

For nearly two weeks, some of us in the district were without an internet connection. This may not have been much of an issue for those of us who just use it for the occasional email, or to check on the family via Facebook, but to most of the businesses in town – it was huge. Every large corporation for the last few years has urged us to transfer our business to an online capability, and when it works, it's not too bad. It can be quick and save us petrol and the nuisance of travelling to 'town' to pay a bill, although I use that as an excuse to browse the shops and catch up with people we don't see very often. The

banks urged us to use online banking – and look how well that worked out for us! Businesses are adversely impacted financially when they cannot access / use EFTPoS facilities for customers. Many people don't bother with carrying lots of cash nowadays, preferring use credit, debit or pay wave, so if someone walks into a bakery say, and presents a card to purchase their lunch, only to be told the business can only accept cash that day, not only does the business miss out on a sale then, but the customer may also pass that negative experience on to friends and acquaintances. It's a big deal with a medium sized business in a city, but imagine how it is magnified in a small business, in a small town. Several businesses purchased dongles to use in the interim, but it's a far from perfect solution.

I was only out for 6 days, but others I know were out, or had intermittent internet for almost two weeks. I waited for a few days – confident that it would be fixed – then I rang Telstra. This was not something I was looking forward to as the last time I had an issue, it had taken six weeks and phone calls to MPs and the Communications Ombudsman before it was resolved. I logged everything – kept names and numbers, and was eventually connected to someone in Sydney who fixed it in five minutes. I was very happy to give feedback – and included lots of apologies for my angry tone – but I was fed up. A lot of people have ugly Telstra stories.

This week, like many other consumers who rang to report a fault, I spent time on my knees, under my desk, troubleshooting something I had already worked

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Please consider the master plan & comment online by 23rd March.

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Words of Wisdom

from Sophie Thomson



If you have a mosquito problem, you don't have enough bats!

That bats can eat up to half their bodyweight in insects a night?



+ Coming events

April:

Old Police Station –
Cells & Cell-arbrations
Anzac commemoration

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through myself ("have you tried turning in off then on again?"), before it was finally ascertained that it wasn't me – it was them. It also wasn't rocket science.

Then I rang my state MP – who told me the response they had from Telstra – which included the information that they were 'waiting on a part'. I was concerned that Telstra was experiencing a large outage (not confined to Mount Pleasant), but hadn't thought it necessary to let anyone know what was going on and when we could expect results. I then rang the Federal MP – because Telstra is after all, a federal body – I left my opinion and hope that Telstra just may be persuaded to change their practice if / when this happens again. I am not expecting that this is the last time we will experience disruption, if the claims of others who have been impacted by the installation of the NBN – and according to Telstra, this is NOT related – but I think we'd all like to feel we are kept in the loop, so we can plan accordingly.

This is what one Facebook user received in answer to their query:

I can appreciate your frustrations with these connection issues XXXXXX and do apologise for any inconvenience that has been caused by these delays to the services being restored. It does appear that there is some equipment that is needing to be replaced at the exchange, and this needs to be ordered in. As such we will have to delay the outage restoration until this part has been received and we have the tech onsite to have it installed. The latest update we have is for later tomorrow evening the 20/02/2018.

And this was reported on the 5MU website on 21st February:

Telstra says a faulty air-conditioning unit at the Mt Pleasant exchange led to the failure of internet services for residents of Tungkillio and Mt Pleasant. The ADSL service went down on Friday with technicians advising residents in the area that it would be reinstated several times but as of Wednesday the internet still hadn't been reconnected to up to 250 properties. Telstra spokesperson Mark Bolton says the air conditioning failure led to a number of technical components to stop working. "For a number of days Telstra have been trying to resolve a complex issue affecting some ADSL internet services in the Mount Pleasant area that began on Friday night." "Telstra estimate that up to 250 properties may be affected. Mobile services and landline services are unaffected as a result of this problem." "Telstra techs are currently on-site at the Mt Pleasant exchange and are replacing a number of technical components that stopped working following an air conditioning unit failure." "Telstra hopes to have the issue resolved and services back on line later today (Wed Feb 21). Telstra apologises for the inconvenience caused to these residents during this time." Mr Bolton is also asking anyone who hasn't yet reported a fault to them to get in touch. "We also advise any affected Telstra customers who haven't contacted us and registered a fault to do so on 13 22 00."

