

'Tis the season



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+ Did you know?

At the Banner Workshop in early September, the 13 Christmas banners, which are hung along Melrose Street every Christmas, were cleaned and mended. They have now been hung and look better than they have in ages. We are planning a competition to add designs to the group, so stay tuned for further developments.

It's been a hectic start to the festive season and town committees have been busy finalising plans for the Street Party and Maker's Market, amongst a myriad of other things.

The Market Committee have had a planning meeting - strategising for the future, the Men's Shed have put the finishing touches on documentation so that work on their new shed may commence, the Ladies of the night CWA have held the last Community Dinner for 2015 and will resume at the end of January 2016, whilst the Day CWA have already donated money to assist those impacted by the Pinery fire.

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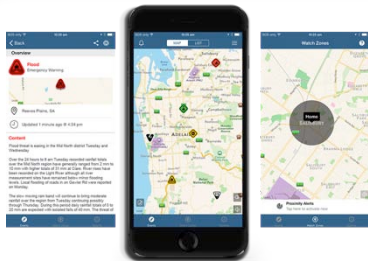
Want to help, but not sure what you can do? If you have any skills in fencing or anything related, perhaps you might like to put your name down with Blaze Aid?

<http://blazeaid.com/campalert/>

Useful apps & numbers:



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<https://www.alert.sa.gov.au/download/>

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)

<http://www.bom.gov.au/campaign/mobilewebsite/>



http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/news_and_media/cfs_smartphone_application.jsp

Paula, Sue and all those who help with the newsletter wish you a Happy & Safe Christmas Season.





The Bank SAga

The Financial Services Union will be presenting a petition to Parliament to protest about BankSA's proposed closure of 15 branches in rural locations – including ours – which will formally close its doors on the 26th of February, 2016, after over 4 decades of service to the Mount Pleasant community. People have been asking things like – “Will another bank take its place?”

“What about Bendigo Bank – or a credit union?” “Could we get an ATM?”

All of these institutions require money to operate, and if the community goes down the route of internet banking – as the bank has been exhorting us to do for quite some time – losing our only bank is the end result. For any business to remain – the locals must use it. You are helping your neighbour, your mate – we are all connected – even more so in small country towns.

We feel very sorry for those employees of our BankSA who have copped the brunt of our displeasure with the decision from head office. It's not their fault, and prefacing a complaint with “I know it's not your fault, but...” and following up with a vitriolic diatribe doesn't make anyone feel better, and the tellers have had to put up with more than most in the last few years. How about for the next few weeks – if you visit our bank – say something nice. They feel as badly as you do, make them feel better. It's that time of year, after all.

And remember – sometimes, the people win – don't give up.

Editor



Remembrance Day



Mount Pleasant RSL held a beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday attended by approximately 40 adults plus a class of students from Mount Pleasant Primary School. Also in attendance was the Liberal Member for Schubert, Stephan Knoll, and for the first time we had a bugler. A huge thank you to Fionna, who played the Last Post. Afterwards visitors joined the members in the clubrooms for a morning tea of tea, coffee and biscuits.

Mount Pleasant RSL Sub Branch members meet monthly – and you don't have to have been a serving member of the forces to join.

Marie Birch – Mt Pleasant RSL



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Last Community Dinner... for 2015

Sunday the 29th November the CWA Ladies of the Night hosted the final community dinner for 2015 – planning to return bigger and better at the end of January, 2016. An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed a feast followed by the drawing of raffle prizes and money squares. But the night was made extra special by the presence of Kehau Jackson. Kehau is a talented and very funny comedian, and she had us all in stitches with her witty observations on relationships and life in general. Much of her career at the moment is taken up with gigs around the country and on cruise ships – so if you have the chance – do yourselves a favour!

On a serious side note, a bucket was passed around to take up a collection to assist those affected by the Pinery fire, raising well over \$300.



The delightful Kehau Jackson

+ Next
Community
dinner:
30th Jan, '16



Mt Pleasant Cricket Club

Looking for senior A & B Grade cricketers who are interested in playing in the Torrens Valley Cricket Ass'n.

Also searching for Junior Cricketers Under 12's & Under 11's.

Contact Simon Prior 0417559511
or Brett May 0488072299

Mt Pleasant 2015 Christmas Street Party

Parade @ 5.30pm

The Amazing Drumming
Monkeys!

The Chicago Show Band

Morris Dancers

Magician

Face painting

Bouncy Castle

Food

Craft Stalls

Children's Prizes:

- Best Clown
- Best decorated Bike
- Best Christmas Costume



**Sat
5 Dec**

Makers' Market

Mt Pleasant Soldiers Memorial Hall

**Saturday
5th Dec
5pm to 8pm**

candles, jewellery, artwork,
woollens, woodwork and more



Mt. Pleasant Christmas Twilight Farmers Market

Tues. 22 Dec.

