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Above: A sample of the variety of artwork that was showcased by Littlehampton Primary School students as part of the South Australian Living Artists Festival in Littlehampton events held during August.

LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY WINS AWARD AT SALA EVENT

The Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall was a buzz of colour throughout August as part of Littlehampton's South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival.

After five months of planning, a small group of LCA members hosted three weekends of local artwork on display.

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Littlehampton Community Newsletter online in 2022

The first Littlehampton Newsletter was published in 1994 and has grown and changed over the past 27 years.

From 2022, this Newsletter will be available online at the Littlehampton Community Association website.

Hard copies will still be available upon request for those who do not have access to the internet.

Residents are encouraged to register online at www.littlehampton.com.au so they can stay up to date with news and events in Littlehampton.

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Hello, and welcome to the Christmas 2021 edition of the Littlehampton Newsletter. The Littlehampton SALA events held in August were very successful with a great turnout. You can read all about it on p. 3.

The development at the Glebe and Miels Park is exciting news for local residents. Make sure you check out the latest update on works on p. 4.

As you may have read, the Littlehampton Community Newsletter will be published online in 2022. Although this is a big change for readers, it will ensure that we are able to report more often on up-to-date news and events, and create an efficient platform to communicate with a wider audience in our town. We urge all readers to head to www.littlehampton.com.au to register your email on the mailing list, or contact 0407 133 100 to arrange a print copy delivery.

I would like to personally thank you all for your understanding during this transition from print to digital.

Merry Christmas and stay safe!

Amanda

LITTLEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Glenn Liebelt

Hello fellow residents,

It's that time of the year when we say, "Hasn't the year gone fast!" So, what has happened in our town in the last few months?

Our two main parks, The Glebe and Miels Park have been put in the spotlight. By the time you are reading this, works would be well and truly on the way. The Glebe will eventually have a playground and toilets whereas Miels Park will have a much needed face lift with the carpark at the front removed and placed behind the hall, with lights.

The SALA event, hosted by the Littlehampton Community Association ran for three weeks in August and featured all local artists. Our Littlehampton Primary School even won an award. But you can read more about that in this issue of the Newsletter.

Remembrance Day had a minor change with a new MC Pieter Nieuwenhuizen; and due to wet weather, it was held in the Peace Memorial Hall for the first time. Sadly the Carols in the Glebe had to be COVID cancelled again. Let's hope we can get it up for 2022. While we are on about the Carols in the Glebe, is there anyone who would like to give the role of coordinator for the Carols a go? Many hands make life easier. Why not have a go!

Keep safe and look after your neighbours!

Season's Greetings

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WIN FOR SCHOOL AT SALA EVENT





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Held on Saturday 14th August, the first event was the Littlehampton Primary School's Touched by Nature Exhibition. The Minister for Education, Hon. John Gardner MP opened the event, with the Primary School Arts Teacher Mandy Herbert as Exhibition curator. The Hall was a maze of children's artwork of various colours and textures, and locals thoroughly enjoyed wandering through such a beautifully displayed presentation.

We are incredibly proud to announce that this Exhibition received a Credit Union SA School Award for the 2021 SALA Festival. The judges commented,

'Touched by Nature featured an incredible range of media in a thoughtful installation in the Littlehampton Peace Memorial Hall. A fantastic SALA debut.'

The School was awarded \$2500 to be spent towards their Art programs for the students.

The Littlehampton Community Association would like to extend their congratulations to curator Mandy Herbert, Principal Renee Lynn and all of the school community involved in the Exhibition.

The second event was held on 20th and 21st August, and was a display of modern art by first time solo artist, Wayne

Barrie. The abstract acrylic pieces were created by a method of unique rotation and gravitation of natural forces. With 150 paintings to view and several alternative canvases such as wall hangings, dresses and bed clothing, there was plenty for visitors to see. Mount Barker District Council Mayor, Ann Ferguson, opened the exhibition.

On 28th August, the third and final event was opened by the Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie MP. This was an open weekend for local artists to display their amazing work. The Hall came alive with an array of acrylics, oils, and water paintings, along with ceramics, pottery, and beautiful greeting cards.

With Devonshire teas, soup and bread rolls on the menu for these weekends, it was a very sociable and pleasant atmosphere for all those who attended.

The Littlehampton SALA Committee would like to thank all LCA committee members and helpers. It is because of these tireless volunteers that we can continue to run events such as this.

With 750 visitors attending over the three events, the LCA committee is very proud of what was achieved and looks forward to the possibility of next year's event.















CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FINALISED FOR GREENING PROJECT

Locals will see works begin in the next few weeks in Miels Park and the Glebe Land as part of the Littlehampton Greening Project.

Contract negotiations for the projects have been finalised and final contacts are being prepared.

Mount Barker District Council is currently meeting with stakeholders to talk through the staging and timing of construction works to minimise, as much as practical, the disruption to user groups.

