



State of play:



Section 41 Committees

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Transition update

Current Situation

There are two Section 41 committees in Mt Pleasant

1. Talunga Park
2. Soldiers Memorial Hall

These committees were put together under the Local Government act to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the facilities on behalf of the Barossa Council.

They are made up of local people or users of the facilities, who volunteer their time.

They are responsible to the Barossa Council and are provided with a minimal budget of \$5,000 to spend at their discretion, but all requests have to go through the council systems for approval.

Each facility has a caretaker who is on a contract to provide caretaking services for those facilities and report through the Management Committees to council.

Changes

The Barossa Council has decided that these Section 41 committees are no longer viable.

There are significant issues around volunteers having to cope with the minefield of Government bureaucratic requirements such as legislation, OHS&W and liabilities.

At a meeting in August of 2014, and through advertising systems, the Council presented the options for communities to deal with this change.

The Mt Pleasant community at that meeting, voted unanimously for the option of an incorporated town body to take over the responsibility for the management of the 2 facilities.

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+ Did you know?

Section 41 committees will cease to exist by 31st December, 2015?

+ Got some time on your hands?

Check out the workshops on these sites:

facebook.com/MPNRC

facebook.com/recreatecommunity

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This would give the local community a lot more flexibility in managing things like maintenance, bookings and raising and keeping money. The council would support this process by providing the same amount of money to the incorporated body that is currently available to the 2 committees. This is because the council at this stage will still own the facilities and would therefore retain some responsibility as does a landlord.

The council has also stated clearly that the process of transition could be managed over a number of years to enable the newly incorporated body to get a handle on all of the issues of managing the facilities.

It is important to note that the newly incorporated body in effect will take over the responsibility now in the hands of council....a huge task. They would do this in conjunction with council and with a memorandum of understanding / lease / agreement.

What is happening at the moment?

A community meeting was held in June of this year at which there was a presentation about what should happen now and what support council would give for the transition.

There were 50 people at that meeting and from that meeting, there were 20 people who indicated that they were interested in either being on the newly incorporated body and /or joining a working group to start the process of transition, by forming a incorporated body and working with council on what responsibilities should be taken over first.

There have been two meetings of this group with only 8-10 community members in attendance. The group is working on a constitution for the incorporated body and a strategic plan for the next 3 years.

Really important things to note!

An incorporated body is an independent body that has responsibility for what it does through the Incorporations Act 1985.

A town incorporated body set up to manage these facilities, would have no authority over any other incorporated body within the town.

The two Section 41 committees will no longer exist as of December 31st this year, and if there is no incorporated body to take on the responsibility for these 2 facilities, the council will assume that responsibility without the input as previously had by the Section 41 committees.

The proposed town incorporated body would have control and decision making responsibility for both of those facilities, but would probably set up separate advisory/working party groups for those facilities, which would have to report to the incorporated body.

It is highly likely that this incorporated body would have a board of about 9-12 people and then a membership base of individuals, businesses and other groups / sporting clubs who are interested in / or use the facilities.

The members of the incorporated body board should have some skills in the area of management, accounting, finance, marketing, legal issues, community development, business management etc. to take on this significant responsibility.



If there is anyone who is interested in being part of this really challenging project, and is interested in the future of Mt Pleasant as a tourist destination, please contact Genevieve Hebart on 0458884439.

Public Houses

Hotels, Pubs, Inns – they all mean the same, don't they? For Mount Pleasant they do and have done since the first inn was granted a licence. I have given considerable time to determining just when the name Mount Pleasant came into use for this area – trying to find a definitive answer as to how the area secured its name... to confirm the Phillis family belief that it was their family who first used the name. During this process I found that a new licence was granted for the Mount Pleasant Inn, to William McBeath (McBeth), on Section 7029 Eastern Sources of the Torrens in December 1853 and this is the very first mention from the newspapers, of Mount Pleasant. (This site is the northern side of the River Torrens, between Cricks Mill Road and Talunga Park Road...)

A bench of magistrates granted the licences for Auctioneers, Publicans, Store-keepers, Wine and Beer, and General Licences, including transfers of same. On 12th December 1853, Mr. J. Fisher, Chairman, "...announced that previous to the next general meeting of the Bench, steps would be taken to procure the necessary information as to the manner in which the public-houses throughout the colony had been conducted, and the accommodation supplied. It did not follow, as a matter of course, that because a licence had been previously granted it would be renewed, for the Bench would not only require to be convinced that a neighbourhood required that a licence should be granted, but that sufficient accommodation should be provided for travellers. The Chairman also stated that in future licences would not be granted in cases where applications were not properly filled up. ...". It seems bureaucracy has always been with us!

The Mount Pleasant Inn, also known as MacBeath Inn, was very successful, and was a hub of the community, not least because William McBeath was a supporter of the

community, providing entertainments that would appeal to people to partake of his hospitality. In 1856 after the first Ploughing match, (a precursor to the Show) a dinner was held, and 'in order to provide accommodation for the guests at dinner, the landlord of the Mount Pleasant Inn had erected a temporary pavilion 40 feet in length, beneath the balcony of the inn. About 50 gentlemen sat down to the festive board, the contents of which were both excellent and ample, reflecting great credit on mine host McBeath.' Hosting of the Ploughing Match dinner continued to 1859.

