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Miels Park Littlehampton

Miels Park is tucked away next to the Peace Memorial Hall in the main street of Littlehampton. Residents may have noticed recent improvements to the park as part of the Littlehampton Greening Project last year. Let's take a look at all things Miels Park...

Updates, Upgrades and Overhauls

Over the years, Miels Park has changed, from being a simple reserve to the popular park that it is today.

The Park was the home of the Littlehampton Tennis Club for many years before they moved to larger facilities at Anembo Park.* The netball courts are still used by the Littlehampton Netball Club.



many places across Australia, this tree was planted as a memorial to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought in Gallipoli during World War I. The seed from which this Lone Pine was germinated is from the original Lone Pine tree in Gallipoli. The Lone Pine is situated next to the memorial stone in Miels Park, beside the Peace Memorial Hall.

Observant residents may remember another 'lone pine' in Miels Park. This first Lone Pine planted 10 years earlier was found to be the wrong type of pine and in 2022 it was replaced with the correct Lone Pine.

The Lone Pine

The Littlehampton Community Association held the 2022 Littlehampton Remembrance Day Service in Miels Park. As part of the service,

descendants of the Miels families planted a Lone Pine. Just like in



Images courtesy of LCA

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

My apologies for the last edition taking so long to arrive on the web site, but it is now up and functioning and most of the gremlins have been ousted. Click on the QR Code below or on the front cover to view it online.

Some new sponsors have come on board, so have a look at their information scattered throughout the newsletter. If you are already online, click on any ad and it will take you to their website. Any article or report with a blue underlined heading or a logo will have a link attached to them, including the index on this page. Just click on it to take you to more.

Previous editions of this newsletter are also available on the LCA Website, and more are being added all the time. At this stage we will publish this newsletter 3 times a year in April, August and December. Marty (editor)

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Littlehamptonites,

We are indeed very fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the Adelaide Hills with its history and with its modern conveniences.

Regarding the history of our town we have a very important date coming up next year with the 175th Anniversary of our lovely town.

Next year will give all locals the opportunity to delve into the town's history and ask questions like "Why did we have four schools?", "Littlehampton had how many brick yards?", "Do you know where all the meatworks were around the town?" and "How many churches were there compared to now?" These and other subjects will be discussed during our celebrations!

More recently your Littlehampton Community Association (LCA) has been working behind the scenes on improving our town's lovely parks and surrounds.

The LCA is here for you. And if there are any ideas that you think will improve our town send an email or even join the LCA and help make a difference to your town! See the back page for contact details.

Glenn Liebelt

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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Miels Park Littlehampton Backstory

Miels, Miell, Miles

Mention of the Miels family name was evident in England after the Norman Conquest in the mid-late 11th century. William the Conqueror began keeping records of families, and consequently introducing surnames, when prior to this, people only used first names. The variations in the spelling of the Miels name is not unusual for that time, as spelling skills amongst even the upper or middle class were often quite poor.

From Wiltshire to Australia

The first of the Miels families, of All Cannings, Wiltshire, England, departed Plymouth in April 1850 and arrived in Adelaide after a three and a half month journey. They arrived in Littlehampton, with some families remaining in the town, and others moving on further to Hay Valley and up to the Barossa.



All Saints Church, All Cannings, Wiltshire, England

Image courtesy of J. Tilbrook, 'Miell, Miels & Miles from Wiltshire to Australia'



St. James Church, Blakiston

Image courtesy of S.T. Gill, Art Gallery of SA

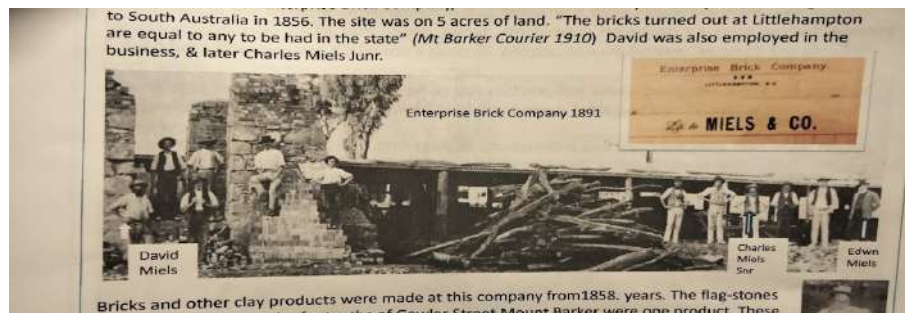
Miels in Littlehampton

The Miels worshipped in All Cannings Anglican Church in England, so they were able to continue their worship at the St James Anglican Church of England at Blakiston.

The Miels family was a major contributor to the establishment of businesses and services in the town of Littlehampton.

Much like other notable families in the town at the time, Watts, Coppins, Childs, Chapman, members of the Miels family began their own brickmaking business around 1876, named Enterprise Brick Company.

In addition to its brickmaking industry, Littlehampton, our neighbouring township has a very valuable asset in Messrs H A Monks and Sons large bacon curing and smallgoods factory. Established by Messrs H A Monks, F Butterfield and Edwin Miels about 28 years ago (1889) with a few hands and an output of about 35 pigs a week, this business has grown steadily until its employee number 25 and treats about 300 pigs a week.



Extract from the Mount Barker Courier 24th January 1919



Littlehampton Bacon Factory, 1880's

Image courtesy of Mount Barker Local History Centre

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Littlehampton Dawn Service Honours Heroes



Residents gathered in Miels Park for the 2023 Littlehampton ANZAC Day Dawn Service, held on Tuesday 25th April.