The following changes were incorporated into the Miels Park design following recent community input;

- Retain storage building, verandah, stairs and slab of concrete to the rear of hall.
- Retain the existing shelter and BBQ.
- Retain existing picnic setting and slab, with a paint job to the shelter and brick surrounding to be added to the existing BBQ
- New 2 metre high chain wire gates with locking cleats and drop bolts to the South Eastern corner of the court.
- New electrical connection, power outlet and light to rotunda.
- Relocate existing court lighting stobie pole in front of proposed netball storage shed, and recommission.





- Recommission existing carpark lighting.
 Investigations are being undertaken to understand the best method to achieve this.
- Inclusion of conduits to paving area at the front of hall to allow for future feature lighting; feature lighting is not included in this project.

Council's contractor, LJK Constructions (Luke Kimber), is scheduled to commence works at the Glebe in the first week of December.

The first part of works will be the loop path that will be constructed pre-Christmas which will be available for use over the holiday shutdown.

There will also be some early works completed for the installation of services that will be made safe prior to shutdown over the break.

Works will then be completed in the first quarter of 2022.

Notification signage at the entrances to the park have been installed to notify the public of the works.

Information provided by Mount Barker District Council.

More information can be found at:
www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/
infrastructure-projects/littlehampton-greening

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On Thursday 11th November, the Littlehampton community gathered in the Peace Memorial Hall to remember the fallen.

Local resident, Pieter Nieuwenhuizen conducted the service and spoke about the importance to remember those who sacrificed so much.

Students from the Littlehampton Primary School Choir attended the service to lead the crowd in the national anthem.

A morning tea was provided by the LCA for attendees following the Service.

The Remembrance Day service typically is held in Miels Park in front of the War Memorial, however wet weather required the service to take place inside the Hall.

During the Service, local government, community groups and locals had the opportunity to lay wreaths in front of the Honour Roll in the main hall.

LCA Chairman and Littlehampton Remembrance Day Director, Glenn Liebelt said, 'Even though it was a little different holding the service inside this year, it was good to see the community come together.'









MY LOCAL SERVICE APP

The Mount Barker District Council has an easy way for residents to notify Council of issues and hazards within our area.

The My Local Service app has a 'Report It' feature where you can report things such as damaged bins, graffiti control, road hazards and weed control.

It also allows users to discover nearby playgrounds, libraries, and community resources. Locals can even choose to receive notifications to remind them of bin collection days.

Residents can find out more and download the app here: www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/council/my-local-services-app

NEW BUSINESSES FOR LITTLEHAMPTON

The last few months have seen a number of new businesses opening in Littlehampton.

The Artisian Oak Café, previously Littlehampton Café, has opened at 85 Old Princes Road.

Just next door, Elevate Fitness + Movement and Wild Essence Hair have both opened at 87 Old Princes Highway.

Further along the Main Street, at 70 Old Princes Highway, Oriental Garnish closed in September 2020, and soon Pizzafino will be opening.

Out of town, the historic Liebelt family farming property on Junction Road has reopened as a wedding and functions venue. The property was previously home to popular tourist attraction, Platform 1 Heritage Farm Railway, which closed in 2017.

The LCA encourages residents to shop local; you never know what you might find in your own town!



Above: Artisan Oak Café, Littlehampton





KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

The CFS is reminding residents who live, work or travel in an area where a bushfire can occur to be aware of where they can relocate in the event of a fire.

A Bushfire Safer Place is to be used if you have chosen to relocate early. This is a suitable place to use during forecasted bad fire weather or during a bushfire.

A Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is only to be used if your plan has failed and you cannot reach a designated Bushfire Safer Place. Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are not suitable for extended use and provide limited protection during a bushfire.

Anembo Park, Littlehampton, is a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE LCA BBQ TEAM

The Littlehampton Community Association Inc BBQ team was invited to Victor Harbor for SteamRanger Heritage Railway's Overnight Special in September.

Although the LCA loves holding events in Littlehampton, it was a pleasant change for volunteers to be cooking a sausage sizzle with an ocean backdrop instead.

Funds raised from the day will be used on community projects within Littlehampton.

If you are interested in helping out on a LCA BBQ, please contact Lyndall at lschliebs1@bigpond.com





Interested in joining the Littlehampton Community Association Inc?

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Littlehampton Primary School Report:

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS (23rd to 27th August)

Each year since 1945 Book Week has brought children and books together across Australia. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators to highlight the importance of reading. This year we have had the pleasure of three fabulous author workshops conducted by Mike Lucas, Kristen Weidenbach and Mandy Foot.



Year 3 students were so enthusiastic they presented their poems at a recent whole school assembly! Nature Play SA provided a literacy challenge experience with

Students using hand-held GPS devices to undertake a geocaching adventure and locate hidden treasures linked to the books. The Resource Centre showcased the shortlisted books and provided movies and popcorn at lunchtimes. Thank you to the "Library legends" who actively promoted the Book Week activities including the classroom door challenge competition. The week ended with students dressed as their favourite book character.



YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

On the 15th of September, three of the Young Environmental Leader students, (Hannah, Annabelle and Elsie) went to a place called Frahn's Farm at Monarto. They learnt about feral plants and animals. Feral plants (also known as weeds), are plants that are not native to the area, and cause problems for the native species. At Frahn's Farm we learnt about some feral species of animals like rabbits, foxes and feral cats. The main animal that we learnt was rabbits, and how quickly they reproduce.

Fun fact: a group of rabbits is called a fluffle!









HAHNDORF WINTER LANTERN FESTIVAL (26th September)

This year students in Year 5 Danielle Stone's class were invited to make lanterns to light up at the recent Hahndorf Winter Lantern Festival.

Over 4 double lessons with the support from Festival artists, Tony, Bec, Alisha and Zinia, the students worked hard to create some imaginative forms. The students learnt a lot about 3D construction using basic and sustainable materials, designing, working as a team and problem solving. We would like to thank Tony and all the Lantern Festival organisers for providing this opportunity for our students again this year. It was a great learning experience and we had so much fun.



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SALA FESTIVAL 7

Following our involvement in the 2021 SALA FESTIVAL back in August we received some wonderful news that we have been selected as one of the four winning school exhibitions. The SALA judges recognised the effort our school put in to holding such an event, stating that 'They were really impressed with the range of media, and the way that the art brightened up the space.'

With such amazing support from the Littlehampton Community Association for providing the space and assisting in many ways we are so grateful to be able to work in partnership to put on this event. We would also like to thank the sponsors, Mt Barker Council and Littlehampton Bricks and Pavers for their support. This recognition award carries a cash prize of \$2,500 to the school to put towards their Visual Arts programs. Congratulations to all the students and staff for all the hard work and support that was put into this event.

KITCHEN CLASSES

It's been an enthusiastic return for Term 4. Thanks to Andy, (our groundsperson) the garden is looking fantastic and we have some amazing crops of spring onions, bok choy, broad beans and celery coming through

The Year 3s cooked up a storm in their first lesson back with a delicious risotto, a creamy leek gratin and a delightful rhubarb cake for dessert.

Spring and summer are an exciting time in the garden with all our crops taking off with the warm weather, and the students will be creating an array of tasty salads which students will easily to able to recreate at home to share with your families at mealtime.





CAMP QUALITY

In Week 2 we welcomed Kylie, Dean and Mel (puppets from Camp Quality) to our site to share their story. They did it in a fun, child friendly way. The big take away message from the sessions was that you cannot catch cancer. The children were encouraged to ask questions about cancer. They asked very good questions and had a better understanding after the show.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE

On the 7th September our school choir performed at The Adelaide Entertainment Centre with approximately 1500 students from around the state. While this year's performance was different from other years it was still as amazing. Seeing the students on stage was definitely one of the highlights of the term. A big thank you to Gisela Obst and Matt Newtown for all their efforts in supporting the choir to be as great as they were on the night. Well done to all the students too!



Hall Hire Available

Our gym is available to hire. There are COVID19 Safety Restrictions in place so please discuss these with our school when booking. 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 Brigitte French PH: (08) 8391 1194

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Councillor's Report

By North Ward Councillor Simon Westwood

As we career into Summer 2021, I can't help but think that we are having a repeat of last year. We have a wet and warm spring, rapid growth of every sort of grass known to mankind, a freeway which needs to be harvested more than mowed (I think the Transport Department could make a fortune baling the grass!), and a large number of residents getting nervous about what may come in a few months' time.

It's time to properly prepare for the bushfire season. Spend 5 minutes with your family and put a bushfire action plan together (you can get help and tips on the CFS website) and decide what to do, where to go on a 'bad' day – and when. The 'when' should be the easiest decision. The answer is always - EARLY.

Some residents have noticed that Council has been slashing. I've been told that this is the right time because the grasses have 'cured' to a point where slashing won't promote lots more lush green growth which will become dry fuel at just the wrong time and which could be detrimental to fire prevention efforts.

How wonderful were the SALA events at the Peace Memorial Hall? The talent of the primary school students, the individual ability and prolific nature of the artworks from Wayne Barrie and then the display of amazing art from artists who have made Littlehampton and surrounds their home, was well and truly on show.

The very exciting "Littlehampton Greening" projects are about to kick off, with construction of the car park at the rear of the Peace Memorial Hall hopefully complete before Christmas, and at the same time a loop path around the Glebe should be finished.

Recently the Council approved a hard rubbish collection service which will start next year. It will be a 'fee for service' aiming at recovering the cost of providing it. With a relatively small percentage of people proposing to use it (as research showed) it would have been unfair to make the whole population pay for it. If the service is overrun with requests we will have another look at it.

