, the Peripatetic Poet

Recently won a prize pack from the ABC with these witty words about 'My Wife Ann'. We are hoping to have more from Peter in future newsletters.

Motivated
Youthful enthusiasm
Wanton / willing / Witty
Indefatigable
Fidelity
Enthusiastic
Altruistic
Nice
Naughty



Whilst on the subject of women, we have been contacted by local, Anne Malcolm, who works tirelessly for some great organisations.

Here's some of what she had to say:

"I would like to see a sewing marathon where people come together to make as many kits as possible in a particular time, e.g.: 8 hours, or perhaps longer. We all have busy lives and if we take a few hours out of one day, we can make a big difference without having to make a regular commitment." This is a great cause and we urge you to think about how you could help. Please go to the website, or contact us to see how much a small commitment can make a huge difference to the lives of many. From the website: <http://www.daysforgirls.org>

What if not having sanitary supplies meant DAYS without school? Days of isolation? Girls use leaves, mattress stuffing, newspaper, corn husks, rocks, anything they can find...but still miss up to 2 months of education and opportunity every year. It turns out this issue is a surprising but instrumental key to social change for women all over the world.



There's local organisations which help along similar lines:
<https://e4wsa.org.au>

For disadvantaged women, Essentials 4 Women SA aim to provide the basic, but costly, items for feminine hygiene including sanitary products and underwear. Our passion for helping women promises to help empower and enhance the wellbeing and dignity for some of the most vulnerable people in our community

Requests for next time include men's deodorants, gloves and toilet paper so if you can donate some money to enable them to meet these new requests, please do so.

Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

Mount Pleasant Gem: Danny Pauley



There are people within our community who regularly have their hands up when it comes to participating, and our Gem this month is one of these, who has 'been there' for the community in which he lived, throughout his life. Beginning at Mount Torrens he was a member of the CFS there, from a very young age, and the St John Ambulance seemed a natural fit too. After spending some years in the South East, at Naracoorte,

Danny Pauley, together with wife, Donna Bartsch, returned to the Hills to establish his own building business, specialising in the building of sustainable homes, and achieving regular recognition from the HIA Industry awards since 2009, finally achieving his dream of securing the 2015 HIA South Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency with a 7.9 star custom built home.

Running a successful business leaves little time for community endeavours, but Danny saw a need and agreed to take on the position of Captain of the Mount Pleasant CFS until recently handing over the reigns. The Eden Valley and Sampson Flat fires together with attending several fatalities during the months in between have taken their toll, and Danny found that he needed to think of himself first, and this was a new thing for him. He was advised to find a hobby that could take his mind into another dimension... and for those who know Danny, it is not surprising this has involved racing V6 Sprint Cars at the Speedway during the last 12 months... when other people would find something to sit back and relax, he has the need for speed... mind you, he has been a driver of rally cars in the past!



The family has been extremely supportive, with wife, sister-in-law and father-in-law in the pits getting the car ready for competition, with none of them being an expert in the particular needs of V6 racing. The V6 Sprint competitors were more than willing to give their

own advice as to how to set up the vehicle for each race, but it has been a great learning curve.

Danny's competitive nature though, has come to the fore,



Danny & Donna – picture Murray Valley Standard

and it was no surprise that he was able to successfully complete the season, as Rookie of the Year at the Murray Bridge Speedway and Runner-up on points at the same venue.

At the Presentation Dinner for the V6 Sprint Club, though, it became the Danny Pauley show, with his competitive streak, politeness to those on the field and willingness to learn rewarded with several trophies – Rookie of the Year, Michael Buxallon Achievement of Merit (awarded to the team), Sportsman of the Year and gaining 4th on points overall. Well deserved recognition and an achievement hard to match, although I am sure he will give it his best shot next year.

Regardless of all that, he is now somewhat more relaxed... at least some of the time!



Uncovering Mt Pleasant's past:

Mt Pleasant's

Bits & bobs – July 1916

Mount Pleasant Railway - Construction Work Stopped

MOUNT TORRENS, June 26. During the past week 6 in. of rain have fallen. The contractor for the Balhannah to Mount Pleasant railway line has decided to close the works down for a month or two on account of the wet condition of the cuts. Some of the cuts are flooded, and have the appearance of large dams. Until the recent heavy fall of rain good progress was being made with the construction.

**Heavy Rains**

On Monday very heavy rain fell here, over two inches, being recorded. During the night it came up very rough and the telegraph line was blown down in several places and large trees were uprooted and washed down the Torrens.