With an extraordinary sunrise as the backdrop to the service, the crowd paid respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Local resident, Chris Lay, led the service, which featured a short documentary and speech about Australia's involvement in World War II.

The service was attended by the 602 Squadron (AAFC) Woodside Base Catafalque Party.

Attendance numbers at all services throughout the region had been down since 2020 due to COVID restrictions, however 2023 saw many more gather at this year's services.



"It is really positive to see crowd numbers back to where they were pre-COVID," said Littlehampton Service Director Glenn Liebelt. "It is an important day to recognise."



The National anthem was led by the Littlehampton Primary School choir.

Following the service, residents moved into the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall to enjoy a Gunfire Breakfast surrounded by beautiful war murals painted by local artist, Jo Gordon.



The Littlehampton ANZAC Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast is presented by a small but dedicated team of Littlehampton Community Association volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved next year, please contact LCA Secretary Lyndall Schliebs at lschliebs1@bigpond.com.

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More of the LCA Committee Members



Amanda Liebelt

I have been involved in the Littlehampton Community Association for many years, with my mum, Karen Liebelt and dad, Glenn Liebelt both heavily involved in the local community as I was growing up.

My favourite part of being involved is when all the many LCA events come to fruition and seeing locals enjoying our beautiful town together.



Susan Hamilton

I have lived in Littlehampton for 40yrs and have been a member LCA and Hall Committee for much of this time.

I was elected to Mt Barker Council and served on most committees over my 16 years.

I was on the Board of Country Arts SA and helped coordinated SALA in the Littlehampton Hall.

I have published and illustrated 2 children's books, I am a Committee Member of Anembo Pk, and I moved the recommendation to retain the whole of the Glebe Land for recreation.



Lyndall Schliebs

I have lived in the Adelaide Hills for 40 years working alongside my husband in business. 5 years of this was in Littlehampton Post Office. We have 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren. I've always been involved in the community, playing tennis, as a committee member of inaugural Night Tennis competition, coaching and umpiring for our local netball club. I am passionate about our town amenities and moving forward into the future.



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Littlehampton Primary School Report

Student Leadership GRIP Conference 2023 – Generosity – Responsibility – Integrity – People

Our Student Leaders were privileged enough to be able to attend a Leadership Conference at the Entertainment Centre along with 600 other students from all over South Australia. It was an informative, busy, but fun day with so many important lessons to learn that they can take with them throughout their lives. These were the areas that were covered throughout the day:

- How to Be an 'Others First' Leader
- The People a Leader Can Impact the Most
- Ideas that Impact Everybody
- How to Get Everybody on Board with New Ideas



Young Environmental Leaders Day

Our Young Environmental Leaders Day was held at Monarto Safari Park with Mrs O'Connor. It was a great experience and lots of fun. We heard an acknowledgement of Country and tried bush tucker. We ate ruby salt bush, sweet apple berry, muntries, bush tomatoes, Murrayland mint, Old Man's salt bush and moon flower. We visited animal enclosures and learnt about their behaviours and habitats. We discussed grassland landscapes and animal habitats and what is being done to preserve them. We also created art inspired by the native grasslands. We will be planning some further learning experiences for the school community. It's an experience we definitely recommend. Demi Linke, Dakota Newman, Frankie Nicholas and Grace Vanderbom Year 6.



Preschool Activity - Tatty K Visit

The children at preschool have been inquiring into mini beasts and animals. We had our local community artist Tatty K visit us during the last 2 weeks to teach us how to work with clay.

Children drew a picture of what they planned to make before working on the clay. Some designs included spiders, lizards, snakes, chickens and peacocks. We discussed where these animals live and what anatomical features they have on their bodies.

JAMming with the BAND!

The JAM Band came to our school to play to everyone from Reception to Year 6. They brought a full collection of instruments, costumes, props and a whole lot more! Many student performers were invited on stage to perform with the JAMmers and entertain in songs such as Best Day Of My Life, The Super Mario theme and Don't Worry, Be Happy! A great time was had by all!



Year 2/3 History Inquiry

We have been learning about history and change over time in Littlehampton. Our class walked to St James School. Some of our reflections from this visit:

The children had to collect the wood for the fire. They used candles and lamps for lighting. Our class is different with electric lights, plastic pens and more colour. Did you know boys at Littlehampton Primary used to make billy carts and have races? Sounds like a lot of fun!

Year 2/3 History Inquiry con't

On our tour of St James school we found out that in 1849, Mr Rushton, the teacher, used to sleep in the front of the school! Our classroom is different because our teacher, Miss Dennis, does NOT sleep at school. Did you know the Littlehampton Brickworks has been running since 1892? Horses and carts were used as transport in those days.

In the olden days the students wrote with ink pens in cursive writing. The girls were taught needlework and cooking and the boys were taught woodwork and metal work. In the Library archives Mrs O'Connor has a book from 1949 belonging to a girl called June. She wrote all her stories with an ink pen. It is very special.



2023 Sports Day

Well done to all of the students who took part in what turned out to be a fantastic day for our 2023 Sports Day. It was great having the whole school participating on the same day. The atmosphere was electric with families and community members cheering on loudly all day. Those who came to support were treated to some thrilling competition and great entertainment including the staff

wheelbarrow race at the end of the day.