Please don't forget the community Christmas Carols to be held once again at the Nairne Primary School on 11th December from 5pm. This is such a special event which brings the community together in a great environment to celebrate the year past, Christmas, and the year to come.

As always your councillors are here to try to answer your questions and to help you with Council matters as much as they can. You can call or text me or any of the other North Ward councillors

If I don't see you in the street, I hope to see you at the Carols.

All the best,

Simon Westwood (0409 740 313)





LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

By Frank Regan, Brigade Captain

As we head into the warmer months, the team at Littlehampton CFS has been busy training and preparing for another Fire Danger Season which has now been announced to start on December 1st, 2021. Training is now starting to focus more on our rural fire suppression skills and familiarisation with our local rural fire tracks and areas of higher risk.

As we are busy preparing ourselves for the onset of the Fire Danger season, now is a timely reminder to us all that being prepared is the key message that we will be a big part of our messaging going forward within our local community. I would urge all those in our community to start preparing NOW. The first step is about understanding your risk, then putting a plan in place. To make it easier I would suggest head over to www.cfs.sa.gov.au and simply follow the links to "prepare a 5-minute plan". We have all seen the consequences of not being prepared so please take a few minutes to do a plan. You never know, your life, or the lives of your family or loved ones could depend on it.

*******BUSHFIRE READY DAY*******

On Sunday November 14th, we hosted a community event at Anembo Park in Littlehampton. The event was a "Bushfire Ready Day" and attended by staff from our Community Education unit, along with representation from Mount Barker District Council Fire Prevention and Emergency management unit. There were 3 local CFS crews on hand who provided some practical demonstrations and gave the kids an opportunity "have a go" with fire fighters to squirt some water and look over some of the equipment they use. There was a sausage

sizzle on the day.

*****RECRUITMENT UPDATE****

We are still looking for community minded people to join our ranks. If you or someone you know have been thinking of becoming a CFS volunteer, please feel free to contact me personally on 0411105433 to make an appointment to come and talk to us on a regular training night (Monday nights except public holidays)

Thanks again to all of you in our wonderful Littlehampton community for your continued support.

Stay safe

Frank Regan

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LITTLEHAMPTON COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE

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SHADY GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH

Shady Grove Road, Littlehampton





Services have continued by the warm heater at Shady Grove throughout our seemingly forever cold months.

Our traditional meal following the service has altered slightly; with those who can stay on bringing their own individual 'picnic style meal' to eat in good company.

Our cemetery committee has been organising some quite extensive repairs of three of the many historic gravesites. Experts have been called in to carry out these repairs.

There have been two holiday periods when the young families have enjoyed camp stays at Shady Grove.

Bush care continues, with some welcome regrowth in the burnt area, which is also causing weed growth needing to be dealt with while still manageable.

The November Sunday 7th service at 11.30 a.m. was a combined Shady Grove /Norwood Unitarian Service. Rev Jo Lane will lead both the December 5th Vespers service at 5 p.m., and the Christmas Eve service also at 5 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Pat Simpson Contact person: Jill Dunn Ph.: 8356 0025

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

235 Old Princes Highway, Blakiston





It seems guite a while since I last wrote an item for this newsletter. However we at St. James continue to worship on the second and fourth Sundays each month and now life is becoming more settled as COVID becomes something we live with. We are now returning to morning tea after the service to share in fellowship.

We recently had a very happy occasion when Fr. Daniel baptised a baby boy and we

all shared with the family in a happy morning tea following the baptism.

Our fellowship group meets on the first Thursday of the month sharing lunch at various places and we are having between 35-40 people each time.

During November we have a group from St. Peter's Cathedral in Adelaide coming to

visit our church as part of a day out to see historic churches in the area: St James at Blakiston, St. Pauls at Hahndorf and Church of the Epiphany at Crafers. We trust this will be an interesting day for them.

During history month in May after giving talks about St. James I did some further research into the two main men who were responsible for the building of St. James church.

One was Francis Davison who was a very early settler in this district but who sadly suffered badly when a branch of a gum tree fell on him some 7 years prior to his death in 1861. However, his health was never the same after that accident and the family sold the property in 1862 having purchased land at Thompson's Crossing (Murray Bridge) and further to the South East as land opened up.

The other was Benjamin Gray who seems to have been very industrious in this area and spent his entire adult life here. He emigrated from Sussex on board the 'Resource' in 1838 aged about 30, along with his wife and son. Eventually he arrived in the Mount Barker district around 1841.

Benjamin Gray was the planner and builder of St. James church along with other buildings in the area such as the Gray's Inn at Mount Barker, the hotel at Stanley Bridge (Verdun), Kanmantoo Hotel, Union Hotel at Hahndorf and others while at the same time joining a partnership with Francis Hunt and building and opening a brewery situated where the Foggit Jones factory was sited near Rosella Court.

Benjamin Gray's life was also cut short due an accident after he severely scalded his legs when he fell into a vat of boiling water at the Brewery on 27 August 1879, passing away on 3rd September the same year.