You can see there was a lot going on there. The outage was not over the whole district – for everyone, at the same time. So how can you explain that? Was it in some way related to the installation of the NBN – which we apparently won't be getting, instead we'll be accessing the

WWW via satellite. It just keeps getting better.

In the meantime, the people overseas who answer the Telstra calls clearly had no idea – even though most of us I am sure mentioned that everyone we knew was also experiencing difficulties – what the issue was, so how could they realistically help us? Maybe that's another thing Telstra could smarten up – if there is an outage in an area, let the call centre people know so they can respond appropriately when they are contacted to report faults. I have to say, even though the whole process was frustrating, the call centre people were unfailingly polite – and remember – none of this is their fault.

Tuesday I was contacted by Mark Bolton – General Manager Telstra Country Wide, and he agreed that the communication from Telstra re: the outage could have been better. Here is what he sent me today:

We are conducting a field trial of a new Telstra Smart Modem with a small group of customers in Mt Pleasant. The modem is (an) updated model available on some of our new broadband plans from 27th of February. The Telstra Smart Modem includes a 4G mobile backup so customers can be automatically connected over the mobile network if there's a disruption to their fixed service. The latest Wi-Fi technology in the modem means customers can connect up to 20 devices at once, so they can do more things online at once, in more places around the house. For more information visit <https://www.telstra.com.au/broadband/extras/getwif#gateways>

Sue Barrett

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While we're on the subject of phones – a few people have been reporting more calls from 'Windows' techs, and other delights. A few of us respond by a) NOT responding and hanging up, and b) yelling at them (not MY preferred option). I screen my calls, so the chances are if you have blocked your number and come up on my phone display as "PRIVATE NUMBER" – I won't answer. I reason that if someone wants to speak to me, they'll leave a message. If it displays as "OVERSEAS", I won't answer. If I pick up the phone and there's a long delay, I hang up. DON'T engage with people who have no legitimate reason to call you, because sometimes people may record your voice and use it. Lots of people have also been scammed out of money by letting people have remote access to their computers to 'fix a fault', or by believing the Australian Taxation Office is really going to send someone around to arrest you. That's not how they do business. If you receive a call and you're not sure about it, hang up.

Sue Barrett



SOPHIE'S CHOICE!

It was a busy week when Sophie Thomson once again made the trek to Glen Devon to speak at the annual Red Cross garden Party, and the Men finally opened their Shed.

This year was our most successful yet and once again we'd like to thank Sophie for her unflagging support, because her sly wit and vast practical horticultural knowledge never fail to impress. We worked out that she has been supporting Mt Pleasant Red Cross for twenty years, which is pretty astonishing, and we are very grateful.

She spoke to us about her Habitat exhibit at last year's Royal Adelaide Show, and those of us who were able to see it couldn't have failed to be impressed. Sophie told us about the things every garden needs starting with humans, and if you have been watching Gardening Australia this year, you will have seen several segments on just how therapeutic gardens can be. Birds are an essential part of every garden and including water, and plants that attract birds and supply shelter is vital, but without Bees – none of us will survive. A popular insecticide 'Confidor' is not good for bees and shouldn't be used. In fact, Bunnings and Woolworths have committed to not selling harmful stuff by the end of the year. Sophie and some metropolitan and country councils will be doing their bit to create some 'Bee Hotels' in the near future – watch for that.

She also went on to tell us about Butterflies – which was the theme of the day – Bats, Dragonflies, Frogs, and Lizards, as well as expounding on the virtues of a host of useful insects. Sophie stressed the importance of managing your garden organically so that none of these creatures are compromised, and can live happily in your created ecosystem.