The house captains were all well prepared and showed exceptional leadership leading up to the event and on the day.

They did an excellent job, not only leading the War Cries but especially assisting the JP classes with the whole school events at the beginning and end of the day.



CONGRATULATIONS to the winning team Watts who ended up being too strong on the day.

School 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.

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By Simon Westwood

It's the middle of winter, it's cold and wet and the best activities are indoors, preferably by the fire. At this time of year, reading comes into it's own, so I hope you enjoy this short(ish) report.

For anyone in and around Littlehampton who doesn't know me, I'm Simon Westwood, North Ward Councillor and until December this year and Deputy Mayor. I've been on Council from 2010-2014 when I was living in Hahndorf, 2018 – 2022 when I was living in Littlehampton and Nairne, and from 2022 to now – and I'm still in Nairne.

I have found that the best communities are engaged communities; these are the people who don't necessarily react to some sudden issue, but are always there, always monitoring the progress of every project, always ready to ask questions of their elected representatives, always concerned for their 'patch' and the welfare of the people living in it.

Littlehampton is one of these communities. I really enjoyed my time living there, made some great friends and met some very interested and community minded people. I'm extremely lucky to have moved to another community which is similarly engaged.

Now we are in July, the Council rate notices will shortly be upon us. For an increasing number of ratepayers, you will see them in your inboxes rather than your post boxes.

This year Council has committed to a three year plan to smooth rate rises. This year we will keep rate rises to 5.6% which is about 2.3% lower than CPI, however next year the rise will be about 4.5% and in 2025/26 it will be about 4.0%. These figures correspond with CPIs expected to be around 3.5% and 2.5% respectively. It's expected that most ratepayers will find the rise this year especially welcome with CPI still driving upwards.

I think it's a good idea to try and explain that the rate rise is for the overall cost of Council. For example if the total rate bill was \$1million to run the whole of Council operations last year, and it was calculated that it will cost \$1.056million this year, that equates to 5.6% over the whole rate base.

Then there is the overall Capital Value of rateable properties! Last year it might have been \$50 million. The Valuer General then puts his/hers valuation update on properties in the Council area and this year it could be a total of \$75 million. Council Officers then have to calculate what the individual rates will have to be to be able to raise the \$1.056million in rates adjusting for property values. As a result, some rates go up – a lot, and some don't go up at all.

On your rate notice this year you will a change. Rates and charges are further broken down so you can easily see what money pays for what service. There will be the 'normal' rates, a rate in the dollar of your capital improved property value, a waste management charge (for rubbish/recycling/green bins), a "SA Murray-Darling Basin RL Levy – State Tax" (this is a State tax for the old NRM boards, now called Landscape Boards, that Council is required to collect and then hand over to the State Government), and then a new section which relates to wastewater and the charge per property for the wastewater service. This is a single charge, not rated on property value as SA Water does.

Don't forget that there are rate caps which apply to ratepayers who are on Government support. If you think one would apply to you, ring the Council and they will help. If you think you might struggle paying the rates – ring the Council and have a chat. Council is very flexible in payments and plans, but they don't know everyone so you need to talk to them.

I'm sorry if I've confused anyone, but I think it's important to try and explain the process and rates so that you are informed. It might make it easier to ask questions if you need to.

Where does all the money go to you might ask? A quick breakdown for this year's budget looks like this:

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LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE



It's that time of the year where we are lighting the fires and trying to keep warm! You may be interested to know that your local CFS volunteers have been kept busy attending structure fires, monitored fire alarm activations, and motor vehicle collisions, and assisting SES with flooding or storm damage in the Littlehampton and surrounding areas.

Now that winter is well and truly here, we are most likely to be called out to chimney or flue fires. These fires are often found to be caused by a build up of carbon and flammable material that then catches alight. Depending on the quality of the flue insulation, this can then spread to the ceiling space with significant damage occurring. I would encourage residents

to clean their flue if they haven't already done so. Flue cleaning brushes are available from most hardware outlets, but if residents are not comfortable working on their roof, or have no fall-restraint equipment, then I would recommend obtaining the advice and services of a professional chimney sweep.

*******RECRUITMENT UPDATE*******

Littlehampton Brigade is now continuing a recruitment campaign and has vacancies for Brigade Fire Fighters. If you or someone you know in Littlehampton would like to volunteer and have some daytime availability along with a reasonable level of fitness, then we would like to hear from you. After an initial period of trial and relevant police checks, you would be required to complete a Basic Fire Fighting course over the period of a weekend. Training is held every Monday evening between 7pm and 10pm (except public holidays). Our recruitment policy is in line with SA Government's equal opportunity employment policies and I would encourage anyone who would like to volunteer in the community of Littlehampton to apply if interested. To find out how you can, please contact me directly on the number below or the Brigade Duty Officer on 0437 230 309.

Finally, just a reminder to please check that your smoke alarms have working batteries and are in working condition.

Remember, *****having a working smoke alarm could save you and your loved ones*****

If you need advice regarding fire safety measures, or need assistance with changing smoke alarm batteries, again please contact the Littlehampton CFS Duty Officer on 0437 230 309 and we can arrange someone to visit you. For more information on home fire safety head to:

www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/home-fire-safety-prevention/

Stay safe, warm, and thank you all for you continued support.

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Littlehampton Park to Miels Park

A reunion for the Miels from Wiltshire was held on Sunday 6th November 1983. The reunion began with a service at St James Church of England at Blakiston, and then a gathering and historic displays in the Littlehampton Hall from noon.

