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## BIRTHDAYS & Milestones

It's been a busy first half of the year with something of note every month. In July we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our lovely Soldiers' Memorial HALL with another wonderful Violet Day High Tea, organised and hosted by our very own Paula Bartsch, with help from the usual suspects Thank You Di Anderson, Kath Fisher, Pauline Taheny, the lovely Elizabeth – who spent the WHOLE day washing dishes, Pete Stephens who did the fantastic lighting and sound for both events, Doreen Kuszczokolusa who made and decorated the birthday cake, and Bill – without who as back up, things just wouldn't get done! Many thanks also to the Community Dinners group. The Wind and Brass Quintets of the Band of the South Australian Police played several brackets with a mixture of music from popular operas to contemporary classics, which was the perfect backdrop for a high tea. The hall was buzzing, although for a while we thought we'd over catered, in the end we judged it fairly well. In the evening we had the Community Dinner – this time in the hall – with fantastic entertainment provided by TOTT. It was a wonderful – if tiring day for all concerned and we'd like to thank all who helped and came along to help us celebrate.

**Sue Barrett**

*(Below) Paula opening the High Tea, with the members of the Band of the S.A. Police Wind Quintet on stage.*



## DID YOU KNOW



We will be celebrating Mount Pleasant's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2018?

With several significant town buildings also celebrating milestones, we are interested in hearing if any organisations or individuals have any ideas or suggestions about how we may mark these events.

Please contact Paula:

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## + Coming events

Sept:

Comedy Night  
Quiz Night  
Spring Garden Show

October:

Spanner in the Works?



*Violet Day High Tea*







# T.O.T.T.

## TOP OF THE TORRENS THEATRE GROUP INC.

From 'Bound for South Australia' to 'We are Australian', 'Man of La Mancha' to 'The Pheasant Plucker's Song' – it was all there. The Top of the Torrens Theatre Group was given an almost impossible task at the eleventh hour – to learn then perform songs throughout the night of the Community Dinner to celebrate the 90th Birthday of our Grand old Hall, and what a grand job they did! Going from strength to strength, this wonderful troupe entertained us with poetry and song, and even the odd joke thrown in for good measure, bringing the audience with them on a musical trip through the ages. As Molly would say, do yourself a favour and make sure you catch their next show later in the year. It's sure to be a cracker!



Thanks to MP Stephan Knoll for cutting the cake!



# POP<sup>UP</sup> SHOP

5pm to 9pm, Fri, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 – SM Hall

## SA SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

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## What next?

# A Women's Shed??

I have said many times that the Mantra of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed (MPMS) is men's health and well-being. There are many ways to look after one's health, so the MPMS carried out a survey and the overwhelming result was that it is the members – it is us. When we get together, we enjoy ourselves, discuss domestic and world issues and, on most occasions, solve those issues in an afternoon. We really should have a direct line to Malcolm and Bill.

However, there comes a time when we, as members of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed, must take a firm stand when confronted with the face of the female of the species encroaching on men's sacred ground as that is surely *not* good for men's health!

Men throughout the world are facing the dilemma in that our childhood heroes are being infiltrated by women. The BBC has announced that the lead role in British sci-fi television series *Doctor Who* will be played by a woman for the first time in its more than 50-year history.

I firmly believe that Jodie Whittaker, as the first female Dr Who, is just part of a massive continuing drive to oust those daredevil champions of our early comic reading years - our idols who rode into danger on a white horse or leaped tall buildings in a single bound and saved the fair maiden, or the poor farmer, or released a town from the hands of a cruel gangster and his team of thugs. They rounded up the crooks or the cattle rustlers and single-handedly corralled them in the town jail and handed them over to a grateful sheriff. Or, in the case of the widow trying to manage a ranch after her husband had been brutally killed, our heroes mustered and branded the stray cattle, repaired miles of fencing and would only accept a hearty meal as payment.

I ask, who will be the next of our idols to fall? The Phantom? The Lone Ranger and his trusty sidekick Tonto? The Cisco Kid and Pancho? And what has happened to Biggles and Tarzan?



