



the year that was

It's not Mad March, but sometimes it feels like that. Many of you will have already organised Christmas to the max, but some of us are a bit more laid back, and prefer the thrill of the chase, or waiting for sales...

Included in this month's edition is a recipe flyer, with recipes from some of our favourite people at the Market. Many of the ingredients may be purchased from the stallholders, and we thank those who were able to contribute. You will notice that only a few are Christmas related – but all are tried and true – including the fabulous pudding, Connie's Friands and Ash's Christmas Balls!

This year has seen some milestones and great events in our town. Our Australia Day celebrations saw some great locals recognised for their ongoing efforts, and we hope that the next awards will further reflect the increasing part that volunteers play in our community. In February we celebrated the Market's 4th Birthday – and next year (28th January) will be the 5th, with special guest Simon Bryant – look out for that one!

In March FootGolf made its appearance as Mount Pleasant Golf Club became the first club in South Australia to host this fledgling sport. Nothing like being on the cutting edge! Once again our Show dazzled us and proved beyond doubt that we do have the best country show in South Australia! Boots for a Change in April got the blokes from the Men's Shed into the act as they got ever closer to pouring the slab for their shed, and the Air Force Cadets marched in the catafalque party at our Anzac Dawn Service. We Tasted Australia and toasted the South Australian Victoria Cross recipients in May, and Paula launched 'Remember Our Diggers', a history of our local servicemen. David Bradley and his band of merry blokes converged on the Atrium kitchen and dragged it into the 21st century, something for which those of us who regularly breakfast at the market are exceedingly grateful! The dinners continued with more money being raised to fund community projects like the kitchen and in May the Pavilion kitchen was ripped out and work started on the new one – and the slab was finally poured for the Men's Shed! The Harmony Club visited, and the TOTT kept on playing to their loyal audience.

Mount Pleasant Inc became a reality – on paper that is – as we had been working towards this for eighteen months. We are now officially The Mount Pleasant Progress Association Incorporated (MP Inc), and it is our job to liaise with The Barossa Council to ensure the community gets a say in how our great facilities are run and maintained. Hartley celebrated the end of his radiotherapy – with a little help from his friends. Archie showed up from MasterChef to see if he could cajole some of our local cooks into trying out, and Chris Payne's long journey to restore the Flour Mill began to look like less of a dream and more of a reality. In July the community feedback during our community dinner indicated the locals were still smarting over the loss of our last bank, and that just about everything else they wanted was in a Master Plan – somewhere and we celebrated Christmas in July – because we could!

The beautiful Atrium played host to SALA this year, and we will be hosting again – so pencil that one in your diaries for August. Violet Day was

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Don't forget to post your letter to Santa!

Australia Post will make sure your letter gets there in time.



From all at Mount Pleasant Inc:

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

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celebrated with a nod to the Cheer Up Hut – which was instigated by our own Alexandrine Seager. Some beautiful wedding gowns were modeled for us as we sat back and sipped tea, filling up on sugary goodness supplied by the Red Cross ladies. There was a proposal to change the electoral boundaries – lumping us with Morialta amongst other places, and the Men's Shed wall frames went up. Sid was inducted into the Truckie's Wall of Fame, and also celebrated a milestone birthday, which he did in his own inimitable fashion. In September we asked RUOK? and reveled in our first luscious Garden Festival – looking forward to a repeat of that one! Our neighbours in Springton held their Spring Fair on a perfect spring day, and we moved into Movember and celebrated the opening of the Mill. The General store shifted to the Bakery – and if you haven't been there yet – do go and check out what they've got. The café area is sumptuous – and they have free wifi!

More happened this year than you thought, didn't it? And of course, as always, we don't hear about it all, but we do our best to get as much information and news out as possible. We've been helped this year by finally getting the photocopier (courtesy of The Barossa Council) up and running so we are able to do print jobs for ourselves and for local clubs and organisations. Thank you to anyone who has helped us this year, it's been fun and we'll keep trying to make sure you stay up to date.

In the meantime, Paula and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

Sue Barrett and Paula Bartsch

Community Open Forums

to discuss

'the Big Project'



The Big Project is the Barossa region's largest and most ambitious community infrastructure project. It's about producing a masterplan over the next 12 months that pulls together our current recreation, sports and culture plans; filling in the gaps; and then aiming high to deliver it during the next decade. The year-long initiative focuses on: Recreation and sport, Aquatics, Arts, culture, tourism and heritage, Cycle/leisure tourism and other drivers for investment.