There was no other public premises available so a public meeting to discuss the best and most practical line for the railway to the Murray was held in 1858; collection of rates, with a clerk in attendance, was advertised and received at the premises; inquests were conducted at the Inn, as there was no local courthouse; and there were dances, balls and meetings held by various local groups.

This successful business was purchased in February 1859 by James Owen, however on the 6th February tragedy struck with the premises catching fire and burning to the ground.

In March 1859 the licence for the Mount Pleasant Inn was granted to James Owen. By this time the towns of Totness and Mount Pleasant had been surveyed, on the southern side of the River Torrens, and so James Owen took the opportunity to move the Mount Pleasant Inn, and built a new hotel, where the Mount Pleasant Hotel/Motel stands today. The hotel was renamed the Talunga (after the Hundred in which it was built) and continued this name for over 140 years before being renamed as it is today by a recent owner.



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The Totness Inn licence was granted to Thomas Liddle in March 1860, after his purchase of two blocks of land from Henry Giles in 1859. The Inn began its life in 1860 as a single storey building, but with the advent of the railway in 1918, both hotels carried extensive renovations, with the Totness Inn developing the current two-storey building.

In January 1918 the old hotel (Totness Inn) was 'razed' to the ground and a new building costing around £3,000 was planned. With the reopening of the Mount Pleasant brickworks, local bricks were used. The new hotel was built...

The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. H. A. Giles.... as there has arisen from the ashes of the old Totness Inn a fully-equipped modern hotel, with spacious and well ventilated bedrooms, bath rooms, lavatories, billiard room, and other up-to-date requirements, which are second to none, either in Adelaide or any other holiday resort....

Both hotels vied for business offering excellent accommodation and ...

Mr. George G. Sharp informs us that he is fully prepared to house all visitors who may favour him with their presence during the holidays. As "George" is a true sport, we need not enlarge on his willingness to please. There is extensive stabling and motor garage attached. Ring up Mount Pleasant, 'phone No. 5.



There has been a further application for a publican's licence for the Mill Inn. Henry Chilcott owned block 7 of Section 7043, but I have been unable to locate just where W. R. Fordham owned land.

South Australian Chronicle and Weekly Mail (Adelaide, SA: 1868 - 1881) Saturday 18 June 1870p 14 Article: NEW HOUSES.

H. Coulter, Mill Inn, Totness. Messrs. Boucaut and Cullen in support of the application, and Mr. Bunday to oppose, on behalf of Mrs. Schofield, of Mount Pleasant, licensed victualler. Mr. Boucaut presented a memorial in favor of the house, and Mr. Bunday a strong one against a licence being granted. After some legal points had been raised, the Bench retired for consultation. On their return they stated that they did not think the house was required for the accommodation of the public, and they refused to grant a licence.

In 1871 leave was refused for W. R. Fordham to apply for a licence for the Mill Inn, and in March 1871. '... Licence refused. W. R. Fordham, Mill Inn, Totness, Mount Pleasant. Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Wadey for the applicant; Mr. Bunday for the Inspector, who opposed on the ground that the accommodation was insufficient and the house not required.'

Paula Bartsch
Historian

+ Mount Pleasant Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone who quietly works for the Community and is worthy of nomination for the Mount Pleasant Citizen of the Year? This is an annual award presented at Australia Day, and sponsored by the Soldiers Memorial Hall. It is independent from the Barossa Council Citizenship nominations. More information next edition.

Mt Pleasant Hotel- Motel



Publicans: Mark and Karen Stewart

Mark was previously a builder with 17 years experience, and this is their first hotel. It's been hectic, but a good change – certainly easier on the body!

Although Mark's drunk in a few pubs, he's never run one.

They chose this hotel because it's close to where they live in the Barossa.

When they bought it they planned to give the hotel a real country pub feel, so they have added a jukebox and pool table. The motel rooms have also been refurbished, with new carpets and fresh paint.

The pub is open for lunch and dinner 7 days week, with a full menu.

The hotel has a new chef and the menu has been changed to include seasonal specials, with an emphasis on local produce.

A good range of Adelaide Hills wines is also stocked.

There will be an open mike the second Sunday of every month. They are planning on upgrading the Beer Garden and hope to provide live accoustic music in spring.

+ Did you know?

You can still buy a paver inscribed with your name to help pave the Atrium.

The Totness Inn



Publicans: John and Sandy Doyle

Previously John worked with concrete structures, bridges and high-rise buildings, and felt that it was time for a change.

Whilst John has no previous experience, Sandy has worked in the Totness for the previous three years.

John and Sandy were considering buying a business, and as they knew the previous owners were interested in selling, decided to take the plunge.

The have lived in the area for ten years.

With a strong social club they are planning spring and summer live entertainment.

They have already changed the wines they stock to include more local wines from Eden Valley, Springton and the Barossa.