Football Match

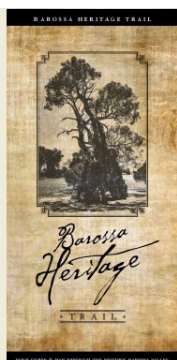
The Blumberg High School football team journeyed to Mount Pleasant on Saturday, July 15 and played the local team. After a very good and friendly game the Blumberg team were victorious. The final scores were: Blumberg, 4 goals 7 behinds; Mount Pleasant, 3 goals 2 behinds. The best players for the winners were Rescke, Fewster, Pflaum, W. Hicks, Harms, and Hudson, and those who worked hard for the losers were W. Neagle, E. Geisler, G. F. McGuire, and H. Verrall. A collection in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Fund was taken up.

Paula Bartsch - Historian

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Pick up your map from any Barossa Library today and start your heritage journey.



Check out the Mt Pleasant District History page and the Mount Pleasant RSL, South Australia page!



OK – it's not 1916 – but it is Neil Balme checking out local talent.

Recognise this?



Local, Chris Payne – conservator for ArtLab – thought this might be a nice retirement project - to give something to the community – so he commenced restoring the old mill (opposite the RSL clubrooms). Now he is at the stage where he is looking for interested people to step up and help him take it further. He has some interesting ideas for the spaces. At the moment he is adding toilet facilities, and the large building on the left is almost to the stage where it could be used for a gallery, wine centre or event venue. If you, or someone you know may be interested in pursuing this further, you can contact Chris via this newsletter.



Out & About



Trivia Night @ Springton



Most of the winning Mount Pleasant team members who cleaned up at the Fund Raising Trivia night, in aid of the Springton Hall. A great night out – lots of fun and great prizes! Look for it next year around May/June. Good to think we can help our near neighbours.

SALA @ Springton Hall

We will be holding our 2nd SALA Exhibition at the Springton Hall in Graetz Tce from 31 July to 28th August this year. The opening of the Exhibition, Virtuosity, will be at 11am on 31st July. The Exhibition will feature nine local artists this year, working in a variety of mediums. We will be open Friday, Saturday & Sunday each week in August from 10am – 4pm. On Sunday August 14th we will also have The Art of Wine in the Supper Room from 1-4pm. This will be a chance to meet local wine makers & talk to them & taste their wine. \$10 per head, tasting & nibbles included.

SALA is confirmed for the month of August. It will be held in the Mt Pleasant Community Atrium and will run every Saturday in August 8am – 1pm and Sundays 10am – 2pm. Artists that will be participating are

- *Heather Gordon*
- *Joe Dennis*
- *Sandra Keatley*
- *Robin Mitchell*
- *Malcolm Reynolds*
- *Terese Stephens*
- *Scott Hegarty*
- *Ian Gray*

Opening night will be August 5, 6.30 – 8.30. Artwork will be on display. **Everyone welcome!**

Mt Pleasant Art Group SALA exhibition

Mt Pleasant Library Aug 1-31
Exhibition open during Library hours

See the works of our wonderful artists from the Mt Pleasant Art Group during August.

Interest for Art? Create a splash of colour on Fridays at Mt Pleasant Library.

Next Art Group meetings **Friday July 8 & 22, 10am-2pm**



July events and meetings

+ Pick up your copy of the Heritage trail Map from the Library. Explore townships, iconic buildings, food, wine, churches, cemeteries & stories of local people.

July School Holiday Fun!

Bookings essential for all programs, ph. 8563 8440

Pick up the full school holiday programme from any Barossa Library



Barossa Library's Reading Olympics

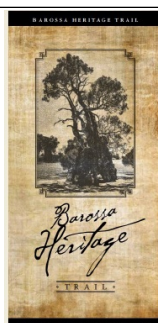
Take your mark, get set, GO!

Collect your Reading Log sheet from any Barossa Library from **Monday 4 July**. Choose your books and get reading! Bring in your Reading Log to receive a small prize when you have read your first 3 books and a lucky ticket for every third book you read.

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Check the Library for more community information				1 9.30-11.30: Playgroup @ Mt Pleasant Kindy	2 8-12: MP Farmers Mkt	3 Community Dinner
4 Talunga Pk Advisory group	5 CWA meetings 7.00: CFS Training	6 7.30: Table Tennis @ BHS Gym	7 1-4: Mount Pleasant History Room	8 9.30-11.30: Playgroup @ Mt Pleasant Kindy 10-2: MP Art	9 8-12: MP Farmers Market	10
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+ Contributions:

If you would like your community event or meeting added to the calendar (to be published at the end of the month for the next month), or you would like to make a contribution in any way (writing, compiling, photographing, distributing), please contact us. Details below.



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