Two community "open house" forums have been planned for early December and the Council wants to hear from you! Got ideas you would like to share or questions you would like to ask? Come and join these informal community forums to be held in the Council chambers in Nuriootpa on Thursday, 1 December between 5.30pm and 8pm, or on Monday, December 5 between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to speak to Project Director please call Mrs Jo Thomas on 856384590

+ Australia Day, 2017

The Australia Day Breakfast will be held on the 26th January in the CWA Tribute Garden, starting at 7.45 am. Hosted by the Soldiers Memorial Hall Australia Day committee, and starting with the Flag raising at 9am, it's a great way to celebrate and meet with your neighbours. Also includes the Citizen of the Year Awards. \$7 adult, \$5 child or \$20 family. All welcome!

Last Community

Dinner for 2016



Once again a great night out, with plenty of laughs, great food, raffles and prizes. Our dinners are a great way to find out what is going on the community and meeting the neighbours you didn't know you had! Peter and Georgeanne were very surprised to meet Pat and Roger - they had both lived here for a while but not met one another! These events are great fundraisers for our community and the \$60,000 kitchen at Talunga Park is almost paid for, thanks to the all those who have supported the dinners since we started last year. We are having a break over Christmas and the dinners will be back again in 2017.

Next Dinner: 26th February

+ Street Party update

After the news that the Street Party would have to be cancelled this year, we were heartened by the number of people coming forward to make sure we are prepared for next year. There are calls to start planning as early as February – so stay tuned for developments.

In the meantime, if you would like to help with this, or any other project, please contact us via the details on the back page.

From Terese Stephens -
Assistant Manager

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**Mount Pleasant
FARMERS MARKET**



****Remember the market will be closed 24 & 31st
December, 2016. To re-open on 7 January,
2017.****



The CFS visited the Market with Smokey to
pass on the Bushfire aware message.

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#ichoosesa



**Farmers Market
Christmas
Gift Baskets**

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\$23.50
Members: \$21

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2016 
**MOUNT PLEASANT
Christmas
Twilight
Farmers Market**

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**THURSDAY
22ND
DECEMBER
5PM-9PM**
MT PLEASANT SHOWGROUND

- FRESH FRUIT & VEGGIES
- MEAT & SEAFOOD
- MILK & DAIRY
- BREAD, CAKES & PASTRIES
- WINE & BEER
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**Mount Pleasant
FARMERS MARKET**



**MT PLEASANT
FARMERS MARKET**

**5th
Birthday
Celebration!**

8AM-12PM, SAT 28 JANUARY 2017
MT PLEASANT SHOWGROUNDS

Birthday Cake!

Meet Simon Bryant!

Kids Jumping Castle

**Mount Pleasant
FARMERS MARKET**



**Mount Pleasant
Farmers Market gift
hampers**
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Christmas!**
**Prices start from just
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the admin desk on market
day!**

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filled to the brim with all
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Market!**
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or come over to market
desk to purchase yours
this market Saturday!**

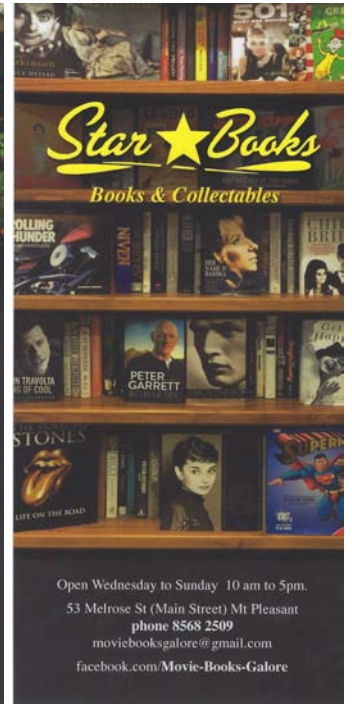
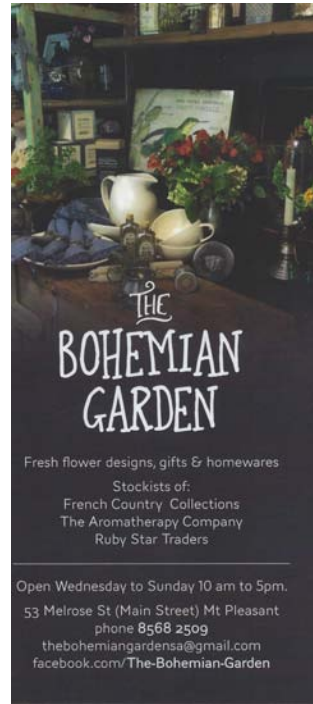
Christmas is only around the corner!

Looking for a gift for someone who has everything? What about a market
membership still only \$50 for a 12 month membership! A gift that keeps giving!
Or a market gift voucher they start from only \$5!

BUY LOCAL!

Have you checked out the local shops recently? I mean REALLY checked them out? If you haven't, you might be surprised at what you find. Think about not making the trip to town, or the Gully, or Gawler, the Barossa or Mt Barker – we have some great shops right here in Mt Pleasant, offering a wide variety of gifts to purchase for Christmas. So – if you bought locally this year – think of the benefits. You avoid all those crazy crowds, you save petrol, you can do it when you like, or when you have time – no need to pay for parking either. And not only that – but you get to support your friends – your local businesses. Go on – give it a try.

