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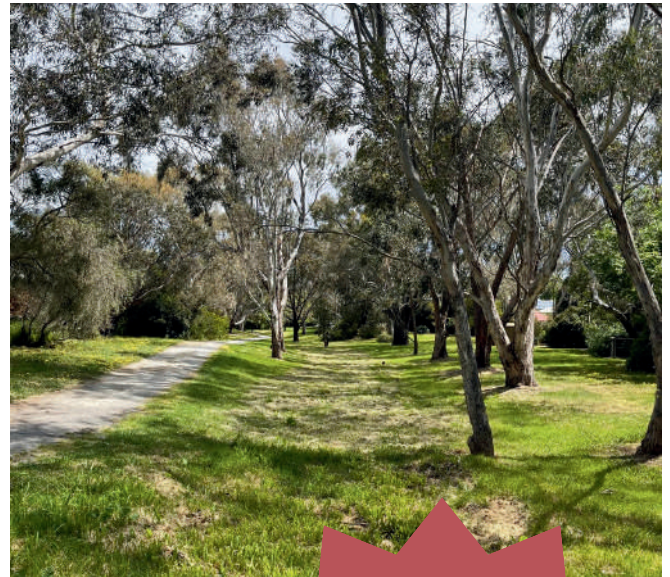


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PARKS FOR EVERYONE



We are very fortunate in Littlehampton to have abundant green spaces all around us. Our parks also have excellent facilities for people of all ages to enjoy time outdoors not far from their homes. Recent studies have demonstrated that spending just twenty minutes, three times a week in the microbiome of green spaces has a beneficial effect on many health conditions including arthritis, fatigue, high blood pressure, depression and anxiety. It's good to know that activities like drinking your coffee or reading this newsletter outdoors are simple ways to improve your health.

Parks also improve the health of a township. They provide fresh air, wind breaks, shade, safe environments for local flora and fauna, retain groundwater and are useful as fire breaks and emergency safe havens.

So whether it be playtime for the children, a barbecue or picnic in the sunshine, a spot of exercise or even an open air birthday party, our parks are there to provide good health options and have something for everyone.

Find the full story on page 8.

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**Do you know what
these are? Read on
to find out more!**



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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's that time of year when we are all busy planning get-togethers, making lists (and checking them twice), shopping and cooking in preparation for the festive season. Personally, I love everything about Christmas from the lights, decorations, beautifully adorned trees, food, parties and music, to finding that perfect gift for a special someone. The residents of Littlehampton who enthusiastically light up their front yards with spectacular displays have generated a tradition for many families who stroll the streets on Christmas Eve to take in the sights. People are in good spirits and the mood is infectious. On behalf of myself and the Littlehampton Community Association, I wish you all a very merry holiday season and a happy and positive start to 2026.

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LCA) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello to you all,

As I am writing this, you would think that winter was still going on even though we are in the latter stages of spring. Not much that we can do about the weather. Only talk about it! What's been happening since our last newsletter?

We have secured a cover over the picnic table at Willow Park. This means that during the warmer months one can sit at the picnic table and not get burnt to a frizzle. Watch that space to see what will be happening!

The Littlehampton Community Association Chat and Play moved to a couple of different locations during the Halls reroofing but it is now back where it belongs. Back in the Hall. Why not come a play a game or two with a cuppa? Chat and Play runs on the first Wednesday of the month. Can't wait for the scaffold to be removed!

October 31st saw the Littlehampton Community Association hold a BBQ during the Halloween Street Party. Plenty of people wandering the street that evening!

November 11th was Remembrance Day. After paying their respects at the service, morning tea was served to the 80 or so crowd.

I found something interesting (mainly because I'm into trains) in October 1903. Question time in Parliament raised that a report was being waited on regarding the condition of the Littlehampton Railway Station.

Look at it today. A three-sided shed with a roof and no trains! One day maybe, one day. Remember that the Littlehampton Community Association runs on volunteers. Become a member and be part of your community and help make Littlehampton an even better place to live.

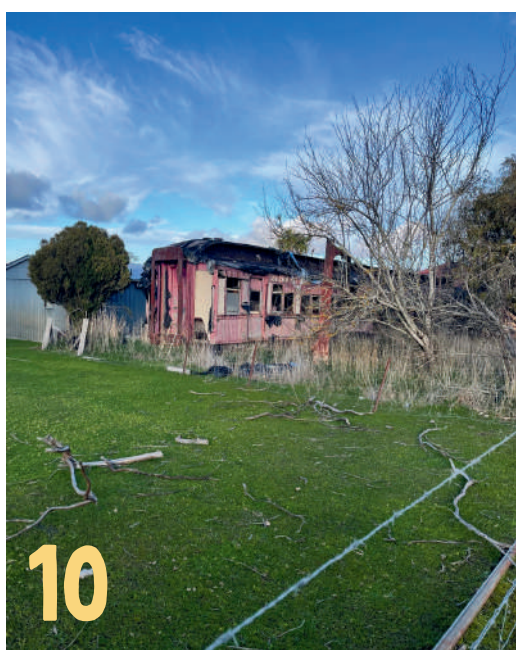
Glenn Liebelt

Chairman, Littlehampton Community Association

RELICS OF THE PAST

Do you know where these reminders of Littlehampton's history are? The streets of Littlehampton and its outskirts provide many different glimpses into the past. Some are obvious and some not so. Can you pinpoint the locations of these?

Answers are on page 12.





COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Well Spring has certainly arrived, and Littlehampton is a hive of activity! I'm pleased to share a fresh round of updates and happenings below with you in this edition of the community newsletter.

If you're a keen gardener like me, you may find you have a little green maintenance to do prior to Summer. Council has two free green waste drop off days scheduled for Friday 12th & Saturday 13th December at Windmill Hill transfer station - just check the Council website for the clean green waste accepted (www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au).