She recommended further reading – including "Where have all the ladybirds gone?" which is an Australian article.

It is disappointing that we have an obsession with perfection and strive for this, instead of accepting a bit of mess – and the occasional plant dying – and a few extra insects as part of the natural order.

Sophie's talk was extremely interesting and the plants she had brought to show and sell were snapped up by avid gardeners.



Pictured above with Sophie is Val Broadbent - who is the Patron of the South Australian Red Cross, below are staff from Adelaide Red Cross, a snap of the large crowd (our biggest ever), and bottom left: Jan Gardner from The Bohemian Garden, who organised the flowers, and Mary Starkey's 175th

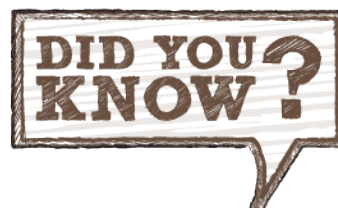
Settlement cake.

More photos on The Beat Facebook page.



Sophie is a popular presenter on the ABC's 'Gardening Australia' (now in a new one hour format) on Friday nights, and her website sophiespatch.com.au is a great place to find out all sorts of information, as well as links to lots more. You can also find out where to catch Sophie at her next speaking engagements.

March, 2018



Did you know that there are 500 species of native bees in South Australia alone – including the Blue Banded Bee. These native bees are solitary and don't live in hives, nor do they produce honey which we can harvest, however they are great pollinators, and ten times more effective as pollinators than honeybees as they are buzz pollinators.

Asian Fusion Community Dinner -

and clearing up the con-fusion on masterplans



More than 60 people attended the first Community Dinner for 2018, and a beautiful Asian style meal was served, with fruit salad and icecream to complete the fulfilling experience. There were guests from as far as England, and locally from Mount Gambier and Murray Bridge. As 2018 is commemorating the 175 years of settlement in the district, Dianne Anderson requested that guests sign a visitor's book recording attendance at the dinner, and with a comment or two if desired.



Special Guests included Stephan Knoll, Member for Schubert, Jo Thomas from The Barossa Council and Craig Grocke from the RDA. Stephan spoke about Mount Pleasant being on the edge of local, State and Federal government regions, and that it had been suggested that it should be included in the district of Morialta, but due to submissions to the Electoral Commission, this suggestion was reversed, and so Mount Pleasant remains with Schubert. He also commented on the local community and its strong ability to come together with things such as the Community Dinners, Men's Shed and Farmers' Market. It is evident that there is a pride in the volunteering spirit in the district, with South Australia having the most volunteers by % in the nation.



Jo Thomas spoke about The Big Project, an initiative of The Barossa Council, on which she has been working for the last two years. It is recognised that tourism is a great economic drive, and this is encompassed with great recreational facilities to attract people to the region. There are 12 recreational facilities in the Barossa Region, meaning that there are 1,000 ratepayers per facility to

support the expense of these facilities, and so it is obvious that it is necessary to create a Masterplan to cost the proposals for each facility and then apply for grants/funding to support the development of these over the next 10 years. Currently it is recognised that there is \$50 million needed to develop the various facilities. It is now time to comment, and the Masterplan for Talunga Park and Old Talunga Park has been prepared and is available for comment until 23 March 2018, with information available at the Council Office/Natural Resource Centre and the Show. Discussions have been held with Mount Pleasant Progress Association, Show Society, Equestrian interests and the football club, so that comment has been sort widely, but it is time for the local community to comment.

It has been identified that the Caravan Park is a great source of revenue, and that often tourists plan to stay for a night, but then stay for a fortnight, and as such there is a need for a re-structure of the park, creating a formal plan to make it easier for people to be directed to appropriate camping facilities on their arrival. There is also a need to share the area with the Show, but with discussions held with the Society a plan has been made regarding the need to deal with services etc for the amusements on Show day. The design for the park will take into consideration the R. Torrens beautification, camp kitchen and robust parking areas designating the sites. All of this means updating of infrastructure/drainage/updates.