Here are some pictures from The Bohemian Garden, Star Books, the Mt Pleasant Chemist, the Post Office, the Café, the General Store, the Totness Mill Markets, Recreate, etc. When you have a good look, you will probably find just what you need.



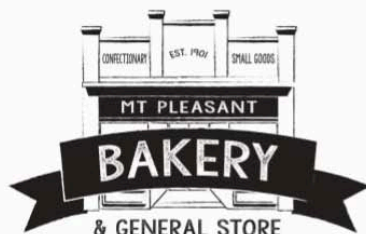
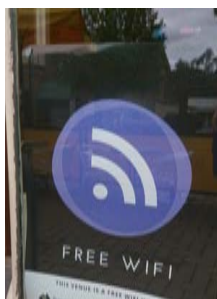


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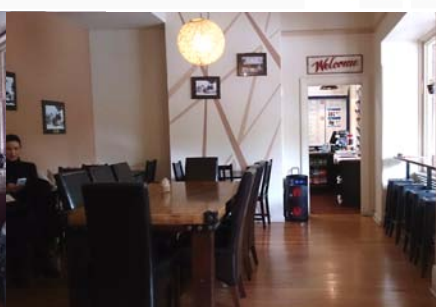
Trading over 100 years!
 As a local family, we strive for excellence and 5 star customer service, Mt Pleasant Bakery opened in 1901 and with the all the love and support we can keep the heritage and history going.

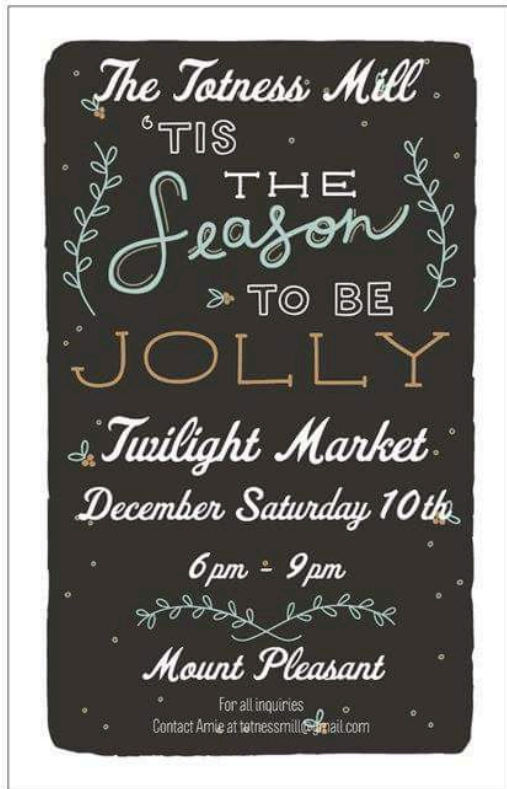
- Famous Homemade Pastries -Mouth Watering Cakes -Freshly Baked Bread
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OPENING HOURS			
BAKERY –	MON-FRI 7AM-5PM	SAT 7:30AM-5PM	SUN 8AM-5PM
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New Kids on the Block!

Welcome to Lovell's Bakery and the Totness Mill Market!

Chris Payne's beautifully restored Mill is host to these additions to our town, and the opening was very well attended. Hopefully, the Mill Market will be a great venue for local artisans to sell their work, and for those of us who lack an artistic bent, a great place to buy a range of interesting, decorative and useful products.



It is amazing what can happen with a bit of creativity, imagination & rubbish!



Uncovering Mt Pleasant's past: Our beautiful avenues

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954), Friday 31 July 1896, page 3

Mount Pleasant, July 28.

The recent decision of the District Council in refusing to accept the offer of Mr. R. T. Melrose—viz, to plant the streets of the township with ornamental trees—resulted in a meeting of ratepayers being held in the institute on Monday evening, when resolutions in favor of the acceptance of the offer were carried. The council has now withdrawn from its former standpoint, and Mr. Melrose has therefore ordered the trees, which will be planted shortly.

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954), Friday 21 August 1896, page 3

Tenders have been accepted for the planting of the trees presented by Mr. R. T. Melrose for the streets of the township, and the contractors are now at work.

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954) Friday 16 March 1906 p 2

A few years ago Mr. R. T. Melrose had the main street at Mount Pleasant planted with ornamental trees, and as they have grown so well as to be interfering with the telegraph lines and are in danger of having their beauty spoiled by being topped the residents are memorializing the Deputy Postmaster-General to have the line moved into one of the other streets.