Extract from the Mount Barker Courier 16th November 1983

Littlehampton Park named 'Miels Memorial Reserve'

A fitting sequel to the recent Miels re-union was the naming of the land adjacent the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall as the "Miels Memorial Reserve."

The land, donated by Mrs. H Miels many years ago, has been developed as a park with playground, picnicking and toilet facilities.

The Miels family first settled in Littlehampton in the early 1850s and has been well known for its industrial role in the brick industry for four generations.

Other contributions to the town have been a brewery, tobacco plantations and a hand in the instigation of the bacon factory.

Mayor of Mt. Barker, Mr. Ray Orr, said the naming of the park was a very fitting title to bestow on the reserve.

"The Miels family name has been synonymous with the town of Littlehampton and their contributions many and varied," he said.

St James Church of England, Blakiston was filled to capacity when a Memorial Service was held. Following the service, lunch and a re-union were held at the Littlehampton Institute and Park, with more than 350 people in attendance.



Miels Park in its early days



Image courtesy of MBDC

Mount Barker District Council (MBDC) Greening Project 2020-22

Miels Park was included in the Mount Barker District Council's Greening Project, with planning getting underway in 2020.

The upgrade of Miels Park, the Glebe Land and the Main Street were identified as key priorities in the Littlehampton and Blakiston Neighbourhood Plan 2018.

In 2019, MBDC was successful for a Places For People \$400k grant funding specifically for improvements on the Glebe and Miels Park. Council's contribution to the project was \$400k derived from the net proceeds of the sale of 2A Fulford Terrace together with an additional \$40k contribution from Council. The Main Street Upgrade received a \$150k grant through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Works completed in 2022 and have resulted in a beautiful park for the whole community to enjoy.

Improvements included:

- New civic frontage
- Paving: extended paving to create a north south pedestrian link between the hall and park
- Opened up and relevelled grassed areas
- New off-street carpark on existing defunct courts (behind Hall)
- On-street carparks created on Old Princes Highway
- Vibrant mural along the retaining wall to the supermarket



Who Uses the Park Today?

The community uses Miels Park for many different reasons, including:

Locals passing through to access the Great Eastern Hotel, supermarket, café, Marketplace, and other main street businesses and a netball club;

Special community services, including ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Remembrance Day Service are also held here;



It is utilised as an outdoor area for hirers of the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall;

Tourists passing through, making use of the on-street carparks and public toilets;

Locals enjoy an open green public park.

The Littlehampton community is so lucky to have such a lovely park like Miels Park to enjoy!

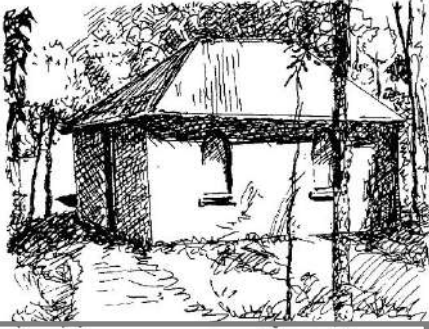
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* To read more about the history of the Littlehampton

Tennis Club, head to www.littlehampton.com.au and search for the 2020 November Edition 32 / Littlehampton Community Newsletter / “Tennis, Football and Community Spirit.”

SHADY GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH

Shady Grove Road, Littlehampton



Sketch by Elizabeth Simpson

Shady Grove has coped well enough during our cold wet winter with the bushland welcoming some soaking rains even though it has made the laneway entrance a little slippery and left some fallen trees to be cleared. The Kids Club with their families will again enjoy a stay in the holidays, with outside activities for all, and the combustion heater to keep them warm when inside.

"First Sunday of the month" services have continued in the cosy hostel at 4 pm with our shared meal to follow. The October service will bring us back to 5 pm. Our bush care people together with some outside help, have continued to weed and conserve the area. They have been delighted to receive a Council grant which will enable them to invite the neighbouring land owners to view the Shady Grove bushland area, to discover such gems as our native orchids and other interesting plants and to discuss how we can keep the area in the best condition. The plan is to also invite those interested in joining in with bush care at Shady Grove. There will be a morning or afternoon tea to follow. For any information regarding Shady Grove, monthly services or bush care please contact Mary Chase (Unitarian Admin officer) on 0490 660 175

Pat Simpson

Some History

The 1970s was boom time for hand spinning and weaving. It was also the 'hippy' era and the end of the war in Vietnam. Many of the spinning wheels and looms still in use today, were made in the 1970s. It was in part a 'back to grassroots' movement, back to growing your own vegetables, making your own clothes out of hand spun fibre. A reaction against artificiality and commercialisation. This movement has never gone away.

Some of the guild's members have been hand spinning and weaving since that time. Others are new to spinning and weaving. Home grown and hand made basketry has joined the movement. Rather than buy imported cane, basket weavers use what's around them, from their own gardens, roadside weeds or neighbour's prunings. The next closest spinning and weaving groups are at Gumeracha, Murray Bridge, Seaford, Aldinga, Elizabeth and Adelaide. Basketry SA has groups that meet in the Adelaide Hills, Southern Vales, and elsewhere, as well in the city. There are machine knitting groups as well as hand knitting groups. Knitting and weaving utilise similar skills to computer coding.

During the World Wars, female spies knitted code into their patterns about enemy troop movements! Get radically earthy and join a guild. Ours began in 1972 and is still going strong.