I shall dive right into infrastructure updates around our township, because there are a few since we last caught up!

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Have you noticed the lovely new roof adorning the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall? The hall is getting some well-deserved love with roof renewal and a replacement dressing room (located at the back of the hall) well under way. These two projects commenced in July and are estimated for completion late 2025.
- The Miels Park mixed-use courts, home of our wonderful Littlehampton Netball Club, are included in Council's 2025/26 Annual Business Plan for a refresh. This project involves renewing the playing surface and new line marking, and commences late October with a scheduled completion date of late November.
- There have been sections of footpaths earmarked under the Footpath Renewal program for Littlehampton in the 2025/26 financial year (some projects already commenced). These include sections of: Smeaton Crescent, Gum Tree Drive, Benjamin Gray Drive, Saint James Drive, and West Terrace. For further information, please see Council's emaps page on the website.
- Under the New Footpath program, the Junction Road footpath has been delivered - extending from the roundabout down to Benjamin Gray Drive, with a connection through to the existing footpath on Benjamin Gray Drive. And I have to say, it looks pretty good now that the pedestrian bridge has been installed!
- Miels Park toilet facilities - I've had several enquiries on this one, and just to update you, Council is aware of the vandalism/damage that has occurred at these facilities over the past few months and is taking steps to deter the anti-social behaviour occurring. Prevention measures have included adjusting closing times, working with SAPOL, and increased site visits/ checks by staff.

These facilities are cleaned 7 days a week.....unfortunately we just have some very poor behaviour happening at present, which is disappointing. If residents do find the toilets in disarray, please call Council asap on 8391 7200 as they can action Rapid Response & Cleaning Teams to attend the site. We love our beautiful town, hopefully we can get on top of any further anti-social behaviour!

HALLOWEEN – BAKER STREET

Are you as excited as I am – my decorations are out and we're ready to go! Across Littlehampton we have some amazing residents who go all out on Halloween for the kids, with a special shout out to the residents of Baker Street, where this delightful impromptu event attracts over 1000 people to the street annually. For an unofficial event, it's a whole lot of fun! This year, I have asked if Council are able to provide street signage advising motorists of this community event, so that we can keep all our little (and big!) people safe. The Littlehampton Community Association (LCA) have graciously offered to coordinate the signage, and will also be running a BBQ on Baker Street for hungry trick or treaters!

PLANNING MATTERS

A number of residents have enquired with me on the development occurring on the far side of The Glebe, with regard to housing density and allotment size. Just to reassure the community, the new land parcels on Compson Rd, Alston Road, and Fulford Tce sit within the Rural Living Zone and as such must maintain a minimum allotment size of 8,000sqm. So blocks will be on the larger side, in keeping with surrounding properties within this planning zone.

ADVOCACY

As we head into a state election period early next year, Council continues to advocate for state infrastructure and services to be delivered commensurate with growth. In the lead up to the 2026 State Election, Council administration will be undertaking a sustained and targeted advocacy approach. Council now has an Advocacy & Lobbying report in each monthly agenda to keep the Elected Members and wider community updated on continued advocacy efforts.

Advocacy has included wastewater and road infrastructure, permanent Keoride service (plus expansion to other townships) and the big one; progressing discussions for a joint structure plan for Mount Barker's growth area to address orderly development of Mount Barker, including proactive planning for required social and civil infrastructure. Monthly agendas can be found on the Council website.



As always, the above views are my own and not those of Council. If you'd like to reach out, I am only a phone call or email away, as are my fellow North Ward Councillors Simon Westwood and Harry Seager. Our contact details can be found at the back of this newsletter, or on Council's website.

Hope to see you around town.

Kind regards,

Jessica Szilassy

North Ward Councillor – Tel. 0493 524 584

SUMMIT TRAX 4WD CLUB UPDATE

The Summit Trax 4wd Club has had an amazing year in 2025 celebrating our 20th Anniversary. We also had amazing trips to Victorian High Country, Pyrenees/Mount Cole (Vic), South End (SA), a Mystery Trip to the Mid North (SA), Deep Creek (SA), Palmer (SA), 3 weeks travelling around Tasmania, Coorong and Big Desert trip.

We have seen the club grow with new members joining from around the region. It great to be able to share members knowledge with new members and see them gain in confidence when out on the tracks.

We have developed a new Facebook page for keeping our club members and the community informed. Currently only members can join, but still worth a look. Summit Trax 4wd Club inc

So if you own a 4wd and would like to explore more of our great state and country, why not come along to our next meeting on 11th December.

Our meetings in 2026 will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month at ANEMBO Park, starting at 7:30. We're always welcoming new members.