The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954), Thursday 23 July 1936, page 2

TREE PLANTING AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Following advice from the State director of the Centenary celebrations, Mr. Victor H. Ryan, that £20 had been granted to the District Council of Mount Pleasant and the local Centenary committee, councillors, at the July meeting, decided to leave the matter in the hands of the ward representative, Councillor J. C. Herriot, to act in conjunction 'with the district clerk, Mr. W. Ross Smith, and members of the committee.

Through the generosity of Mr. R. T. Melrose, trees for the planting and general beautification scheme, are being made available, and the committee decided at its last meeting that the main street would receive attention first, and operations would then extend to the by-road extending from the sale yards to the extremity of the Talunga Park.

Incidentally, Mr. Herriot, who has always been a champion of the sporting bodies, in seeking to perfect the park surroundings, plans to organize an Eight Hours' Day working bee at the oval, as an additional Centenary effort. Concerning the main street planting, the plans are now well past the initial stage, and spaces in the main thoroughfare have been inspected and marked, preparatory to the digging of holes.

Residents have been approached with a view to caring for the young trees, which are of the plane variety, similar to those already in existence, and planted more than 40 years ago, according to reports of old residents, in future years the avenue through Mount Pleasant will present a fitting example of the town's efforts to make some recognition in the State's Centenary year.

Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA: 1880 - 1954), Thursday 18 August 1938, page 2

A letter was received from Mr. Robt. T. Melrose, re planting of further



trees in the streets of Mount Pleasant and the adjoining roads. Cr. Stow-Smith reported that he had arranged with Mr. Melrose as to where the trees were to be planted. He also reported having given Mr. Fred Staples permission to plant three or four plane trees along his property. His action was noted and approved.

Paula Bartsch Historian



Mount Pleasant District
HISTORY ROOM



Men's Shed-ding

Or all trussed up

It was a dry day the day the trusses were delivered. The group worked feverishly to get them up before any more rain came to slow things down again.

Already it appears larger than when it was just a slab. There will be a substantial workshop, three toilets, an office and a large kitchen / dining area with a beautiful polished concrete floor. There are also plans for an impressive outdoor area, somewhere nice to sit under the trees and ponder life's possibilities.

The group has worked long and hard to create a space for all men – not just those who may want to wield a tool or two. It will be a place for blokes to swap stories, share food and a cuppa, and maybe just chat about life, the universe and everything. Early in the new year the shed will be completed to 'lock up', and then it's just a short sprint to the official opening.



The Men's Shed meets in the MPNRC every second Tuesday – and they welcome new members.

PS In case you've been living under a rock - it's John Bowd's (JB) 70th birthday!



MPMS
Mount Pleasant Men's Shed



Out & About



Glen Devon
Fete

The Friends of the MP Hospital & Daycare held their annual Fete at Glen Devon on Tuesday, 22nd November, and they were lucky enough to have a lovely day for it. The Friends do an enormous amount for our Hospital, and they are always happy to welcome new helpers. Please contact us if you would like to join them. Special thanks as always to Hugh and Fiona McLachlan for graciously allowing the use of their lovely gardens.



What's on in December...

Events

+ 10th - Totness Mill Twilight Market

22nd - Farmer's & Recreate Twilight Markets

Date	Event	Details
2 nd December	Sportsperson of the Year	
3 rd & 4 th December	Totness Mill Market	Some great presents to be bought!
10 th December	Totness Mill Market	Twilight Market – a good night out.
17 th & 18 th	Totness Mill Market	Hand made, distinctive gifts. Buy local!
22 nd December	Recreate Twilight Market	4.30-8pm Recycle, reuse – elegant, timeless, unique gifts
22 nd December	Twilight Farmer's Market	5-9pm Stock up on all the yummy goodness
24 th December	Farmer's Market	CLOSED
25 th December	Christmas Day	We wish you all a Merry & Joyful Christmas
31 st December	Farmer's Market	CLOSED

Meetings

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

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
Art Group	10-2, 2 nd & 4 th Friday @ MP Library
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday: Day = 1pm, Night = 6.30pm @ SM Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital & Daycare	10am, 3 rd Tuesday
Men's Shed	9.30am, alternate Wednesdays @ MPNRC
MP District History	1-4pm, every Thursday @ History Rm, SM Hall
MP Farmer's Market	8-12, every Saturday @ Talunga Park
MP Inc	6.30pm, 2 nd Tuesday @ MPNRC
MP Show Society	2 nd Monday
MP Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Red Cross	1.30pm, 4 th Thursday @ SM Hall
RSL	2 nd Tuesday Social gathering
RSL	Alternate month, last Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting
SM Hall VAC	7.30pm, 3 rd Monday @ SM Hall
Talunga Park VAC	1 st Monday @ Talunga Park
Writer's Group	10-12am, 2 nd & 4 th Thursday @ Library



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