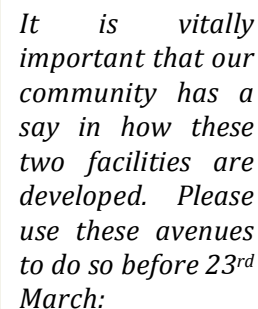
The 12 Equestrian groups who regularly use the area have identified the need for good stables, and a safe walkway from the stables to the oval. The possibility of flatpak stables has been discussed to assist with this need.

The Football club were unable to commit to more the 3 games a season at Mount Pleasant, and so The Barossa Council cannot commit the money needed to bring the oval up to a better standard, for such a commitment, and the level of service will remain as is.



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Talunga Park



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also commented on the way The Rex was paid for and Jo assured him that the same process was not under consideration. (Personally I do not see a difference between an amount on the Council Rates being set aside for a purpose, and the Council paying for it... where do they get their money after all!!) Trevor Anderson responded to Syd, as a user of The Rex and how great the facility is, but also made the point that we as a community need to take on board the proposal that has been compiled and comment, rather than simply criticise. He recognised Syd's disappointment regarding the Footy Club, but also made the point that things have changed, and we need to keep that in mind. He spoke very well... in support of both points of view really, but really with the aim of encouraging locals to have a say.]

Paula Bartsch
Roving Reporter

The map shows an aerial view of Talunga Park with various sports facilities and proposed improvements. Key features include:

- Talunga Park Road** and **Pineapple Drive** forming the park's boundaries.
- Bowls Club** and **Men's Shed** buildings.
- Tennis Courts** and **New club + change rooms servicing tennis courts**.
- Proposed improvements:**
 - Formalise car parks + footpath to service the Men's Shed and Tennis Courts.
 - Upgrade tennis courts.
 - Improve amenities throughout including new furniture, play equipment + outdoor exercise equipment.
 - Improve the walking track + link to Talunga Park and beyond.
 - Improve signage to Old Talunga Park and activities.

Old Talunga Park



The celebrations continued into the evening. Most of the revellers had gone home and there was just the cleaning up to finish, the rubbish into bins and the chairs and tables put away.

The grand opening of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed was now a memory.

When Bob Long posed the question 6 years ago, asking a group of locals about the possibility of starting a Men's Shed it just seemed a good idea. However, on February 14, 2018, when Hugh and Fiona MacLachlan cut the ribbon, Bob's idea had come to fruition.

Murray Henderson welcomed all and sundry, introduced our Chairman Colin Forbes who gave a concise history of our journey and then handed the baton to builder/architect/treasurer John Bowd who gave a more detailed account of the voyage to our target destination, opening day. And like our early explorers there were some side trips on the way. I should add here that another builder, Barry Liddicoat with John Bowd were the mainstays of our building project.

However, all through our journey we were supported by our local community. The numbers increased from Bob's original steering group (about 6 blokes) up to over 30 members and coming from all walks of life the total experience of our band of desperadoes was wide ranging. We had builders and plumbers, farmers and technicians, labourers and teachers, an electrician and a draftsman, plus all the other trades and professions in between.

To build a shed we needed money, and lots of it. Support came from all directions, our local councils, local business and local people. Our ongoing quality firewood service to local consumers has been our core fundraiser with lumberjacks Bob Long and George Harrison leading the charge. Combined with the steady income from Farmers Market gates, sausage sizzles, gourmet steakburgers and once even gourmet crepes, the bank balance grew, enabling the shed to be built.


So when we reflect on our achievement, ponder over a cup of tea in the well appointed kitchen/meeting room, or wander through the soon to be equipped workshop, or as Don Barrett sits and considers another proposal to the Barossa Council in the secretary's office/first aid room, we must say thank you to the citizens of Mount Pleasant - we couldn't have done it without you!