Any questions, please email: presidentsummittrax@gmail.com

Toni Crosbie, Summit Trax President

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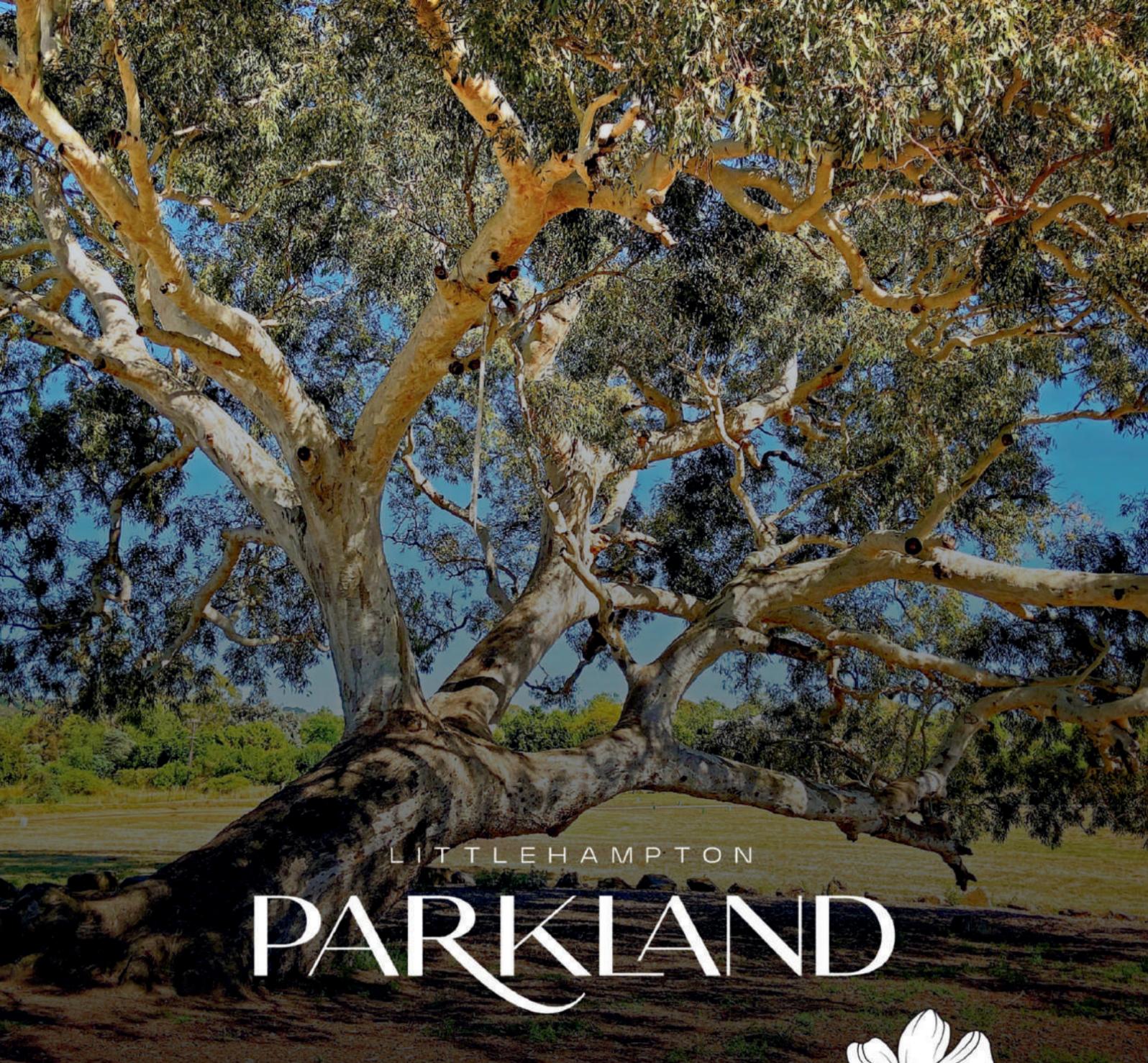
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PARKS FOR EVERYONE

MIELS PARK



Right in the centre of town, Miels Park is a short walk from home for many Littlehampton residents. It's excellent facilities include a playground, sheltered seating, rotunda, barbecue, toilets, netball courts, lawns and a unique, colourful mural. It is perfect for a family picnic, rest stop or simply soaking up the sun. Being right next door to shops and a cafe you don't even need to bring food from home. Filtered water for drinking, filling bottles and for your family dog is also provided. There is ample parking at the rear of the Peace Hall. The Littlehampton Community Association is justifiably proud of their involvement in the development of the park over the years. The Miels Park War Memorial is the site for the annual Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services. The dawn service on Anzac Day is a particularly moving ceremony and well worth attending.

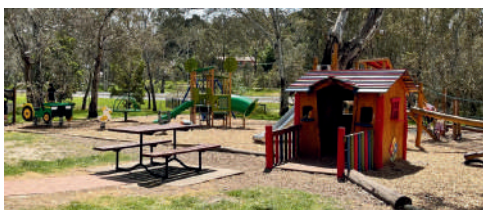


THE GLEBE

The large open spaces of the Glebe make this park unique. The word glebe means church lands. It is dominated by a huge, shady

climbing tree and a large grassed area for picnic rugs and ball games. The fully fenced, minimalist nature playground has a range of climbing and balancing obstacles, ropes, basket swing and sandpit. There are also toilets and a sheltered picnic table. Outside the fence there are bike ramps, a dog walking area and a pond. The park sits next to the restored Saint James School and Heritage Gardens so you can also soak in some Littlehampton history. The Glebe is a new development and many trees have been planted but as yet some areas are a little short of shade, so hats and sunscreen are a good inclusion in your outings kit. The Littlehampton Community Association, with the help of the Mt. Barker Council has strived to develop the park to meet the needs of everyone. Plenty of quiet space, nature and excellent amenities make this a great space for the whole family.

ANEMBO PARK



If you are looking for a park with lots of space – 29 acres in all – the Anembo Park Sporting Complex is the place for you. The complex has playing fields for various sports and tennis courts that are home to the Littlehampton Tennis Club. There are also club rooms with bar and canteen facilities that are open during sporting events and can be hired for private functions. The recently refurbished playground includes fabulous climbing equipment, slides, swings, playhouse and a flying fox. And with all that space you can pack balls, scooters, cricket gear, kites – anything that requires a little more room than your backyard – and make a day of it. There is also a bike track for the speedsters. The park has a barbecue with tables and seating, toilet facilities nearby and plenty of shady trees to throw out a picnic blanket. Ample parking is available around the grounds and playground.

GREEN SPACES

Even though they don't have the same amenities that our parks do, green spaces in Littlehampton provide the same benefits for our environment and residents.