Gray's only surviving son also became a brewer first at the Melrose Brewery and later North Adelaide's Lion Brewery. He later returned to Littlehampton to enjoy his retirement.

Both of these very influential men who carved out the history of this area are buried at St. James cemetery. The Davison family grave is near the church and the Benjamin Gray family grave is near the Princes Highway. We owe much to the foresight of the faithful people who suffered hardships to bring about the beautiful area we living in today. Ronda Jaensch



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LITTLEHAMPTON SNIPPETS

Extracts from *The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser*https://trove.nla.gov.au/

LITTLEHAMPTON HALL.

The newly-erected Peace Memorial Institute Hall at Littlehampton is to be officially opened on Saturday, November 22, when a bazaar, sports, etc., will be held, to celebrate the occasion and augment the building fund.

31 October 1919

LITTLEHAMPTON.

February 1.—Mr. G. Wooley, a resident of Mount Barker Junction, is at present confined to his bed suffering from the effects of being knocked down by a bull. Mr. Wooley had taken the animal to a place where it could obtain a drink, and whilst returning, the bull, which was of a very savage nature, charged at him, and after knocking him down gored him an both his face and body, and then finished up by trampling all over him. Assistance was soon at hand, and Mr. Wooley was rescued from his perilous position.

LITTLEHAMPTON.

A meeting of mothers was held at the Littlehampton School on Thursday, October 24th, for the purpose of forming an infant welfare club. The headmaster of the Primary School (Mr. Hudson) welcomed the parents. He then spoke of the aims of welfare clubs, namely, to cultivate a spirit of mutual understanding and co-operation between mothers, teachers, and children; to form a bridge between the home and the school; and to deepen the mother's knowledge of the child's school life.

The following officers were elected:— President, Mrs. A. V. Saxon; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Fitzgerald; committee, Mesdames Cameron, Childs, Jaensch, Miels, Mitchell, and Nitschke.

On November 1st, a meeting of the club was held in the school. As this was the first meeting, it took the form of a social afternoon. Mrs. Tauber and Mrs. Mitchell kindly arranged an interesting programme of items and competitions. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Nitschke, Jaensch, and Cameron.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6th, at 3 p.m.

11 February 1905

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LITTLEHAMPTON

-Weather-

The weather here is very changeable, hot days, cold nights and some rain.

—Swimming Pool—

Days and evenings crowds have visited the swimming pool. The committee held a successful dance on Saturday last, and funds will benefit considerably. Ron. Nitschke's band supplied music and Mr. Clem Harland was M.C.

-Committee Meeting-

The last meeting of the 1939 institute committee was held on Saturday evening last in the library. It was decided to hold the annual general subscribers' meeting next week.

-The Bush Fire Brigade-

The shed for housing the fire fighting appliances was pegged out on Monday last, and some of the material for building is on the spot. It is to be built in Messrs, Cleggett Bros.' yard, next to the Great Eastern hotel.

Littlehampton Shelter

It has been suggested by the Nitschke Bros. of Littlehampton that the bus shelter, which they generously offered to erect at their own expense, be placed in the rock garden at the front of the Great Eastern Hotel.

The shelter was at first a seat installed by the District Council for the use of townspeople, particularly those awaiting bus transport.

The offer of Messra Aif and "Blundie" Nitschke was then tendered to improve the seat to the extent of placing an all weather awning over it.

Now they have made the additional suggestion which the Council considered and approved at their meeting on Monday night.

The matter has been left entirely in the hands of the two civic-minded gentlemen.

Potato Field Day for Adelaide Hills

9 November 1934

The Minister of Agriculture (Hon. C. R. Story) will speak at a Potato Field Day at the site of the experimental cool store on Tuesday, January 28th, on the property of Mr. R. A. Nitschke, Littlehampton.

The purpose of the Field Day is to make a progress report to growers on the on-farm storage project carried out in the experimental cool store and to inform them of the proposals for a virus indexing project.

Starting at 2.00 p.m., growers would have the opportunity of inspecting the cool store and experts would be available to answer questions about the equipment.

Following the inspection, Mr. Story will address growers and the potato adviser (Mr. H. D. Feddersen) will give a progress report on the storage trials.

The senior research officer (Dr. R. J. van Velsen) will follow with an outline of proposals for the virus indexing project and the Field Day will close with an inspection of a field trial in which the size of potato seed is under investigation.

18 January 1940

4 March 1953

23 January 1969

A LOOK AT THE WATTS OF **LITTLEHAMPTON**

Littlehampton has an extensive brickmaking history and one particular gentleman, Luke Theophilus Watts, played a major role right at the start.

1842

Luke Theophilus Watts was born 4th son to John & Nancy Watts of Hindmarsh

He moved to Harrogate Road between Dawsley, Harrogate and Native Valley with 1858 parents. Father was a farmer and brickmaker

1862

Watts married Lousia Ann (Emily) Chapman (father Edward, mother Elizabeth lived No 23 Lot 81 Princes Highway, Littlehampton (MAP POINT A) at St James Church, Blakiston and lived at Dawsley.

