



our fantastic country Show!



It's show month, and as usual, things are ramping up. Talunga Park (looking greener than it has for some time – thanks to our very wet 2016) is being spruced up, sheds are being tidied and mended, lists have been made and jobs allocated. No wonder it's the best Country Show in South Australia! (Although we could be a little biased!) As with a lot of jobs in country towns, all of the people who run your show are volunteers – some have been doing it for decades – generations in families are associated with the show, it wouldn't happen without them.

The old BankSA building has finally been sold – and we wish the new owners luck. There has also been a lot of interest shown in the old Police Station, and we hope that whoever is successful in purchasing it is able to maintain this important part of our heritage. Horse and Buggy Antiques and Bric a Brac is still for sale and owner Richard Cotton is having a sale – a big one! Still time to bag a bargain, and we wish Richard and family all the best in their new venture.

The Barossa Council has finally inserted holes for the flagpoles near the Hall. The RSL has been campaigning for this for some time



and the Anzac commemoration will be enhanced with the addition of the flags.

And finally – even though he tired to downplay it – John Mac hit a milestone recently. We'd all like to wish him a (belated) Very Happy Birthday – and hope he has many more. John is a valued member of our community and works hard for the Men's Shed, MP Inc and SALA, and we will miss him very much when he and his lovely wife Charmaine eventually have to leave.

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MOUNT PLEASANT

EASTER TWILIGHT

FARMERS MARKET

THURS. 13 APRIL 2017

MT PLEASANT SHOWGROUND

5PM - 9PM



Loads of Fresh Food Producers

Easy Parking

Dinner Menu



+ HELP WANTED

If you can help during the week prior to the show and/or on the morning of the Show we would appreciate your assistance. Contact Genevieve or Chris on 0458884439/0427566573.

Men's Shed-ding

or a very Quirky birthday

The Mount Pleasant Farmers Market was in a pickle! At the last minute, a caterer was unable to attend the 5th Birthday Celebrations and the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed was requested to step into the breach.

Hurriedly a select committee meeting was called and decisions made to set up 'Quirky' at the Market and also to provide a gourmandising delight for the market goers. Former Executive Chef, now Playboy at large, Malcolm Reynolds, suggested a savoury pancake. This would be easy to prepare, easy to cook and with a plate, serviette and fork, easy to eat.

On Friday morning, a dedicated team met in the newly renovated pavilion kitchen and, using an ancient Mayan recipe, the pancake mix was prepared. Friday arvo, a white 4wd ute was backed up to our transportable and the 'Quirky' delivered to the site at Talunga Park.

Saturday morning, positioning ourselves some distance from Celebrity Chef Simon Bryant's demonstration, so as to alleviate any competition, we were ready to provide our healthy alternative breakfast to the masses. Chef Simon was spied skulking around the 'Quirky plying Murray Henderson with alcohol, trying to winkle the recipe out of him. Not realising just what Simon was after, Murray gave him his chook feed formula.

Before the crowds arrived, Malcolm realised he had left his Japanese style knife/machete in the pavilion kitchen. Malcolm collected the knife/hatchet and was strolling back to the savoury pancake stall when he was stopped by an unmarked patrol car. Tasered to the ground, then spreadeagled against the car, Malcolm managed to splutter through chattering teeth that the 'weapon' he held was, in fact, his chef's knife used only to cut up spuds, onions, tomatoes and the occasional sanger for wife, Anne. Luckily, pensioned off lawman and, now, market gardener Don Barrett happened along and quelled the fiery situation before terrorism suspect Malcolm was carted away in the paddy wagon.

Recovering from the zapping, Malcolm, who has a dicky ticker, made it back to the bbq, said it was the best he had felt in ages and asked if he could borrow the taser the next time he felt a little 'off colour'.

To illustrate our progress a collection of photos representing a pictorial history and of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed was put together by Paula and photographer at large Bill Bartsch, snapping the highlights of our entry into



the Mount Pleasant landscape. When not snapping one off, Bill is a credible cooker of snags and, with fellow barbie aficionado, Roger Trudgen, has charred many a chop.

Assistant Market Manager, Terese, called by Pancake Central and suggested we hold off on the pancakes while the business side of the 5th Birthday celebrations took place.

While the crowd sang 'Happy Birthday', local Parliamentary Member, Stephan Knoll, presented a \$60,000 cheque representing the monies raised for the community over the 5 years the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market had been in operation. Presentations over, Stephan hurried back to join the huge queue to purchase a second savoury sensation, then took time out for photo opportunities and to welcome two new volunteers for his 2018 election campaign.