COPPINS BUSH FLORA RESERVE & TURNERS BUSH

This is a very special green space designed for walkers to amble through native bushland. It is a very real reminder of what Littlehampton used to look like before settlement. It is 4 hectares of low blue gum woodland with over 46 native species of flora and one of the last areas like this left in the Mount Barker Council district. The development of Coppins Bush began in 1978 when the Littlehampton Community Association, Littlehampton Primary School and Mount Barker Council joined forces and applied for a grant to preserve this piece of bushland. Through the hard work of students and community members over the ensuing years, Coppins Bush Flora Reserve has become what you see today. A recent collaboration between the primary school students and local artist Taylor Summers has resulted in a unique entrance sign that displays the features of Coppins Bush and visitor guidelines as to how to respect and preserve this special place. Its take only photos, leave only footprints message will protect this area for future generations.

Similarly, Turners Bush provides walking trails through open blue gum woodland and is an official 'Bush for Life' reserve with 45 recorded species of native vegetation growing within its boundaries. It is also home to two species of rare skinks that are known to only exist in this type of habitat. In spring, Turners Bush is a delight of wildflowers, including native orchids, and is considered to be one of Littlehampton's unique treasures. It is accessible from both Hallett Rd and Blundy Way.



WILLOW PARK

The gateway to our town is Willow Park. It is the setting of the welcome signage and information bay as well as the unique 'Splash' sculpture. It is a serene spot filled with oak, willow and gumtrees with seating for quiet reflection. It was for many years the Littlehampton cricket oval. Once again the Littlehampton Community Association has had a major hand in its development and they are adding a weatherproof shelter over the picnic table in the very near future.



These are not the only parks in Littlehampton as housing developments have been thoughtfully planned with open areas providing lawns, trees, walking paths and water features. So spend your summer leisure time outdoors in your local green spaces and make use of what our special town provides to residents and visitors alike.

SHADY GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH

Shady Grove Road, Littlehampton




Spring at Shady Grove has resulted in a 'scurry of bush carers' out to enjoy the beautiful orchids and other Spring flowers whilst dealing with the many weeds. Our young families continue to enjoy their holiday time stays at Shady Grove as well as special times such as a recent celebration of the 'coming of age' into their teenage years of four of our young ones, who have just begun a long bush walking challenge.

Several significant Birthdays have also been celebrated amongst our older members. The first Sunday in November brings one of the three combined services of the year, when the Adelaide Congregation joins us in the hills, for an 11.30 am service with shared lunch to follow. Whilst the first Sunday in December at 5 p.m. and the popular 5 pm Christmas Eve Service, each with a shared meal afterwards, will wind up 2025 for us.


We invite anyone interested in bush care to join our friendly bush care group and all are welcome to join our services, with shared meals, (all subject to safe weather conditions because of our bushland setting).




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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH UPDATE

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2025 seems to have grown wings and flown by so quickly but our year has been one in which we have continued to worship twice each month at St James. The first Sunday of each month we have Fr Daniel Irvine, our dedicated young priest, with a communion service and on the 4th Sunday of each month there is a prayer and praise service which is proclaimed by the people.

Our Christmas celebrations this year are as follows:

- Christmas Eve 6pm, Children's service at Mt Barker Anglican Church
- Christmas Eve 8pm, Communion service at Mt Barker Anglican Church
- Christmas Day 8am, Communion service at St James Anglican Church, Blackiston

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of these celebrations of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

For many years the community of Littlehampton supported the Christmas service of **nine lessons and carols** which was discontinued about 10 years ago but we are so happy to say that it is back.

Nine lessons and carols will be held at **St James Church on Friday 19th December at 7pm** in the church followed by supper in the hall. Please join us to celebrate this happy occasion.

We hope all readers of this paper enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas and that 2026 brings good health and God's blessings to you all.

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LITTLEHAMPTON BEAUTY SPOTS



After a cold, windy winter with some badly needed rain, spring has arrived with an abundance of blossom, bulbs and flowers adorning Littlehampton gardens. The colours and scents of the season have been vibrant, and it really lifts one's spirits to meander our quiet streets in the warmer weather. Gardeners have been busy weeding, trimming and planting to prepare for the hotter months so that summer gardens will continue to delight.



RELICS OF THE PAST **ANSWERS**

1. Littlehampton Primary School bell
2. Iron wheel, Blakiston Rd
3. Old shed, Blakiston Rd
4. Vintage gate, The Creamery
5. Vintage tricycle, Cowan Avenue
6. Shady Grove Unitarian Church, Tadmor Lane
7. Monks Family Plot, Shady Grove Bushland Cemetery
8. Old plough, Smeaton Crt
9. Farm machinery, Shady Grove Rd
10. Old railway carriage, Junction Rd



LITTLEHAMPTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

The past months the club has been very busy preparing for the upcoming summer of tennis.

It has been fantastic to see junior registrations increase to over 60 players up from 45 last season with the Littlehampton Tennis Club fielding 13 junior teams together with 8 senior teams in the Hills Tennis Association 2025 / 26 summer season starting in October.

The lights continue to be busy at the Littlehampton Tennis Club illuminating the extremely popular Tuesday and Wednesday midweek evening competitions which welcomes tennis players from the hill's community and surrounds including Strathalbyn and Murray Bridge.

These competitions offer social and competition tennis for all skill levels and is a terrific way to get back into tennis if you have not played for a while. Look out for season registrations on our Facebook site with seasons aligned to school terms, but be quick as spots fill fast. For further information reach out to Glen and Emma at night@littlehamptontennisclub.com.au. The club was also proud to support and host during September the Tennis SA Red Ball Carnival which this year was held over 2 days to cater for over 400 students from 8 schools from the region. The Tennis SA Red Ball Carnival provides students the opportunity to enjoy a fun day of tennis testing their skills against other schools from the region!

You will find John Young coaching juniors and seniors of all skill levels and ages at the Littlehampton Tennis Club almost every day of the week. Please contact John on 0402 194 422 for more information.