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Adelaide Hills Hand Spinners and Weavers Guild

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Email: ahhswguild@gmail.com



Meetings held at the Peace Memorial Hall,
Littlehampton



(SEE NEXT PAGE FOR
MEETING TIMES)



Residents Fear for Zone Change

There is 30ha of farm land between Kym Av, Lloyd Cresc, Wilhelm Dr, and Nitschke Rd in Littlehampton that has recently been sold to a builder & developer. This land is currently zoned "Rural Living" where building blocks have to be a minimum of approx. 2ha or 5 acres. Currently this farm is surrounded by 5 acre properties and also borders the outer boundaries of residential blocks in Littlehampton, on Lloyd Cresc. (see the attached map from the Littlehampton and Blakiston Neighbourhood Plan 2018).

Residents who have boundaries on this farm are fearing that the developer will apply to have this farm rezoned to "Residential", paving the way for a development like Parkland (next door to the Glebe land) with some blocks as small as a couple of hundred square metres.

Residents who border this farm met to discuss the matter in July and Mayor David Leach addressed the meeting. The residents expressed, in no uncertain terms, their opposition to any changes to the zoning as it would destroy the rural nature of Littlehampton, which was the reason we all purchased our particular properties. Issues discussed included significant trees being cut down, fire dangers, extra traffic and road access. This area represents approx. 20% of the current residential blocks in Littlehampton.

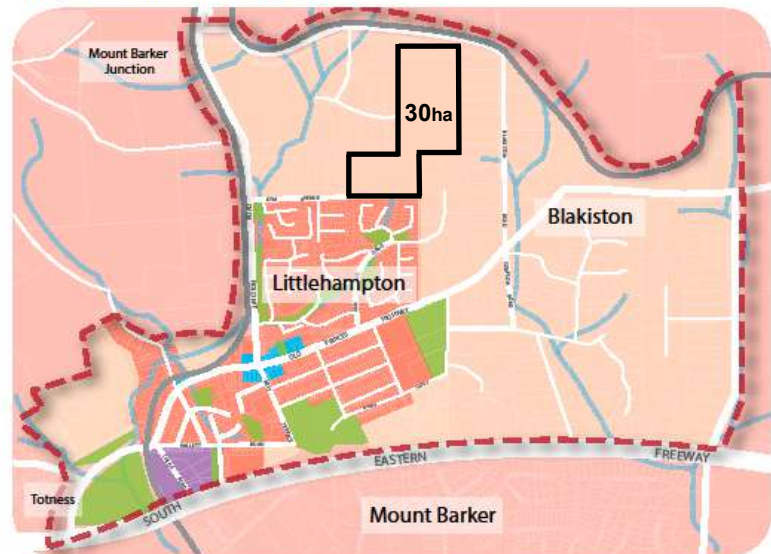
Mayor Leach explained he had no control over this decision since legislation dictates that this decision rests 100% with a public servant within the council and any challenge to this decision requires an appeal through court.

So far there are no applications for any changes to the zoning. **Watch this space.**

Marty Rosenberg

Littlehampton & Blakiston Neighbourhood Plan

Study Area, land use and zones



Map 1 Study Area



The Study Area for this Plan includes the township of Littlehampton and the adjacent rural living area of Blakiston. It is bound by Adelaide Rd, the South Eastern Freeway, Junction Rd, Nitschke Rd, Bald Hills Rd and the railway line that connects Adelaide to Victoria. It is largely surrounded by rural land, and is located to the east of the light industry area of Totness, and to the north of the regional centre of Mount Barker.

Current land uses closely match the existing zones in the Mount Barker District Council Development Plan. There are opportunities to review and update the existing policies and zones in the Development Plan that apply to this area, and these will be pursued.

Council has not identified a need to expand the urban area or rural living zone as part of its investigations for the Neighbourhood Plan. There is sufficient land zoned for residential development in the District for the next 25-30 years. Residential land supply should be reviewed around 2030.

Map from the Littlehampton and Blakiston
Neighbourhood Plan 2018

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LITTLEHAMPTON HISTORY

St James School (on the Glebe Land) 1855—1870

Con't from April edition ...

St James government school, 1855-1870

In 1851 the South Australian colonial government had passed an Education Act to fund and support secular schooling, meaning that no religious instruction was allowed during school hours. Under the 1851 Act, local communities could establish a school, recruit a teacher and then apply for the head teacher to be licensed if there were more than 20 students aged from 6-16. Children were not compelled to attend school and all (private and) government schools charged fees. The licensed head teacher was paid a fixed stipend by the Central Board of Education and the remainder of his/her income came from student fees. The Act also provided free education for destitute scholars. The head teacher had to re-apply for the licence annually and was also responsible for recruiting teaching staff, some of whom received a meagre allowance from the Central Board of Education.¹⁰

The former Protector of Aborigines, Chief Inspector William Wyatt, chaired the Central Board of Education which met frequently. Chief Inspector Wyatt and Inspector Smith also inspected the government schools. There were 69 licensed government schools in South Australia along with many small private schools by 1852. Wyatt claimed that the ideal staff in small schools was a husband and wife teaching team.

I think their moral character should be entirely without stain, and that they should be married men, especially as schools in the country must consist of both sexes and the supervision would in some measure be entrusted to the female as well as the master.¹¹

Most parents agreed with him and would not send their daughters to a school unless a woman was present. It is very likely that church elders had the same idea in mind when they sought a replacement for Mr Evans at St James school in 1855.