Batman has already been pushed aside by an interfering female dressed in a tight black outfit trying to lure innocent young boys away from their hero. Batwoman and Catwoman in their figure hugging lycra or Wonder Woman in her flimsy outfit are tempting easily impressed young minds to move away from the excitement of Batman and Robin continuing to fight crime in Gotham City.

Superman and Batman now have to contend with Superwoman and Batwoman with Wonder Woman thrown in for good measure! Steve Reeves and Adam West would turn over in their graves if they were aware of what is happening in the world of superheroes. Superheroes are morphing into superheroines. However, thank goodness, one can still watch Batman on Sunday arvos, SBS Viceland at 5:30!

And who will protect our childhood stars - Kommissar Rex, Mr Ed, Dennis the Menace, (Leave it to) Beaver or even Skippy? Here comes Black Caviar!



Don't think that women's affirmative action is not seeping into good old Australia. Women's cricket and Women's football are on the march. Soon you won't be able to watch your Warners, Wingards or Walkers as all will be replaced with ... women. What is happening to our memories of those pillars of the sporting world, Richie Benaud and Foster Williams?

This drive has also careened into the outback where our legends are under pressure from the female of the species. The empire that was pioneered by Sir Sidney Kidman, commencing when, at 14, he left Gawler on Cyclops, a one-eyed horse, five bob in his pocket and a dream to build the greatest Australian cattle business only to be bought out by cashed up miner Gina Reinhardt.

How can we arrest these massive changes? What will it do to young minds struggling with puberty and trying to grapple with Tony Abbott, Donald Trump, Brexit, and the AFL ladder when their childhood heroes turn to heroines? I discussed this dilemma at length with OBE recipient Barrie Mills who has a real concern about the future of Ginger Meggs and Mickey Mouse with two Minnies lurking in the background.



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Still, I am compelled to consider that there *is* another side to this argument. Why should all heroes be white males? Why can't they be female, or of a different skin colour? What message does this send to the young people today? **THINK OF THE FUTURE!** Superwoman is Superman's cousin, and she is awesome! Wonder Woman stands for Truth and Justice and proves to girls everywhere that you don't need to be a boy in order to stand up to hate and ugliness and injustice in the world. Gal Godot, the actress who plays Wonder Woman, served in the Israeli Army. She is just as able to keep up with the boys as her character. This is 2017, and we should be celebrating the fact that women are starting to be represented in pop culture!! Those young minds trying to grapple with Tony Abbott, Donald Trump, Brexit and the AFL will be comforted that there are childhood heroes (and the makers behind the heroes) not afraid to keep up with the times and be more inclusive of everyone. If people like Donald Trump had been exposed to heroes like the female Phantom, or a female Dr Who, or Wonder Woman, then just maybe he would not be the misogynistic, sexist, narrow-minded troll that he is today, who judges women purely by appearance and how they are able to be used by him. (Wow! - where did that come from? It sounds just like the Lone Ranger and Tonto rounding up the rustlers.)



"SHE MADE HERSELF A COSTUME, JUST LIKE THE NEVER-CHANGING COSTUME OF THE MALE PHANTOMS"



Just putting this contention out there for discussion. Come along to an MPMS meeting where we discuss these and other important issues of the world stage that could affect our future. As an example, I note that Les Fisher is a huge fan of AFLW and ladies' bowls. Perhaps it *is*, indeed, time for change?



With co-author/conspirator, my daughter Cass, who gives a woman's viewpoint!



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**As an aside...**

With the content of this article in mind, maybe we should have had a female Lumberjack advertising the wood alongside George? The TOTT gave a great rendition of 'The Lumberjack Song' by Monty Python on Sunday night. Catch the original on YouTube. You may also want to check out 'The Pheasant Plucker's Song' by The Barrow Poets. Ed.



## MP Street Party

Planning is moving along well for this year's Street Party. The Parade, Entertainment, Stalls and Sponsorship Conveners are doing a great job and not only do we have some great new entertainment for children, but also some terrific sponsors have stepped up.

The colouring competition is in the planning stages and we will be trialling a slightly different tack this year.