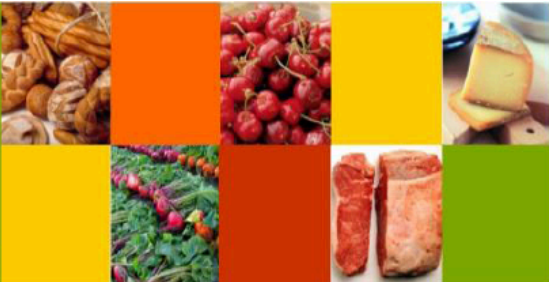
Men's Shed – open every Wednesday!



March, 2018



**Mount Pleasant
FARMERS MARKET**



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Farmers Market Inc**

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EASTER TWILIGHT MARKET Thurs 29th March

Want to recycle your soft plastics?
**Look out for our REDCYCLE bin next to the
Administration Desk on Market Day!**

*Information sheet to take home also available.
So you can recycle right!

Going Plastic Bag Free in 2019 Julia's Tip for the Week

Storing bread in wax wraps for freshness.
I have made two kinds of wraps. Both work well.

See the photos below, the one on the left, I made by sprinkling grated beeswax over a piece of calico and ironing it in.

The bread must then be tied closed to keep it sealed.

When the wrap starts looking cracked, simply put it into a hot oven for a minute, to make it as good as new again.

After about a year of heavy using, I would simply pop it in the compost and make another.

The one on the right, I made using beeswax, resin and jojoba.

This wrap is tacky and you seal the 'package' by warming it into shape with your hands.

These wraps are a great replacement for clingfilm.

When made well, these wraps take on a varnished feel. They are cleaned by washing in cold soapy water.

However, from experience, they are tricky to make perfectly. Luckily, one can buy them, and are, in my opinion, an excellent investment.



Otherwood Orchard @ the Fleurieu Milk stall

Green is good! We want to be as plastic free as we can, so we are trialling pre-weighed one kilogram buckets of produce for you to empty into your own bags. Just in case you forget yours, we have paper bags available at the stall, or you can purchase produce bags from the Admin Desk, grab (& return or donate to the following week) a pre-loved re-usable shopping bag from the basket just inside the front door, or see Julia from Boomerang Bags when she's at the market. We love feedback and ideas so please feel free to give us your 'two bob's worth'. Oh, and we happily take back and re-use or re-cycle our bags too – plastic or net.

Think Global – Act local.

Tasting Australia Tickets Now On Sale

When: Saturday 21st April, 2018

Cost: \$60

How to Book: Go to this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tasting-the-mt-pleasant-farmers-market-tickets-42655661231>

Pete's Poem

Annie's Kitchen - Summer

There's a bustle in the kitchen, the action is intense,
Outside it's 40 in the shade, toiling makes no sense.
The entire house is immaculate, no other word will serve,
Now Annie has the sink piled high with produce to preserve.
Already on the pantry shelf the pickled onions stand,
The corn is in the freezer, the sauce and chutneys planned.
The smell of spice and chopped onions fill the kitchen air,
The smell of malted vinegar is trapped in Annie's hair.
The Vacola stands in waiting, outside, but not in the sun,
There'll be no rest for Annie, (or me), until she's got it done.
The peel of peaches chokes the tub, it's going to the chooks,
As soon as I can get outside, and while the next batch cooks.
Tomatoes all precisely packed, jar upon gleaming jar,
Annie bottles all I grow. Perhaps I've gone too far???

At last the pans are all washed up, utensils packed away.
Annie swears that's all she'll do, but wait another day...
We sit together in the evening shade, and share a glass of red.
Annie's insisting she wash her hair, before we go to bed.
Tomorrow is another day of 40 in the shade, but
In Annie's Summer Kitchen, It's happiness, Home Made.