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Up the River

And around the bend

Having been dragged away from the construction of our permanent Shed to meet our community obligations, the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed troops were then able to return to work in Talunga Park Road. The roof was on and the walls were taking shape.



Working on the slogan, 'all work and no play ...', a luncheon trip to the Murray Bridge Men's Shed was organised. The trip was declared a success as our members returned with three raffle prizes - a packet of biscuits, a block of chocolate and a timber thicknesser. The big prize on the day, a block of sliced cheese, was won by a visitor from Victoria. As soon as the members returned from Murray Bridge, the biscuits and chocolate were consumed and, while discussing what to do with the thicknesser, Food Critic, Kim Yap, pondered on what we could have done with the cheese. John Bowd suggested that, as timber for the verandah needed to be prepared before work could commence, the thicknesser would be a windfall. Builder and architect of 'Quirky' Barry Liddicoat, agreed as he had been studying the plans and quite an amount of timber was required.

Murray Henderson, who had been seen striding around the perimeter of our site in his wellington boots, looking for a spot to position the rain gauge, suggested that, if the excess timber in the yard was put through the thicknesser, there should be enough for the verandah. Barry and John agreed. George Harrison OBE issued an update that his knee should soon be out of plaster, Roger started taking photos, Les Fisher was recalled from a swap meet in Truro, WHS Bob Long was consulted and work commenced immediately.

As the roof and walls were almost complete regular committee meetings were now held on site to give members the feeling of achievement. The hard work, sweat and bad language had realised excellent results.

With work on the clubrooms in train, men from the weekly Day Care Centre Men's Group called by for a site visit and to share a bbq with the workers. Work was called to a halt, the bbq fired up and snags and patties were cooked by Murray Henderson and also John Bowd, who was able to



add another skill to his repertoire. Former bbq aficionado, Bill Bartsch, was delegated to take photos of the event.



Our visitors were given a tour of the building and, with two millennia years of experience, led by revitalised member Ian Grey, were able to give valued advice on the project. Soon to be member, Dusty Macgowan, suggested that with a few yards we could let the building out as a shearing shed. Photographer Bill Bartsch agreed as he was tired of crutching sheep, however with help from the Men's Group the new venue would make the task easier. Barry was asked to relook at the plans to see if a shearing plant could be included into the build, and how we could approach TBC about this... The visit was hailed a success and further joint outings are to be planned.



John Mac
Inveterate Men's Shed Correspondent

Night Owl Bowls

Have you tried lawn bowls lately? The MP Bowling Club hosts night owl bowls on Thursday nights – a great family night out. The games are preceded by a sausage sizzle, and you don't even need special footwear.



Some of our young Market goers enjoying the fruit and vegetable food trail. (above)

Choosing SA

I CHOOSE SA



A fantastic day for the 'I Choose SA' Market event, with a host of things to do for young and old - some running all morning and a few like the Cooking demonstration by Chef Paul O'Rourke from Grand Cru, and fruit

and vegetable decorative carving by Annie from The Berry Farm in the main Market Hall. All morning events included the Fruit & Vegetable Food Trail, the Scavenger Hunt and Orange 10 pin bowling. (Oranges proudly supplied by DJ Citrus) which was run by the Mt Pleasant Men's Shed (they're everywhere!).

(right) Chef Paul O'Rourke from Grand Cru was on hand for a cooking demonstration in the Market Hall



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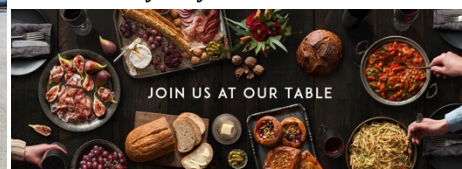
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Tickets are now available for the 2017 Tasting Australia - Tasting the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Event, on 6th May.

Please go to the link for the Eventbrite ticketing system to purchase your tickets. Event limited to 60 tickets only.

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Get in early so you don't miss out!



I went to a Garden Party



The day was perfect with a little, but not too much, sunshine; some dampness in the air; tea and coffee on tap; scones in baskets, and jam and cream to the side. With red and white where-ever you looked and a special touch for Valentine's Day, a heart-shaped chocolate as you paid your entrance fee, the Mount Pleasant Red Cross Branch, excelled themselves with the perfect Garden Party held on 14th February 2017 at Glen Devon...and more than a 100 people were tempted to venture out and enjoy the day.



selected questions. Quite a few people ventured home with lovely organic products to try.

The Mount Pleasant Men's Shed were present once more, just reminding people that their shed is almost complete. Their Valentine raffle tempted a few of the attendees, as did the walnuts that were on offer.