Wanted a Master and Mistress to re-establish the school at Blakiston. There exists a good stone building and a residence might be obtained nearby. Applications to be made in writing to Rev J. Fulford.¹²

With agreement from Church elders, St James school was a licensed government school from 1855 until 1870. The first licensed head teacher was Henry Dicker who was likely assisted by Mrs Dicker from 1855 to 1857. In 1856, 23 boys and 15 girls were enrolled and they were taught 'Reading Writing Grammar and Arithmetic.'¹³ Thirty-nine students were enrolled in 1857 and 33 were present when the inspector visited in May and reported 'State of schoolroom – fair. Supply of requisites – full. Quality of instruction – good.'¹⁴ In October 1857, Henry Dicker applied for leave 'to give a holiday next Friday as he has business in town'. The Central Board of Education instructed him to 'defer holiday until next week pending Inspector Smith's visit'. Inspector Smith duly visited and recorded that 43 children were present, including 3 destitute children whose fees were paid by the Central Board of Education.¹⁵

In March 1858, the Central Board of Education permitted Henry Dicker and Henry Howitt (with Mrs Howitt as the assistant teacher) from Woodside to swap schools.¹⁶ The inspector visited in June and reported that 48 children were enrolled, 33 were present and both the 'discipline' and the 'schoolroom' were 'good'.¹⁷ Nevertheless, Henry Howitt was not a popular teacher and so enrolments diminished quickly at St James school.¹⁸ In July 1858, Howitt wrote to the Central Board of Education 'expressing his disappointment that the sum allowed for female assistant had been discontinued' because of low enrolments.¹⁹ In April 1859, he resigned from Blakiston 'in consequence of the income derived from the school being inadequate to meet his expenses'.²⁰



St James School

Assisted by Mrs Quicke, William Quicke was the licensed head teacher at St James school from April 1859 to 1863, and a very active member of the Anglican church. Indeed, William took some church services in the absence of Reverend Andrews. The Quicques had previously taught at Kersbrook, Aldinga and Grand Junction schools, and were well-respected teachers.²¹ Twenty boys and 12 girls were present when the inspector visited in April 1860. All were learning 'Reading Writing Grammar and Arithmetic' and some scholars were also studying history. School fees were ninepence a week and William Quicke's stipend was £70 per annum. The inspector reported that 'with a limited area from which pupils may be drawn, this school commands a fair attendance and is efficiently conducted.'²² In September 1863, the Central Board of Education threatened to withdraw the license 'unless the number of scholars are largely increased', adding that 'no blame is attributed to the teacher'.²³

¹⁰ K. Whitehead, 'The teaching family, the State and New Women in nineteenth-century South Australia' in K. Tolley (ed), *Transformations in schooling: Historical and contemporary perspectives*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2007, pp. 153-172.

¹¹ Quoted in Whitehead, p. 157.

¹² *Adelaide Times* 13/7/1855, p. 3.

¹³ *South Australian Government Gazette* 21/2/1856, p. 121.

¹⁴ *Register* 20/5/1857, p. 3.

¹⁵ *Adelaide Observer* 24/10/1857, p. 3; *Adelaide Observer* 31/10/1857, p. 3.

¹⁶ *Adelaide Observer* 20/3/1858, p. 7.

¹⁷ *Adelaide Observer* 26/6/1858, p. 3.

¹⁸ *South Australian Weekly Chronicle* 14/5/1859, p. 7.

¹⁹ *Adelaide Observer* 3/7/1858, p. 3.

²⁰ *Adelaide Observer* 2/4/1859, p. 3.

²¹ *Register* 19/4/1859, p. 3.

²² *South Australian Government Gazette* 26/4/1860, pp. 372-373; *South Australian Parliamentary Papers* 1860, no. 174.

²³ *Advertiser* 22/9/1863, p. 3.

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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.

Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne

By John Rowley, President

The Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne has changed its name to include Nairne.

Our club felt that when asked where Blakiston is situated most people had no idea where or why Blakiston exists.



So in History Week in the month of May, Rot. Jenny, and Michael Moran opened St. James school to the public.

They had a steady flow of visitors through the door and much interest was shown by families

who had relatives or knew someone who was educated at St. James School or attended St. James Church in their early years.

A friend of Rotary, Julie Moran, has put together a brochure on the history of the school and the surrounding areas. For those who are interested in the history of the school, our club is very happy



to meet with, show you through and explain the various points of interest that are scattered throughout the garden.

Also, those who wish to volunteer and become friends of Rotary are most welcome to contact:

John Rowley 0497 855 908.

Email: johnrowley1937@gmail.com



It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.



Gum Tree Community Garden Update

Corner of Old Princes Highway and Gum Tree Drive, Littlehampton

Everyone knows that the weather during our last summer and autumn was quite unseasonal. This was very evident in all of our gardens and it was no different at the Gum Tree Community Garden as many of the warm-weather vegetables struggled to ripen. The Garden's volunteers finally harvested the remainder of these crops to make way for the planting of winter vegies. Many of the raised beds now have white onions, Asian cabbage, rocket, kale, rainbow chard, pak choy, winter lettuce, and broccoli planted. The seedlings have been protected by putting bottles over them. These bottles will be removed as they become more established.



As the Garden is organic the compost areas are particularly important to keep the garden beds thriving. We thank a local volunteer, Devashon Temple, for his diligence in keeping up with the composting process. We would appreciate it, if people who would like to help out, place bags of manure and/or green waste near the compost bays.