Once again, a huge thankyou and acknowledgment of our Sponsors for 2025 whose support continues to enable our club to offer tennis to the community and provide some of the best tennis facilities in Adelaide.

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Looking to have a social hit of tennis, our courts are available for booking by the public when not used for competitions and training through the Book a Court Systems by heading to our website <https://play.tennis.com.au/LittlehamptonTennisClub> and going to Booking.

Remember, to keep up to date with what is happening at the club through a Facebook page or our website.

Finally, a big shoutout to all our members and their families who continue to make the club a fun and successful place to play and enjoy tennis.

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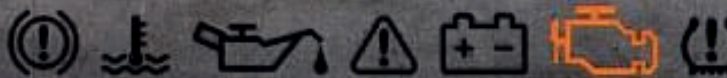


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TRICK OR TREAT



Once again, the residents of Baker Street "tricked up" their front yards and attracted many locals to the area for a spooky treat. These displays have developed over the years with neighbours coming together in a spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm to create this spectacle for all Halloween enthusiasts.



Baker Street was filled with pedestrians of all ages for several days before October 31st, but Halloween was very busy with Littlehampton residents and visitors from out of town. The displays were a vibrant mix of creepy, ghoulish and amusing, and the many children in costume added to the pageantry. Trick-or-treat lollies were handed out along the street to the delight of all the little-Hamptonites already looking forward to next years festivities.

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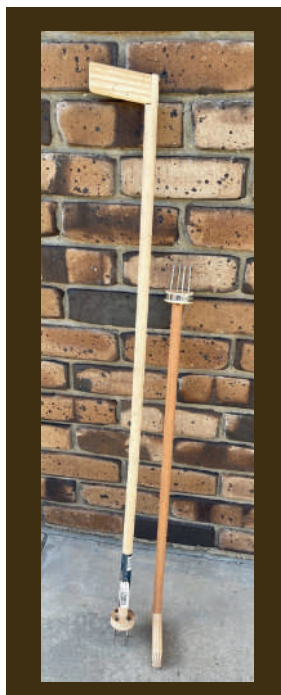


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WHAT IS IT?

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This gadget is one local man's solution to picking up leaf litter from his garden. Noel finds raking up autumn leaves quite relaxing, but found it difficult to get in between his smallish shrubs and agapanthus. Being a keen woodworker, he slipped into his man shed and came up with this very effective tool. It is lightweight, easy to use and the handle makes it comfortable to hold – I know because he made one for me too. Littlehampton is blessed with many clever people.



You are warmly invited to the Littlehampton Community Association's...



Chat & Play



When: 1st Wednesday of the month, from 12pm – 4pm

Where: Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall, Littlehampton

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Join your community in a fun afternoon of cards, board games, knit, or just a chat!

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TWO MORE LITTLE LIBRARIES



There are now three little libraries in the streets of Littlehampton for everyone to enjoy and share the love of reading. As well as the one on Smeaton Crescent that was featured in the last edition of the newsletter, there is another on Springpark Drive that was established sometime ago. Recently a new little library has been erected on Princes Highway, so many more avid readers can borrow and swap their books in three locations as they walk around our community minded town in the warmer months. Don't forget to get your children involved too. They can swap their own books for another that appeals to them. Reading is not just for adults and it establishes positive relationships with reading and community when they are involved. And a hearty thank you must go to these residents who have provided this wonderful resource for all community members.



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THE WAR YEARS 1939-1945



Although Littlehampton was far from the action of World War II, its residents still played a role in the war effort for the six years of hostilities.

In 1942 all of the town's men between the ages of 18 and 45 were called upon to present for a medical examination at the Wayville showgrounds. Those exempted were men considered to be essential workers such as food producers, engineers, and postal staff. Many of Littlehampton's healthy, young men subsequently volunteered for the military and served overseas. Those that made the ultimate sacrifice are memorialised on the Honour Roll in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall. After the Darwin bombings by the Japanese, all residents of Littlehampton were required to dig slit trenches or, if they were able, a full air raid shelter in their backyards. Even the local primary school children were involved in digging trenches in the school's vegetable garden. Regular air raid practices became part of the school curriculum. Windows were required to be blacked out at night. If a glimmer of light happened to

escape you would receive a sharp knock on the door from a patrolling air raid warden. Car headlights were partly covered and the street lights were turned off. Gas producers were fitted to cars to relieve the fuel shortages from severe rationing.

The ladies of the town joined the Mount Barker Red Cross before forming an auxiliary branch in Littlehampton in 1940. That same year the "Fighting Forces Comfort Fund " was established with Mrs. Jean Reddy as its inaugural president. The members knitted socks, gloves, scarves and balaclavas for the soldiers as well as raising money to purchase comfort products to be sent to them overseas. They ran fetes, raffles, amateur hours and street stalls, all patronised by a grateful public. When Auchendarroch House became a convalescent home for wounded soldiers, the married ladies visited regularly to cheer the soldiers with gifts, reading, writing letters and activities. However, the single ladies were kept at home lest they be exposed to unsightly injuries, rough language or "over friendliness" from the lonely men.

School children joined the "School Patriotic Fund". They participated in the knitting, wrote letters to overseas soldiers and collected tins, rags and bones to raise funds for the war effort. In 1941 the school contributed £51.02.10p to the organisation by purchasing 41 War Savings Certificates .That was an amazing effort from just 45 students. In 1943 those same students planted 30 pine trees around the school in honour of the men from the district who had enlisted.