The stalls had lovely items on offer, Linen from Murray Bridge, Pottery from Jo Dennis, and the Red Cross stall with cakes and goodies as well as a mish-mash of items to entice one. This year there was a Silent Auction, with the person who bid the most, taking away a lovely cloche hat... you may just see that hat on a certain person's head in the not too distant future (at least within the year!). The raffle prizes gave food for thought for the winners who could choose any item of their desire. All in all, what a beautiful day...



Sophie Thomson kept the attendees enthralled with her take on gardening and well-being. Did you know that a 30 minute workout in the Gym in your lycra is equal to 45 minutes in the garden, dressed in anyway that you like? Gardening is very therapeutic and can assist in your wellness, by lowering your blood pressure, and assist in keeping your diabetes under control, (at least that is what my family has experienced) amongst other things. (I personally think it is because it actually distracts you from your own worries, and I don't think that is a bad thing!)

By growing your own fruit and vegetables you can convert food miles into food metres, create your own compost which feeds the soil, and thus aid the storing of carbon; and that can happen with things other than trees. One teaspoon of soil is home to the same number of creatures as there is population in Australia. Now that's a crowd!

Trees can be utilised for shade in summer, and with clever planting can assist in the temperature control in your home by shading where necessary during the hotter months but allowing the sun to filter through the windows during the cooler months.

Sophie's enthusiasm enraptures the listener, and her knowledge of plants is vast. Even if one isn't a gardener it is enjoyable to sit back and admire someone who is so giving of her skill. At the end of her session she checks on what you have heard and gives a prize for correct answers to



Paula Bartsch
Roving Correspondent

Uncovering MPs' past: A QUIZ ABOUT MT PLEASANT

Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA : 1880 - 1954), Friday 17 Sep 1897, page 3

DISTRICT GEOGRAPHY.

Q. How would you reach Mount Pleasant?

A. If you have a bike and are starting from Mount Barker make for Balhannah, then you have a fine clear run through Oakbank, Woodside, Charleston, Mount Torrens, and to the corner of Blumberg.

Q. In case you have not got a bike, what are you to do?

A. Get one.

Q. What is it that strikes a stranger on entering Mount Pleasant?

A. A brick if he doesn't behave himself.

Q. Anything else?

A. The clean and prosperous look of the township.

Q. What is one of the things for which Mount Pleasant is noted?

A. For its annual show, which for years past has entered into friendly rivalry with that of Mount Barker for the proud position of being the best country exhibition in the province.

Q. What of the secretary?

A. He jogged over to the West for a time, but has now jogged back and will find when he takes the reins again that he left things running so smoothly that they jogged along merrily, but everyone is glad to have J.O.G. back.

Q. Isn't there a race meeting held there?

A. Yes, on the pretty little course belonging to Mr. G. Phillis. This has only lately been revived, but is already growing in importance, and, being held in the centre of a sport loving community, it should act as a feeder for like events in the district.

Q. What recent improvement has there been made at Mount Pleasant?

A. The erection of lamps in the street, which enable and

people to steer their devious course in comparative safety after a protracted discussion on the relative merits of Shropshires and merinos.

Q. What does Mount Pleasant want to complete its happiness?

A. A railway to Balhannah, but it will have to wait a bit.

Q. What does it want this railway for?

A. To go to the Onkaparinga Races and other things.

Q. For what else?

A. To get back from the Onkaparinga Races and other things.

Q. What has prevented the building of this railway?

A. Vested interests and pure cussedness.

Q. Are there any single-taxers at Mount Pleasant?

A. There are.

Q. Is there anyone named Melrose there?

A. Rather, and don't the Pleasant people know it when anything is required for the furtherance of the interests of the district.

Q. What is another well-known name at Mount Pleasant?

A. That of Giles, name which is connected with many industries.

Q. What are the productions of Mount Pleasant?

A. Wool, butter, wool, bricks, wool, pigs, and wool.

Q. Can you give me an estimate of the amount that would be saved by the inhabitants of Mount Pleasant by the adoption of the free breakfast table?

A. Ask Hourigan, M.P., or Frank Thomson.

Q. Is there any probability of Mount Pleasant bringing out a local candidate at the next general election?

A. Hush! This matter is to be kept dark.

Q. Has there been any gold found at Mount Pleasant?

A. Certainly; have you never heard of the Mount Pleasant diggings, and doesn't the Blumberg field extend up to its back door?