Pete – The Peripatetic Poet



POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Barrie Mills would like to contact those who once worked for the PMG Department, who live in and around Mount Pleasant, with a view to having a get together. If you know Barrie – this could be fun! Please contact him via info@mountpleasant.sa.au, and we'll pass it on.



March, 2018

Remembering Val Hall



Adelaide Hills Councillor Val Hall has sadly lost her battle with cancer and passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning (20 February 2018).

Val was a valued Member of Adelaide Hills Council for 17 years, and served on the first Adelaide Hills Council from 1997, and the District Council of Gumeracha before amalgamation. She was a much

loved member of her community, which she served tirelessly in a range of capacities including through her Committee and Advisory Group memberships, and volunteer committee roles.

We extend our sympathies to Val's family at this difficult time and know that her dedication, experience and humour will be missed by elected members, Adelaide Hills Council staff and the Adelaide Hills community.

Some of Cr Hall's Committee and Advisory Group memberships include:

- Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee
- Adelaide Hills Business & Tourism Centre Advisory Group
- Australia Day Awards Panel
- Cemeteries Advisory Group
- Hills Voice Reference Panel
- Social Planning Advisory Group
- Youth Advisory Committee.
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(From the Adelaide Hills Council website)

Vale, Val

I first got to know Val when I worked at Birdwood High School, and she was a member of the Governing Council. Val was always a cheerful and happy person, who devoted many hours to the school in her capacity as Councillor and also interviewed students for their portfolios. She and husband John also regularly attended the school's Anzac and Remembrance Day commemorations. Val was a larger than life personality who was not only a great supporter of the school, but also a friend, and a good person to go to for advice on many matters. My deepest sympathies go to John, to those she loved, and who loved her. She will be missed.

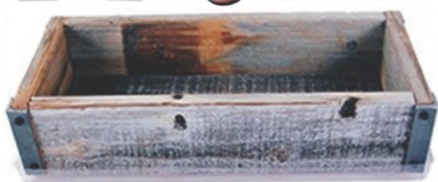
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doesn't depend on your
religion, race, status,
color, political views
or culture. It depends
on how you treat
others.

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BITS & BOBS



WORKSHOPS



Recreate Altered Book Art Journaling

Saturday 3rd March 2018

10am - 1pm

Mount Pleasant

Bookings and info: [trybooking](http://trybooking.com)

Be guided by visual artist Janet Gallagher to begin your own Altered Book Art Journal. This

form of art journaling is an excellent way to explore a variety of mixed media & to experiment with ideas. It's also a great way to transform the life of old books to become personal, creative journals.



Boomerang Bags

FREE Drop In Sewing Workshop

When: 2nd Saturday of the Month. 11am till 2pm

Where: Recreate, Mount Pleasant
Boomerang bags is a fantastic initiative to help people kick their plastic habit. Want to learn how to make your own produce bags for yourself or to give to family and friends? Then drop in to

recreate on the second Saturday of the month and hang out with the lovely Julia who will teach you how. It's free. The bags you make are free. No sewing experience required either so it's a good opportunity to learn some sewing skills. And of course we upcycle a pile of lovely fabric too! No need to book just drop in between 11am and 2pm.

Cambrai Community Nursery Workshop Program for 2018

20 February 2018 until 19 June 2018

Mid Murray Landcare SA has a range of events planned for the Cambrai Community Nursery in 2018. Refer to the list of events below.

20 February—Western Pygmy Possums, distribution, threats, needs and habitat

20 March—Bird baths and ponds, creating one in your backyard

1 May—Refuge for reptiles and amphibians, simple ways to provide habitat

29 May—Responsible pet management to protect our wildlife

19 June—Winter species propagation of Native Pine and Christmas bush

Register your interest, or for more details contact Irene Bugeja at Mid Murray Landcare SA.

Watershed for the Warren

Canoes and kayaks can now be spotted alongside bait and rods at the Warren Reservoir near Williamstown thanks to a tremendous collaborative effort between the Barossa Council and the State Government. In a major boost for recreational fishing and tourism in SA, Warren Reservoir in the southern Barossa has been officially upgraded and was officially opened last week. The Barossa Council has worked closely with the State Government to achieve greater public access at multiple locations with improved road access, upgraded car parking and new visitor amenities.