Whilst mentioning helpers, we would particularly like to thank the members of the Christadelphian community, who so willingly devote time to mowing the areas in and around the Garden.

The nearby Littlehampton Early Learning Centre asked whether a raised bed could be used by them so that they could bring the children up to plant and later harvest, their crops. This was agreed to and a sign was erected to identify the bed for this purpose. The children planted some basil and corn. They grew well and they harvested a great crop. Due to

its success, this will continue and so the bed has been prepared by the volunteers for the children's new plantings. We would ask all visitors to the Garden to respect this initiative and leave it for the children.

We were tremendously grateful that Mr Brenton Kortman agreed to come to the Garden, specifically to prune the fruit trees, as well as share his extensive knowledge. Brenton is the President of the Rare Fruit Society of SA. He also provided tips on how best to net the trees in the future so as to protect the fruit from the birds.

There is no gate to the garden so people are welcome to pop in any time and enjoy what the Garden has to offer. There are bench seats and tables to sit and enjoy a break. We encourage people to take what is ripe – free of charge! The Garden is owned and maintained by the local Christadelphian community. They have held their Sunday School activities and other religious meetings in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall for over 20 years.



On behalf of the volunteers,
Stuart and Val Gilmore

Steam Ranger BBQ 28th May

On Mt Barker Railway Station Platform

The Littlehampton Community Association (LCA) BBQ team lined up at 8am to set up in a little drizzly rain. All were in good spirits and looking to enjoy a great day of fellowship as we do. Once we had the marquee up, the boys began cooking the BBQ. We were having a great time keeping up the hot food while the rest of the volunteers were serving and taking money from the needy clientele. By 10am we were serving bacon & egg sandwiches and sausages with onion to the guests lined up to take the train trip from the station to Bugle Ranges and back.

The train travellers were rugged up well with brollies in hand. Despite the overcast day, all seemed to be very cheerful and excited as they travelled on the old trains. From our spot on the platform we could see all those happy people on the train and the children's faces looking back at us through the windows, waving energetically. It was a great place to be on a wintry day.

The afternoon turned a little more sunny and many more people passed our way to satisfy their hunger pangs and enjoy our well cooked and delicious food.

There were 4 trips in all and a very happy and worthwhile day was had by all.

Lyndall (LCA Secretary)

LITTLEHAMPTON RESIDENTS

GET OUT OF THE HOUSE !!

Join in an afternoon of fun

Residents looking for something fun to do in the town have no further to look than the new Littlehampton Community Association's Chat & Play days.

Held on the second Wednesday of each month, this new initiative gives the community a chance to get together for card games, board games, or just a chat.

"Being part of a community can have a positive effect on mental health and emotional wellbeing. Community involvement provides a sense of belonging and social connectedness. It can also offer extra meaning and purpose to everyday life," according to Australian Government's Head to Health online resources.

LCA's Chat & Play organiser, Lyndall Schliebs says, "We welcome absolutely everyone and provide a warm and welcoming space for people to sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company."

Participants meet at 12pm in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall for a BYO lunch. Board games, cards and other activities are provided, and participants can chat and play until 4pm.

The cost is \$5.00 per person, per session and includes afternoon tea.

To register or for more information, please contact Lyndall on 0407 133 100.

<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/living-well/connecting-with-others>

LITTLEHAMPTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

With the 2022/23 Summer tennis season coming to end the Littlehampton Tennis Club once again has a strong presence in both juniors and seniors competitions in the Hills Tennis Association (HTA).

Junior & Senior Tennis

This season the Littlehampton Tennis Club fielded 4 boys, 3 girls, 2 green ball and 1 orange ball junior teams with up to 8 expected to make finals during March with their skills developed throughout the season at the Thursday team training sessions supported by our coach John Young.



Our seniors remained strong and very competitive with 9 teams from Division 1 to 7 and 1 team in the doubles competition with 6 out of our 10 senior teams playing in the finals.

Night Tennis

Night Doubles Tennis continues to be very popular at the LHTC club with Tuesday nights seeing up to 12 teams battling out in a round robin style competition. The expansion of night tennis at Littlehampton to include a highly competitive 3 a side doubles and singles competition continues to be very popular.

Murray Bridge Lawn / LHTC Inter Club Tournament

The annual Lower Murray Bridge Hardcourt / Murray Bridge Lawn Association / LHTC inter association Tournament which includes doubles and singles played over separate 2 days at each of the club's facilities was again a fantastic event bringing together 2 great clubs. The LHTC was successful in a close result 73 – 71 and retaining the Cup.

Tennis Coaching

This season the Littlehampton Tennis Club was pleased to welcomed John Young to our club. He provides group and private coaching for all players of all ages and all skills levels. For further information on coaching contact John on jyoungcoaching@gmail.com or 0402 194 422.

Littlehampton New Logo and Uniforms

The club launched the new Littlehampton Tennis Club logo which captures our love for tennis and the long heritage of our club which was established in 1927. To complement the new logo a new range of club uniforms was made available including t-shirts, singlets and new hoodies which were proudly worn for the first time by Littlehampton at the Murray Bridge Lawn / LHTC Inter Club Tournament.



Registration for Juniors and Senior Summer Season

Contact the club on info@littlehamptontennisclub.com.au or message the club on Facebook at facebook.com/LittlehamptonTennisClub

Social Tennis

Courts are available for hire from 7am to 5.30pm and can be booked online at <https://play.tennis.com.au/LittlehamptonTennisClub> or through the 'Book Now' button on our Facebook site. \$5 for 30 minutes. Please book at least 30 minutes ahead of time to allow your booking to become active and your pin to work.