There have also been some changes in the menu, and it will include season a Seasonal Specials board.

+ Town Banners

The Barossa Council kindly put up banners for Christmas – to get us all into the spirit of things, but what would it look like if we had banners for other occasions?

There will be a Banner workshop in the SM Hall at 1pm on the 5th September, 2015.

Makers' Market



Once again the Soldier's Memorial Hall was the venue for the bi-monthly Makers' Market. A wide range of items on offer included glassware, wooden items, soy candles & melts, olive oil candles, soaps, jewellery, scarves, and felted items. The next Makers' Market will be held on Saturday 3rd of October.

Next time you are looking for a special gift, why not support our local artisans and think about buying locally? Well-made, unique items, at a good price.



Profile:

Les & Kath Fisher

Our community is full of 'little gems'... people who do much to keep things interesting, and for little return other than a sense of satisfaction.

Kath and Les Fisher are a pair of these 'little gems'... A descendant of the Cooper family, early settlers of Mount Pleasant, Les is well and truly 'a local', although he didn't arrive at Mount Pleasant until he was a young lad...but his wife, Kath, on the other hand, is a Victorian, who came to Adelaide on a visit, and stayed, working at Semaphore. Her friend, Eleanor Burns, invited her to a Mount Pleasant Show weekend, when the RSL held the Sherry Party, and it was there that she met Les... well, the rest is history. They began married life elsewhere, but have lived at Mount Pleasant now for more than 30 years... Working life for both is now in the past, but as any retiree can tell you, life gets even busier when your only boss is yourself!

Les is the curator of the St John Anglican Cemetery, and has, for some time, been clearing and tidying up the whole of the cemetery, making it look very neat, and certainly inviting to those of us who enjoy a walk amongst the headstones. He is also a member of the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed Inc. and can often be found assisting them in their endeavours to raise enough funds for their future shed. He served in the forces and was President of the local RSL group for some time, ensuring its survival, when it looked as if the branch may close. In 2005, at Les' instigation, the RSL replaced the trees in Memorial Avenue; the original trees were planted in memory of those World War 1 soldiers from the district who died whilst serving, and justly deserve to still be remembered.

Kath, on the other hand, is committed to the Mount Pleasant branches of the Country Women's Association, Red Cross and Friends of the Hospital. She can be found at the Canteen at the monthly (and now more often) markets, and at the annual Red Cross Garden Party, or the Friends Bazaar or Annual Fete. She is often the scribe of these groups, and the instigator of ideas for any fundraising. Not only are there the monthly meetings to organise, but there are also special events that require her attention to detail. She identifies just where funds are needed, and the Mount Pleasant District History Room has received many a boost, with Kath's suggestions supported by the groups with which she is involved.

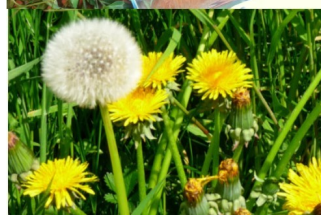


Kath and Les quietly go about their business... they don't expect recognition... but, I, for one, would like to say 'Thank you both'... without our 'gems' our community would be a much duller place.

Paula Bartsch

Use your weeds!

With botanist & herbalist Bev Lane



Sunday 20 Sept 2015

Use your weeds! workshop 1pm - 3pm

3pm afternoon tea

MPNRC AGM at 3:30pm - 4:15pm

ALL WELCOME

Mount Pleasant

Please bring any weed samples along that you are curious about.

Please dress appropriately as there will be an outdoor walking component to the workshop weather permitting.

"Weeds are plants whose uses have been forgotten, or not yet discovered".

- How to harvest useful weeds
- Edible weeds
- How to harvest, prepare & use the different plant parts
- How to use your weeds safely
- Environmental considerations

Bev Lane is an experienced botanist, herbalist & teacher with a science background. She has been involved with the SA College of Natural Therapies, & has an interest in folklore, ancient & medieval martial arts, wild foods, dye & medicinal plants, & bushcraft survival skills. She is a healer, a Bard, & a published poet.

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Natural Resource Centre

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September events and meetings + Happy Father's Day

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1 1.30pm: CWA Day SM Hall 6.30pm: CWA Night SM Hall	2 9.30am: Mens Shed (Bakery)	3	4	5 8-12: MP Farmers Market 1.00pm: Banner workshop SM Hall	6 Father's Day
7	8 7.00pm: RSL social	9	19	11 11-2: Art Group MPNRC	12 8-12: MP Farmers Market 6.30pm CFS Comedy night	13
14	15	16 9.30am: Mens Shed (Bakery)	17	18	19 8-12: MP Farmers Market	20 3.30-4.15pm MPNRC AGM
21	22	23	24 Newsletter deadline	25 11-2: Art Group MPNRC	26 8-12: MP Farmers Market	27 5.00pm: RSL Meeting 6.00pm: Community Dinner
28	29 Newsletter	30 9.30am: Mens Shed (Bakery)			(Sat 3 rd October Makers' Market)	

+ Contributions:

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



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