> Miss Chapman, daughter of Mr Edward Chapman, came from London to South Australia in 1854 with her parents and for some years successfully conducted a day school at Littlehampton which she relinquished on her marriage to Mr L.T. Watts in December, 1862.

1867 Watts worked as a road contractor (earthmoving) and using horse and bullock drays, pick and shovels, he was contracted to work on the McGraths cutting {MAP POINT B}, employing 60 workmen.

The portion of the line which lies between the Junction and 20 chains in the middle of the McGraths cutting at the foot of Littlehampton was sublet to Mr L.T. Watts, the agreement being to finish the eart works and deliver them to the original contractors by the end of March 1883. The largest cutting of that portion of the line between the Junction and Mt Barker Station is that known as McGraths and only half of this to a point 2 miles 20 chains from the Junction was included in the sub contract taken by Mr Watts. The cutting which care him most trouble is that about half a mile from the which gave him most trouble is that about half a mile from the commencement point from which nearly 16,000 yards of earth was removed.

SteamRanger's Heritage - an insight into our past, 1992

1875

1876

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1877

1882

Watts purchased Lot 55 & 56 (MAP POINT C), Littlehampton, with a house and shop, pictured 1871 below. He had an orchard of fruit trees and vegetable garden across the road {MAP POINT D} on 7 acres at the base of Appletons Hill, Clem Lane. This was irrigated by trenches running from a dam in the creek (Gazeka Creek) (MAP POINT E). He also had an apiary of 100 bee



1874 Watts granted hawkers license.

> Watts elected to Mount Barker District Council and served on Council until 1887

Watts began jam making business in 1876. He made jam and also tomato sauce to serve his own customers and employed 2 lads & 3 girls during jam season.

Purchased Lot 38 & 39 (MAP POINT F).

Purchased Lot 33, {MAP POINT G}. which became Arthur

Reddy's residence in 1903.

John Watts and son, Joseph Samuel (Luke's brother) came to Littlehampton to help Luke establish a brick yard.

From top: Watts' shop now; the remains of the dam in Gazeka Creek; the shop prior to 1883.



District residents

Mesars. James Blight 48, Joseph Rundle
43, J. O. Ramasy 41 (elected); B. Thomas
41, John Paltridge 39, Fred May 33, Lake
41, John Forster 10, defeated. InWatts 28, John Forster 10, defeated. Informal 8. The Returning Officer (Mr. Paltridge) gave his casting vote in favor of Mr.
Ramasy.

Ramsay.
Full Council—Messrs. J. G. Ramsay
Full Council—Messrs. Blight, and Rundle.
(chair), Bell, Chapman, Blight, and Rundle.
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McKechnie.

room and began their meetings there in Sep-tember.

Watts purchased Lots 57 & 58, {MAP POINT H} opposite Bakery. 1885 Consisted of lime and brick kiln and large brick shed. Watts also purchased 5.31acres on the corner of Childs Road & Hallett Rd (pug hole). {MAP POINT I} The clay with silica ideal for making bricks and fire bricks.

1887 Watts granted slaughter licence, which he held until August 1894

> Watts purchased a brick press and began making bricks stamped with "HAMPTON FIREBRICK" & "L.T. WATTS"

Watts was Chairman of meeting to advocate for a Primary School at Littlehampton at the Great Eastern Hotel. Application was sent for a school to Minister of Education, Hon W. Copley.

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1889

1891

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A large and representative meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Littlehampton, on Monday, December 21, regarding a public school at that place, Mr. L. T. Watts being in the chair.

in the chair.

Mr. F. BUTFFIELD stated that an application for a school had been presented to the Minister of Education many months ago, showing that there were 105 children between the ages of 5 and 13 years whose parents or guardians were willing that they should attend school at Littlehampton. Forty of this number attended a private school in the township, 30 were not attending any school, 30 went to Mount Barker school, 2 to Nairne school, and 13 to Balhannah school. The Minister promised to visit the neighborhood and inspect the building suggested for a schoolhouse and teacher's residence. Some months after,

1893

Watts owned two racehorses, a 7 year old bay, Lighfoot, and a 6 year old black horse, Don Pedro. Lightfoot and Don Pedro were put up for sale in 1896 after a busy racing career.

29 I ec 1893 - Littlehampton Picnic (foot & horse racing). Don Pedro won 3 races. Mar 1893 - VRC Autumn meeting in Melbourne.

Lightfoot won race & 30 pounds. 8 Nov 1895 - Blumberg Sports (Birdwood).

Fiving Fish, 2; Mr. L. T. Watts's Laintfoot, 3.

District RACE (one mile, 10 st. up).—Don
T. Watts's Lightpedro, 1; Crown, 2; Snort, 3.