From 1942 all residents of Littlehampton were seconded to billet and feed the soldiers who had just returned from North Africa and the Middle East. The old bacon factory, by then a



THE WAR YEARS CONT.

cheese maturing plant, was also used as a billet. Because of the lingering smell of ripening cheese the soldiers dubbed the building "The Green Mould Hotel" and the name stuck for many years. The army requisitioned the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall and erected a large marquee on the western side that was used to store weapons, ammunition and training equipment. The hall itself



became an administration centre and canteen. Billeting a soldier meant extra rations for the household and some families had as many as five military guests. The army and the locals organised periodic social events including indoor and outdoor dancers, picnics, cricket matches and concerts. Sadly, one casualty was recorded in Littlehampton. Private Harry Burke was on guard duty on a particularly cold winter's night and tragically died of exposure and pneumonia during his watch. The whole town was deeply shocked by the incident. The clock in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall was donated by the billeted soldiers in gratitude for the hospitality and kindness shown to them during this time.

During the war years, Littlehampton's residents performed their patriotic duties with willingness and cheerfulness. Like everyone in Australia, they wanted their boys to come home safely and were committed to supporting their soldiers while those in the military served their country.

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The 2025 season was a great success for our club with both of our senior teams making finals, and we brought home the premiership in U14's mixed and were runner-up in U14 girls.



The junior football program is at the heart of the club's ongoing success and we continue to invite new players and families to come and join. The club offers a full pathway for both boys and girls from U8 through to senior men and women.

Look out for further information about our **2026 Season Launch Day, February 22nd starting at midday**. This is a fun day to welcome new players and families, and we would love to see you there.

We thank the families and businesses of Littlehampton for their ongoing support as players, volunteers, sponsors and members.

To find out more visit www.hahndorffc.com.au or join us on Facebook and Instagram socials. General inquiries: info@hahndorffc.com.au





ROTARY CLUB OF BLAKISTON NAIRNE UPDATE

The Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne has been busy with projects and fundraisers for the last few months. The heritage garden surrounding the Blakiston school will soon have a lawn irrigation system followed by the laying of soil and turf as soon as Mount Barker Council renew the lease on the school. In spite of the wet weather slowing things down, bark chips have been spread and when completed it will make the area more user-friendly.

A Bunnings barbecue in October raised funds for 'End Polio'. Cases are down to 7 in Afghanistan and Pakistan and the club will continue to support its eradication. Another fundraiser that month supported the 'Lift the Lid on Mental Health' campaign. Club members also participated in the Walk Against Domestic Violence.

Rotary sponsored BJ in his Variety Bash car Pinocchio. The event provides for the needs of children and schools in the outback. He won a special prize for assisting at breakfast during the event. BJ has already started fundraising for next year by collecting bottles and cans and would appreciate any contribution from locals. As usual, we are always looking for members and volunteers to help with local projects.

The club's president John Rowley represents Rotary by attending chat and play each month in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall. With lunch and afternoon tea for five dollars it is a lovely way to meet locals in a happy atmosphere.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2026.

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LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE



This year's Annual General Meeting brought several changes to the Brigade's leadership team. The Brigade took the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Frank and Natalie Regan for their outstanding dedication and service over many years, along with other Officers who chose not to re-nominate for their positions.

Their commitment and leadership have driven many positive developments within the Brigade, including the replacement of all fire appliances and a significant increase in urban firefighting equipment and capability.

SEASON PREPAREDNESS



The Littlehampton Brigade has recently participated in several hazard reduction burns led by Council staff, involving several other agencies and brigades. These activities serve as a timely reminder that the **Fire Danger Season** is approaching. Now is the perfect time to review and update your **Bushfire Survival Plan** in preparation for the summer months.

Within the Brigade, members have also been focusing on their own preparedness—conducting survival drills for potential vehicle burn-over situations and completing seasonal readiness updates.

With the wet and windy weather continuing brigade members have been maintain chainsaw skills and visited the Mount Barker State Emergency Service inspecting their equipment and discussing the different skills and equipment that each service has to assist the community.

As we move into the Fire Danger Season, it's important to remember that some outdoor activities may have **restrictions**. Examples include the use of **angle grinders, welders, oxy-cutting tools, and other gas-fired appliances**. The key requirements are:

- These tools can only be used outdoors when there is **no Total Fire Ban** in force. Even then, a **10-metre cleared area** must be maintained, and a **knapsack or water extinguisher** must be on hand.
- Dampen down the area with water before starting work as an added precaution.
- On **Total Fire Ban days**, a **permit from your local council** is required.

It can be easy to overlook these requirements, especially for a quick job—but it only takes one spark or hot ember to start a fire. Illegal use, or failing to have the required safety equipment, can result in **fines of up to \$5,000 for a first offence**.

For more information on preparing your property, visit the **CFS website**:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/preparing-your-home-property/>

An awareness of incidents occurring around your immediate area or friends and family in other parts of the state can be obtained from a number of sources. One of the applications that can alert you early is Alert SA.

The **Alert SA app** is the official mobile application of the South Australian Government, designed to provide timely information on various hazards such as fires, severe weather, and floods.

- Users can create up to 10 watch zones to receive notifications about hazards occurring in areas of interest.
- The app utilizes your mobile device's GPS location and requires an internet connection to function effectively.
- It features an intuitive navigation bar for easy access to alerts and warnings.

For more information, you can visit the official website or download the app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

It is important to remember that you should not rely on one means of keeping you informed regarding fires and other emergencies. Other means that you should remember or utilise are portable AM/FM radio, Facebook, CFS Website and the Emergency Alert messaging over the land line and on the mobile phone networks.

Many of us rely on digital devices and technology in our daily lives to stay connected but not everyone understands how they work. As part of your preparedness plan, you should get to know your devices, applications services and understand how they work, including their limitations and vulnerabilities. This will help you plan for an alternative communications means in the case of telecommunications or power outages.

AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM



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BUSHFIRE

You should familiarise yourselves with these symbols and those for other hazards.