Mt. Pleasant Showground

5pm—9pm

*Loads of fresh fruit & veggies, meat, milk & dairy, bread,
wine & beer, jams & preserves, honey, seafood, plants,
olives & olive oil, cakes & pastries, chocolate & dried fruit*

Father Christmas - Dinner Menu

Live Music - Tastings - Easy Parking

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"Get Fresh at the Mt. Pleasant Farmers Market"

Mount Pleasant Gems

Profile: Hazel Wilton

Another Mount Pleasant Gem is Hazel Wilton (nee Deane) who is descended from one of the first settlers of the district, James Phillis. In an interview conducted in 2010, Hazel explained that she was born at the then 'new' hospital, as one of the first births there; the relieving doctor was not in a condition to deliver the baby, and so Hazel was delivered by the nurses.

Hazel attended Mount Pleasant Primary School when there were two classrooms and two teachers. The school day began with the ringing of a bell, then a salute to the flag, before the drum and fife band gave the beat for marching into school. Birdwood High School was reached by catching the 'Goodies bus' from Eden Valley, which went to Birdwood, and returning in the afternoon at 10 past 5 pm.

The telephone manual exchange in the district gave work for the young women and men, who worked as telephonists and Hazel was one of these, before promotion to the position of Supervisor which led to her eventually leaving the district for some years. With no CFS in the early days, it was often the girls on the Exchange who would spread the word of a bushfire.

Farmers in the district had their own fire units, which were used at various incidents.

As a teenager experiencing the effects of WW2, Hazel



'Updown Park' - the Deane family farm.

spoke of her 'plane spotting' and in March 1942 it was reported that ... *An air observation post to be manned by volunteer members, has been established. A meeting was held on Friday last in the Presbyterian Sunday school hall, when members were enrolled, and the following officers were elected: Mr. Ross Smith, chief air observer; Mr. McLean, deputy chief air observer; and Mrs. L. Lamton, woman deputy chief air observer. A roster of two-hourly shifts has been drawn up to provide continuous manning of the post, which commenced operation on Monday. About ninety members have enrolled, and great enthusiasm is being shown. The post is built upon one of the highest hills in the township, and provides an excellent view for "plane spotting."*

Hazel was a one of these volunteers during her off-duty time. She explained that the post was said to be placed at Mount Pleasant hill, and that is the hill we know as Mount Pleasant today, however, before this decision Mount Pleasant hill was actually on Phillis property; a hill adjacent to the current Mount Pleasant.

The reporting of aeroplanes occurred with 'air flash calls' and these calls were put through to Adelaide in a matter of seconds, with a description of the plane, a location and a special number, to verify your call. Once rostered on you could not leave the post until a person arrived to take your place. As a volunteer you were expected to be able to



A very young Hazel.

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Hazel and siblings - Left to right: George, Elva, Ruby, Hazel and Eric.

identify and describe the plane, and this involved brief training.

A newspaper reported... *If an enemy plane flew over Adelaide its exact course would be followed on a huge table map in the basement of a city building, the pin on the map keeping pace with the plane.*

Hazel is proud of her VSD service... in May 1939, at Mount Pleasant, ...A meeting in connection with the women's voluntary service detachment was held in the soldiers' memorial hall last Wednesday night. Mrs. E. Dutton, of Anlaby, was the speaker, and gave a vivid outline of the work which women could do under the movement in cases of national emergency. Dr. L. D. Cowling and Matron M. A. Nunn were appointed to instruct and lecture on the first aid and practical side of the work. A large gathering of ladies attended the meeting, which had been called by the district council and was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. L. Starkey).

Dr. Lionel Cowling was in charge of the first-aid training and the VSD participants were required to pass an examination. There were 15-20 young women involved, with training at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in the evenings, after work.

Hazel's contribution to Mount Pleasant continued on her return to the district, with her husband, Ross Wilton. Their dedication to St John's Anglican Church has helped that church



to remain in service today. She has assisted regularly at the Saleyard Canteen with the Country Womens' Association and continues to have a strong interest in this group, as well as the local Red Cross.

A quietly spoken person, Hazel is a stalwart of the community, and has always been willing to share her local knowledge with others...

Paula Bartsch - Historian



Hazel pictured top at the ANZAC commemoration & below at home in April.

December events and meetings + **Twilight Market 22nd Dec**

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1 1.30pm: CWA Day Christmas lunch 6.30pm: CWA Night SM Hall 7.00: CFS Training	2	3	4	5 8-12: MP Farmers Market 9.30-2: Makers' Market 5.30: Street Party	6
7	8 7.00: CFS Training RSL social	9 9.30am: Men's Shed (Bakery)	10	11	12 8-12: MP Farmers Market 12.00: Men's Shed Christmas show	13
14	15 7.00: CFS Training	16	17	18	19 8-12: MP Farmers Market	20
21 Newsletter deadline	22 5-9pm: MP Twilight Farmers Market 7.00: CFS Training	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Proclamation Day No market today	27
28	29 7.00: CFS Training	30	31 Newsletter			

+ 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, distributing), please contact us. Details below.



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