Q. What are the imports?

A. Stock for the monthly sale.

Q. What are the exports?

A. Stock from the monthly sale.

Q. What place near here is suitable for a beginner to practice back-pedalling on the bike?

A. Cook's Hill.

Q. Is there any river at Mount Pleasant?

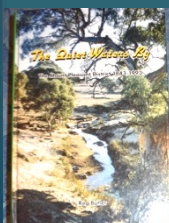
A. There is, the Torrens, but the services of a guide are necessary if you wish to inspect it.



Paula Bartsch
Historian

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Do you have a copy of 'The Quiet Waters By' that you no longer have any use for? It's no longer available from The Barossa Council, and the History Room would be glad of some extras. Please contact Paula via: info@mountpleasant.sa.au

The story of Mt Pleasant & District Golf Club Inc.

The story of Mt. Pleasant and District Golf Club Inc. needs clarification to ensure myths and rumours that are false, are stopped at the source.

We recognise the council's legal position in terms of title ownership. This has been clarified through legal advice provided to the council and the M.P. & D.G.C. Whilst we understand the legal position we are in discussion with the Barossa Council to address the ethical position. M.P. & D.G.C. is a club built upon the efforts of volunteers from the community in 1976-77. The members have financed the purchase of 25% of the land with 50% share coming from a sporting grant from the State Government. (The Mount Pleasant District Council provided an initial supporting loan of \$9 500, for the other 25%. The club repaid this debt at a total cost \$21,000 to the members.) In the late 1980's the club sought to expand to 18 holes and did so by the members purchasing land that was sub-divided to subsidise the costs. The members paid all costs such as stamp duty, conveyancing and stamp duties. As there was only one title available, the land for the course was attached to the original 9 Hole title. (To ensure fiscal propriety the Grant required Council to hold the title.) Through our research we have shown the critical role the club had in the establishment of the cleaning ponds for CWMS water. The club provided the labour and the paperwork to establish the ponds, which were initially the courses only water storage. We then had the expense of establishing the new dam. This was all with an understanding that the club would have additional water access provided by the treated water. When the 18 holes were opened in 1992 the members had paid 75% of the cost of land, had built the clubrooms but had no access to the asset that had been established. More recently the Barossa has sought the viability of all associations using their facilities. To this end they sought our long term plans and with the support of a Business Plan to display future profitability. At this stage, with all repayments for support, the club should have approx. \$850 000 worth of asset to seek development finance to grow the business. We have none as the asset was handed to the Barossa Council in the amalgamations of councils without acknowledgement of the clubs contribution. To make matters worse it was not included in the Mt Pleasant Sporting Asset Register, which protected these from being sold by the council for at least 25 years. Something doesn't quite add up here. After nearly two years of working with the council many issues have been raised, research discussed and potential pathways considered. We like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the council's financial support over recent years and in particular the efforts of Jo Thomas, Mark Lague, Councillor Michael Seager, and more recently Annette Randell. M.P. & D.G.C. is model of how council and community can optimize the financial contribution by council. We currently invest over \$135 000 p.a. in course maintenance and improvement. Over the 40 years it is estimated that the members have contributed of \$ 2.5 million in establishing a quality country golf course. This includes the number of volunteers who on a weekly basis maintain and develop the course, fees collected and fundraising activities. A healthy community provides many volunteers and it is critical that local government recognize this opportunity to build upon and support successful partnerships. We provide a recreational facility for the immediate district and beyond.

- An 18 Hole Golf Course at the southern end of the District. (Ratepayers at the Northern end of the valley have access to 3 Private Courses)
- Physical Participation for local, and wider community, in Golf, FootGolf and Walking.

March, 2017



Many volunteer hours have gone into maintaining this spectacular course. Dave speaking at the Community Dinner

- A venue for schools to participate in Golf and FootGolf
- FootGolf has widened the participation and ideal for families and younger participants.
- A venue for other sporting groups to participate in accessible introduction to golf courses via Footgolf.
- Home for Intra-District competitions with ambitions to hold State competitions, National Competitions and even International competitions.
- Aesthetic contribution to the district with a significant public Green-space available to walkers. The course is unfenced and welcomes those who just wish to stroll.
- Attracts participants from outside the district who spend in the local community.