We are very lucky to not only have some very experienced voices in our group, but also some newer ones and this is bringing many different ideas and points of view to our discussions.

As always, we welcome any volunteers, even if you are only able to help on the day (which will be vital!), please feel free to contact us to put your name down.

### MP Street Party Group

Check [mountpleasant.sa.au](http://mountpleasant.sa.au) under 'latest news' for notes from the meetings.

Email: [mp.streetparty@gmail.com](mailto:mp.streetparty@gmail.com)



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9<sup>th</sup> Sept

# QUIZNIGHT

Featuring Gem Stone

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SM Hall Mt Pleasant - 6.30 for 7pm START

**\$10 per head - Tables of 8 : BYO Drinks & Nibbles**

Contact Jules on 0419255735

There will be a Quiz night in the SM Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Get your groups ready! Jules Montgomery will be organizing the night and is always glad of helpers. Murray Henderson will be the Quiz Master for the night - and be warned - he takes no prisoners! You will be guaranteed of a fun night and know that all monies raised will be going to the community!

## Community Dinner

And now for something completely different - Crazy Chooks will be catering for the August Community Dinner, which will be back in the Talunga Park Pavilion. At present we are going to be doing a Rib "N" Red night plus dessert. They are also able to cater for gluten free, vegan and vegetarian.

So, even though the hard working catering crew who have brought you the dinners every other time won't be behind the counter, you are assured of having a great meal provided by local caterers.

We will still be having Syd's Wheel and our amazing Raffle, so come along for another great night.



Angela Slagter

MP Community Dinners

MOUNT PLEASANT MENS SHED

### SPANNER IN THE WORKS #3

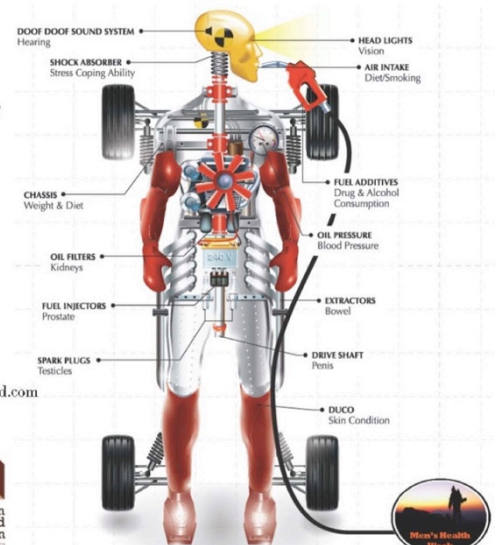
A FREE MENS HEALTH WORKSHOP

WHEN WAS YOUR LAST SERVICE?

**DATE**  
Wednesday 4 October 2017  
2.00pm and 5.30pm

**VENUE**  
Mt Pleasant Soldiers' Memorial Hall

**CONTACT**  
Murray Henderson  
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**INFO STALLS:** Alzheimer's, Arthritis, Cancer Council, Cardiac, Continence, CoTA, Hearing, Optician, Prostate, Relationships, Stroke, Vet Affairs  
**MEDICAL:** Mount Pleasant Hospital, Talunga Clinic and Mount Pleasant Pharmacy  
**CATERING:** Tea and coffee all day - purchase an early evening meal from Crazy Chooks

MOUNT PLEASANT MEN'S SHED

### AGM: Friends of the Mt Pleasant Hospital

Friends of Mount Pleasant Hospital are holding their AGM on August 8th, at 10 a.m. in the Day Care Centre at the hospital. We welcome new members.

Pauline, Secretary





## Nancy of the Overdraft

Her bank had sent a letter when, the mortgage got behind,  
In the way of Banker's letters, it was nasty and unkind.  
"We don't care about your lost job, or your aged dependent  
mum,  
if you don't bring this up to date, you'll be out on your bum."  
And Nancy shed a mournful tear, then gave a bitter laugh,  
Next thing they'll send another one, to "Nancy Overdraft".

For Nancy knows how Bankers work, as many years ago,  
When she was young and pretty, a Bank Clerk was her beau.  
And though she loved him dearly, and took him for her mate,  
Her Bank Clerk made her pregnant, then transferred interstate!