Mr. R. T. McArcase (one mile and a half).

Lightioot, 2; Mr. Kingston's Hadiant, 1; Mr. Watts's
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L. T. Watts's Don Pedro, 1; Mr. Langley's
L. T. Watts's Light of the Company of the Company, 2;

Mr. Mack, 2; Kitty Fisher, 3.

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1903

Sold Lot 57 & 58 (MAP POINT I). property to John Chapman

1910-1912

He continued lime burning & flux business until he was bought out by Littlehampton Brick Co, who eventually demolished shed and kiln to quarry the clay below.

LITTLEHAMPTON BRICES. -Mr. L. T. Watte's famous hard paving bricks are to be used in the construction of the new cells at the Adelaide police-station. About a quarter of Adelaide police-station. About a quarter of a million bricks are likely to be required. The Superintendent of Public Buildings says. of the articles manufactured at Littlehampton of the articles manufactured at Littlehampton that they are the best bricks ever made in the colony. They will in all probability be also used in the building of the new addition to the General Post-office in Adelaids.

1914

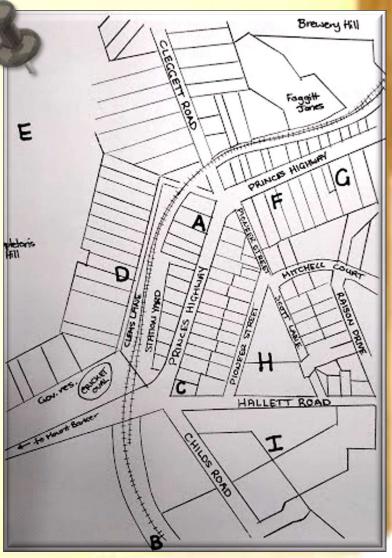
Luke Theophilus Watts died on 17 January 1914.





Above: Watts bricks.

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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 James Eakins on 0493 057 970 or president@littlehamptonhall.org.au



LPMH Committee would like thank everyone for their support and donations towards the hall in 2021 and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year and all the best for 2022.

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 Report

By John Rowley, President

The Rotary Club of Blakiston has had two working bees over the past three months.

This has consisted of weeding the garden and preparing and pruning the roses to be appreciated by the public as it has been a very good year for roses.

The trellis has been erected to trail the roses along the wires. We feel they will create a beautiful part of the garden.

We are looking to create a beautiful peaceful place for the community to enjoy.

We are looking for boughs from fallen trees to edge the garden and that will separate the

garden from the grass. So if anyone has boughs from fallen trees about 3" thick or thereabouts we would be very grateful if they would drop them off at St James School.

On behalf of the Heritage Rose Society they have donated a seat which has been placed at the bottom of the garden for reflection and viewing the beauty of heritage roses in the spring.

Signs will be placed on the seats donated by the Heritage Rose Society.

Rotarian Russell very kindly donated a two seater bench which will be placed near the pergola.

Also two dog signs are now placed in the garden regarding dogs who were not on leads and were running wild over the garden and knocking some of the trees about.



The plans are to water and plant the lawn where the grass is now and to get rid of the capeweed which is becoming a problem.

Unfortunately due to the future preparation of the

Glebe and Miels Park we were unable to hold our fundraiser Bonfire for Mental Health year this we hope this will take place next year.



applied to the Community Fair which will now be held on the last Sunday of May of 2022.

Those interested in applying for stalls please ring me (0497 855 908) as soon as possible to reserve a place the profits will go back to the Community for future projects.

This year the Rotary Club of Blakiston is running a Christmas event. On the 8th and 9th of December the Rotary Club will be conducting a search for the best Xmas Lights in Nairne and Littlehampton.

There will be a prize of two hundred dollars per town for the best lights in each of these two towns.

The judges' decision will be final and the presentation of the two cheques will be presented at the Nairne Carols on the 11th of December 2021. Forms will be available for entry from November 15th onwards or phone President John. 0497855908.

Our club always welcome new members and 'Friends of Rotary' is another way of joining the club to help at barbecues and weeding of the garden at St James School every two months.

From the 11th of December to the 24th of December the polio ute will be in the district fundraising to end polio.

Donations are always welcome to eradicate polio around the world. Keep an eye open for the ute as it passes your door.



ON BEHALF OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLAKISTON WE WISH YOU ALL VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Gum Tree Community Garden Update

Corner of Old Princes Highway and Gum Tree Drive, Littlehampton

Ah, the delights of SPRING!

The Gum Tree Community Garden survived the cold and wet Hills' winter. Now, as spring gains its warmth, summer vegies will be planted. Visitors are invited to harvest the very productive crops of lettuce. There are a number of very attractive spotted varieties as well as some lovely reds – just perfect for colouring up interesting salads!