Advice (Yellow): An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

Watch and Act (Orange): There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

Emergency Warning (Red): An Emergency Warning is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.safecom.sa.gov.au/emergencies/australian-warning-system-aws/>

EQUIPMENT REGISTER

Thanks to the generosity of recent donations, the Brigade has been able to purchase several new items of equipment, including:

- **Milwaukee portable lights**
- **Gated breeching piece** to enhance rural hose layout and mopping up
- **Humidifier** to assist in drying breathing apparatus masks
- **Television screen** to replace the ageing overhead projector, improving our training capabilities

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EXCITING NEWS

The Hall is currently undergoing some much-needed renovation work. To include a new roof and new lower and upper-level storage rooms at the rear of the building. The Littlehampton Hall committee would like to thank the Mount Barker District Council for funding the project and improving the Hall for the community to use for many years to come. All work is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

OTHER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- Recent refurbishment of wooden floors of the Supper Room, Main Hall and Stage with assistance from MBDC grant
- New custom built memorabilia cabinet installed by Pfitzner Furniture
- The Old Library (Audio Visual Room) now has a camera to assist with hosting of online meetings
- Hand sanitising stations throughout the hall to assist groups keep COVID-safe
- Excellent toilet facilities including accessible toilet and baby change table
- WIFI is available upon request

HALL MEMORABILIA

If anyone in the community has memorabilia relating to the Hall that they would like to donate to us to go into a display cabinet in the Hall, please contact Glenn on 0412 324 022.

HALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Hall Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm in the Old Library. If you are interested in attending a meeting, joining the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall Association or becoming a member of our committee please contact our President Jonathan Liebelt on 0424 723 589 or president@littlehamptonhall.org.au.

We are currently looking for an Assistant Secretary & Assistant Booking Officer to join the committee.

THE NATURE'S TABLE CAFE

A new dining experience has arrived in Littlehampton's main street. Chris, Yanni, Pixee-Marie (and little Apple) have taken over the former Artisan Oak Cafe and rebranded it as The Nature's Table Cafe. They have reinvented the menu offerings and see their business as a family friendly, healthy eatery. The new menu is a combination of meat, chicken, vegetarian and vegan foods including gluten and dairy free options, so there are savoury and sweet treats for all. Locally sourced coffee beans and refreshing loose leaf teas are included on the beverage menu.

The Nature's Table Cafe has been named after the imaginative nature play corner that has been created by the owner's son to encourage a calm and creative play space for youngsters while parents enjoy a delicious coffee or tea, healthy meal or a catch up with a friend. Along with the new menu there has also been a change in decor which is ongoing and promises to provide a warm and relaxing ambience for diners. The owners welcome everyone with open friendliness and have imprinted their love of their Hills country lifestyle into the cafe.

The cafe is open from 6:30-2 from Monday to Friday and 7-2 on Saturday and serves an all day breakfast with menu options such as the Moonlit Noodle Bowl, Forest Mushrooms, Flannel Cakes and a daily soup special providing a varied list to choose from. Toasted ciabattas with intriguing names like Dawn Spell, Faerie Tale and Braveheart, pies and an excellent selection of dessert treats complete the food offerings. Youngsters are also catered for with their own 'Little Feet Kitchen' menu that includes a free 'Little Feet Chino'.

Along with the hot beverages there are also milkshakes and protein shakes to choose from as well as a selection of cold drinks from the fridge.

Yanni, Kris and Pixee-Marie have been very pleased with the support and patronage of the Littlehampton locals while the cafe is being developed and look forward to a long association with our town's residents.



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LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



The year is 1900 and Littlehampton Primary School officially started. 125 years later we celebrated this important milestone with our community, past and present, to join us. What an incredible celebration we had.

Our students were immersed in a range of engaging activities celebrating the spirit and stories of our local community. The highlight of the week was our Community Celebration Day, held on Friday 12th September, which brought together families, friends, and the wider community for an afternoon and evening full of energy, learning, and connection.



As part of our 125th birthday celebrations this year we decided to ask the community who they would recognise as contributing members to the history of Littlehampton Primary School. We had 47 nominations and while all deserving, we chose 16 to highlight. Each class chose a luminary to recognise and create a decorative wooden bust to celebrate their talents, skills and contributions to Littlehampton Primary school and the wider community. A huge thank you to Bunnings Mount Barker for the donation of timber.

We began the day with a formal Assembly at 2:00pm, where each class proudly presented their research and creative work on their chosen Littlehampton Luminary. The presentations were inspiring and showcased the students' enthusiasm and deep understanding of the figures who helped shape our local area.



Following the assembly, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm, the school grounds transformed into a vibrant celebration space, buzzing with activity! Families enjoyed a packed program of interactive experiences including being able to view the Littlehampton Luminaries Exhibition.

LITTLEHAMPTON STARS ON STAGE



When our WOW Choir took to the stage at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music Stars on Stage, they shone with confidence and pride. Stars on Stage was truly a spectacular celebration of what public school students can achieve when they come together through music and the arts. This year our concert featured 1,300 Year 5 and 6 students joining voices in a breathtaking massed choir. Littlehampton Primary School choir this year sang out from the front row, a very prestigious position to perform from. We were also represented by several of our students who either performed a solo, were in the dance troupe as well as being the hosts for the night.

Our school was also proudly represented by twenty-two talented Year 3s and 4s, who performed Advance Australia Fair in Auslan with precision and flare.

We are unbelievably proud of our students for their hard work, passion, and brilliance on stage. What a year!



YEAR 3 & 4 ARBURY PARK CAMP

Bugs, Bushwalks and Building Shelters: Arbury Park Camp

Our Year 3/4 students had an amazing two-night camp at Arbury Park! We got our hands dirty with plant propagation, searched for invertebrates in the ponds and studied them under microscopes, built shelters, hiked through the bush, and explored the outdoors.