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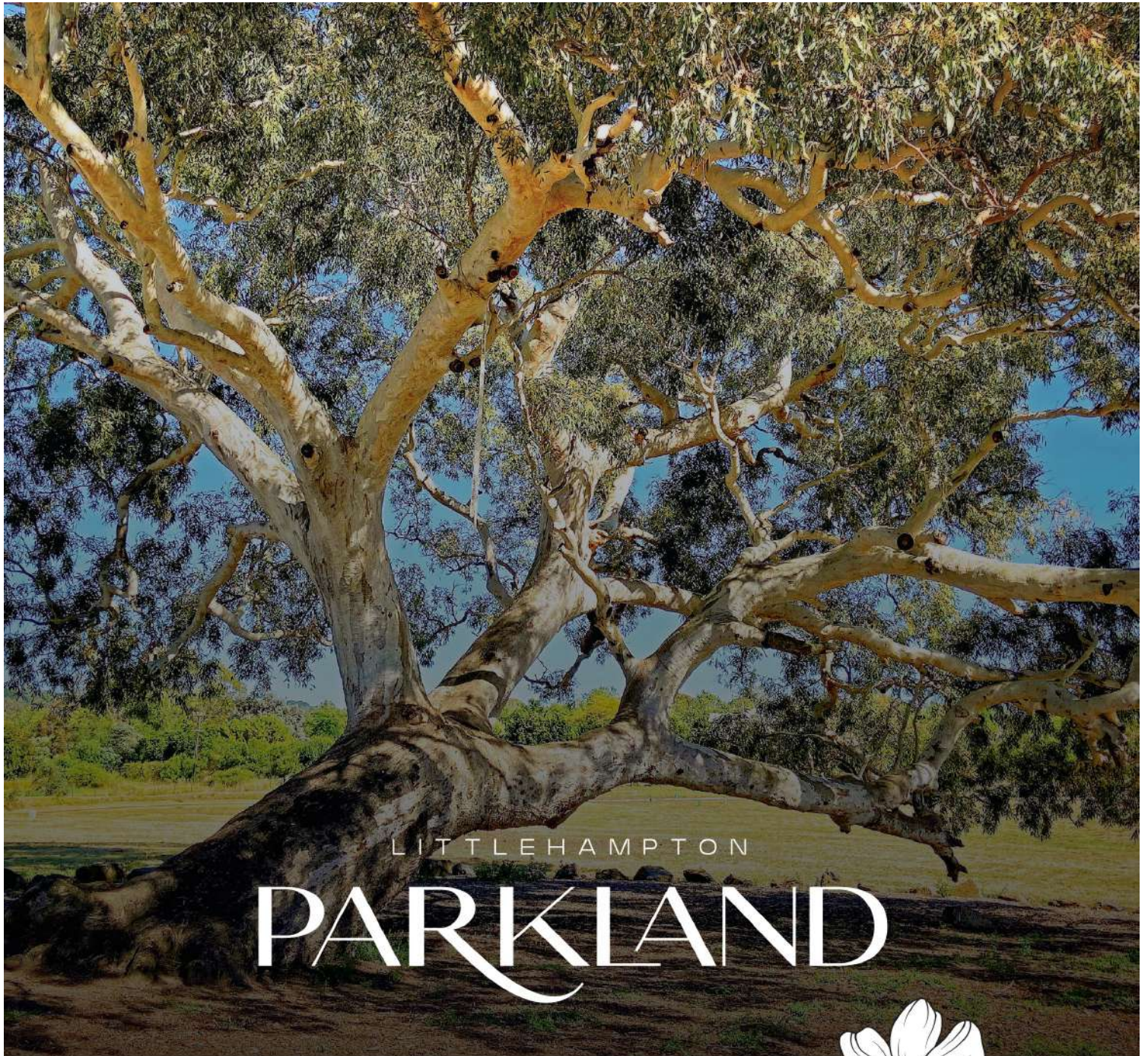
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Councillor's Report Con't

\$40.2million – General Operations (staff costs, asset maintenance etc)

\$15.7million – Capital Works (replacement of assets, new assets etc)

\$35.1million – Intergenerational Capital (Aquatic Centre, City Centre Catalyst Project and similar long term capital jobs)

\$30.7million – Wastewater Capital (replacement of wastewater assets with new)

\$8.6million – Wastewater Operations (staffing, maintenance of assets etc)

All of this is over \$130million!

It's expected that \$1.2million will be spent on footpaths alone this year, a fantastic way to spend money but footpaths are expensive.

There are a number of projects which have been put up by Council Members for this year, with some being funded for completion, and most beginning the cycle of design, costing, approval, construction. I suggest watching this space to see the progress.

I hope to see you down the street soon, and if you have any questions of me, or the other North Ward Councillors, Jessica Szillasy (who you would all know), and Harry Seager (who you should know), look us up on the Council website and flick us an email or phone/text.

Cheers and keep warm and dry, Simon Westwood

Vale Helen Raison (nee Brokate)

04/05/1930 – 07/05/2023

Helen Raison was a passionate and caring member of our Littlehampton community. She worked tirelessly for the town, serving on the Littlehampton Community Association committee for many years.

Many residents will remember Helen as a lady full of stories and abundant knowledge about her local region.

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