Then Nancy's little sister, to bring some dollars in,  
Went to work in Sydney Town, and led a life of sin.  
She worked in pubs in Paddington, and swallowed all her pride,  
To work the Cross each evening, to earn some on the side.

At last in desperation, with mortgage and unpaid fines,  
Nancy chucked the typing pool and headed for the mines.  
Determined to advance herself, and change her rotten luck,  
She travelled up to Prominent Hill, to drive a great, big truck.

All day beneath the blazing sun, with sticky, pesky flies,  
She wrestled with the steering wheel, red dust in her eyes,  
'Til she met another, winsome man, in the Company Canteen,  
Who was the kindest, gentlest man that she'd ever seen.

In the way of human nature, in time these two were one,  
And Nancy's life at long, long last, was comfortable and fun.  
No longer did she dwell on her sorrows and her loss,  
'Cause Nancy's new love, kind and sweet, turned out to be the Boss.

With courage great she told her man,  
About her bastard child,  
He simply held her close and sweet,  
And oh so kindly smiled.

"My lovely Nancy, have no care,  
I've love enough for two,  
And I will truly love and keep,  
This child who comes with you."



The months flew past, in love and joy, and Nancy soon was wed.  
She took her mining magnate to the pleasures of her bed.  
And finally, revenge on Bankers all, was what our Nancy got,  
Her husband bought that lousy bank, and sacked the bloody lot!

## Pete – the Peripatetic poet



Calling for expressions of interest from any and all wishing to play, coach, pure or assist with Summer Netball 2017/18 Season. Also looking for donations for raffle prizes for our end of year raffle. Please contact Sam Schultz 0417851790 or mtpnetballclub@gmail.com



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## Mt Pleasant CFS Comedy Night

7.00pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the Soldiers Memorial Hall



**Quotes from the 2015 event which was a huge success**

**"I almost wet myself laughing" - "It was all so real life comedy"**


Get your friends and come and laugh the night away as 7 of Adelaide's multi award winning comedians keep you in stitches. Be entertained by Kehau Jackson, Michael Bowley, Mike Klimczak, Fabien Clark, Joshua Warrior, Maggie Wood & Rich Naberhood

Not suitable for children under 15 years

Tickets just \$25.00. BYO drinks and supper. Tea and coffee provided.

Tickets from [www.ticketebo.com.au/mtpleasantcfs](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/mtpleasantcfs) or at the Mt Pleasant Post Office

## CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 19-26 AUGUST 2017



Each year across Australia, the [Children's Book Council of Australia](http://cbca.org.au/) brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. Stories and storytelling are an important part of our Australian history and culture. During Children's Book Week our Storytime sessions will have CBW themed stories and activities. Library staff will visit or welcome local kindergarten and school classes to the library for stories, fun and interactive activities during this special week.

[https://cbca.org.au/](http://cbca.org.au/)



## What's on in August...

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**MP SM Hall**  
**18TH AUGUST 5PM to 9PM**  
Contact Di on 0407 682 428

## Events

for info & bookings

Date	Event	Details
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Pop-Up Op-Shop!	5pm to 9pm
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Street Party meeting	7.30pm, SM Hall

## Meetings

+ Check the website for more:  
[www.mountpleasant.sa.au](http://www.mountpleasant.sa.au)

\* Please note that in Winter, CFS training is fortnightly.

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
Art Group	10-2, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday @ MP Library
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Community Dinners Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6.30pm @ Mt Pleasant Hotel Motel
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Men's Shed	9.30am, alternate Wednesdays @ The Men's Shed
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 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ MPNRC
MP Show Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
MP Table Tennis	7.30pm, every Wednesday @ BHS Gym
Playgroup	9.30-11.30am, every Friday @ MP Kindy
Red Cross	1.30pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday @ SM Hall
RSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Social gathering
RSL	Alternate month, last Sunday - Bi-Monthly meeting
SM Hall VAC	7.30pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday @ SM Hall
Talunga Park VAC	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday @ Talunga Park
Writer's Group	10-12am, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday @ Library



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