Every moment was filled with learning, adventure, and fun! A huge thank you to our fantastic parent helpers.

Hall Hire Available

Our Gym is available to hire. Our gym has heating and industrial fans for cooling, kitchen facilities, and seating for 200, some on-site parking, wheelchair access and disabled toilet. This facility is perfect for church groups, sports groups and a community activity space. For further inquiries and bookings, please contact Michelle Calderwood on (08) 8391 1194 or email dl.0225.info@schools.sa.edu.au

LEONIE KELSALL: LITTLEHAMPTON AUTHOR

In our quiet, little town we have many highly talented people. One of those is a dynamic, vibrant woman who has made a name for herself in the literary world. Leonie Kelsall has lived in Littlehampton for the last 25 years and has been writing full-time for the last seven years. Her genre is largely rural fiction and she has written a series of eight novels, starting with 'The Farm at Peppertree Crossing' set in the fictional town of Settlers Farm. All of the books are standalone eads but have recurring characters, with the next two due out next year and four more to come later. Although not necessarily issue driven, she tackles social issues such as racism, bereavement, dementia and domestic violence as part of her narrative. The latest in her series 'Wings Above the Mallee' has been named in 'Better Readings Top 100' list. If you enjoy a much racier read, Leone also writes contemporary romance and science-fiction novels under the pseudonym of Laney Kaye.



Leonie was raised on a farm in Monarto and draws inspiration from the rural lifestyle she experienced as a child. She is a professional counsellor and lives with her partner, daughter and several lively rescue dogs in Springpark Farm. She loves a good road trip and travels widely around Australia on book tours, and is about to head to the south east to publicise her latest novel. Her love of the farm that she came from is apparent in her novels, and her deep connection to the land are reflected in her writing. Leone's books are available in all good bookstores and big W, so pick up one and enjoy the talents of this remarkable woman.



LITTLEHAMPTON BUSH POET

In the 'Parks for Everyone' article I included our iconic Coppins Bush Flora Reserve. While researching its history I came across this poem by L E. Stokes. Mr. Stokes was raised in Littlehampton before establishing himself in Callington but he didn't ever forget his boyhood days wandering the bushland beyond his home. When work began on the reserve he penned this rather poignant poem, reminiscing about those years and the simple joys of experiencing nature and freedom in Coppins Bush.

Memories of Coppins Bush

I remember the days of my childhood
As we stroll along the track
Along the track, in Coppins Bush
As happy memories come flooding
back.

The Cranberries that grew there,
Was sweet, as sweet can be,
Amid the yellow daisies,
And Orchids, growing free.

Have you ever seen the flowers
That grow along the way?
Or hear the laughing Jackass
At the start of a brand-new day?
Wander along the pathway.
In this nature's, own true Park
And stop awhile and listen,
To the singing of a Lark.

Or walk through the bush in the evening,
As moonbeams cast an eerie light,
And the hooting of a lonely owl,
Echoes through the dusky night
I remember the little possums
Peering, from the trees,
And the rustling of the wattles,
As I wipe away a tear,
Of times we walked in freedom,
In the days of Yesteryear.



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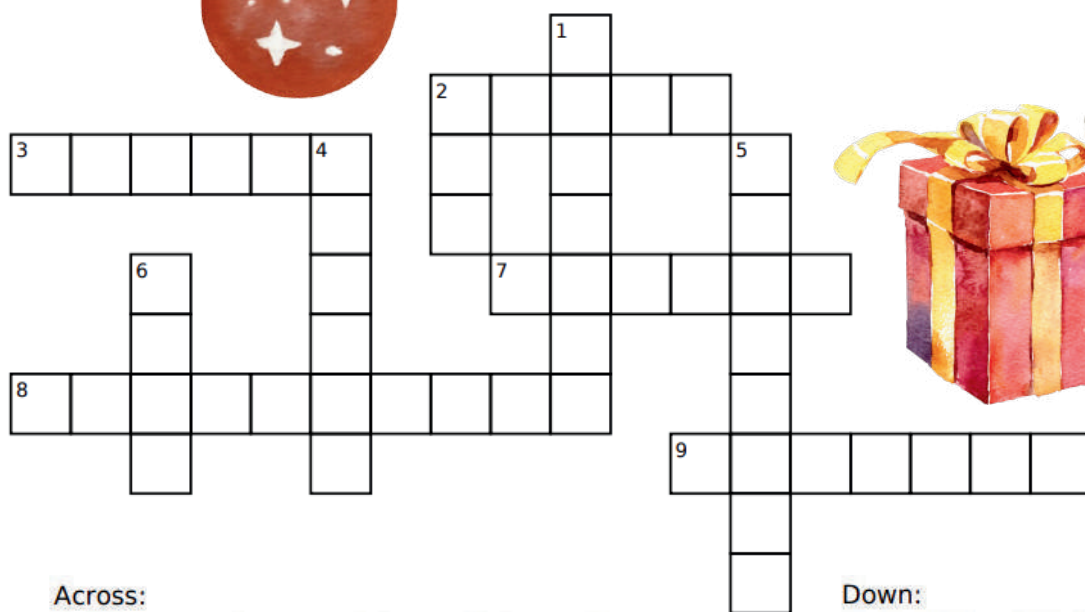
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2. Common place to celebrate Christmas Day in Australia (5)
3. Type of seafood often eaten on Christmas Day (6)
7. The day after Christmas (6)
8. Red and green plant used for decoration (9)
9. A popular Christmas sport watched on Boxing Day (8)

Down:

1. Traditional Christmas dessert often served cold (8)
2. Popular outdoor cooking method for Christmas lunch (3)
4. December season in Australia (6)
5. Australian animal sometimes featured in festive songs instead of reindeer (8)
6. Santa's outfit is often too hot for this (9)



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