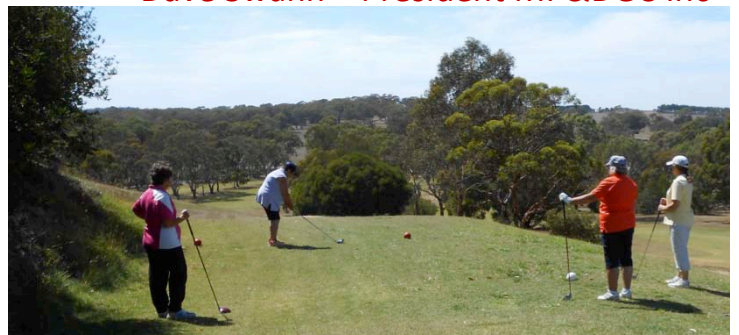
The club provides business for local mechanics, local hardware, fodder stores, butchers, bakers and even the local CFS. In recognition of the clubs significant financial, physical and times emotional investment in the establishment of a quality 18 Hole Country Golf Course with clubrooms we are seeking council support for a '40 year land lease'. We believe this one part of how the council may address the ethical dilemma that they inherited from the Mount Pleasant District Council. We sought out advice from a senior Business Analyst in an effort to reconcile the complex nature of the clubs financial situation as well address the loss of realisable assets. It was suggested that we should propose an **Asset Management role** for the club. We would accept the role of management of what is now the **council's golf course**. This would require us to contribute a minimum of \$135 000 p.a. in the form of labour and finance.

For its part the council would contribute

- a) a negotiated amount for course maintenance and development,
- b) with a further amount to be negotiated for the replacement of plant and machinery used in maintaining this asset.

In brief we believe the plan displays a comprehensive plan on how we plan to address the challenges of the Business of maintaining, developing an 18 hole golf course and an 18 hole FootGolf course as well administering multi-sporting opportunities. We believe it allows volunteers from the community to work towards a sustainable council/community business model that addresses the expectations of the National Sporting Policy for Local Governments.

Dave Swann – President MP&DGC Inc



First Community Dinner for 2017!

Our first dinner for 2017 was a break with tradition and we had an Asian theme so therefore- no sticky date pudding! But all the usual suspects rocked up and the raffles and lucky numbers went well. We welcomed some newcomers to the group, and celebrated some birthdays, and reminded people about the Night Owl Bowls amongst other things. Our speaker this month was President of the Golf Club, Dave Swann – and you can read what he had to say on page 7. See you all on 26th March – after the Show!



L to R: Pauline & Debbie serving with Tracey, Angela and Susan in the background & Syd and Di on the Wheel.

Below: Dave Swann our after dinner speaker, and Bill winning – and then losing the lucky number prize!



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March, 2017

Did You Know?



The number of volunteer hours donated to the Community Dinners is more than 1,000?

And since their inception in April 2015, the dinners have raised \$25,158.



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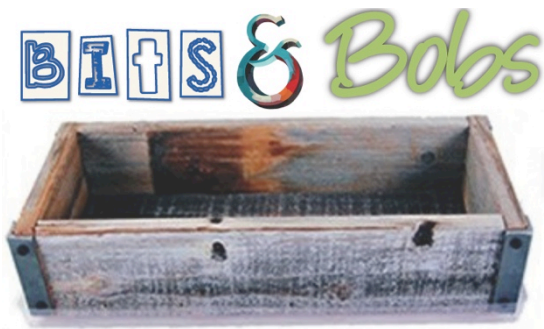
Fund My Community is happening again in 2017, and right now we're calling for submissions!

From now until 31 March, eligible community organisations can apply for funding of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 (plus GST) for projects that will support disadvantaged, isolated or vulnerable South Australians participate in their local communities and build foundations for positive change in their lives.

In April and May 2017, the South Australian community will decide which projects receive funding.

For more information visit:

https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/fmc_rounds/fund-my-community-2017



2018 Barossa Photographic Calendar Competition

Entries are now open for the 2018 Barossa Photographic Calendar Competition, an initiative of the Barossa Visitor Centre. Send through your favorite images that best depict the Barossa, for your chance for it to appear in the 2018 Barossa Calendar. Visit: <http://www.barossa.com> for details.

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2nd April 2017

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The Barossa Council

What's on in March...

- **Night Owl Bowls:
Thursday nights at
the Bowling Club. A
great night out!**

Events

+ The Big Project meeting

Jo Thomas - the Director of Projects at the Council, and in particular, the BIG Project which is looking at the future of Talunga park and the Master Plan amongst other parks in the Barossa area, would like to meet with as many of the current users of Talunga Park as possible, on Monday 6th March at 7.30 at the TP Pavilion.

Come along and join the discussion.



Date	Event	Details
4 th March	Totness Mill Twilight market	From 5 to 9 pm. Come along and support local artisans.
6 th March	Big Project meeting	7.30 pm, Talunga Park Pavilion
18 th March	Mt Pleasant Show	A great day out!
26 th March	Community Dinner	Talunga Park Pavilion

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 = 1.30pm, Night = 6.30pm @ SM Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd 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, 4 th 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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