The angler experience has also been enhanced with increased shore-based recreational fishing access, kayak and canoe on-water access and a fish stocking program of Murray cod, golden and silver perch by RecFish SA.

Mayor Bob Sloane officially opened the expanded fishery alongside Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation on 23 January. Mayor Sloane said the investment in new infrastructure will deliver positive tourism and economic outcomes for the region.

"The expansion of fishing facilities, in addition to on-water access for kayaks and canoes, will make the Warren Reservoir a recreational tourism attraction in its own right."

Disability access at the site has been significantly improved with wheelchair pathways to the water edge, disability access toilet and an upgrade of the old bridge infrastructure for over-water fishing by all users. On-site improvements include upgraded road access, car parking and visitor amenities including toilets and picnic facilities and the Warren has also been stocked with Murray cod, golden and silver perch to attract more anglers to the site.

Council has contributed \$170,000 and significant staffing resources towards the initiative including infrastructure improvements and is confident positive tourism and economic outcomes will follow.

While canoes and kayaks are welcome, currently Stand-Up Paddle Boards (SUP's) are not endorsed for use on the Warren Reservoir.



Mount Pleasant Dance Group Charity Dances 2018



April 8th, October 14th, December 2nd

August 11, 12 & 13th –

Weekend of Dance.



Contact Barb on 85682160, or email billbarbtap@bigpond.com

BITS & Bobs



Mt Pleasant Netball Club

We are looking for players, coaches, team managers, umpires, and anybody interested in assisting our club in any way.

The 2018 Winter Season Registrations for Juniors & Seniors have commenced.

We are definitely a child-friendly club. If you need to bring your kids with you, please don't hesitate. The courts have a playground, plenty of room to play, and toilets close by.

Sam Schultz (President) 0417 851 790

Amanda Kratzer (Secretary) 0419 018 715

TORRENS VALLEY LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB

Invites you to our Come & Try Registration Night for Junior Modis

(Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 11's)

Boys and Girls aged 6 to 12 years old

New players always welcome

On Wednesday the 14th of March at 5pm

At the Mt Pleasant Oval

For further enquiries please contact

Mel Simmonds 0466870110

Ti-Lee Hughes 0402005600



Free Sausage sizzle and can of drinks for all participants

Community Association

A meeting was held in the History Room last week to see if there was interest in reviving the Community Association. There was a very positive response, so some possible inclusions for objectives in the constitution were handed out for people to discuss. There will be a follow up meeting in the History Room on Thursday 22nd March at 1pm. We welcome any interested parties.

The '175 Recipes' Project

Don't forget to send Paula your recipes for the '175 Recipes' Book!

info@mountpleasant.sa.au

We've had a great response so far, and we're looking forward to hearing your stories and trying the results. We'd like to have them in as soon as possible so we can collate and print them.



You scratch my back, & I'll watch yours..

As Stephan Knoll alluded to in his speech at the Community Dinner, we are a state with a high percentage of volunteers. Volunteering is fun, it makes everyone feel good, and it's nice to be needed and give something back. Maybe you've never had to rely on someone else for anything, but that could change in the blink of an eye. There are people within this community who are very unwell and who need help. Sometimes it might be someone to get their groceries, mail, or take them to an appointment. There are many groups set up to help – Meals on Wheels springs to mind. If you need help, or you know someone who does, perhaps you can make enquiries with The Barossa Council to see what can be done. Many people are too afraid to ask for help because they 'don't want to be a burden', but we are all in this life together, and watching out for each other is what we do. We were also made aware recently of the conditions under which some of our most vulnerable citizens are living. This is unacceptable. We urged the person who came to us to contact the relevant authorities to remedy this situation, and if they are still having issues, they need to take it further.