In preparation for spring, a large group of volunteers gathered on Saturday August 28. The photos show the children either helping weed the gardens or playing around the grounds. Some of the children helped create a scarecrow whilst others were kept busy with some craft activities. Some of the dads built storage off the ground for some of the building materials that had been donated to the Garden and generally tidied the areas. The strawberry patch also got a major overhaul. The plants were lifted and then replanted after new soil was used to create raised rows. This was to improve drainage, help with weeding and make it easier to pick the summer harvest. We invite volunteers to continue to weed this area so as to make it easier later on.

The garden beds that were created last year have really taken off. The evening primrose has massed as a great, colourful groundcover under the salvias, achillea, butterfly bush and magnolias. The garden as a whole is now starting to become a feast for

the eyes as well as the nose and taste buds.

The signage helps with the names of the various plants which can make a visit a little more educational, but remember if you would like to know more about growing plants then stop when volunteers are present (especially Fridays around mid-morning) and ask your questions!

The compost bays have been loving the rain as well as the occasional burst of sunshine. If anyone has any grass clippings, green matter, manure or coffee grounds then please leave it next to one of the appropriate bays. Signs indicate which bays are ready for use and which are requiring this new material. If you feel so inclined the material occasionally needs to be turned over using one of the garden forks hanging behind the bays or watered, if it has been dry for a few days.

Just remember if you would like to help but don't feel that you are much of a gardener then please grab the hose and water the garden beds if they look a little dry. However don't feel that you have to work when visiting the garden — it's a delightful place to "just stop and smell the roses". Remember we welcome visitors and volunteers alike to wander the garden and take freely of any produce that they can use.

For any further information please call Stuart and Val on 0417 043 894 or, Max and Marie on 0403 350 857.















The Hahndorf Football Club continues our longstanding relationship with Littlehampton through the Hahndorf -Littlehampton Junior Football Club. In this update we are excited to reflect on the progress of our women's and girls' football program since fielding our first teams back in 2019. In 2021 both Seniors and U17 women's teams have seen an upward trend in participation numbers and support staff registering with our football club. We are delighted to look back and appreciate that over three quarters of our current participants had never played football prior to 2019, so to both retain existing players and welcome new women has been a highlight. Central to this has been placing an emphasis on creating a really supportive, inclusive development environment for our players to feel safe and comfortable, where they can focus on developing their confidence and skills required for our female players.

This year we have seen our Senior team become competitive throughout the year, just missing out on finals and our U17's playing off in the grand final for the second consecutive year. We had good representation within the combined association team with 4 players representing the club and 4 players picking up individual awards at the Hills Football League presentation nights, which is a credit to the development program offered at our club. We have been working hard to expand our current teams to include U14's girls and we fielded teams for 4 games during the HFLW season, culminating in a successful mini carnival held on the women's grand final day.

In 2022 we are working hard to build on our U14's program through the tireless work of our women's committee and Josh Herbert, who was appointed U14's coach for seasons 2021 and 2022. We have implemented a Junior Women's Development Coach for the 2022



season, Nigel Grivell, to ensure we are improving our young ladies Magpies to their full potential. Further coaching appointments for 2022 are Hannah Dreckow (ex-Sturt and current Senior player) taking the reins of the U17's and the reappointment of Senior coach Shaun deBruyn.



We welcome new women players to contact us at womensfootball@hahndorffc.com.au or come out and have a try at our: Women's Football pre-season training session, German Arms Oval, Pine Ave Hahndorf, Sun 28th Nov 2021, 11 am. Wear shorts, sneakers or football boots and sports attire and bring your own refillable water bottle. Following training there will be a free sausage sizzle and a chance to meet the newly appointed coaches for the 2022 season.

We thank the families 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







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Coppin's Bush

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Caring for Coppin's Bush

Volunteers from the Bush For Life program dedicate their time to care for Coppin's Bush, restoring the native woodland, managing ongoing impacts and removing invasive weeds.

The site contains similar vegetation to adjacent SA Water land and nearby Turners Bush. Together, these sites provide a habitat network for local wildlife.

Protecting our native landscapes

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- Attend a Bush For Life workshop to gain knowledge and learn practical ways to care for local bushland.
- Become a volunteer grower and grow native seedlings to help restore the landscape.
- Enjoy spending time in nature with friends and family while valuing the bushland. Remember: take photos, not plants; use the designated walking trails; preserve biosecurity by reporting pests, diseases, weeds or damage; and take rubbish with you.
- Grow native plants in your garden to help create wildlife corridors so wildlife can move between bushland patches more safely.
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We are the voice for the common good of the Littlehampton people and endeavor to focus our efforts on real change to protect and enhance the quality of life in our wonderful town.

If you wish to share your community concerns or join our team of dedicated volunteers, please contact our secretary Lyndall by email on lschliebs1@bigpond.com

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

The LCA is always looking for helping hands for various events throughout the year. From putting up marquees and cooking BBQs, to distributing posters and helping with this Newsletter, if you can lend a hand we'd love to hear from you!







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