VOLUNTEERING





TOTNESS MILL MARKETS

ON AGAIN THIS
SATURDAY,
3RD MARCH:
10 AM TO 2PM.
MORE NEW STALLS –
NOT TO BE MISSED!



Join us for our March weekend dinner & live music event. Enjoy a glass of our award winning wines on arrival with grazing boards of seasonal, local foods to start. Come together with other guests around a communal table and share in conversation and a meal

of spit-roasted meats, salads and sides. Ticket price includes a glass of Elysian Springs wine on arrival and your meal. Additional drinks available for purchase at the event. Come and relax on the terrace and enjoy an evening of great food, wine and live music!!

3rd March – 5 to 9.



In conversation with:

ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH

Wednesday 7th March, 2018

6pm for a 6.30pm start

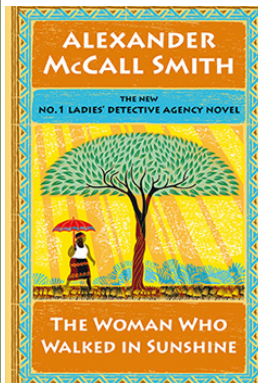
Chateau Tanunda Grand Ballroom

Tickets \$10, includes supper, tea and coffee (wine is available for purchase on the night)

Raven's Parlour Bookstore will have a selection of books available for sale and signing on the night.

Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and best loved authors. He became a household name following the publication of his highly successful series, 'The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency'. The series has now sold over 20 million copies.

For more information contact The Barossa Council Library on 85638440.



Applications open for SATC 2018/19 events funding

Applications are now open for the 2018/19 Regional Events and Festivals Program and Community Events Development Fund.

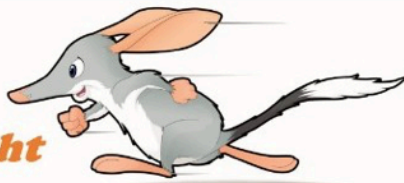
The funding provides financial support towards marketing and PR for tourism events held throughout South Australia which increase visitation and lift the profile of the state's regions. In 2017/18 the South Australian Government committed \$404,000 to deliver 39 events across 11 regions.

The 2018/19 program will support events held after 1 September 2018.

Applications close on 16 March 2018. For more information [click here](#).



**Race into the
MT. PLEASANT
Easter Twilight
FARMERS MARKET!**



THURSDAY 29 MARCH, 2018

Kindergarten Pie & Lamington drive

Orders need to be returned by 14th March, and collected on Wednesday 28th March.

Don't miss out!



**Girls Day In
& Fashion Parade**

**SPRINGTON HALL
Saturday 5th May 2018 1 to 4pm**

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What's on in March...



Weekend NOTES

Still stuck for something to do? Check out this website – it's a great resource for finding fun things to do – like checking out the lights on North Terrace – it's free!

weekendnotes.com

Events

Date	Event	Details
3 rd March	Totness Mill Market	Totness Mill: 10 to 2
3 rd March	Elysian Springs	Saturday Session Dinner: 5 to 9
17 th March	Our Show!	All day
23 rd March	Big Project – feedback & submission end	The Barossa Council (details p 5)
25 th March	Community Dinner	Talunga Park Pavilion: 6 to 8

Meetings

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

Committee / Group / Organisation	Details
CFS Training	Every Tuesday @ 7pm
CWA	1 st Tuesday, 1.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Community Dinners Group	1 st Tuesday, 6.30pm @ Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Friends of the Mount Pleasant Hospital	10am, 2 nd Tuesday
Men's Shed	Every Wednesday @ The Men's Shed
MP District History	1-4pm, every Thursday @ History Room, 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
Pleasant Painters	10-2, 2 nd & 4 th Friday @ MP Library
Red Cross	1.30pm, 4 th Thursday @ SM Hall
RSL Social	2 nd Tuesday Social gathering
RSL Meeting	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	Please email: mrndonblataceaser@gmail.com



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